

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Troparion (Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Troparion (Tone 2)

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; you saw a Virgin great with child; you gave glory with the shepherds; you worshipped with the Magi; you received the news from the Angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion (Tone 3)

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: “O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!”

December 29, 2013

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.
Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; the Wise Men journey with the star, //since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Emma Burychka, Lena Robovitsky, Melanie Albrecht, Zara, Nolan, Priest Matthew, Matushka Jennifer and family, Millie O’Shura, Olga Macalush, Benjamin Macalush, Albert and Ronald, Sr., Witiak family, Pellack family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Departed: John O’Shura, Maryann Sivak, John Slivka, William Frederico, Peter Smith. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Saturday Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Reading of the Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy.

Galatians 1:11-19

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Matthew 2:13-23

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.' For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper." "

Weekly Financial Statement (12/22/13)

Attendance: 41

Money In: \$3048.00

Money Out: -\$97.61

Net Total: \$2950.39

Announcements**Bible Study**

The next Bible Study will be Thursday, January 16, at church at 6:00 p.m.. We will continue our examination of St. Paul by reviewing the following texts: I Thessalonians, Romans, I Corinthians, Galatians, and Philippians. Please read these epistles before our meeting!

Theology Course

Please consult the sign-up sheet for the theology course I will be offering. Anyone is welcome to join the class.

Coat Drive

Thank you to all who brought coats to church for our coat drive. A number of local families were able to clothe themselves with your coats. We'll continue to hand out coats during the winter months.

Church School

There will be no church school today. The children will continue church next week by learning about Christ's baptism and the feast of Theophany.