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SUNDAY

DECEMBER 22, 2019

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday before the Nativity. Great Martyr Anastasia, “Deliverer from Bonds”, and her teacher, Martyr Chrysogonus, and with them Martyrs Theodota, Evodias, Eutychanus, and others, who suffered under Diocletian (ca. 304).



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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – December 22nd

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, followed
Panikhida for +Taisia Sviderskaya
& +Vera Bouteneff (40th day)

**Tuesday, December 24th Eve of
Nativity**

8:30 AM Royal Hours
5:00 PM Holy Supper - Святей вечер
- Сочельник
8:00 PM – Vigil of Nativity

Wednesday, December 25th

Nativity of Our Lord

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, December 26th Synaxis
of Theotokos**

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

1:00 PM Caroling at St. John's
Riverside Hospital

Saturday – December 28th

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM – Vespers

Sunday, December 29th

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Today's Readings

TODAY'S EPISTLE Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 - 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; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. 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. 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: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 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 – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 1:1-25 - 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.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – our parish sons & daughters, OCF chapter members, AND those at nearby colleges who make HTO their spiritual home away from home! Tatiana Balasenowich, Elizabeth Bouteneff, Joe Ciamarra, Brandon Ferguson, Samantha Fricke, Kaydee Kowalczyk, Sofia Miller, Stella Miller, Andrew Nolan, Frances Nolan, Peter Nolan, Joshua Rzyk, Stephanie Rzyk, Lukas Skalski, Matthew Skalski, Justyna Skalski, Thomas Skalski, Adriana Szpynda, Emily Szpynda, Katherine Wislocki, Olivia Wislocki.

"Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic." -- Abp. Michael

Please tell Fr. Vlad if there are any errors or omissions on this list.

PRAYER LIST

Archpriest John Kowalczyk , Fr. Vitaly Bahanovich, Victoria Szpynda, Christina Marie Czyk, Vera Bullock, Ludmilla Branzow, Child Audrina, Child Julia, Child Alexandra, Bill Bodack, Maria Chouplat, Helen Delandri, Olga Donski, John and Eugenia Gribb, Helen

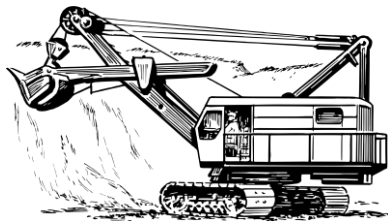
Homa, Irene Homa, Anatole Honczarenko, Helen Maybo, Nancy Prusak, Stephanie Phillips, Tekla Rzyzyk, Edward Wirchansky, Presbyteria Nancy Hutnyan, all the members and benefactors of our church.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed + Amelia Rugala, Newly departed +Taisia Sviderskaya (+12/16) Newly departed +George Jaczina (+12/8); Newly departed Vera Bouteneff (+11/7); Lillian Rebovich (+11/2); Khouriya Anastasia Farha (+10/31), and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

Please give prayer requests to Fr. Vlad, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server. Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise.

CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR DECEMBER:

Vigil Candles, Icons of Christ and the Theotokos, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia. **Living:** Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families. **Vigil Candle, St. Nicholas, South Kliros, Newly Departed** Regina Cataldo and Christina Sceppaquercia.



THE LONG-AWAITED RENOVATION PROJECT HAS BEGUN!

The excavation has begun on the side of Ashburton Avenue to prepare for the construction of the second entrance/exit to the basement of our church. If you have

not done so yet, or perhaps can do it again, please consider offering your support through a donation. ***Any pledges or gifts made by December 31st will be matched \$1 for \$1 by an anonymous donor up to \$10,000.*** To make an online donation please scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit <http://bit.ly/GiveToHTOC>



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Do you know of anyone who has an economical studio/ 1 bedroom apartment for someone who is a friend to our Parish family? Please call Olga Ptach(914-365-3805/ 914-262-1061) if you can help. Thanks so much.