

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009 28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (13th of Luke) —
Tone 3. Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). Ven. Ignatii
(Ignatius), Archimandrite of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—1435). St. Philogonius, Bishop of
Antioch (323). St. Daniel, Archbishop of Serbia (1338). St. Anthony, Bp. of Vorónezh (1846).
Repose of St. John of Kronstadt.**

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

(Tone 2) Great are the accomplishments of faith, / for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; / and the Prophet Daniel appeared / a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

(Tone 4) Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! / Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! / Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit; /
if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. //
Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

KONTAKIA

(Tone 1) Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha! / The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. / The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, / and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

(Tone 3) Today the Virgin comes to the cave / to give birth to the Eternal Word. / Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! / Glorify with the Angels and the shepherds // the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child!

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (11:9-10,17-23,32-40)

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. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be named." He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his burial. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 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 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, Tone 4

v: We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us.

v: For Thou hast saved us from them that oppose us, and have put to shame them that hate us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT 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 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

December 20, 2009

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's blessings Gladys Edwards.....	Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
Health & Recovery of Gregory Butrie.....	Butrie Family
Special Intention Maggie, Nancy & Kenneth Laycock, Diane, Art Zambito & Family, Gloria Zelenko, Jaxon Cords, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith
Special Intention.....	J. Tome
Margaret & Nicholas Butrie, David Tome, Luba Stevens, Helen Popoff, Evanka Elieff, Happy Birthday Christine Brucksch.....	Anne Smith
Health of Joe Oginsky & Joe Vostrizansky.....	Susan, Natasha, Joseph & Gregory

Health & Blessings John Berneche, Nancy Stamos, Evdokia Ponomarenko,
 Chris Hogg.....Lucy Hogg
 Health & Blessings for Gloria's Sister Gladys Edwards for her coming surgery.....Gloria & John
 Health & Blessings for Brock, Naumoff, Loomis & Price families.....Harold & Laurie Brock
 Health & Blessings Tom Branoff, Freda Farone, Chris Smith.....Linda Branoff
 Health & Blessings Olga Haw & Family, Joe Oginsky, Olga Elasivich & Family,
 Helen & Doug Phillips, Fred Oginsky, Ray Komenich,
 Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....Anne Smith
 Health & Blessings Gladys Edwards..... Joe & Dorothy Goodman
 Health & Blessings Freda Farone.....Joe & Dorothy Goodman
 Health & Blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, All of the Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....Joe & Dorothy Goodman

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose- for Dedo & Dad George Naumoff on the anniversary of his birthday.....Harold & Laurie Brock
 Carl Smith & our son, Nick & Helen Polonic, Harold & Mary Smith,
 Lazar & Sarah Polonic.....Anne Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas

Coffee and donuts are being donated today by Joe and Susan Oginsky in appreciation for all of the prayers, candles, cards, phone calls and well wishes during his recent surgery.

Helen Popoff and her family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, candles and flowers during Helen's recent surgery.

2010 Parish calendars are here. They are located in the vestibule; please take for those that are homebound.

2010 Weekly offering envelopes are also ready. They are located in the parish hall. If you do not see your envelope and did not request to no longer receive them please see Debbie. Children's envelopes are also available.

Schedule of services for the week of December 20

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 pm Royal Hours for the Nativity of our Lord

Thursday, December 24

EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

9:30 pm Carols

10:00 pm Divine Liturgy

FAST-FREE TIME – DECEMBER 25 – JANUARY 4

Saturday, December 26

SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:30 am Prayers for Jami Fisher and Myah Rose Fisher 40 days after birth

4:30 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, December 27

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, SAINT STEPHEN

9:30 am Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday Offerings for December 6, 2009

Weekly Income	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope*</i>	\$1209.00
<i>Children's Envelope</i>	\$0
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$6.00
<i>Charity Plate</i>	\$12.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$26.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$11.00
<i>OCA Envelope (Charities)</i>	\$40.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$197.65
<i>St. Nicholas Day</i>	\$80.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$1.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$40.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$95.00
<i>Christmas Offering</i>	\$260.00
<i>Flower Envelope Christmas</i>	\$65.00
Total Weekly Income	\$2,042.65
Avg. Weekly Budget	\$3,725.21
Below Budget	- \$1,682.56

Income to Date	\$184,414.44
Expense to Date	\$196,437.06
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* 36 envelopes were received averaging \$33.58 per envelope.
111 people were in attendance.

+Archbishop Job fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, December 18, 2009. This was a very sudden and unexpected death. Please keep +Archbishop Job and his family in your prayers.