



WEEKLY BULLETIN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH
January 6, 2019

The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Epistle: **Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40**

Gospel: **Matthew 1:1-25**

Weekly Schedule of Services/Events

Sunday, January 6

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hailey McKane

8:00PM Nativity Eve Service

Monday, January 7

9:00AM Nativity of our Lord Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 8

9:00AM Synaxis of the Mother of God Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 9

9:00AM St. Stephen Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 12

9:00AM Monthly Memorial and Confession

Sunday, January 13

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Lynne Goetz

Coffee: Goodwin/Chirsky

Church School

Rescue Mission



Service Schedule

Divine Liturgy 9am

Weekday Eve Service 7pm

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Weekly Announcements

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: Our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord will begin tonight with the Christmas Eve service at 8pm. Please see the front page of the bulletin for the complete schedule of services for the Feast.

HOUSE BLESSING: House Blessings will begin after the Feast of Theophany. Please use the form in the bulletin to schedule a time to have your home blessed.

CHURCH CALENDARS AND ENVELOPES: Calendars for 2019 are available in the Church Auditorium. Many thanks to Adzima Funeral Home for once again sponsoring the calendars. Church envelopes are also in the Church Office and should be available for pickup today.

PLEASE NOTE: A new Envelope "Voluntary Contribution Towards Dues", has been added to each month of the year. You may use this envelope to make monthly donations towards your Church dues. This is meant as a way to make paying your dues easier as you can spread it out through the year.

Scripture Readings for Sunday

Epistle Reading

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 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.

Gospel Reading - 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 Salathiel, and Salathiel 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.

Preparation for Blessing of Homes

The central sign of God's sanctification of all things through the feast of Theophany is the act of blessing the homes of faithful Christians. The priest visits all members of the Church to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with Holy Water. He asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. Thus the house itself, together with the living persons of the family, is "filled with all the fullness of God." To prepare for the priest visit:

- On your dining room table or family altar, place a white tablecloth, a lighted candle, an icon, and a wide bowl for holy water.
- Have a list of the living and dead members of the family from your family for whom you would like the priest to pray for.
- Turn on a light in each room, so the priest can see where he is going.
- Turn off all TV's, stereos, and computers, and take the telephone off the hook. There should be as few distractions as possible when the priest is blessing your home.
- Refrain from smoking, drinking or eating until after the service is over.
- Secure any pets that might jump up on the priest or family, or "get underfoot" as you move from room to room.

When the priest arrives, everyone in the house should gather around the table and join in the singing of the service.



Blessing of Homes

Anyone who is interested in having your home blessed please fill out the form below and give it to Father David, return it to the church office on Sunday or on Tuesday at Seniors. Fr. will call to set-up an appointment

House Blessing Form

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____