

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

<b>Sun. Dec. 18</b>		<b>COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b>
Wed. Dec. 21	6 pm	Vespers & Bible Study
Thurs. Dec. 22	6 pm	Choir Practice
Fri. Dec. 23	10 am	Divine Liturgy
<b>Sat. Dec. 24</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy for Christmas Eve</b>
	<b>10:30 pm</b>	<b>Festal Midnight Liturgy for Nativity</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 25th</b>	<b>No Services</b>	<b>Merry Christmas! Christ is Born!</b>
Sat. Dec. 31	5 pm	Great Vespers and New Year's Eve party
Thurs. Jan. 5	6 pm	<b>Liturgy for Theophany</b> w/ Indoor Great Blessing of Waters
Fri. Jan. 6	10 am	<b>Festal Liturgy for Theophany</b>
	12 Noon	Great Blessing of Waters - Watson Lake

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Make a special year end gift to St. George Church.  
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## SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY

Sun. Dec. 18, 2011

Tone 2



Date	Readers
12-18	Mike Normandin & Mike Winney
<b>12-24</b>	Mike Winney & Bob Frisby
1-1	To Be Announced

#### Hymn for Pre-Feast of Nativity- Tone 4

Make ready O Bethlehem; for Eden hath been opened for all. Prepare, O Ephrathah; for the Tree of Life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the Virgin; for her womb did appear as a super-essential paradise, in which is planted the Divine Fruit, whereof eating we shall live and not die as Adam. Verily, Christ shall be born, raising the likeness that fell of old.

#### Troparion of Prophet Daniel - Tone 2

Great is the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy Youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God have mercy upon us.

#### Hymn of Great Martyr 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.

#### Hymn of the Theotokos - Tone 2

Exceedingly glorious beyond the power of thought are the mysteries, O Theotokos, For being sealed in purity and preserved in Virginity you were acknowledged to be, in very truth, the Mother who did bring forth the true God. Wherefore entreat Him to save our souls.

#### Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

For You are just in all that You have done for us!

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

**B**RETHREN, 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 the 4th Tone (Ps 100:6)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have heard with our ears, O God, and our fathers have told us.

For Thou hast saved us from those who oppose us, and hast put to shame those who hate us.

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

**T**he 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 deportation 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

### LIVING:

Libby Seifer, Helen Vlahakis, Richard, Justin, Kimmy, Melody Casper, Lynn Angebrannt, Cheryl Drake, Ruth Kleinman, Joseph, Winney, Jim & Michelle Smith, George Robertson, Molly Markos, Jen Kelley, Josh Hondaly, Susan Hill, Mary Ellen Halvorsen, Retta Baughman, Lola Rizk, Ameliana Gusty, Samson Winters, James Peck, Samin, Chad, Aidan, Victoria, Anastasia, Basil, Cassian, Luke, and Garet Trenham, Carrie, Griffin, Nolan, Grayson, Olivia Salicos & family, Scott & Katie Windsor, Benjamin & Joseph Peck, Gail & Vicki Brannock, Jennifer, Diane Berkholtz, Jerry Spires, Fr. Thomas Williams, Robin Hyduke, Nathan & Merilee Peck, Connie, Crystal, Tom & Kymie Bowden, James Anthony, Jim Burns, Alex, Sandy, Adrian, Melanie Schlapfer, Judy Raessler, Viola Hammerstrom, Ovi Lungu, Bill Kountanis, Darrell and Patty Bostic, Deon Christensen and family, Helen Ko, Campbell Mackenzie, Betty Dudney, Will Degenhart & family, Sky Rizk, Dumitri Popita, Tanya, Darlene, Glenn, Fr. Hans & Susan Jacobse, Fr. Bill Clark, Philip Winney, Lindsay, George Peter Rizk, Barbara Wright, Marnie Butts, Luke Glen, Charity Books, the Borza family, Elizabeth, Seraphima, Macrina, Mary, Silas, Susana, Robert, Kayla, Briana, Joel, Kelsey, Shaun, Theresa, Chris' 2 grandmothers, Raymond Zogob's father, Diane Robertson, Kathy & Chris Hough.

