



**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (13<sup>th</sup> of Luke) - Tone 3**

**Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ**

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers**

## Scripture Readings

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 (Epistle 328)

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for 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 offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Matthew 1:1-25 (Gospel 1)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot || **continued on back**

## Many Years!

anniversaries

27<sup>th</sup> - Larry Don & Lori Meier

birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> - Robert Boyd  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Pete Pyatt  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Marah Robinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Meagan Gardner  
6<sup>th</sup> - Jeanie Mikita  
11<sup>th</sup> - Anya (Boyd) Gazii  
12<sup>th</sup> - Mayzie Ann Jackson  
17<sup>th</sup> - Tatiana Boyd  
20<sup>th</sup> - Lexi Ann Guy  
29<sup>th</sup> - Sabrina Lee  
31<sup>st</sup> - Natalie Hlatki

## Calendar

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Vespertal Divine Liturgy  
— *Wednesday 9:30a*

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Evening Adult Class  
— **CANCELED**

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Nativity Feast Liturgy  
— *Thursday 8:00a*

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Vespers  
— *Saturday 6:30p*

Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy  
— *Sunday 9:30a*

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Continental Divide  
Water Blessing / Fellowship  
— *Monday 10:30a*

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
— *Following Liturgy*

**continued from front** || Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'" Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

### Troparion | Tone 3 (Resurrection)

*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.*

### Troparion | Tone 2 (Holy Fathers)

*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!*

### Troparion | Tone 4 (Forefeast)

*Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn thyself, 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 is born to raise up again what fell in former times, His image.*

### Kontakion | Tone 1 (Holy Fathers)

*Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare thyself, 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.*

### Kontakion | Tone 2 (Forefeast)

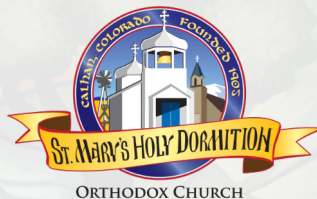
*He Who holds the earth in the hollow of His hand now is beheld in Bethlehem wrapped in swaddling bands. We offer prefestal hymns to his Mother, who maternally rejoices having held to her bosom the Son of God.*

## Ladies group Luncheon (today)

The Ladies group will be leaving right after church to attend the Christmas program in Palmer Lake. Prior to this, we will be stopping at Rosie's Diner in Monument for a quick lunch. If you need to carpool, let us know.

Palmer Lake Town Hall  
Christmas Carol @1pm  
42 Valley Crescent St  
Palmer Lake, CO 80133

Rosie's Diner 11:30am  
411 Hwy 105  
Monument, CO 80132



## Prayer List living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Combs Family

Dee, Harold, Libbie and the Infant Lawrence, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard & Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Navulet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

**Departed:** Gavin

**Those with child:** Mka. Lindsey

**Those who are confined:** Basil, Hannah, Theodore

## Commemorations

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday before the Nativity. Virgin Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 500 men and 130 women (304). Repose of St. Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow, Wonderworker of All Russia (1326). Right-believing Princess Juliana of Vyazma (1406). Repose of Bl. Procopius (Procopius) of Vyatka, Fool-for-Christ (1628). Martyr Themistocles of Myra in Lycia (251).

## Coffee Hour

A big thank you to Vickie Tipton for generously providign last week's coffee hour, many years! The women's group will be attending their own luncheon today - as such the previously scheduled childrens activity has been moved to next week. Children and men will meet in the hall, following liturgy today, for a potluck style coffee hour.

Dec 28 — Potluck and Youth Activity

Looking forward to next year, coffee hour will be restructured into Fellowship Teams. The Fellowship Teams and schedule are posted in the hall. Please see Carrie Guy if you need to make any changes.

## Annual Meeting

Our parish annual meeting is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>. Several positions are up for election. This is a voting meeting, please plan on attending.

## Pledge Forms

Please get your 2026 Pledge amounts to Carrie by the end of the year so she can get the budget together.