

SUNDAY
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29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Troparion - Tone IV (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your 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 - Tone II (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!

Kontakion - Tone VI (Fathers)

O thrice-blessed ones, you did not worship the image made by man, but armed with the invisible power of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: "Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our defense, for You are merciful and able to accomplish all that You will."

Kontakion - Tone IV (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Epistle: 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.

Gospel: 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 Aram, and Aram 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 Amon, and Amon 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 Salathiel, and Salathiel 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.

Commemorated today: Holy Fathers; Holy Martyr Boniface

-Holy Fathers - On this Sunday, in preparation of the Nativity of our Lord, we celebrate all those who from ages past have been well-pleasing to God, beginning from Adam even unto Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, according to genealogy, as the Evangelist Luke recorded historically (Luke 3:23-38); we also commemorate the Prophets and Prophetesses, and especially the Prophet Daniel and the Holy Three Children.

-St. Boniface lived during the reign of Diocletian, was the servant of a certain Roman woman of senatorial rank named Aglais. Mistress and servant lived together in an unlawful union, and Boniface was moreover given to drunkenness and riotous living. Nevertheless, he was generous to the poor, hospitable to strangers, and compassionate to those in misfortune. At last, Aglais, moved at hearing the accounts of the Martyrs, and believing in the power of their intercessions to obtain the mercy of God, sent Boniface to Tarsus to obtain relics of holy Martyrs. Before he departed, he asked her in jest, "And what if they bring back my body as holy relics?" He then set out with some of his fellow slaves for Cilicia, where the Saints were contesting in martyrdom. As he went among the Martyrs and encouraged them in their pains he was arrested by the ruler and confessed Christ with boldness, and suffered death as a martyr in the year 290. Thus what he had said in jest to his mistress was fulfilled when he himself was brought back to her as sacred relics by his fellow servants. St. Aglais devoted the remainder of her life to prayer and works of virtue, and reposed in sanctity. St. Boniface is especially invoked for help against the passion of drinking.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Please see the attached flyer for upcoming services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **TODAY: SERBIAN FATHER'S DAY** – The Serbian Orthodox Church holds the tradition of honoring family on the last three Sundays of the Advent Fast. This Sunday we commemorate all the holy fathers of the Church. Psychology and religion agree that a child receives its first idea about God from his or her parents, and the role of the father is vital in developing that idea. When a father takes responsibility for his own spiritual life, for the way he prays, goes to church, and practices virtue in the family, he sets a good example. Let us pray that God continues to bless our fathers and may they continue to show their families strong, love and forgiveness, and the virtues modeled powerfully in the father of the prodigal son (Lk 11:32).

• **THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST/BADNJIDAN** – 10:00am- Divine Liturgy; 6:00pm- Great Compline with the lighting of the Yule Tree/Badnjak - Please join Father George, The Executive Board and all auxiliary organizations for dinner in the coffee room after the Lighting of the Yule Tree/Badjnak.

- **UPDATES FROM ANNUAL MEETING** – Firstly, the board approved the 2023 budget. Secondly, Guy Defebo reconsidered and agreed to take the 1st Vice President board position. All documentation has been issued to the Diocese.
- **NATIVITY FLOWERS** – Please see the attached form to donate toward Nativity flowers. Your donations for the health of or in memory of a loved one provide our Cathedral with beautiful floral arrangements. Decorating our church is an important and sentimental tradition. Thank you for your donations! Forms are also available at the Tutor desk.
- **SLAVA VIDEO AVAILABLE** – The Slava video is ready for distribution. If you already ordered a video or if you would like to purchase one, please see Jennifer Trklja. The cost of the video is \$25.
- **GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS** – Gift cards are available for purchase. Please support this fundraiser by stopping in the church office!
- **AMAZON SMILE** – Please remember to shop Amazon Smile and designate Holy Trinity Cathedral as your charity. (1) Visit smile.amazon.com; (2) Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com; (3) Select your charity; (4) Start shopping!
- **FOOD PANTRY** – Reminder to please continue to bring items for the food pantry or monetary offerings are appreciated. This is an ongoing project. Thanks again to all those who help in this endeavor!