### DEPARTED:

Arthur Jarvinen, Dushan, Gregoria, Mike Wogan, Bill Mueller, Joel McKalie, Marcus Ruttrell, infant Bailey Smith, Preston, Milanka, Charles Kirk, Michael Hicha, Jr., Ioanni Vlahakis, Kalliroi Vlahakis, Evagalia Vlahakis, Cassandra & Stephen Landis, James Devlin, Thomas Lindberg, Boyd Jackson, Irene Teneralli, Julianne Windsor, Allan Fairbanks, Robert Dery, George Nassimos, George Komashko, Fr. 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, Randy Poffo, Chuck, Lisa Covington, Andrew Lubnick, Dennis Kontonis, Julia Sedon, Ariel Borza, Michael Hicha, Peter Rizk; Demos Vlahakis; Rhonda Dawson; Nicholas, Peter, Kay, Shirley, George Cosmakos; 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!

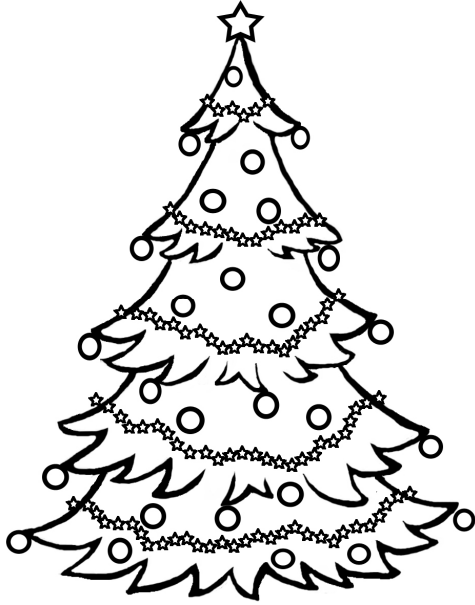


## COMMITMENT SUNDAY

This is just a note on this Sunday before Nativity to remind you to

- A - Commit your life completely to Jesus Christ today,
- B - Turn in your Pledge forms for 2012, and fulfill your 2011 pledge today.
- C - You must list donations as 'Stewardship' for them to be applied to your pledge commitment. If they are not so designated, they are considered to be general donations and will not be 'counted' as part of your pledged commitment (we have to do it this way, sorry).
- D - Make a special year-end donation in love to St. George Church.

# WISHING TREE



No doubt you have noticed the Christmas Tree in the back of the Nave. It is decorated with items from our Parish Wish List - a list of items and sponsorships which we, as a parish, need to continue to serve, educate and celebrate the Orthodox Christian faith here in Prescott.

Take a moment to look over the list on these pages and if you see an item you would like to sponsor.

**You can also sponsor a portion of an item if you can't cover the entire amount. Get together with friends if you can and sponsor what you like.**

## Worship & Liturgical

Christ Pantocrator Icon	\$4,000
Readers Lectern	\$4,000
Candle Table Icon	\$1,500
Royal Doors Icons	\$1,000
Clergy Vestments (white)	\$600
Clergy Vestments (blue)	\$600
Clergy Vestments (green)	\$600
Clergy Vestments (black)	\$600
Clergy Vestments (gold)	\$600

Acolyte Vestments (red)	\$300/set
Altar covers (blue)	\$600
Altar covers (green)	\$600
Altar covers (red)	\$600
Altar covers (black)	\$600
Altar covers (gold)	\$600

Wall/Panel Icon	\$500
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Chalice covers (white)	\$200
Chalice covers (blue)	\$200
Chalice covers (green)	\$200
Chalice covers (black)	\$200
Chalice covers (gold)	\$200

## Bells

Large Set	\$75,000
Small Set	\$15,000
Bell Frame	\$2,000
Semantron & mallets	\$300

Directions from Prescott to  
**St. John the Baptist  
 Romanian Orthodox Church**  
 in Glendale, AZ - About 1 hour 40 mins.

## *Robert Frisby*

will be ordained a deacon on Sunday, January 1.  
**Divine Liturgy begins at 10:30 am!**

Please make time to attend this glorious event,  
 which comes around so rarely for churches!



