



# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH OF ST. TIMOTHY

*“Following Christ and His Apostles — Into His Church and Their Faith.”*

*December 18<sup>th</sup> — 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005*

## SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (THE GENEALOGY)

Martyrs Sebastian and Zoe of Rome, and those with them

*Tone 1*

*Eothinon 4*

**“Let us now lay aside all earthly cares . . .”**

*~ Please, no cell phones (leave them in the car, at home, or turn them off)*

*~ Please, no talking or visiting during the Divine Liturgy (especially during Holy Communion)*

### ORTHROS

**As a reminder, the six Psalms read at the beginning of Orthros are to be treated the same as the Gospel reading during the Divine Liturgy; i.e., no moving around, talking, etc. We are to stand in repentance as we hear these Psalms of Repentance.**

### HYMNODY

*Apolytikion (Troparion) of the Resurrection (Tone 1):* When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body; Thou rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The Powers of Heaven cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy saving Providence, O Lover of mankind!”

*Apolytikion of the Sunday Before the Nativity (Tone 2):* Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three holy youths rejoiced in the flames, as though in refreshing water, and the prophet Daniel stood in the midst of

the lions, like a shepherd among his sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ our God, save our souls.

*Troparion of St Timothy:* O holy Apostle Timothy, master of unction measured in all thy deeds, clothed with an upright conscience as befits a priest, thou has drawn ineffable truths from Paul the vessel of election; thou hast kept the faith and completed a course equal to his. Intercede with Christ God to save our souls!

*Kontakion of Preparation of Christ’s Nativity:* Today the Virgin comes to the cave, to ineffably give birth to the Eternal word. Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, all the ends of the earth. With the angels and shepherds glorify Him. He comes, a new child, the Eternal God.

### READINGS

*Those who need may sit during the Epistle*

*EPISTLE READING ~ Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40: Brethren . . .* By faith he 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. **10** For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. . . **32** 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-- **33** who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **34** quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. **35** Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. **36** Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated-- **38** of whom the world was not worthy-- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. **39** And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, **40** since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

***During the Gospel, all are to stand and there is to be no moving around***  
**GOSPEL READING ~ St Matthew 1:1-24: Let us attend! . . .** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. **2** Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, **3** and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, **4** and Ram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, **5** and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, **6** and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, **7** and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, **8** and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, **9** and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, **10** and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josi'ah, **11** and Josi'ah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. **12** And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of She-al'ti-el, and She-al'ti-el the father of Zerub'babel, **13** and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, **14** and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, **15** and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, **16** and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. **17** 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. . . . **18** 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; **19** and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. **20** 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; **21** she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **22** All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: **23** "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name

shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). **24** When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, **25** but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

**SINCE WE UNDERSTAND COMMUNION TO MEAN THAT WE HAVE ALL THINGS IN COMMON, SHARING AN IDENTICAL FAITH, ONLY THOSE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND WHO HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING AND RECENT CONFESSION MAY PARTICIPATE IN HOLY COMMUNION.**

### **EVENTS OF THIS WEEK**

#### ***Today, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ***

- \* Deborah Calhoun [N] (*Righteous Deborah; OT*)
- \* Mary Tollefson [N] (*Righteous Mariam, the sister of Moses; OT*)

#### ***Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>:***

- \* NO Academy

#### ***Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>:***

- \* Orthros; 9:00 AM
- \* Royal Hours; 10:00 AM
- \* Great Vespers; 6:00 PM

#### ***Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:***

- \* Carolyn Small [B]
- \* Victoria Haskins [N] (*St Eugenia*)
- \* Gareth & Jean Busher [A]
- \* Orthros; 9:00 AM
- \* Divine Liturgy; 10:00 am
- \* Great Vespers (with Litia & Artoklasia); 3:00 PM
- \* Nativity Orthros; 10:30 PM
- \* Nativity Divine Liturgy; 11:30 PM
- \* Nativity Feast ~ "Christ is Born!" — "Glorify Him!"

**\*\*\* NO FASTING FROM THE NATIVITY FEAST  
 THROUGH JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> \*\*\***