



Sunday, December 19, 2021

Gospel: [St. Matthew 1:1-25](#)
[32-40](#)

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Epistle: [Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23,](#)

Sunday before the Nativity. Martyr Boniface at Tarsus in Cilicia,
and Righteous Aglæ (Agláida) of Rome

DECEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

Fr. Andrew in memory of my family & friends

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, December 19

:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Memorial Sunday
Social / Change Linens

Monday, December 20

4:00 pm Respect Life Meeting

Thursday, December 23

6:30 pm Royal Hours for Christmas

Friday, December 24

9:20 am Hours followed by Vespers Divine
Liturgy

2:00 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Service followed by
Christmas Carols

Saturday, December 25

9:30 am: (Note Time) Hours followed by Divine
Liturgy / Christmas Carols

1:00-4:00 pm Free Christmas dinner
NO VESPERS

Sunday, December 26 (Second Day of Christmas)

9:10 am Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Social

Archpriest John Loejos

Archpriest John Loejos fell asleep in the Lord on December 10, 2021, after a battle with cancer. He served for many years at the OCA's Albanian Saint E. Premte Church, Cleveland, OH but he was a priest of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Condolences to Presbytera Paula and the rest of Father John's family.

Fr. Andrew attended the funeral in North Royalton this past Thursday.

Save
the
Date

- Saturday, December 25- Free Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday, January 5- Theophany Holy Night Supper (**PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU ARE COMING**)
- Saturday, January 8- Blessing of the Lake
- Sunday, January 23, 2021 @ 1:00pm - Local March for Life in Port Clinton. The March is about an hour (about a mile) followed by a reception at Knights of Columbus. If one can't walk, prayers will be offered at the Knights until the March is completed
- Sunday, January 30- Annual Church Meeting

JANUARY BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Fr in memory of his Father George and Uncle Edward

Chandelier: (\$50) From Fr. Andrew for my Godmother Helen

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Fr Andrew for all my friends & all former priest's & Bishop's

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25)

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) From Fr. Andrew for the Hlth of my Spiritual Fr on the occasion of his 53rd Ann to the Holy priesthood

Candles @ the Cross (\$15)

Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon (\$15)



Understanding the Bible: Recognizing Antiquity By Fr. Lawrence Farley

In an earlier post we spoke of the necessity of recognizing literary genre as one of the essential keys to understanding the Bible. A second key to understanding the Bible is recognizing its antiquity—that is, acknowledging that the Bible is a very old book—and therefore very different than our modern books.

This would seem to be too obvious to need stating, but apparently not. That is, we moderns are often determined to read into those ancient Biblical texts our modern presuppositions about how to read literature. We assume that the Biblical authors wrote with the same presuppositions as we moderns write, so that our understanding of reality (which we today call “science”) and our way of writing history are the same as theirs. When one thinks about it, one quickly sees how unlikely this is, but we seem to do it all the same anyway. What seems obvious to us we assume would have seemed obvious to them also. Yet when we look more closely at that ancient literature, we immediately see that this is not so.

For example, we see this in our differing understandings of the physical world—i.e. of science. The ancients thought that the world was flat, that the sun moved across the sky, that the sky was solid, and that this solid sky held aloft a heavenly sea of waters that existed above us and from which the rain came down through windows in the sky. We now know that none of this is true, but that is hardly the point. Though the Biblical authors accepted this view of the cosmos in common with everyone else in the ancient world, the purpose of the Biblical texts was not to confirm this view of the physical universe. The Biblical authors wanted to make other points.

The fact that the sky was not solid, that there was not a sea of waters above the sky, and that the sun did not move across the sky like a strong man leaving his bridal chamber (Psalm 19:4-5) was all irrelevant. The Bible’s point was not that the sky was solid, but that it was the God of the Hebrews that made the sky. The Old Testament Bible is an ancient book coming to us from antiquity, and therefore reflecting the views of the physical universe common to everyone in antiquity. That does not make the Bible wrong. It only shows that the Bible is very old.

As well as expecting the Old Testament Bible to reflect an ancient cosmology about how the universe was constituted (with a solid sky and a moving sun), we should also expect its history to reflect ancient ways of writing history. The ancient way of writing history differs in a number of ways from our modern way of writing history. We mention two of them.