Prescott, AZ

- Head west on E Goodwin St toward S Cortez St  
go 0.1 mi  
total 0.1 mi
  - Turn right onto S Montezuma St  
About 1 min  
go 0.4 mi  
total 0.5 mi
  - Turn right onto W Sheldon St  
About 2 mins  
go 1.0 mi  
total 1.4 mi
  - Slight left onto E Gurley St  
go 0.2 mi  
total 1.7 mi
  - Slight right onto AZ-69 S  
About 41 mins  
go 33.1 mi  
total 34.8 mi
  - Merge onto I-17 S via the ramp to Phoenix  
About 48 mins  
go 48.1 mi  
total 82.8 mi
  - Take exit 214A-214B for Yorkshire Dr toward Union Hills Dr  
go 0.4 mi  
total 83.2 mi
  - Turn right onto W Yorkshire Dr  
About 3 mins  
go 1.2 mi  
total 84.4 mi
  - Turn right onto N 35th Ave  
About 1 min  
go 0.3 mi  
total 84.6 mi
  - Take the 1st left onto W Behrend Dr  
About 1 min  
go 0.3 mi  
total 85.0 mi
  - Turn left  
Destination will be on the right  
go 141 ft  
total 85.0 mi
- B** 3749 West Behrend Drive, Glendale, AZ 85308-2252

the *epimanika*, cuffs that are worn around the wrists, tied by a long cord. These are also worn by the bishop and priest. They serve the practical purpose of keeping the inner garments out of the way during the services. They also remind the wearer that he serves not by his own strength but with the help of God. Only those in major orders wear the epimanika.

### Duties

The deacon ministers to the priest and bishop in the divine services. This includes:

- Preaching the Gospel of Christ (with the blessing of the bishop)
- Assisting in the celebration of the all of the Holy Mysteries of the Church
- Leading the people in the collective prayers (for example, deacons lead the people in prayer at all liturgical services by intoning all of the litanies, etc.)



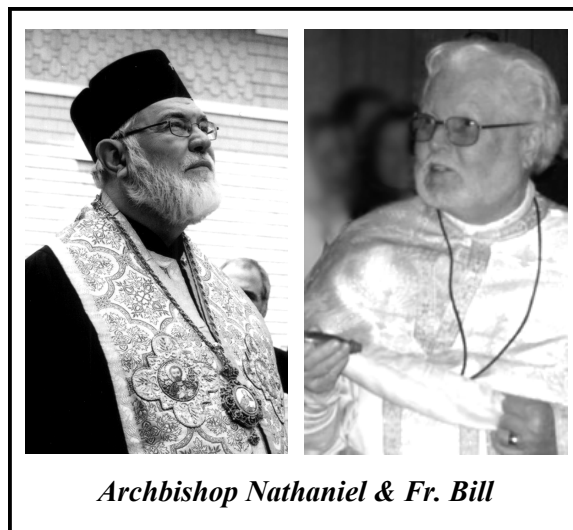
- Reading from the Scriptures, esp the Gospel, during the divine services.
- Keeping the decorum of the public worship, including calling people to attention at appropriate times
- Administrating the charitable and/or educational work of the Diocese, Deanery/ Vicariate or Parish

Other tasks related to Church life, with the blessing and direction of his priest or bishop.

There are many distinguished deacons who played important and critical roles in Christian history, including;

- ❖ St. Stephen the First Martyr
- ❖ St. Athanasius of Alexandria, who was a deacon during the Council of Nicea, and composed much of the Nicene Creed,
- ❖ St. Lawrence, a famous martyr,
- ❖ St. Ephraim the Syrian, a mystical poet, hymnographer and ascetic father,

to name but a few!



*Archbishop Nathaniel & Fr. Bill*



### Facilities/Physical Plant

Church Mezzanine	\$20,000
Automobile & Ad Wrap	\$10,000
Church Sound System	\$ 8,000
Fellowship Hall	\$5,000
New Flooring	\$ 2,000
Appliances	\$ 2,000
Renovation	\$ 1,000
Play Set for Back Area	\$ 1,000
Nave Doors w/windows	\$ 1,000
Back Area Landscaping	\$ 800
Exterior Lighting	\$ 750
New/Extended Church Sign	\$ 500
Picnic Table	\$ 400
Picnic Table	\$ 400
Picnic Table	\$ 400
New Office Door	\$ 400
Fire Extinguishers	\$ 300
Shelving for Bookstore	\$ 300
Office Cross and Icon	\$ 200

## TODAY

Bob Frisby will speak about his upcoming Ordination to the Holy Diaconate and Priesthood.

