

Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission

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Divine Liturgy – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Confession – Before Divine Liturgy, or by appointment

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Announcements: We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please join us following Divine Liturgy for an afternoon snack and to get to know one another. We hope – and pray – that you will come back to our Church again soon and that your experience with us was spiritually rewarding.

Remember, a special fast will commence on the first day of every month for Metropolitan Nicholas; all faithful are asked to pray at noon on that day for His Eminence's well-being.

If you have any gently used or new clothes items to donate, please contact Michael at michaelmarius@live.com.

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Today is Tone: *Sunday before the Feast of the Lord's Nativity, begins page 146.*

Today's Epistle Reading: *St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 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.

Today's 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 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.

Today's Saints and Feasts: Sunday before Nativity; Boniface the Merciful of Tarsus, Eutychios the Martyr of Thessaloniki; Our Righteous Father Gregentius, Bishop of Ethiopia; Aglaia the Righteous of Rome

Parish Prayer List

Remember to always pray for each other

For Health and God's Provision:

Metropolitan NICHOLAS

Fr. Gregory Allard

Michael-Marios

Sister Tabitha (Israel) & Phillip

Daniel, Liliana, & Alyna

Benadette, Liam, & Amy

Fr. Dcn. William Friedel

Avery and Family

David Freyer & Family

Basil Foxwell

For the Repose of the Soul:

Fr. Michael Conrad (+23 Sep 09)

Patriarch Pavel of Serbia (+15 Nov 09)

Ms. Terry Steal (+31 Dec 09)

Mr. Liam Murray (+01 Jan 10)

Ms. Ia (Edith) Glogg (+17 Feb 10)

Ms. Anna Tarka (+2 May 10)

Mr. Len Brown (+14 Jul 10)

Mr. Antoine M. Diab (+8 Aug 10)

2nd Lt. Robert Kelly, USMC (+9 Nov 10)

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare by Prayer, Fasting, and Confession. However, non-Orthodox visitors are WELCOME to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service. God Bless!

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7

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