One difference was in the use of numbers. We moderns use numbers solely to determine size. If therefore there was a protest consisting of a hundred marchers, we think it is wrong to record that there were a thousand marchers there, and anyone caught inflating the figure would be chastised and forced to admit to an error. The ancients used numbers not only to describe size, but also symbolically, to give the listener an opportunity to feel what it was like to be there.

Thus for example 1 Chronicles 21:5 reports an army of over a million Israelites in the time of David. Given the fact that later on an international coalition of armies from many nations at the famous Battle of Qarqar consisted of just over 50,000 soldiers (with King Ahab of the northern Israelite kingdom contributing 10,000 to the force), the figure of over a million soldiers from Israel alone in the time of David is clearly inflated. That does not mean the Chronicler was lying; only that historians sometimes used numbers symbolically to make a point.

We see differences too in the matter of reportage. In our modern historiography, if one reports that someone made a speech and cites quotes from it, the quotation must be accurate—or at least an accurate approximation of what the person actually said. Making up a speech out of whole cloth and putting it in someone’s mouth as a report of what they said is not acceptable, and might even result in charges of libel. But that was how the ancients wrote their history. If an historian knew that a king gave the customary speech before a battle but didn’t hear the speech or know what was in it, he might invent a speech and say that the king gave this speech, even if he had no idea what the king actually said. This was not lying, only an attempt to give the listener a feel for what it was like to be there.

We know this is how the ancients did their history because an ancient historian tells us that was how they did it. Thucydides, a well-respected historian who died about 400 B.C., wrote in his History of the Peloponnesian War, “With reference to the speeches in this history, some were delivered before the war *Con’t Pg 5*

VIGILS- DECEMBER 12

Tamara Blackford (1) In memory of Rob

Susan Guzy (1) Special intentions

Laura Kovach(4) For health of Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Andrea J., Wendy R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie K., Molly K., David M., Kathie J., Joe H., Margi H. , and Joe S.
For health and recovery of Marguerite B., Stephanie R., George K., and Nancy S. Safe travels for family and friends. Special Intentions

Sandy Martin (3) For health and healing of Marg, special intentions

Royhab (3) For the health of Marguerite, Marianne and Stephanie

Twarek (9) For the health of Amber, For the health and recovery of Zach, Health and recovery of Marguerite, Health and recovery of Dorothy 'Dottie' Goldman, Health and recovery of Joe Schutt, Health and recovery of Jamie Philpot , Jim, Stephanie, Ron, Ezra, Health of David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bohdi, Diane, Stella, Jake, special intentions, special intentions

DECEMBER LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

Sun. Dec. 5: 11 attended Liturgy / 6 Communicants

Mon. Dec. 6: 11 attended Liturgy (3 guests)

Sun. Dec. 12: 12 attended (1 being a guest); 8 Communicants

DECEMBER: OTHER INCOME

Goal for the month in this category: \$2,670

Dec. 5: \$25 Candles; \$105 Vigils; \$180 Holy Day Donations

Dec. 12: \$35 Candles; \$85 Vigils; \$50 donations; \$160 Holy Day donations; \$25 Candles on the Tomb

DECEMBER BULLETIN

CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Father in memory of his family & friends reposed in December

Chandelier: (\$50) From Jean for the Health and safe travels for her daughter Jessica and son-in-law Justin and for the children Hayden, Rowan, & Silas as they travel to their new deployment & home in Japan

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Father in memory of the former pastors of this parish & Hierarchs from the Diocese in the month of Dec.