Join him on Sunday, January 1 at St. John the Baptist Romanian Church in Glendale (Phoenix)



# WHAT IS AN ORTHODOX DEACON?

As one of our own, Bob Frisby, will be ordained a Deacon on Jan. 1st, it is appropriate at this time to shed some light on this Apostolic and Biblical order in Christianity.

**Holy Orders** refers to those who are set apart for service in the Orthodox Christian Church. The origin of the word “order” is from the Latin *ordo* which designated an established civil body or corporation with a hierarchy, and *ordinatio* that means legal incorporation into an *ordo*. The word “holy” refers to the Church. Therefore, a holy order is a group with a hierarchy that is set apart for service in the Church.

It was the mission of the Apostles to go forth into all the world and preach the Gospel, baptizing those who believed in the name of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:18-20). In the early church those who presided over congregations were referred to variously as *episcopos* (bishop) or *presbyteros* (priest). These successors of the Apostles were ordained to their office by the laying of hands and, according to Orthodox theology, form a living, organic link with the Apostles, and through them with Jesus Christ himself. This link continues in unbroken succession to this day. Over time, the ministry of bishops (who hold the fullness of the priesthood) and presbyters or priests (who hold a portion of the priesthood as bestowed by their bishop) came to be distinguished. In Orthodox terminology, the terms *priesthood* and *sacerdotal* refer to the ministry of bishops and priests. All of the



ordination ceremonies take place during the Divine Liturgy.

The **Deacon** is the third and lowest degree of the holy orders of clergy in the Orthodox Church, following the bishop and the presbyter. The word deacon (in Greek διάκονος) means server and originally it referred to a person who waited on tables.

In the Orthodox Church, the diaconate is not just a step to priesthood, many deacons have no intention of ever becoming priests.

It is often a permanent office, as a position for full or part time service to the work of the Church.

Originally deacons of the Church assisted the bishops in good deeds and works of charity. But at some time in recent centuries the diaconate became an almost exclusive liturgical function where the deacons only assist at the celebration of the Church services, helping in other areas like any other knowledgeable member of the laity.

Sacramentally, all deacons are equal. However, they are ranked and serve by seniority according to the date of their ordination. Just as with bishops and presbyters, there are distinctions of administrative rank among deacons.

A senior deacon of a cathedral or principal church may be awarded the title *protodeacon* and claim precedence when serving with other deacons. The chief deacon who is attached to the person of a bishop is called an *archdeacon*. A deacon who is also a monastic is called a *hierodeacon*.

All higher clergy, priests and bishops, **must** first be ordained and serve as deacons. Because Christ came not to be served, but to serve, so, too, all those who receive the grace of the Holy Spirit to Holy Orders must, likewise, pass through their service as deacons.



## Ordination

A deacon's ordination takes place **after** the consecration of the Holy Gifts during a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, by virtue of the fact that he does not participate in the consecration himself. After being led around the altar thrice, he kneels on one knee at the altar to await the laying on of hands. His first liturgical act is the final Litany of Thanksgiving before the end of this Liturgy.

## Deacon's vestments

The vestments of the deacon are the *sticharion*, the *oraron*, and the *epimanikia*.

All degrees of clergy wear the ***sticharion***.

The distinctive vestment of the deacon is the ***oraron***. The *oraron* is a stole of material that the deacon wears wrapped around his body and draped over his left shoulder. It represents the grace of the Holy Spirit that in ordination anoints the deacon like oil. It is the principal vestment of the deacon and without it he cannot serve. When the deacon leads the people in prayers or invites them to attention he holds one end of his *oraron* in his right hand and raises it.

Subdeacons also wear the *oraron*, but wrapped around them and across their back, not over their shoulder. The priest's *epitrachelion* and the bishop's *omophorion* are specialized types of the *oraron*.

The final parts of a deacon's vestments are