

St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Vespers & Confessions: Sat. at 5pm Divine Liturgy: Sunday, 9:00am OCF - will resume in 2010

Sunday, December 20, 2009 – Tone 3 Sunday Before Nativity (Pre-Feast/Fore-Feast) Ancestors (Fathers) of Christ

St. Ignatius the God-Bearer and St. John of Kronstadt

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

Today's Readers: 3rd Hour: J. Riley 6th Hour: V. Chalfant **Epistle:** M. Sinovich
Christmas Day Readers: 3rd Hr: D. Sulpizi 6th Hour: L. Sulpizi **Epistle:** C. Carey
Next week's Rdrs: 3rd Hour: J. Carpenter 6th Hour: C. Souder **Epistle:** L. Sulpizi

Prayers for the Sick and the Recovering—To be prayed for during the Service of Preparation (Proskomedia): (Father Andrew's entire list is in the altar. Please see him if you are requesting extra prayers).

Prayers for the Very Sick and Needy—(to be mentioned in the Divine Liturgy): Met. HERMAN, Met. THEODOSIUS, Fr. Thomas Succarotte, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Olga Riley, Jeanne Kimerer, James Riley, Barbara Hicks, William Dryden, Cindy (Emmelia) & Basil Peck, Sophia Puit, Nona Carey, Shawn, Marie Karawulan, Mary Guretsky, Onufry Zabinko, Stephen Kutch, John Elliott, Diana Zlatev, Tesfaye, Juliana and Joshua Bunitsky, Michael Sinovich, Julie Harb, Sharon, Helen Lutzko, Constance Gerassimakis, Betty Harb, Jean Harb, Nino Sensor and Thomas, Mary Varner, and Nectarios Delasser. **Prayers for women and unborn:** Rebbekah and the child to be born of her.

Prayers for Departed: His Beatitude, Patriarch Pavle of Serbia, George (Larissa Rutter's father), newly-departed Archbishop JOB (OCA) of Chicago.

Mini-Panikhida today: Archbishop JOB and George (His Eminence Archbishop JOB fell asleep in the LORD suddenly this past Friday. Age 63. His Funeral will be at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago on Wednesday, Dec. 23 his remains will be interred at Black Lick PA on Saturday, Dec. 26th. Please pray for his soul. Memory Eternal!)

NO Sunday School Christmas Play today.

Extra Confession time before Christmas will be held on **Tuesday evening, Dec. 22**, between **6pm-8pm**.

SERVICES for CHRISTMAS:

- **Royal Hours**, Christmas Eve, **10am, Dec 24th**
- **Christmas Eve Service** (Compline/Matins) **7pm, Dec. 24th**
- **Christmas Day Divine Liturgy**, **10am, Dec. 25th**

The **draft 2010 Volunteer Ministries Schedule for Coffee Hour and Service Duty and Greeters and Readers and Money Counter** has been emailed for review. **Please respond as needed.**

We need some more Prospora bakers. This is our gift of love to Christ, which He kindly offers back to us as His Body and Blood. Please -- we need more ladies (and men) to get involved with this. Email Cathy Souder at souder@verizon.net

Apparitions of the Virgin Mary are again being seen publicly in Egypt by thousands of eye witnesses. You can see actual videos of her appearances on YouTube:

YouTube link: (Just copy and paste this link into your internet browser search window.)

1) Virgin Mary Apparition Dec 10 2009 -- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhcghUEhNXQ>

2) Virgin Mary Apparition Dec 16 2009 She is on roof of the church in Warraq-Cairo-Egypt--and then simply disappears. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_pN3DKh8ZU

3) Virgin Mary 1968-1970 Apparition in Zeitun, Egypt documentary film
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzWsnzV6lUo>

His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew will be featured on the CBS News program **60 Minutes** reported by Bob Simon, on **Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009 at 7 p.m. EST.**

The segment will focus on the Orthodox Church, the most ancient Christian church, and its development from its earliest years to modern times in what is now the Republic of Turkey.

The show will also be **broadcast** over the **Internet** on the 60 Minutes website: www.60minutes.com

WE NOW HAVE a parish financial **MORTGAGE. You are welcome to make a pledge (put the yellow card into the white box in the coatroom). Thank you!**

OCF College Conference at Antiochian Village will be held on **Dec. 27th to 31st.** To register, go online to www.ocf.net.

Our **Marine, John Elliott** has arrived home here in America safely. We welcome him here with us today and we all thank God for John's safe return. Praise God! Safe and sound. John's email: nyx101101@yahoo.com

Parish Ministries for the Month of Dec. 2009:

Date	Fellowship Hour	Service Duty	Cleaning	Greeters	Library
12/20/09	Morjana/Kusumi/Whalen	Baldytchev/Riley	Whalen	Chalfant, Peck, J.Anderson	Gundersen
12/27/09	Shatley/Hines	Sulpizi/Souder	Baldytchev/Fox	C&C Bacuta, M. Anderson	Stoyanov

Dec. 6th Collection: General Fund \$2911, CAA \$369, DA \$38, Building Mortgage \$1740, GSF \$10, Candles \$55.25, Prospora (SAMP) \$9, Special Designated \$25, Loose Cash \$18, Coffee Hour \$27, Children's \$0.