

SCRIPTURE READING OF THE DAY

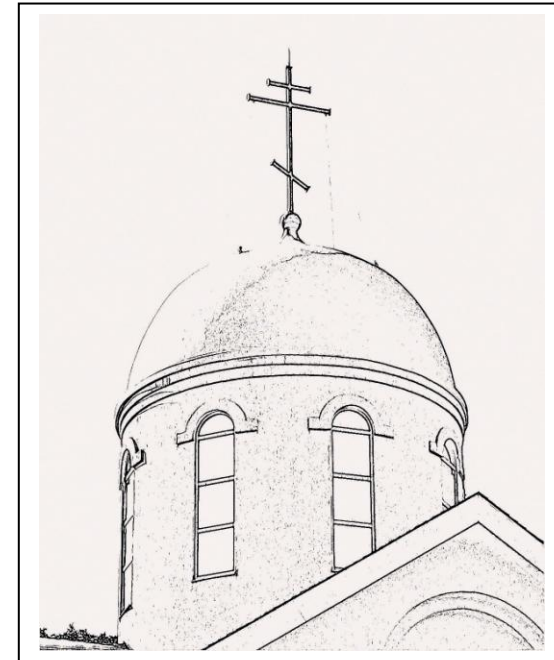
Matthew 1:1-25 (Gospel, Sunday Before)

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.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH'S FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY!

- **Grocery Store Coupons** (Matushka Mary)
 - Shoprite, Foodtown, Pathmark, Stop & Shop
- **Dessert Rolls** - \$12 each (Cathy Berger)
 - Walnut, Walnut Chocolate Chip, Poppy, Apricot, Apricot-Walnut, Prune
- **Pierogi** - \$7/Dozen (Mary Herelick)
 - Potato & Cheese, Prune

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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December 20, 2009
28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

Tone 3 (*13th of Luke*). **Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ.** *Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). Ven. Ignatii (Ignatius), Archimandrite of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—1435). St. Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch (323). St. Daniel, Archbishop of Serbia (1338). St. Anthony, Bp. of Vorónezh (1846). Repose of St. John of Kronstadt.*

Today's Readings: *Epistle:* Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40
Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Thursday – 9:30am Vespers/Liturgy of St. Basil (Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord)

Thursday – 7:00pm Vigil (Nativity of Our Lord)

Friday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy (Nativity of Our Lord)

Saturday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (Second day of Christmas)

Saturday – 7:00pm Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 and Acts 6:8-15;7:1-5,47-60

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 and Matthew 21:33-42

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – Kornafel Team *Next Sunday* – Berger Team

We are praying especially for: Julia Katko, Steven Murko, Robert Vessio, Pauline (Pelagia) Barnowsky, Olga Romanofsky, Marina Kupcha, Dorothy Gornick, Helen McManus, Paul Charuk, Elizabeth & David James, Anastasia Petrow, Millie Podolak, Andrew Popovchak, Tom Collins, Carol Menzel, Marie Lobb, John Alexander, Ludmilla Tjaden, and all others in our parish family who are ill, afflicted, suffering, and/or unable to attend services.

Confessions will be heard this Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30pm or by appointment.

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after Divine Liturgy for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

Adult Education class takes place Sundays at 9:00am in the church. We are studying the wonderful and important book, **“Partakers of Divine Nature”** by Archimandrite Christoforos Stavropoulos. **All are invited to participate.**

Annunciations

The **Nativity Fast** ends with the Feast of the Nativity. Fasting does not resume again until after the Feast of the Theophany.

Memory Eternal! – His Eminence, +Job, Archbishop of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest unexpectedly fell asleep in the Lord this past Friday. May his memory be eternal!

Today- The **St. Catherine Society** meeting scheduled for today has been postponed. A new date will be announced in the near future.

Monday, December 21 – The **Parish Council** meets at 7pm in the Church School Building.

Thursday, December 24 – A **community holy supper** will be held in the parish hall at 5:00pm. All are welcome to attend this **Christmas Eve tradition**. The Vigil for the Nativity will follow at 7:00pm. Please speak with Matushka Mary for more detailed information.

Sunday, December 27 – The **Nativity season presentation** to be given by the church school children during the Coffee Hour in the parish hall has been **postponed until Sunday, January 3**. All are encouraged to attend!

Saturday, January 2 – The **Wonderworking Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God** will be at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Jersey City. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH at 9:30 a.m., and he will be joined clergy and faithful from New Jersey. All are welcome to attend.



Many thanks to all those who made donations for the flowers that are adorning our church during this Nativity season.

Many Years!

Birthdays this week: *Today* – Elisa Mari

Wedding Anniversaries this week: *Wednesday* – Helen and Michael Ciurczak (#37)

SPECIAL CLOTHING DRIVE

A **special collection of warm clothing** is being conducted in order to provide the homeless some protection from the winter elements. For the next several weeks, we are accepting adult-sized sweaters, t-shirts, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and boots. Please see **Tammy Economou** for more details.

OUTREACH

- **Food Pantry donations** are *always* accepted. Place non-perishable food items in blue bin in the narthex
- **Clothing donations** are accepted on the last Sunday of each month. Place donations next to the food pantry bin.