



HOLY GHOST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DECEMBER 22 – 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1

Fore-feast of the Nativity of Christ Sunday before the Nativity

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 1 Timothy 5:1-10 Mark 10:46-52	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Hebrews 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 Community Christmas Lunch/Coat Drive.....12-2 p.m. Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 Galatians 4:4-7 Matthew 2:1-12	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 – 26th Sunday After Pentecost Fore-feast of the Nativity of Christ Sunday before the Nativity Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 Hebrews 2:11-18 Matthew 2:13-23	MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 Pre-Feast Vespers.....6:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 2 Timothy 1:1-2, 1-18 Mark 12:1-12	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve Vigil.....4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 17:3-10	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, FEAST OF NATIVITY Festal Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. <i>[No Bible Study]</i>
<hr/> <i>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:</i> https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.
Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, holyghostbpt.org . The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of the Forefathers Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. “Ask the Priest”

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

Commemorated on December 22nd

The Sunday before the Nativity of Christ we commemorate Adam and Eve (the first-created), the righteous Abel, son of Adam, the righteous Seth, son of Adam, the righteous Enos, son of Seth, the righteous Kenan, son of Enos, the righteous Mehaliel (Maleleim), son of Kenan, the righteous Jared, son of Mehaliel, the righteous Enoch, son of Jared, the righteous Methuselah, son of Enoch, the righteous Lamech, son of Methuselah, the righteous Noah, son of Lamech, the righteous Shem, son of Noah, the righteous Japheth, son of Noah, the righteous Arphachshad, son of Shem, the righteous Canaan, son of Arphachshad (in some versions of the OT, Canaan is called the son of Ham), the righteous Shelah, son of Canaan (some versions of the OT call Shelah the son of Arphachshad), the righteous Eber (from whom the Hebrews take their name), son of Shelah, the righteous Peleg, son of Eber, the righteous Ragab (Reu), son of Peleg, the righteous Serug, son of Ragab, the righteous Nahor, son of Serug, the righteous Terah, son of Serug.



The holy Patriarchs: the righteous Patriarch Abraham, son of Terah, the righteous Patriarch Isaac, son of Abraham, the righteous Patriarch Jacob, son of Isaac, the righteous Patriarch Reuben, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Simeon, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Levi, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Judah (Christ was of this tribe), the righteous Patriarch Zebulon, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Issachar, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Dan, son of Jacob and Bilhah (Rachel's maid), the righteous Patriarch Gad, son of Jacob and Zilpah (Leah's maid), the righteous Patriarch Asher, son of Jacob and Zilpah, the righteous Patriarch Naphthali, son of Jacob and Bilhah, the righteous Patriarch Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel, the righteous Patriarch Benjamin, son of Jacob and Rachel.

The righteous Pharez and Zerah, twin sons of Judah, the righteous Hezron, son of Pharez, the righteous Aram, son of Hezron, the righteous Aminadab, son of Aram, the righteous Nahshon, son of Aminadab, the righteous Salmon, son of Nahshon, the righteous Boaz, son of Salmon, the righteous Obed, son of Boaz and Ruth, the righteous Jesse, son of Obed.

The holy Prophet-King David, son of Jesse, King Solomon, son of David, King Rehoboam, son of Solomon, King Abijah, son of Rehoboam, King Asa, son of Abijah, King Jehosaphat, son of Asa, King Joram (Jehoram, an evil king), son of Jehosaphat, King Ochoziah (Ahaziah), son of Joram, King Jotham, son of Uzziah (Oziah), King Ahaz (a faithless king), son of Jotham, King Hezekiah, son of Ahaz, King Manesseh, son of Hezekiah, King Amos (Ammon), son of Manesseh, King Josiah, son of Amos, King Jechoniah, son of Josiah.

To continue reading: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/12/22/81-sunday-before-the-nativity>

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

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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;

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for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

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By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

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of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"

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concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

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By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

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By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

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By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

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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.

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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:

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who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

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quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to fight the armies of the aliens.

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Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

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Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

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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 –

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of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

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And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

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God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Matthew 1:1-25*(Gospel)*

1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

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Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

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Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

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Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.

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Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

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and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.

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Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.

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Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.

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Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

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Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.

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Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

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And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.

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Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

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Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.

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Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

16

And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

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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.

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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.

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Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

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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.

Matthew 1:1-25

(Gospel, Cont'd.)

21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

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So, all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

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“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, ‘God with us.’”

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Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,

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and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

CANDLE DESK DUTY

December 22 – Barb Dulin

December 29 – Dave Lepesko

If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please switch with another member.

