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SERVICES December 23, 2018 - December 30, 2018

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018..... 9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour; 12 noon - Adult Study
Monday, Dec. 24, 2018.....7:00 pm – Nativity Matins
Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy – NATIVITY OF CHRIST
Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018.....9:30 am –Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of Holy Theotokos
Thurs., Dec. 27, 2018.....NOTE: NO SERVICES TODAY
Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018.....5:00 pm – Vespers
Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy; Christmas Social; 12 noon – Adult Study

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

December 23, 2018

PRAYER LIST : We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially:
Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr.

Also offer your prayers for those in need especially *Helen Baburchak, Fr. Steven Belonick, Matushka Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Nadine Dranchak, Thanos Fotiou, Jack Francisco, Justin Garcia, Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; newborn infant - Maria Karlgut; Olga Kulasza, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle Vitale, Olga Warski & all of our parishioners who are ill.*

To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. Thank you!



We wish to congratulate the parents, Alyona (Karlcut) and Alexander Stinkovoy on the birth of their daughter, Lukeria. May God Grant Lukeria, her parents and all of her family Many Blessed Years!



MEMORY ETERNAL! We offer our condolences to Dr. Steven & Kristine Garner on the falling asleep in the Lord of Kristine's mother, Mae Mary Shonak.

MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL!



COFFEE HOUR: Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today: Rita Kushner, Nadine Fedones, Anne Sawchak, Ellen Baxendale, Patty & Dave Deamond

Dec. 30: Christmas Social – Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share.

Advent Adult Study 12 Noon on Sundays - Pondering the Nativity of Christ

"He gathered both things into one, mingling humanity with divinity, and by so doing He taught everyone that humility is the road which leads upwards, setting forth today Himself as an example before men and holy angels alike." Nativity homily, St. Gregory Palamas (+1359)

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Thank you to all who helped with the Sunday School Nativity Program & everyone who attended. A special "thank you" to all of the children and teachers who participated in the program. Great Job!

- The Christmas Giving Project – Donations will be appreciated to collect money to buy Christmas gifts for a family. See Nancy Kulikowski or Mat. Michele Holowatch to donate before Christmas.

A CHRISTMAS SOCIAL– Sunday, December 30, 2018 after Divine Liturgy.

****Bring your favorite holiday foods to share and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ.****

*****REMINDER!! - Christmas 2018 Donations for "Beautifying" our Church and "Remembering" our loved ones.**

Donations will be used toward the following Nativity and Theophany items: Flowers, Candles, and Altar Supplies. Please complete the form included in your November and December mailings and return to the church office. Additional forms are available in the church office. A special bulletin will be published on Christmas Day.

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to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for Fellowship Hour and visit our book store.

For bulletin inputs, contact Fr. Alexey, Fr. Timm or Stella Holowatch (607-205-1507) – email Stellah@stny.rr.com