

Remember in Your Prayers

- The visiting seminarians (St Tikhon's) Austin & Brittany
- The newly-reposed Roger, relative of Ryan Alex
- For the renewed health of Bobby and Lindsay Earle

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

This week, Kevin and Evan celebrated their birthdays, and Evan celebrated his Name Day. *May God grant them many years!*

Parish Building Fund & Pledge Forms

We have only \$15,000 to entirely succeed in our efforts this year – and then we obtain twice that amount through the match. For those on the fence, we especially wish to achieve 100% participation, at whatever level.

Pledge Forms past due: please turn them in to Jayson Trierweiler or Helen Levenetz. *For the Master is gracious and receives the last even as the first (St John Chrysostom, Paschal Homily).*

St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule

Dec 10th – Slava Bagat's Team

Dec 17th – Brandon Davie's Team

+Weekly Services at St. Katherine Orthodox Church+

Wednesday 6:15 pm – Akathist/Paraklesis

Saturday – 5:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:10 am – Hours; 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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Saint Katherine of Alexandria Orthodox Church

Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, December 24th, 2017

29th Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday before the Nativity of Christ
Eve of the Nativity of Christ/Nun Martyr Eugenia of Rome

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion of the Forefeast – Tone 4

Mary was of David's seed,
so she went with Joseph to register in Bethlehem.
She bore in her womb the Fruit not sown by man.
The time for the birth was at hand.
Since there was no room at the inn,
the cave became a beautiful palace for the Queen.//
Christ is born, raising up the image that fell of old.

Kontakion of the Forefeast – 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!

Kontakion to Saint Katherine – Tone 2

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs, form a great choir in praise of the most
wise Katherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent,
despising the knowledge of the orators!

Welcome to all our guests!

We are glad you are able to be with us this day. Guests are invited to join us for coffee and a lunch meal after the Divine Liturgy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle – Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40

⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,¹⁸ Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called.¹⁹ Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.²² By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.³² And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:³³ Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. ³⁴ Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. ³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:³⁶ And others had trial of cruel mockings & scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented,³⁸ (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:⁴⁰ God having provided a good report through faith, received not the promise:⁴⁰ God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Gospel – Matthew 1:1-25

¹ The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.² Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;³ And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;⁴ And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;⁵ And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;⁶ And Jesse

begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;⁷ And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;⁸ And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;⁹ And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;¹⁰ And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;¹¹ And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon.¹² And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;¹³ And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;¹⁴ And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;¹⁵ And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;¹⁶ And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.²⁴ Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:²⁵ And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.

Commentary on the Gospel

“On the Sunday before Christmas we read the Gospel lesson of the birth of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew. That same Gospel lesson has St. Matthew’s recorded ancestry of Christ, tracing the Messiah’s ancestral roots back to the Patriarch Abraham and his wife Sarah. It is with Abraham that God makes a covenant and a promise, giving both Abraham and Sarah new names reflecting their new relationship with God. At Christmas we celebrate the faith of Abraham, the birth of the Messiah, and life in the Kingdom which is to come.”

+Fr Ted Bobosh +

+PARISH LIFE+

Weekly Services Coming Up

Dec 24 - 4pm: Eve of Nativity; Carols and Festal Matins

Dec 25 - 9:30am: Nativity of The Lord; Festal Liturgy

Fr. Andrew & family away Dec 26-30