NEW: COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP ROTA... We have implemented a new system for cleaning up after coffee hour in order to get more folks involved. There are three groups that will rotate from week to week, grouped alphabetically by last name: A-J, K-O, and P-Z. Each group will have a crew chief. There is a checklist downstairs of the tasks that must be done each Sunday. As with everything we do here at Holy Ghost, let's make coffee hour cleanup a team effort! Thank you for your cooperation. This week is K-O: **if your last name begins with K-O, please make sure to help clean up. Jerry Kopko is today's crew chief.**

DONATIONS / CANDLES

- A \$25 donation to the Myrrh Bearers in loving memory of Mary Kasper, from Subdeacon Mark & LoveAnn Curran.
- A \$25 donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Mary Kasper, from Daria Ploski-Slavin.
- Altar Table in loving memory of my grandmother, Anna J. Ermolovich on her birthday, Christmas Eve; and in loving memory of my beloved mother, Ann E. Maslo. Memory Eternal, from your granddaughter/daughter Marcia Maslo-Pierce.
- A \$500 donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Olga Babichev from her daughter, Katherine & John Bicknese.
- An anonymous donation of \$850 for needed electrical repairs for exterior lighting and security cameras.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT HOLY GHOST THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Leo Chavez has generously volunteered to provide food for the event. Come out for this festive event from noon to 2:00 p.m. to meet and dine with our neighbors. ***Volunteers need to arrive between 11:00-11:30, the latest.*** Many thanks to those who provided the warm clothing and canned-food items!

POINSETTIAS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE... for \$15.00. Please see Sue Maugeri with your order and payment.

YOLKA! SAVE THE DATE, JANUARY 5, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, FEBRUARY 15, 2025 ... Never experienced a professional hockey game? This could be a great opportunity to meet with other Orthodox folks and have an enjoyable evening. In addition to the hockey game, there will be 2 guest speakers: Bishop John Abdalah and Rev. Peter Orfanakos from St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in Orange. <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Faithfamily808>)

REMINDER FROM THE TRUSTEES RE KEYS/PASSWORDS ... Ruth Sencio has put together a spread sheet for inventory of keys, passwords, and/or combinations associated with our parish. Please see Ruth Sencio if you are a key holder or have password access to the security system, Facebook, or our website. Thanks!

FUND RAISER ...



If you would like to purchase one of these beautiful hand towels created by Carole Kaputa, they can be found downstairs. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Thank you!

DIVINE LITURGY, DECEMBER 15



PARISH METRICS (DECEMBER 22 THRU DECEMBER 28)

BIRTHDAYS

Carol Kirkman, December 22nd

God Grant her Many Years!.....Многая лета!...

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

DECEMBER 22 – John Yurchak, 1927 (62); Alexander Buiak, 1955 (76); Sergei Tomashevsky, 1959 (40); George Jankura, Sr., 1971 (82); Vera Ivanavna Karpie Vestunis Stofko, 2014 (100)

DECEMBER 23 – Gregory Gribko, 1914 (16 days)

DECEMBER 24 – Vera Vitul, 1913 (1); Maria Dirga, 1927 (52); Steven Popadic, 1955 (50); Melania Drevanick, 1962 (70); Julius Babina, Jr., 1968 (54)

DECEMBER 25 – Eugenia Kozulko, 1940 (3); Emma Kuba Popadic, 1981 (83)

James Zmaichik, 1920 (38); Jacob Tihonchik, 1957 (19); Natalie Kondrasky, 1986 (95); John N. Henetz, 1993 (77); Lawrence Kaladish, 1996 (73)

DECEMBER 26 – Maria Mudri, 1897 (5 hours); Susan Katrenich Constantinov, 1956 (63); Jacob Peavin, 1959 (72); Sophia Daniak, 1968 (81); Joseph Hudan, 2006 (84); Anthony Molochko, 2015 (98)

DECEMBER 27 – Nicholas Dimitrievich, 1917 (30); John Pasiuk, 1949 (61); Mary Cybul Swirida (Swidak), 1951 (63); John Cybul, 1959 (69); Sophia Ulanoff, 1963 (62); Theodore Bychkowski, 1967 (74); Anna Turko, 1972 (81); Julius Halko, 1975 (85); Ann Zakrewski, 2004

DECEMBER 28 – John Yaroschak, 1965 (66); Steven Pribula, 1967 (75); Evmen Savich, 1973 (80); Mary (Hamilla) Oleyar, 1998 (94)

Memory Eternal! Вечная память!

