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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 Asaph, and Asaph 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 was
b o r n

JESUS

who is called Christ.

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**SUNDAY BEFORE
THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST
(THE GENEALOGY)**

DECEMBER 23, 2018

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

TEN MARTYRS OF CRETE; NEW-MARTYR NICHOLAS;
VENERABLE NAHUM OF OCHRID

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all. * Ephratha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of Life * hath blossomed forth in the cave from the holy Virgin. * Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, * wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, * and as we eat thereof we shall all live, * and shall not die as did Adam. * For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Great are 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 prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin comes, comes unto the cave to give birth to the Word, who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, if you should hear, and glorify with the angels and the shepherds. Glorify Him, who by His will shall become a newborn babe, and who is our God before all ages.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday before the Nativity)

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

For Thou art justified in all that Thou hast done for us.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the 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 foundations, 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, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so 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 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.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday before the Nativity: "The Genealogy")

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (1:1-25)

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 Aram, and Aram 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 Amon, and Amon 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 were fourteen generations.

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Now⁵ 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 had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

PARISH UPDATES

Holy Oblation and Coffee (Fellowship) Hour Hosting:

Contact the Church Office for more information and to sign-up for this crucial aspect of participation in the Life of the Church. We strongly encourage those hosting Coffee (Fellowship) Hour to offer a meal so that our parishioners will have the opportunity to interact more often in fellowship. **Sign-up NOW for 2019!**

There will be **NO classes** during the Christmas break (December 23 & 30, & January 6) for our Church School program.

Parishioner Pledges & Donations (2018 & 2019): Our parish greatly appreciates the financial contributions of parishioners—we ask that ALL please fulfill their commitment for 2018 prior to the calendar year ending! The 2019 Stewardship Packet (including membership & pledge form) will be mailed out to your homes—please prayerfully consider your contribution for 2019 and return the form to our Church Office by January 14, 2019—again, we ask ALL members to fill out their form on a yearly basis!

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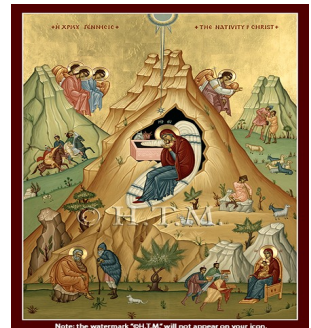
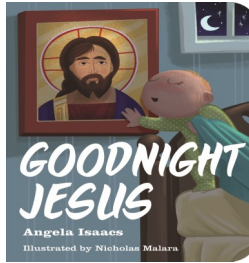
Children's Books

Greetings Cards

Book of Psalms

Scented items from an Orthodox Monastery—

candles, lotions, soaps, & lip balms



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

KYLE MILLER

25TH

GABRIELLA TANOOS

27TH



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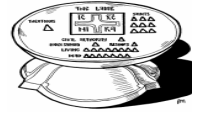
WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 3,712.00
Candles/Cash	\$ 128.00
Donations	\$ 395.00
Bookstore	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 4,255.00

Divine Liturgy Attendance:

85

HOLY OBLATION



TODAY

Offered by Daniel & Paula Powell on behalf of the church.

December 24

Offered by Pdn. Elias Corey & Family, for the health and well-being of his family.

December 30

Offered by Tony Tanoos, for the health and well-being of his family and on the occasion of Gabriella's birthday.

January 6

Offered by Mary Ann Tanoos, for the health and well-being of her family and on the occasion of the December & January birthdays of her family members.

COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP) HOUR

TODAY — Hosted by Daniel & Paula Powell

December 24 — Hosted by the Parish Community

December 30 — Hosted by Tony Tanoos

January 6 — Hosted by Mary Ann Tanoos

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday, December 24	Royal Hours	10:00a
(Nativity of our Lord)	Festal Matins	8:00p
	Festal Liturgy followed by Carol Singing & Fellowship	9:00p
	Saturday, December 29	Great Vespers
Sunday, December 30	Matins	9:00a
	Divine Liturgy	10:00a

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