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) From Tammy in remembrance of her father William and husband Robley

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) From Jean in memory of her father William Pipenur

Candles @ the Cross (\$15) From Sandy for the hlth of Marguerite

Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon (\$15) for the health of Tim and safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice

DECEMBER: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825

Dec. 5: \$490

Dec. 12: \$950

Month Total: \$1,440

DECEMBER: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS

Dec. 5: \$60 Flowers; \$100 Zoe for Life

Dec. 12: \$230 Flower; \$100; \$100 Zoe for Life

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of Dec. 19 Bobbie

Week of Dec. 26 Natalie



PRAYER LIST- UPDATED DECEMBER 14

HIERARCH'S / CLERGY: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Gregory Grivna; Emilian Hutnyan; Joseph Von Klarr; Michael Kuzara; Michael Macura; John Zabinko Deacon Paul Gansle, Deacon Peter Rentsch, Deacon Michael Wison / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko; Virginia Lecko; Maura McCarnthey; Roberta Spengler; Margaret Zabinko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Kristen (Cassell); Marguerite Bird; Maryann Cook (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Charisse (Hileman); Betty Kovach; David LaValle (Fr); Helen Lis; Child Stephanos (Loizos); David Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Nancy Naiser (Royhab); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Joe Schutt; Dacia Snider (Hileman); Diane Tryon; Greg Tyron; Tom Twarek; Child Bodhi (Cassell); Elinor Williams (Golob); Kathryn Tryon & her unborn baby

OTHER REQUESTS: Marge Dziama; Child Ezra; Baby Finn (Cassell); Zoe Finley (ABL);; Ruthe Flewelling; Ben Franklin (Kovach); Dorothy Goldman (Twarek); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky);Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Maria (ABL); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (fr);William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Janice Timko; George Timko; Loren Welch (Fr); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr)

MILITARY: Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Nicholas & Tikhon

CAPTIVES: Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo), Archbishop John Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo, The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world



NOTE: ABL (Archbishop's request) / Please let FR. Andrew know who can come off the list or be p

CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND

Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish.

Thank you and God bless!



BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125th Anniversary is coming!

Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items.

Please consider contributing generously to the *Building/Restoration Fund*.

Fr. Lawrence Con't from Pg 2

began, others while it was going on; some I heard myself, others I got from various quarters; it was in all cases difficult to carry them word for word in one's memory, so my habit has been to make the speakers say what was in my opinion demanded of them by the various occasions, of course adhering as closely as possible to the general sense of what they really said."

This actually was an advance in concern for accuracy from the previous historical methods used, which is why Thucydides is hailed as the father of modern history. But we can see even from him how our modern way of writing history differs from that of the ancients.

None of this means that the numbers, stories, and reportage in the Bible are wrong. It only means that the Bible is a collection of very old books—with some material over 3000 years old. They therefore reflect a different cosmology and a different way of writing history. It is an act of hubris and cultural imperialism to insist that how we use numbers and write history is the only correct way and that the ancients who did it differently were thereby wrong. If we come to the Bible in humility and with the proper respect for what the authors wrote and what the text actually says, we will have to do some cultural translation to fully appreciate all its meaning and nuance. We have to make sure that we are hearing correctly the points the Biblical authors wanted to make, and not insist on them answering questions no one was then asking.

It is no good whinging and whining that this all makes the Bible too hard to understand. Mastering all the meaning and nuance of an entire library was never going to be easy. But for all the Bible's nuance, complexity, and difficulty, its main message is simple enough for a child to understand. According to Christ, the main message of the Law and the Prophets—i.e. the Hebrew Scriptures—is this: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. The flip side and the corollary of this is: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The entirety of the Law and the Prophets depend on those two principles (Matthew 22:37-40). That message is easy enough for anyone to understand—though it is not quite so easy

to put into practice.

Our Lord's words here remind one of the brief comment by the Rabbi Hillel. Hillel was asked once by a Gentile to teach him the whole Torah while he, the Gentile, stood on one foot, and the Gentile promised that he would become a Jew if Hillel could do that. Hillel replied, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah; the rest is commentary."

Hillel was right. Even though the Bible is a very old book written in different languages across many centuries and from many places, its basic message is easy to understand. But, we hasten to add, that "commentary" is very important, and contains lessons we desperately need to know. It is, as Chrysostom once observed, a well that has no bottom. Drinking from this well and learning all its lessons demands from us a humble spirit. We approach the sacred text on our knees, putting aside the noise of our modern presuppositions and listening to what the Scripture actually says. Being a very old book, we must listen very carefully to hear it properly. But the effort put into the understanding the commentary is worth the hard listening.



