

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are travelling for Nativity, may God grant you safe travel and a swift and safe return!

Wed. Dec. 22nd 6 pm Vespers
Fri. Dec. 24th 6 pm Vespers Liturgy for Christmas

No Vespers on Christmas Day

Matins and Liturgy on Dec. 26th at the usual times.

There are no Choir Practices until after the New Year. If you have any questions about music or need some help, see Presvytera Deborah.



2011 CHURCH CALENDAR

Our 2011 Church Calendar is now available in the narthex of the Church. Be sure to get one for your home before the New Year begins. Our thanks to Heritage Mortuary for sponsoring our 2011 Calendar!

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

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SUNDAY OF THE GENEALOGY

Sun. Dec. 19, 2010

Tone 5



| Date | Readers |
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| 12-19 | Bob Frisby & Virgil Aurand |
| 12-24 | All Readers |
| 12-26 | Mike Winney & Bob Frisby |
| 1-2 | Virgil Aurand & Jelena Timotijevich |

Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18

Resurrection Hymn - Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from a Virgin, for He willed to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead, by His glorious Resurrection!

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 5

Rejoice O Uncrossed gate! Rejoice, O Wall and Protection of those who hasten unto you. Rejoice, O quiet have who has not known wedlock. O You who have given birth in the flesh to your Creator and God, you shall continue to intercede for the sake of those who praise and magnify your birth-giving!

Prokeimenon in Tone 5 (Ps 12)

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40

BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. +

Alleluia in Tone 5 (Ps 89)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy Truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my Truth will be prepared in the heavens.

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

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deporta-

tion to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel"(which means, *God with us*). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus. +

PARISH PRAYER LIST

HAVE MERCY, O LORD, ON YOUR SERVANTS,

GIVE REST, O LORD, TO YOUR SERVANTS,

LIVING:

Jerry Spires, Fr. Thomas Williams, 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 Dudley, 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 Nassimos, 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.



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!

St. George Church wishes all of you a blessed Nativity



Merry Christmas!

FEASTS OF FAITH

The feasts and celebrations of the Christian Calendar

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

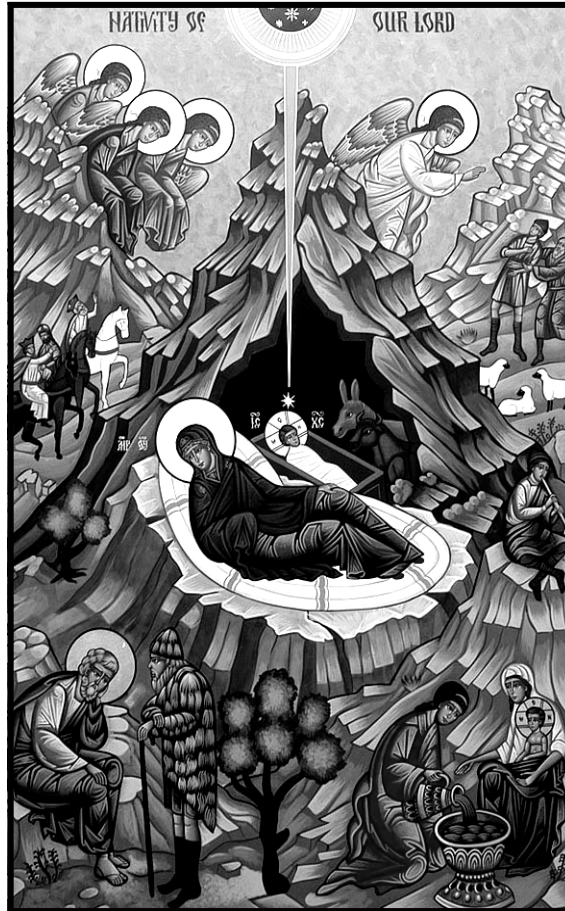
The Sunday before the Nativity of the Lord (December 18-24) is known as the Sunday of the Holy Fathers.

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 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).



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!

