

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember, we are still in the Nativity Fast. Please bring appropriate fasting foods (no meat or dairy products) to our fellowship hour.



Wed. Dec. 15	6 pm	Vespers
	<i>following Vespers</i>	Parish Council meeting
Thurs. Dec. 16	6pm	Choir Practice
		Peck's House - 520 Hillcrest Dr.
Fri. Dec. 17	10 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 18	11 am	LIVING FAITH CLASS
		<i>The 12 Days of Christmas: Mystery & Meaning</i>
Fri. Dec. 24th	6 pm	Vesperal Liturgy for Christmas

Remember to read your Bible and pray every day!

If you have not already done so, please turn in your pledge card for 2011 today.

See any Board member for a pledge form

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PRESCOTT

(928) 777-8750

Priest: Fr. John A. Peck

Emeritus: Fr. William John Clark

Parish Council: Dr. George Rizk, Raymond Zogob, Kris Wells, Marnie Butts, Kally Key, Mike Winney, Bob Hunt, Jelena Timotijevic, Robert Frisby. Choir Director: Pres. Deborah

Find us online at www.prescottorthodox.org

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PRESCOTT

P.O. Box 2855 609 W. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86305 (928) 777-8750 website: prescottorthodox.org

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS

Sun. Dec. 12, 2010

Tone 4



Date	Readers
12-12	Jelena Timotijevich & Bob Frisby
12-19	Bob Frisby & Virgil Aurand
12-24	All Readers
12-26	Virgil Aurand & Mike Winney

Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10

Resurrection Hymn - Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples saying, "Death has been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Hymn of GreatMartyr George - Tone 4

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Hymn of the Theotokos - Tone 4

The mystery which was hidden from everlasting and was unknown of the angels, O Theotokos, was revealed through you, to those who dwell upon the earth. In that God, having become incarnate, In unconfused union of His own good will, accepted the Cross for our sake, whereby he raised again the

First-Created and has saved our souls from death.

Prokeimenon in Tone 4 (Ps 103)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19

BRETHREN, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart. +

Alleluia in Tone 4 (Ps 44)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness!

You love righteousness and hate iniquity!

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24; Matt. 22:14

THE LORD SAID THIS PARABLE: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, *but few are chosen.*" +

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEARCH BEFORE DISMISSAL

As we search and seek out a new location for our parish, we will be praying this prayer weekly during Liturgy, and ask you to pray it daily at home.



Lord Jesus Christ, our God, You have said, "Apart from me You can do nothing." In faith we embrace Your words, Lord, and we entreat Your goodness. Help us to carry out the work we are about to begin, to find another home for our parish. To You we give glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, our Help and Refuge, who knows that we can do nothing right without Your guidance and help; direct us by Your wisdom and power, that we may accomplish this task and, whatever we do according to Your divine will, so that it may be beneficial to us, to others and to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Our Lord and Savior, You became man and labored with Your hands until the time of Your ministry. Bless us as we begin this work. Help us to bring it to completion. Lord, enlighten our minds and strengthen our bodies, that we may accomplish our task according to Your will. Guide us to bring about works of goodness to Your service and glory. Amen.+

PARISH PRAYER LIST

HAVE MERCY, O LORD, ON YOUR SERVANTS,

GIVE REST, O LORD, TO YOUR SERVANTS,

LIVING:

Robin Hyduke, Dan Thanos, Stephan Landis, Irene Teneralli, Connie, Crystal, Tom & Kymie Bowden, James Anthony, Jim Burns, Alex, Sandy, Adrian, Melanie Schlapfer, Bill Mueller, Judy Raessler, Viola Hammerstrom, John Berkholtz, Kris Wells, Helen Vlahakis, Dr. & Mrs. Oden, Mr & Mrs Seth Burgess, Ovi Lungu, Bill Kountanis, Darrell and Patty Bostic, Deon Christensen and family, Helen Ko, Campbell Mackenzie, Betty Dudney, Will Degenhart & family, Stephen & Cassandra Landis. Nathan & Merilee Peck, Sky Rizk, Dumitri Popita, Susan Hill, Tanya, Darlene, Glenn, Fr. Hans & Susan Jacobse, Fr. John Stavropoulos, Fr. Bill Clark, Steve Brooks, Tom & Geris Kourkoumelis, Kristi Thanos, Philip Winney, Lindsay, Gail & Vicki Brannock, George Peter Rizk, Barbara Wright, Boyd Jackson, Marnie Butts, Luke Glen, Charity Books, Kathy Hunt, the Borza family, Elizabeth, Seraphima, Macrina, Mary, Silas, Fr. Daniel & Theresa, Gray, Susana, Robert, Kayla, Briana, Joel, Kelsey, Shaun, Theresa, Chris' 2 grandmothers, Raymond Zogob's father, Diane Robertson, Kathy & Chris Hough.