DECEMBER Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS
12-5-2004: Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia 12-19-1971: Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai 21- Ed & Irene Vangeloff 27- James & Lauren Jerome 12-27-2014: ArchBishop Paul of Chicago 31- Justin & Jessica Issler 31- Fred & Christi Soski 31- Jimmy & Christine Billy	9- Pauline Meath 9- Angie Dardovsky 11- Tina Rindfleisch 11- Emmelyn Monschein 12- Rowan Issler 13- Gabe Mazurik 17- Tim Heffernan 23- Teri Cassell 23- Sean Williams 25- Darlene Mazurik 28- Carol Mazurik 30- Jeff Stokely 30- Christina Adzima

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Dec. 5: Gordon Schutt / Fr. Maximos Herman
Dec. 12: Dan Opritza / AP Peter Tutko
Dec. 19: Robley Blackford
Dec. 26: Donald Keegan
Jan. 9: Victims of the school shooting in Detroit/
 Police officer killed in GA
Jan 16: Fr. John Loejos

READERS

Sunday, Dec. 19 Tim
 Saturday, Dec. 25 Ron
 Sunday, Dec. 26 Tim

For Your Prayers

Diane Tryon
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 Arcadia, OH 44804

Marguerite Bird
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 Marblehead, OH 43440

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER Reposed

Michael Guzy (1927) Mary Lou Hobson (2015) Mary Hritsko (1948)- Anna Holodnak (1951) John Danchisen 1-Helen Elchisco (1990) 3- Mary Hubicki (2013) 8- Bill Soltis (2014) 8-Mary (Marika) Lefas (2019) 10- Michael Basala (1991) 12- Anna Bretz (2002) 13- Joseph Mazurik (1986) 13- Archimandrite Seraphim Oblivantseff (1954) Former Pastor 15- Michael W. Belenky (1971) 18- Archbishop Job (2009) 19- Edward Malchisky (2001) 20- Julia Brosojah Millie (1953)	0- John Mazurik (2017) 20- William Pipenur (2003) 21- Mary Sennich (1985) 22- Antonima Vecsey (1972) 22-Susan La Valle (2019) 23- Steven Danchisen (1982) 23- Fr. David Sedor (2008) 24- Alexandra Turkul (1980) 24- John Bird No year Provided 26- Fr. Robert Sally (2002) 26- Julia Malchisky (1971) 28- Fr. John Kuchta (2019) 29- Alexandra Dotsenko (1980) 30- Bishop Boris (2000) 30- Rita Felenchak (1996) 30-Ed Pehanich, Sr (2019) 31- Jevgeny Cernonok (1980) 31- Robert LaVallee (2007) 31- Hermenegildo Guerrero Peter Onyock (1952) Anna Mazurik (1968)
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OCA Archivist Returns from Conference in Serbia

Early last week, Alexis Liberovsky, the Archivist for the Orthodox Church in America, returned from a trip to Serbia in order to participate in the conference "Link between Times: Conclusions and Perspectives. On the Centennial of the Russian Church Abroad". The conference was organized by Dn. Andrei Psarev, founder and director of the ROCOR Studies website and Professor at Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, NY in cooperation with Dr. Radovan Pilipović, Director of the Archive of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Joining Mr. Liberovsky at the conference were twenty two other speakers from around the world.

Mr. Liberovsky's presentation was entitled "The Relationship of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) and ROCOR from 1950 to the present according to the documents of the OCA Archives." He spoke on the relationship between the two churches, balancing the documented conflicts that arose with the positive moments in the history of the relationship, concluding with an optimistic outlook for cooperation in the future. Mr. Liberovsky also conveyed well-wishes from His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon to all the conference participants and took questions and comments from the audience. Conference papers are being prepared for publication in both Russian and English.

The official news release on the day's proceedings noted: "Alexis Liberovsky, the OCA's lead archivist, struck an especially open and conciliatory note in his richly illustrated and sourced talk by emphasizing the cordial relations between Metropolitans Anastasy and Leonty, the important 2010 Joint Statement between the ROCOR and the OCA, as well as the fact that the OCA, for its part, had never formally broken off communion with the ROCOR."

In addition to the presentation of papers, the conference was a chance to strengthen contacts with scholars who had consulted the OCA Archive in the past and to acquaint a broader audience with the collections and work of the Archive.

