

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY: 29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

9:10am: 3rd & 6th Hours **9:30am:** Divine Liturgy,
Acolytes: check in the Altar Church School
Hours: Ed Johnson Potluck: Q-Z
Thanksgiving *Prayers:* Daniel Schulte (Wine & Oil)

SISTERHOOD MEETING

1:00pm: Vespers & Compline with the Canon of the Forefast

Mon: 12/21: FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY

6:00pm: Vespers & Compline with the Canon of the Forefast

Tues: 12/22: FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY

6:00pm: Vespers & Compline with the Canon of the Forefast
7:00pm: Parish Council Meeting

Wed: 12/23: FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY

6:00pm: Vespers & Compline with the Canon of the Forefast

Thur: 12/24: EVE OF THE NATIVITY

10:00am: ROYAL HOURS

1:00pm: BAPTISM OF BENJAMIN KRCAL

6:00pm: VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

Fri: 12/25: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

9:10am: 3rd & 6th Hours **9:30am:** Divine Liturgy

Thanksgiving *Prayers:* Bill Boyle

Sat: 12/26: 5:30pm: CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00pm: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sun: 12/27: 30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, 3rd DAY OF THE NATIVITY,
SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

9:10am: 3rd & 6th Hours **9:30am:** Divine Liturgy
Acolytes: check in the Altar Church School
Hours: Daniel Robson Potluck: A-G
Thanksgiving *Prayers:* Luba Thome

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29th Sunday After Pentecost December 20th 2015

Heb 11: 9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Sunday Before the Nativity

Matt 1: 1- 25

WELCOME VISITORS! CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!

We are honored you are visiting today. * Liturgy **Books** may be found next to the **Candle Table** at the back of the church. * We **invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card** on the Candle Table & place it in one of the Collection Baskets there. * We do not take up a **Collection** during our services but rather ask you to place donations in one of the baskets on the Candle Table or next to the **Book Store Table**. * While only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may receive **Holy Communion**, everyone is welcome to come forward at the end of Liturgy to receive a blessing from our priest and to take the blessed bread. * It is the **Orthodox practice** to stand during services as a sign of reverence for the Lord but if you need to sit, please do so. Use of chairs is shared. If you are able, we particularly try to stand during the processions with the Gospel and the Gifts, during the Readings, the Creed, during the preparation of the Holy Eucharist, the Lord's Prayer and reception of Communion. * We **invite you** to stay after the Thanksgiving Prayers **for fellowship** and the meal so that we may greet you personally, and to answer any questions you may have about our faith, our parish or today's service. * Please help yourself to the brochures and information on the east side counter. * All children **ages three through twelve** are encouraged to attend our Sunday School after Holy Communion.

* **We hope you will visit us again very soon.** *

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Please send Prayer Corner names and updates along with bulletin announcements to:

Daniel Schulte at: drschulte@hughes.net or call 505-495-9200.

Rubrics for Today: Resurrection Tone 4

Resurrection Tone Sheets are on the Literature Table
Resurrection Texts are also in the Appendices of the Black Liturgy Books

PRAYER CORNER

May God Grant Many Years! to **Clare** Gibson, **Darina** Linnik & **Matthew** Moore on their **Birthdays** and to **Karen** Rominger on her **Name Day**.

May the Lord grant His mercy and healing to those diagnosed with cancer: Chuck, Juan, Ivan, Lubov, Daria, Cynthia, Karen, Nina, Paul, Protodeacon Nicholas, Bishop Nikon of Boston and Archbishop Lazar.

And for those in remission from cancer: Madolyn, Dr. Frye, Mary Beth, Rolf, Ron, Galina, Yelena, Yelena, Galina, Jasmine and Fr Silouan.

May the Lord grant His mercy and healing to those with other ailments, injuries, difficult situations and intentions needing prayer: Emilia, Silouan, Evdokiya, Michael, David, Lois Ana, Randall, Bob & Marilyn, Mary Elizabeth, George, Gabriella & Andrei, Loretta, Richard, Bill, Maria, Galina, Andrey, Nikolay, Fotiniya, Joseph David, Carolyn, Deacon Steven, Kendrick, Camryn, Emma, Julie, Tana, Ruth Ann, Subdeacon Columcille, John & Sharon, Deacon Gerry, LouAnne, Irene, Subdeacon Gregory and Ernest.

God Grant Many Years! to all those others celebrating Name Days, Birthdays and Anniversaries.

O Lord, please send your angels to watch over all those traveling.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: YTD THROUGH NOVEMBER 2015
Operating Income: \$120,590^{.80} Operating Expenses: \$102, 613^{.03}
Charity Collections: \$6,456^{.04} Building Fund: \$12,137^{.79}

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

...is a major component of the Nativity Fast. The Lord says: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). As we strive to purify our hearts through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, it is also proper that each one of us goes to Confession before Christmas. The typical time for Confessions is on Saturdays after Great Vespers. However, I'm available at other times if you would like to contact me and make an appointment. May God purify our hearts this fasting season, so that we may behold the glory of our New Born King, our LORD JESUS CHRIST. God is with us...Fr Nikolay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT FORM FOR 2016: It is again that time of the year and copies of the form have been e-mailed and are on the Literature Table. Please read through it carefully, pray about it and return the completed form to the Tithe Box. This is now past due. Thank you.

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY INFORMATION is posted on the wall by the literature table. Please verify that your information is correct and notify Fr Nikolay if any changes need to be made. Thank you.

WE STILL NEED DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS & POINSETTIAS. A special basket is on the table near the Tithe Box for donations for the flowers that will decorate the church for Christ's Nativity.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE to a charitable fund for **Matushka Ingrid** all you need do is write a check to ASONA and write "Matushka Ingrid" on the "for" line and it will be passed through to her. Thank you.

Sunday before the Nativity

ALSO COMMEMORATED THIS DAY

The Sunday before the Nativity of the Lord is known as the Sunday of the Holy Fathers. On this day the Church commemorates all those who were well-pleasing to God from all ages, from Adam to St Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, those who are mentioned in the genealogy of Luke 3:23-38. The holy prophets and prophetesses are also remembered today, especially the Prophet Daniel and the three holy youths (December 17).

The Troparion to the Prophet Daniel and the three holy youths ("Great are the accomplishments of faith...") is quite similar to the Troparion for St Theodore the Recruit (February 17, and the first Saturday of Great Lent). The Kontakion to St Theodore, who suffered martyrdom by fire, reminds us that he also had faith as his breastplate. *

*(see I Thessalonians 5:8).

<http://oca.org/saints/all-lives/2015/12/20>

Troparion — Tone 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the Three Holy Youths rejoiced in the flames as though at the waters of rest, and the prophet Daniel appeared, a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

Kontakion — Tone 1

Rejoice, Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

<http://oca.org/saints/troparia/2015/12/20>