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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



December 21, 2014

The Sunday of the Genealogy of Christ

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 6 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (December 21)

Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia; Martyr Themistokles of Myra in Lycia; Peter metropolitan of Moscow and all Russia.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Forefeast – Tone 4: Make ready, O Bethlehem; for Eden hath been opened for all. Prepare, O Ephratha; for the Tree of life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the Virgin; for her belly did appear as a supersensual paradise in which is planted the divine Plant, whereof eating we shall live and not die as Adam. Verily, Christ shall be born, raising the likeness that fell of old.

Apolytikion of the Fathers – Tone 2: Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion Preparatory for the Nativity of Christ – Tone 3: Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the pre-eternal Word. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest,

and glorify with the angels and shepherds Him Who shall appear by His Own will as a new Child, the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
Verse: For You are just in all You have done.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.
(Chapter 11:9-10, 32-40)

BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city, which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated – of whom the world was not worthy – wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

GOSPEL CONTINUED

So all generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 24th – Orthros, 7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy, 8:00 P.M. (Nativity of Christ)

Saturday, Dec. 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Dec. 31st – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (St. Basil the Great)

Saturday, Jan. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Jan. 5th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Theophany of our Lord)

Tuesday, Jan. 6th – Badnjak Service, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Jan. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (St. Anthony the Great)

Saturday, Jan. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Advent Fast** began Saturday, November 15th, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

Church calendars, the end-of-year mailing, and boxed offering envelopes for each person/family are available in the Church Hall. Please remember to get yours today!

The **altar candle** is sponsored today by **Sophia Hashek** for the repose of the soul of her father, **Nicholas Kogos** (23 years). May his memory be eternal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Coffee hour is provided today by **Sevin** and **Tania Russell** in honor of **Gage’s** 12th birthday. May God grant you many years!

For Christmas, the **Ladies Guild** is sponsoring the children from several Jefferson Parish families that have fallen on hard times. We are asking for help from members of the parish in making their Christmas a little brighter. On **Dec. 7**, we will post information on each one in a list on the bulletin board and then put up angels for each next to the list. The information will include age, sizes for any clothes you might want to buy and a wished-for item. If you want to help brighten a child's Christmas, follow the steps below:

- 1) Write your name on the list next to the child for whom you wish to buy presents.
- 2) Then take the angel for that child from the board. Keep this with you to help you shop.
- 3) Bring your gifts to the designated table in the church hall by **Dec. 21** at the latest. Put a label on the gifts to identify the child for whom the gifts are intended. Gift-wrapping is welcomed but optional. We will wrap those that come unwrapped.
- 4) Cash donations are also welcome. We will use the money to buy gifts for children that are not selected. Cash donations are due by **Dec. 14** so that we have time to shop. Give your donations to either **Tania Russell** or **Yazmin Incaprera**. Thank you.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

Our annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held after Divine Liturgy today. Parents interested in having their children participate in the pageant should see **Khouriyeh Pam**.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell Fr. Peter if you would like to receive it.

As of Dec. 14, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$76,985.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collection for December 14, 2014, totaled \$1,377.05 for a year-to-date total of \$109,239.48 (~\$2,185/week). We are approximately \$22,000 short of where we need to be at this time.

POINSETTIAS

Our poinsettias were graciously provided by the following persons and families:

David & Subdeacon Greg Abramson;

Mariam Ammari for the health of **Fuad, Jawdat, Jawad, Mussa, Shaker & Raed & their families** (many years), & for the repose of **Rakad, Tamam, Fozey, Akram & Vera** (memory eternal);

Carmen Canahuati for the health of **Faris & Giovanni & their families, Carmen, Issa, Rami, Virginia, Nick & Cody** (many years), & for the repose of **Louis, Amelia, Gladis, Louis, John, Isidro, Sultana, Jacobo, Sabina, Olga, Angela, Mauricio, Jorge, Jean, Mousa & David** (memory eternal);

POINSETTIAS CONTINUED

Mona DiGiovanni health of the **Williams, Whittemore, Matthews, DiGiovanni & Butler families** (many years), & for the repose of the departed members of the **Borras, DiGiovanni & Ferre families** (memory eternal);

Cesar El-Hajj for the health of **Jamal, Najla, Cesar, Leila, Stephanie, Elia, Milad, Rabih, Yasmine, Lebnan, Argeh, Gbantous, Dolly, Marlene, Assad & their families** (many years), and for the repose of **Milad, Ramzi, Elia, Vagar & Peter Boulos** (memory eternal);

Dwight Gillis for the health of **Dwight, Dwayne, Kelly, Dalon, Sevin, Tania, Gage, Paris, Zarah & Wiley** (many years), & for the repose of **Dorthy, Dorothy & Tom** (memory eternal);

Alexa Hamauei for the health of **Albert & John & their families & Alexa** (many years), & for the repose of **Michael, Margaret & the departed members of the Hamauei & Kyame families** (memory eternal);

Sophia Hashek for the repose of **Nick & Barbara Kogos** (memory eternal);

Charles & Yazmin Incaprera for the health of **Mary, Heidi, Coy, Mia, Tyce, Mason, Kristen, Matt, Charles & Yazmin** (many years), & for the repose of **Mary, Henry, Ruth & Namer** (memory eternal);

Ioup family for the health of the **Ioup, Kattouf, Wingfield, Robey, Whisenhunt, Sidorovskaia & Shealy families** (many years), & for the repose of the departed members of the **Ioup, Kattouf, Wingfield, Robey, Whisenhunt, Sidorovskaia & Shealy families** (memory eternal);

Ghassan Khoury & family for the health of **Ghassan, Phillip & Layan & their families** (many years), & for the repose of **Yusef, Bahaya, Essa, Rahmeh & Farah** (memory eternal);

Vlajko & Paulina Kocic;

Vera Muller for the health of **John, Gretchen, Santo, Lauren, Paul, Vince, Amanda, Ryan, Chris, Sondra & Lily** (many years), & for the repose of **Dennis, Freddie, Joey & Bobby** (memory eternal).

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 29:2