Following the conference, Mr. Liberovsky was able to visit the Archive of the Serbian Orthodox Church, meet with their staff, and see some of their

collections. He visited several churches, historical sites in Belgrade, and was given a tour of the Museum of the Serbian Church located at the Serbian Patriarchate.

Mr. Liberovsky noted that his travel to Serbia provided international visibility for the OCA and introduced a wide-ranging audience of both ecclesiastical and secular scholars to the vision of the OCA, in some cases, for the first time. Ties were also strengthened with the Archive of the Serbian Orthodox Church and

Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule:

St. Joseph Church Wheaton, IL,
December 13th

Ordination of Patrick Wesley Vickery the Sub
Diaconate

St. John the Baptist, Warren, OH,
December 17th to 19th

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL,
December 23rd to 25th

Nativity Services

St. Mark Church, Rochester, MI,
December 26th

Ordination of Mason Baker to the Sub diaconate
Tonsure of two readers, presentation of Diocesan
Grammotta

Holy Ascension Church, Albion, MI,
December 31st to January 1st

Ordination of Deacon Anthony Saunders to the
Priesthood

Holy Trinity, Detroit, MI,
January 1st to 2nd

St. Makarios Mission,
January 8th to 9th

St. Nicholas Church, Joliet, IL,
January 15th to 16th

Sunday before the Nativity
Commemorated on December 19

Adam and Eve (the first-created), the righteous Abel, son of Adam, the righteous Seth, son of Adam, the righteous Enos, son of Seth, the righteous Kenan, son of Enos, the righteous Mehaliel (Maleleim), son of Kenan, the righteous Jared, son of Mehaliel, the righteous Enoch, son of Jared, the righteous Methuselah, son of Enoch, the righteous Lamech, son of Methuselah, the righteous Noah, son of Lamech, the righteous Shem, son of Noah, the righteous Japheth, son of Noah, the righteous Arphachshad, son of Shem, the righteous Canaan, son of Arphachshad (in some versions of the OT, Canaan is called the son of Ham), the righteous Shelah, son of Canaan (some versions of the OT call Shelah the son of Arphachshad), the righteous Eber (from whom the Hebrews take their name), son of Shelah, the righteous Peleg, son of Eber, the righteous Ragab (Reu), son of Peleg, the righteous Serug, son of Ragab, the righteous Nahor, son of Serug, the righteous Terah, son of Serug.

The holy Patriarchs: the righteous Patriarch Abraham, son of Terah, the righteous Patriarch Isaac, son of Abraham, the righteous Patriarch Jacob, son of Isaac, the righteous Patriarch Reuben, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Simeon, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Levi, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Judah (Christ was of this tribe), the righteous Patriarch Zebulon, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Issachar, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Dan, son of Jacob and Bilhah (Rachel's maid), the righteous Patriarch Gad, son of Jacob and Zilpah (Leah's maid), the righteous Patriarch Asher, son of Jacob and Zilpah, the righteous Patriarch Naphthali, son of Jacob and Bilhah, the righteous Patriarch Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel, the righteous Patriarch Benjamin, son of Jacob and Rachel.

The righteous Pharez and Zerah, twin sons of Judah, the righteous Hezron, son of Pharez, the righteous Aram, son of Hezron, the righteous Aminadab, son of Aram, the righteous Nahshon, son of Aminadab, the righteous Salmon, son of Nahshon, the righteous Boaz, son of Salmon, the righteous Obed, son of Boaz and Ruth, the righteous Jesse, son of Obed.

