

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday November 22nd 2015

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Glory be to Jesus Christ



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Tropar and Kondak Tone 8- Blue Book pg. 102 Red Book pg. 117

Kondak of Preparation for the Nativity of Christ Tone 3

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave* where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding* to the Word Who is in all eternity* Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded.* With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe* while remaining God in all eternity.

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services

Thursday 11/26 9:30AM- Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving

Saturday 11/28- 10AM Christmas Decorating **6PM** Great Vespers

Sunday 11/29- 10AM Divine Liturgy



The St. Elizabeth's Jr. ACRY Youth group Coat/Food Drive was a great success! Thank you to all the parents and everyone who participated to make this good work a reality.

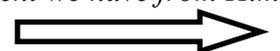
The youth of our Church learned a valuable lesson about what it means to be a *cheerful giver* (2nd Corinthians 2:9). They also learned that each human soul is infinitely valuable. That each of us are created in the image and likeness of God, that we are all Icons of Christ, and Temples of the Holy Spirit.

We all love and care for our Church, our Temple, where we worship God. If our Church was cold, dirty, and in need of attention would we ignore it? Of course not, because it is where

God dwells. We must look at those suffering in the world around us in the same way because each person is the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1st Corinthians 6:19). We must always care and love for our fellow man above the material aspects of the world around us.

We also talked about 1 John 4:20 *"If anyone says 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God, should love his brother also."*

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If we truly love God then we must love our brother, our neighbor, our enemies; this means that we must love the very next person and every person we encounter. If we love our brother it means that we will help and sacrifice for them, just as Christ sacrificed for each of us.

This is such a valuable lesson to instill in our children, and a valuable lesson for each of us to let grow in our hearts and souls, especially as we eagerly await the Incarnation of our Lord this Christmas!

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Pacio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesko, Robin



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Congratulations, Prayers, and Blessings!- Today our Parish welcomes our newest and youngest family member, Hudson Michael Williams, into Christ's Holy Orthodox Church! **Welcome** to all of Kasi and Rob's friends and family! Hudson Michael's Baptism will begin around 12pm today.

Bishop Gregory's Advent Prayer Challenge- In case you missed it last week, Bishop Gregory has challenged each of us to pray a special prayer for peace each night in our evening prayers. If you need a copy of the prayer they are available in the atrium.

Prayers- Please continue to pray for Fred, Helen, and the Milesko family. Fred will be returning home this Tuesday!

Advent Mission Project- The National ACRY has mounted a campaign to support St. John the Baptist Parish of Perth Amboy's efforts in conjunction with IOCC to build a Habitat for Humanity Home in memory of +Protopresbyter Michael Rosco. Plans call for a home to be built in the summer of 2016 for a deserving family in Mandeville, LA where Fr. Michael, working with IOCC relief teams, assisted with 3 similar building projects in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. This is a very worthy cause and His Grace Bishop Gregory has asked for all of our support. 75,000\$ is needed in order to build the home and every bit helps. As part of the IOCC effort, young adults are also needed in the summer 2016 to help in the building. If you are interested in helping in any way, please see Father Matthew.

Thanksgiving- Remember Christ this thanksgiving by celebrating the Liturgy with your parish family. The Body and Blood of Christ is called the Eucharist, which means Thanksgiving. Truly there is nothing to be more thankful for than Christ and His love and sacrifice on the Cross for each of us.

Christmas Decorating- This Saturday we will begin decorating the Church and Atrium for the Christmas season. Any who is able please come help, **we will begin at 10AM.**

Special Christmas Art Class!- Teresa Van Buul will be teaching a Christmas themed art class on Saturday, December 5th at 12PM. The Cost to participate will be 20\$. Each participant will get to make their own hand crafted Christmas ornament! This is also the eve of the Feast Day of St. Nicholas so following the class will be a potluck dinner and Great Vespers.

Sunday School Project- If you have any left over Halloween candy please bring it in for a special project for the kids. We will also need half gallon milk cartons so please wash them out and bring them in!

New Coffee Hour Sign up Online- If you haven't signed up for coffee hour in a while remember that this is an important part of our community life. Check out <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e45a4ae29aa8-coffee> and sign up!