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Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church

December 21, 2014

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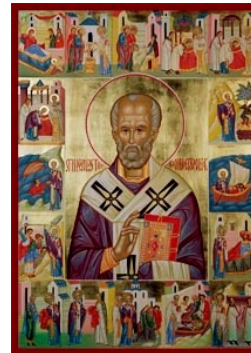


DECEMBER 21, 2014

28th Sunday After Pentecost
Forefeast of the Conception by St.
Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos

Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18
Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Resurrectional Tone 3



Church Services and Events

Tues	Dec 23	7:00 pm – Moleben to the Mother of God
Wed	Dec 24	4:00 pm Lord's Kitchen Christmas Dinner
Sat	Dec 27	5:00 pm Great Vespers
Sun	Dec 28	8:30 Confession, 8:45 am 6 th Hour
Sun	Dec 28	9:00 am Liturgy, Panachida Rep. C & C Boychew, C.School

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St John's Stewards

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee Hour Host</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Epistle Reading</u>	<u>Cleaner</u>
Dec 28	OK Mihaly	Pani Carol	Serge	Bilcheck
Jan 4	Pierce	Holly	Bill	Decerbo

Birthdays/Anniversaries

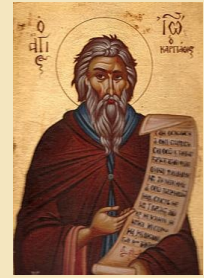
Dec 23	William Booth, Sr.	Birthday
Dec 25	Maribel Best	Birthday
Dec 27	Faith Stirna	Birthday

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Announcements

- ❖ **ADULT EDUCATION & BIBLE STUDY** –The Next Adult Education Class will take place On Sunday Dec 21 in lieu of the sermon. All are welcome to join us for our weekly Bible Study on Wed Mornings at 11:00 am. We are studying the Gospel according to St. Matthew.
- ❖ **12 WEEK FOOD CHALLENGE** – There is a challenge across the nation which began on Facebook asking each family to donate one food item to a local food bank each week until the end of the Year. We are asking parishioners to do the same. This will help restock our nation's food banks which are at low levels.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROJECT** - Many Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. Our parishioners contributed 11 gift cards totaling \$275!!! and \$170.00 towards the cost of the meal and hundreds of cookies. Thank you for being the kind, generous and caring people that you are. St. John's indeed is the small little church with the big heart!
- ❖ **ST NICHOLAS BRUNCH** – Many thanks to our hard working parish ladies for putting together a fabulous festive brunch that we will all enjoy after today's Liturgy. May God Grant you Many Years!
- ❖ **BOWLING OUTING** - The Annual Deanery Youth Bowling outing will take place on Monday Dec 29, 2014 at Nutmeg Bowling Lanes in Fairfield, CT. Cost is \$12.00 and includes a pizza lunch to follow at St. Johns on Silver Lane. Christmas caroling will take place after Lunch at various nursing homes. Please let Fr. Peter know by today, Sunday, Dec 21, if your children and parents will be attending.
- ❖ **ACRY NEWS** - Those who wish to be members of the ACRY are kindly asked to see Tim Paproski to pay their dues, which the membership set at \$20 per year. In Support of the Advent Mission Project, which will provide vestments to mission parishes, we will hold a raffle of a beautiful quilt. Chances are \$1.00 each.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY SUPPER** On Tuesday January 6, 2015 at 6:30 pm, we will have our annual Christmas Eve Holy Supper in our Church Hall. All are welcome to attend. While there is no charge to attend participants are asked to bring a food item from the menu that is posted in the Church Hall. Please mark your calendar, plan on attending and watch for more details! The Christmas Eve Compline Service will follow the Holy Supper at 8:00 pm. The Matins Service of Christmas will be held as usual at 12 Midnight.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS** - Two rehearsals are scheduled for Sunday Dec 28 and January 4 following Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy will be sung chorally on these Sundays as well. All Choir members are urged to be in attendance to properly prepare for this great feast
- ❖ **CONFESSION AND COMMUNION** – All Parishioners are urged to prepare themselves to receive Holy Communion at the Christmas Liturgy by coming to Holy Confession during the final days of Advent, before or after all services or by appointment.

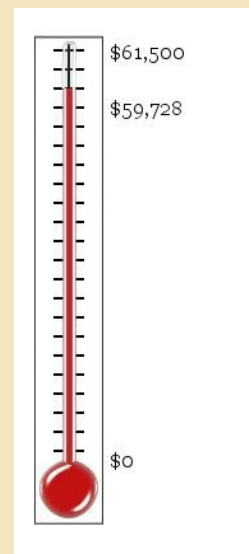
Pearls of



Wisdom

Do all in your power not to fall, for the strong athlete should not fall. But if you do fall, get up again at once and continue the contest. Even if you fall a thousand times because of the withdrawal of God's grace, rise up again each time, and keep on doing this until the day of your death. For it is written, 'If a righteous man falls down seven times' that is, repeatedly throughout his life 'seven times shall he rise again again' [Prov. 24:16].
- St John of Karpathos

Stewardship (Pew Collection)



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Your Parish Carry Out Its
Vital Mission!**