The holy Prophet-King David, son of Jesse, King

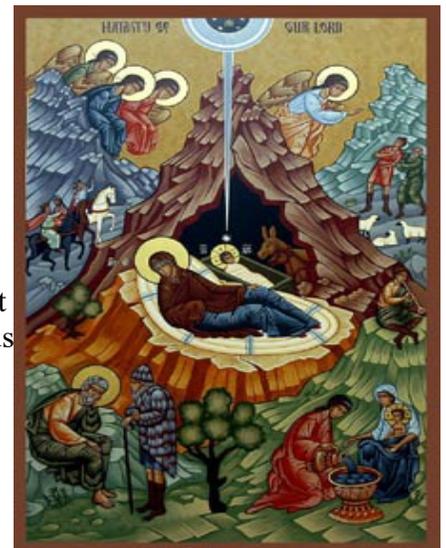
Solomon, son of David, King Rehoboam, son of Solomon, King Abijah, son of Rehoboam, King Asa, son of Abijah, King Jehosaphat, son of Asa, King Joram (Jehoram, an evil king), son of Jehosaphat, King Ochoziah (Ahaziah), son of Joram, King Jotham, son of Uzziah (Oziah), King Ahaz (a faithless king), son of Jotham, King Hezekiah, son of Ahaz, King Manesseh, son of Hezekiah, King Amos (Ammon), son of Manesseh, King Josiah, son of Amos, King Jechoniah, son of Josiah.

Shealtiel, son of Jechoniah, Zerubbabel (who led captives back to Jerusalem, and laid the foundations of the new Temple), son of Shealtiel, Abiud, son of Zerubbabel, Eliachem, son of Abiud, Azor, son of Eliachem, Zadok, son of Azor, Achim, son of Zadok, Eliud, son of Achim, Eleazar, son of Eliud, Matthan, son of Eleazar, Jacob, son of Matthan, St Joseph the Betrothed, son of Jacob.

The righteous Melchizedek, King of Salem, the righteous Job, the holy Prophet Moses, the priests Hur and Aaron, Joshua, son of Nun.

The holy prophet Samuel, the holy prophet Nathan, the holy prophet Daniel, the three holy youths Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

The righteous Sarah, wife of Abraham, the righteous Rebecca, wife of Isaac, the righteous Leah, first wife of Jacob, the righteous Rachel, second wife of Jacob, the righteous Asineth, wife of Patriarch Joseph the all-comely, the righteous Miriam, sister of Moses, the righteous Deborah, Judge of Israel and prophetess, the righteous Ruth, wife of Boaz, the righteous woman of Zarephath, to whom Elias was sent (3 Kings 17), the righteous woman of Shunem, who was hospitable to Elisha (4 Kings 4), the righteous Judith, slayer of Holofernes, the righteous Esther, who delivered Israel from death, the righteous Hannah, mother of the prophet Samuel, the righteous Susanna.



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

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, Sunday Before)

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 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.

POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS

(Please help defray the cost of our Christmas flowers.
You can purchase in Memory of or health of someone. Cost: \$20/flower.)

Fr. Andrew (10 flowers)

- For the health of all parishioners and their families & all that support our church
- For the health of the Police & Fire Departments of both Summit, IL & Marblehead, OH
- For the health of the Mayor and council & all village businesses & residents of Marblehead
- For the health of all my family & friends & my spiritual father, Fr. James
- The Coast Guard Station, border patrol & all military
- In memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Bishop
- In memory of my parents George & Dorothy
- In memory of my grandparents Steve, Mary, Justina, Matthias
- In memory of my godparents Andrew & Helen & all my family and friends
- In memory of all the Diocesan Hierarchs, Former Hierarchs of the Carpatho-Russian Dioceses, Former Pastors, & all the Diptych's of this parish

Twarek Family(3 Flowers)

- For the health of family & friends
- For the health of our parish family
- In Loving Memory of our parents, grandparents & all departed relatives

Basil Glovinsky (8 flowers)

- For the health of Tim & Mary
- For the health of Archpriest Andrew and all the parishioners of Holy Assumption & their families
- In Loving memory of my wife Jean
- In Loving memory of my parents Anthony & Martha
- In Loving Memory of my in-laws George & Catherine & family
- In Loving memory of my grandparents Lucas & Mary & uncle Mike
- In loving memory of my God-parents John & Helen Beadle
- In loving memory of my brothers & sisters & family
- In Loving memory of the Archpriest Father Peter & his Matushka Sonja Tutko

Mike & Diane Tryon (2 flowers)

- In loving memory of our parents
- In loving memory of the departed aunts & uncles

Royhab Family (2 flowers)

- For the Health of the Royhab Family
- For the Health of the Libb Family

Jean Hileman (1 flower)

- For Blessings received



THANK YOU

Thank you for Susan for donating \$100 toward the wine order in January.