DEPARTED:

George Komashko, Archpriest Antony Vladimir, Lambrini, Dominic Teneralli Sr., Dominic Teneralli Jr., Rose Bachmann, Janine, George Hicha, Lola Christie, Jackie Pelkey, Helen Shugrue, Eugenia, Elizabeth Higbee, Janet Maissen, Nat, Amanda, James, Abp Job, Abp Anthony, Don, Anastasia Jones, Jack Christensen, Ethel Hunt, Child Nicholas, John, Delores, Lydia (Letitia) Preda, Fr. Gabriel Cooke, Richard & Larry Peck, Chuck, Lisa Covington, Andrew Lubnick, Dennis Kontanis, Julia Sedon, Ariel Borza, Michael Hicha, Tom Pallad, Peter Rizk; Demos Vlahakis; Rhonda Dawson; Nicholas, Peter, Kay, Shirley, George Cosmakos, Andrew Degenhart, Annuncio Aaflaq; Bishop Innocent (Gula); Fr. Michael St. Andrew.



12 Days of Christmas Mystery & Meaning



We'll explore the origin, and real meaning of, the well loved, well known, but nonsensical carol, The Twelve Days of Christmas, only to see that it refers not to gift giving, but to a pilgrimage made from England to the Holy Land.

One of our LIVING FAITH Classes

**11 am – 1 pm
Sat. Dec. 18th**

The class is free, but please let Fr. John know you are coming so there is enough handout material.

Visitors

We are happy that you joined us today, and we want you to know the following;

- Visitors and children are always welcome at all of our worship services.
- You won't be asked to do anything that would make you uncomfortable.
- We don't expect visitors to contribute anything financially to support our parish.
- Our children worship with us, and we love having them here.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, please introduce yourself to Fr. John before the service begins, so that, if possible, you may receive the Holy Mysteries of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are not an Orthodox Christian, we invite you to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service, to fill out a "Welcome" card (available in the Narthex), and to join us after the service for some hospitality!

SAINTS ALIVE

The Lives and Deeds of the Heroes of our Faith

St. Daniel the Stylite

The saint who lived on a pillar until he was eighty!

Saint Daniel the Stylite was born in the village of Bethara, near the city of Samosata in Mesopotamia. His mother Martha was childless for a long while and in her prayers she vowed that if she had a child, she would dedicate him to the Lord. Her prayers were heard, and Martha soon gave birth to a son, who was without a name until he was five years of age. The boy's parents desired that since he was born through the good-will of God, he should also receive his name from God. They took their son to a monastery located nearby and approached the igumen. The igumen gave orders to take down one of the service books, and unrolled it at random. He found the Prophet Daniel (December 17) mentioned in it. Thus did the boy receive his name. The parents asked that he might remain at the monastery, but the igumen would not accept him, since he was still only a small boy. At twelve years of age, saying nothing to any one, the child left home for the monastery.



His parents were happy when they learned where their son was, and they went to the monastery. Seeing that he was still going about in his worldly clothes, they besought that the igumen should clothe him in the angelic garb. That Sunday the igumen fulfilled their request, but permitted them often to visit their son. The brethren of the monastery were astonished at the saint's ascetical efforts. Once, St Simeon the Stylite (Sept 1), visited the monastery, and foretold that Daniel would undertake the feat of pillar-dwelling. St Daniel continued with his ascetic life in seclusion. When the place of a new exploit was revealed to him in a vision, he withdrew into the Thracian wilderness together with two disciples. They set up a pillar, upon which St Daniel dwelt for 33 years. People thronged to the pillar, the unfortunate and those who were sick, and all received help and healing from St Daniel. Byzantine emperors also sought the prayers of the holy ascetic. The monk reposed in his eightieth year.

Christmas Eve

VESPERAL LITURGY

DEC. 24TH 6 PM

Make plans to attend our Christmas Eve service which will begin with the reception of some of our Catechumens, and culminate with the Holy Eucharist and some Christmas Caroling!

This is a holy night, and we want everyone to participate. Invite family and friends if you like.

It really is a wonderful time of year!

Most of all, make ready!