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

\$25 in memory of Phil Catanzaro by Ned and Chris Karlovich

\$25 in memory of Phil Catanzaro by Mary Drnach

\$25 in memory of Else Karamarkovich by Ned and Chris Karlovich

\$25 in memory of Else Karamarkovich by Michael (Topsy) and Joyce Wuchenich

\$30 in memory of Phil Catanzaro by Milan and Maria Stanojevic

\$30 in memory of Tina Winovich by Milan and Maria Stanojevic

\$50 for the health of Millie Vignovic by George and Deborah Pavlovich

\$50 in memory of Phil Catanzaro by Michael (Topsy) and Joyce Wuchenich

\$100 in honor of Sv. Nikola Slava by Rudley and Dessa Mrvos

\$100 in memory of my father, Stojan Spanovich on his Slava, Sv. Nikola by Mary Drnach

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

*for the BEAUTIFICATION and ADORNMENT
of our HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL during the
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY*



NAME: _____

DONATION AMOUNT: _____

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES РАСПОРЕД БОГОСЛУЖЕЊА

Friday, January 6

*The Eve of the Nativity of Christ
Badnjidan*

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. – Great Compline with the lighting of the Yule Tree/Badnjak
Dinner to follow in the church coffee room

Saturday, January 7

The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 8

Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 9

Holy Apostle, Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy with blessing of Slava breads to follow

Петак, 6. јануар

*Света Преподобномученица Евгенија
Бадњидан*

10:00 час. – Света Литургија
18:00 час. – Бденије са благосиљања бадњака

Вечера у црквеној сали након службе

Субота, 7. јануар

*Рождество Христово
Божић*

10:00 час. – Света Литургија

Недеља, 8. јануар

Сабор Пресвете Богородице

10:00 час. – Света Литургија

Понедељак, 9. јануар

*Свети Првомученик и Архиђакон
Стефан*

10:00 час. – Благосиљања славских колача пре и после Свете Литургије

CHRIST IS BORN! INDEED HE IS BORN!

МИР БОЖИЛИ! ХРИСТОС СЕ РОДИ! ВАИСТИНУ СЕ РОДИ!

Christmas Flower Donation 2023

\$50	Mark Mervos	IMO Dimitar and Darinka Mrvos and Ned and Helen Mrvos
\$75	George Pavlovich and Deborah Studen-Pavlovich	IMO Galina and Zarko Pavlovich and Mary and George Studen
\$25	Cherry Bobik	IMO Jules Bobik
\$100	Drs. Janicijevic	IMO our parents; Proto and Protinica and Dusko and Jelica Duskovic
\$25	Millie Vignovic	IMO Rade Vignovic
\$25	Guy and Dar Defebo	IMO George Maravich and Vince and Mary Defebo; IHO Joanne Maravich
\$25	Melanie Stanish	IMO Martha Stanish
\$100	HTC Kolo	
\$25	Lillian Tintor	IMO dear mother Lillian Sydoriak
\$50	Doreen Leech	IHO grandson, Jack Yoest
\$50	Bob and Danella Winovich	IHO our six grandchildren
\$50	Dawna Martich	IMO Dragan and Julia; IHO Joan and John, Jackie and Connor, Julie and Garrett and Robert
\$100	Ranko and Michelle Ivetic	IMO our father, Michael Radovick and Branko Ivetic
\$20	Anne Edwards	IMO Phil Catanzaro
\$25	Joanne Maravich	IMO George Maravich
\$50	Fr. Dcn David Manko	IMO of parents Andrew and Helen Musulin Manko
\$20	Ronald Mamula	
\$100	Mark and Saundra Veseleny	IMO of George and Smilla Matich and Joseph and Dorothy Veseleny
\$20	Sara Mrvos and Jelena Mrvos	IMO of grandmothers: Mildren Mrvos and Mary Yandrich
\$25	Melanie and Bill McCabe	IMO George Suznevich
\$20	Mark and Lisa Winowich	IHO Ana and Nadia Winowich