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

Matthew 1:1-25 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship and fellowship.
If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY Eve of the Nativity **Strict Fast**

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours

10:00 am Divine Liturgy *no refreshments*

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

Monday, December 25 Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Fast Free 12/25-1/4

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours

10:00 am Christmas Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 26 Second Day of Nativity; Synaxis of the Theotokos

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours

10:00 am Christmas Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 30

4:50 pm Ninth Hour

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, December 31 Ven. Melania the Younger of Rome (†439)

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours

10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

Monday, January 1 Circumcision of Christ; St. Basil the Great; New 2018 Year

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours

10:00 am Christmas Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

MANY THANKS TO To everybody, from bakers to patrons, that took part in our annual Christmas Bake Sale! May God bless everyone involved in making this a success and helping us break yet another record.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Please consider making an offering to help offset our beautiful Christmas flower cost.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check your schedule and see when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board for next months coffee hour rotation.

PASTORAL MINISTRY Call (815) 725-4742 or (630) 559-5785 to register as a parishioner, to initiate instruction in the Faith, to schedule sacraments, visitation, etc.

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**GOD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS &
RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP!!!**

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

Brethren... 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.

Today Gospel (Matthew 1:1-25)

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.

Апостол Дня (Ефесеянам 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40)

Братия... Верую обитал он на земле обетованной, как на чужой, и жил в шатрах с Исааком и Иаковом, сонаследниками того же обетования; ибо он ожидал города, имеющего основание, которого художник и строитель Бог. Верую Авраам, будучи искушаем, принес в жертву Исаака и, имея обетование, принес едиnorodного, о котором было сказано: в Исааке наречется тебе семья. Ибо он думал, что Бог силен и из мертвых воскресить, почему и получил его в предзнаменование. Верую в будущее Исаак благословил Иакова и Исава. Верую Иаков, умирая, благословил каждого сына Иосифова и поклонился на верх жезла своего. Верую Иосиф, при кончине, напоминал об исходе сынов Израилевых и заведшал о костях своих. Верую Моисей по рождении три месяца скриваем был родителями своими, ибо видели они, что дитя прекрасно, и не усталились царского повеления. И что еще скажу? Недостанет мне времени, чтобы повествовать о Гедеоне, о Вараке, о Самсоне и Иеффаяе, о Давиде, Самуиле и (других) пророках, которые верую побеждали царства, творили правду, получали обетования, заграждали уста львов, угашали силу огня, избегали острия меча, укреплялись от немощи, были крепки на войне, прогоняли полки чужих; жены получали умерших своих воскресшими; иные же замучены были, не приняв освобождения, дабы получить лучшее воскресение; другие испытали поругания и побои, а также узы и темницу, были побиваемы камнями, перепиливаемы, подвергаемы пытке, умирали от меча, скитались в милотях и козых кожах, терпя недостатки, скорби, озлобления; те, которых весь мир не был достоин, скитались по пустыням и горам, по пещерам и ущельям земли. И все сии, свидетельствованные в вере, не получили обещанного, потому что Бог предусмотрел о нас нечто лучшее, дабы они не без нас достигли совершенства.

Евангелие Дня (Луки 1:1-25)

Родословие Иисуса Христа, Сына Давидова, Сына Авраамова. Авраам родил Исаака; Исаак родил Иакова; Иаков родил Иуду и братьев его; Иуда родил Фареса и Зару от Фамари; Фарес родил Есрома; Есром родил Арама; Арам родил Аминадава; Аминадав родил Наассона; Наассон родил Салмона; Салмон родил Вооза от Рахавы; Вооз родил Овида от Руфи; Овид родил Иессея; Иессей родил Давида царя; Давид царь родил Соломона от бывшей за Уриею; Соломон родил Ровоама; Ровоам родил Авия; Авия родил Асу; Аса родил Иосафата; Иосафат родил Иорама; Иорам родил Озию; Озия родил Иоафама; Иоафам родил Ахаза; Ахаз родил Езекию; Езекия родил Манассию; Манассия родил Амона; Амон родил Иосию; Иосия родил Иоакима; Иоаким родил Иехонию и братьев его, перед переселением в Вавилон. По переселении же в Вавилон, Иехония родил Салафииля; Салафииль родил Зоровавеля; Зоровавель родил Авиуда; Авиуд родил Елиакима; Елиаким родил Азора; Азор родил Садока; Садок родил Ахима; Ахим родил Елиуда; Елиуд родил Елеазара; Елеазар родил Матфана; Матфан родил Иакова; Иаков родил Иосифа, мужа Марии, от Которой родился Иисус, называемый Христос. Итак всех родов от Авраама до Давида четырнадцать родов; и от Давида до переселения в Вавилон четырнадцать родов; и от переселения в Вавилон до Христа четырнадцать родов. Рождество Иисуса Христа было так: по обручении Матери Его Марии с Иосифом, прежде нежели сочетались они, оказалось, что Она имеет во чреве от Духа Святаго. Иосиф же муж Ее, будучи праведен и не желая огласить Ее, хотел тайно отпустить Ее. Но когда он помыслил это, - се, Ангел Господень явился ему во сне и сказал: Иосиф, сын Давидов! не бойся принять Марию, жену твою, ибо родившееся в Ней есть от Духа Святаго; родит же Сына, и наречешь Ему имя Иисус, ибо Он спасет людей Своих от грехов их. А все сие произошло, да сбудется реченное Господом через пророка, который говорит: се, Дева во чреве примет и родит Сына, и нарекут имя Ему Еммануил, что значит: с нами Бог. Встав от сна, Иосиф поступил, как повелел ему Ангел Господень, и принял жену свою, и не знал Ее. Как наконец Она родила Сына Своего первенца, и он нарек Ему имя: Иисус.

CHRIST IS BORN!!!**GLORIFY HIM!!!**