

Troparion — Tone 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith, / for the Three Holy Youths rejoiced in the source of the flame, as if by restful waters,¹ / and the Prophet Daniel appeared / as a shepherd of lions as of sheep. / By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kontakion — Tone 6

(For when the Sunday before the Nativity falls on December 18-19)

You would not worship an image made by hands, O thrice-blessed youths; / but shielded by the ineffable Essence, you were glorified through your ordeal by fire. / In the midst of the unbearable fire you called upon God, crying: / "Hasten, O compassionate One, / and in Your mercy come to our aid, / for if You will, You can do so."²

Kontakion — Tone 1

(For when the Sunday before the Nativity falls on December 20-24)

Be glad, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha; / for the Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Great Shepherd she carries in her womb. / The God-bearing Fathers will rejoice, beholding Him, / and with the shepherds, they will praise the Virgin who nurses Him.

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Friend of the Bridegroom: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)



Sunday, December 22nd, 2024

Sunday Before The Nativity

Fr. Brian Crivella, Rector.....330-372-3895 / BrianCrivella@gmail.com

Dn. John Tutoki, Hall Coordinator 330-720-3541

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Sunday, Dec 22nd 26th Sunday after PNTCST/Tone 1. Sunday before Nativity
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Church School Nativity Program

Tuesday, Dec 24th Eve of the Nativity of Christ
5:00 pm Vigil

Wednesday, Dec 25th The Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm AA Meeting

Saturday, Dec 28th The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia
5:00 pm Great Vespers Followed by Confessions

Sunday, Dec 29th 27th Sunday after PNTCST/Tone 2. Holy Righteous One
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Church School Nativity Program @ Coffee Hour

Attendance/Stewardship December 15th

Attendance: 55 Adults and 15 Children	70 Total
Weekly Stewardship Offerings:	\$2080.00
Weekly Candle Offerings:	\$190.00
Charity of the Month (Saint John’s Monastery):	\$45
YTD Budget Inflows:	\$171,687.77
YTD Budget Outflows	\$184,682.10
YTD Surplus/deficit	-\$12,994.33

Prayer Corner

Fr. Dcn. John Tutoki	Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)
Sbdcn George Kaschack	Frank & Sarah Crivella
Patty DiGiacobbe	James Livermore Jr.
James Sr. & Karen Livermore	David Campbell
Cassandra, Patrick, Elizabeth, Patrick	Renee & Anna
Laura & Roy	Greg, Clara, Jeanie
Soltis Family	Dawn & Bradley Cyhan
Azouria	John Keaty
Walter Toles	Nicky Cole
John Buranich (Eleanore Krenitsky’s Brother)	
Rachel Derr (Denise Higgin’s Goddaughter)	
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

Newly Departed: Steve Weller (12/20) & also Gary Altamara (11/27) [Fr. Brian’s Uncle],

Catechumens: Lucian & Lilianna Vasil, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christohpher, & William Cunningham, Matthew Rose, Nicky Lewis, Alexander Mackey, Tristan & Colleen Beil

Birthdays: Darren Sabino (27th) & Bill Bindle & Jonathan McVeigh (28th)

Anniversaries: xx

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	For the Memory of Anna Mae Stehnach
Altar	For the Health of the Choir
Christ	For the Memory of June, Anna Mae, Barb & Jean

Announcements

End of Year Donation

As our parish comes to the close of the year and is facing a budget shortfall of about \$13,000 please prayerful consider if you or a loved one would like to give an end of year tax deductible gift to our beloved parish to help make up the difference. May Christ our true God bless each of us for our loving charity towards His Church, and for our good stewardship over all the things He has given us!
-For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)

UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parish Development Forum is planning the first ever Ugly Sweater Christmas Party for all parishioners and their families on Sunday December 29, following the Divine Liturgy, and annual Christmas Concert. All attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite classic, ugly, silly, traditional, dressy, or creative sweater to the party for a chance to win a prize in one of multiple Sweater categories. We’ll be ordering chicken as a main entree, but will handle side dishes and desserts as a potluck - a sign up sheet will be available on the candle stand. Enjoy a game of Christmas/Nativity trivia, a Hot Cocoa Bar, and a holiday Photo Booth, Christmas music too! This is going to be a great event, so please plan to attend for some fun, food, and fellowship!

PARISH PHOTO

At the conclusion of the Choir Concert on Sunday December 29, we’ll be taking an updated parish group photo at the front of the Church before heading to the party in the social hall. Please be sure to attend, and let your fellow parishioners know about the photo!

Charity for the Month of December: Saint John’s Monastery in Hiram

St. John the Theologian Monastery is a small monastic community of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, located in northeastern Ohio. The Monastery supports itself through the sale of church goods to be found on this website, and seeks to live a quiet life of prayer and common labor for the sake of Christ and His Holy Church.

Youth Ministry Training in Florida

There will be youth ministry training in Florida from February 5th-8th and our parish would like to send one or two people to attend. If you are interested, please see the flier and Michael Stan for more details!