

The Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misael (Dec 17)

The Holy Youths Ananias (“God is gracious”), Azarias (“whom God helps”), and Misael (“Who is what God is?”) were companions of the Holy Prophet Daniel. They were chosen to serve in the king’s palace with Daniel (Daniel 1:6) and were all from the tribe of Judah. They gave Ananias the Chaldean name Shadrach (“royal”), Azarias the Chaldean name Abednego (“servant of Nego”), and Misael the Chaldean name Meshach (“guest”). They were thrown into a fiery furnace when they refused to worship the golden idol set up by King Nebuchadnezzar, but the angel of the Lord preserved them (Daniel 3:25).



The Seventh and Eighth Odes of the nine Biblical Odes at the back of the Psalter are taken from The Song of the Three Holy Youths (found in the Septuagint text of the Old Testament used by the Orthodox Church).

The Three Holy Youths and the Prophet Daniel are also commemorated on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers and the Sunday of the Holy Fathers.

Text and icons from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/12/17/103560-the-three-holy-youths-ananias-azarias-and-misael>

YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Flower offering envelopes are available on the literature table. Thank you!

YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD OFFERINGS benefit Ministries, Monasteries, & Mission Situations.

If you are in a position to make a special offering, please consider the Building Expansion, Capital Improvement, and Pastoral Discretion Funds.



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December 17, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE
FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS)
OF CHRIST

COMMEMORATIONS:

PROPHET DANIEL AND THE THREE HOLY YOUTHS
ANANIAS, AZARIAS AND MISHAEL
DIONYSIOS OF ZAKYNTHOS, THE WONDERWORKER

Tone 3 - Eothinon 6

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 14:16-24

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS - Tone 2 - Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Sunday School Christmas Pageant 12:30 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Dec 24):
COFFEE HOUR	Marquardt's Donation Luceon (Ukraine)	Bagel Sunday
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin T.	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	Schneider — Peter's 1st B-day	----
USHERS:	Rdr Nick & Sdn John	Steve K. & Bill H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex, Sarah K.	Karsten B; Tyson H; Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Myriam; Conor; Daniel; Andrew	Chris; Mariya; Laura; Eric

Mark Your Calendar:

Christmas Services

Sunday, Dec 24

Great Vespers 8pm

Festal Orthros 9:30pm

Divine Liturgy 11pm

Festal Refreshments to follow

Monday, Dec 25

Vespers 12pm

Tuesday, Dec 26

Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am
for the Synaxis of the Theotokos

Circumcision & St. Basil /

New Years

Sunday, Dec 31

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30pm

Talent Show 7:30pm

New Years Prayers 9:30pm

Monday, Jan 1

Orthros 8:45am

Divine Liturgy 10am

Theophany

Friday, Jan 5—Saturday, Jan 6

Save the Date!

2024 Parish Life Conference

June 27-30, 2024

DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the
Earth"

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Simona Petra	+George
Faithful of the Holy Land	+Paul
Met. Onuphy and faithful of Ukraine	(December Parish Diptychs)
Faithful of Ethiopia	+Joseph
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Richard
Kh. Joyce	+Mary
Mary	+Demetrios (Jim)
Child Timothy	+Katherine
Xenia	+Nicholas
George	+Gabremariam
Ephrem	+Assaad
Nicole	+Doris
Patrick	+(Michael)
Doris	+Barbara
John	+Fred Andrew
James	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Mary	
Victoria	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
John	
Tatiana	
Anesia	
Linda	
Daria	
Pavlo	
Elena	
Xenia	
Derek	
Michael	
Linda	
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends —George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
	Lucretia
	Ryan
	Alina
	Nicholas,
	Rachel, Luka,
	& Leo
	Michael
	Caden
	Keith, Maggie,
	& Eli
	Andrew
	Daniel
	Kassandra
	Christian

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship has concluded!

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly ..." (2 Cor 9:6)

To date, we have 70 pledges totaling 72.1% of our goal.

~ ~ **Please Submit Your 2024 Pledge!** ~ ~

This Week:

Nativity Fast continues ...

Times for Confession before and after most services this week.

Mon, Dec 18: Office open
Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Dec 19: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Wed, Dec 20: Divine Liturgy (St. Ignatius) 7 a.m.
Little Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.

Thur, Dec 21: Vespers (Slavic tones) 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Romans, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Dec 22: Royal Hours 10 a.m.
Holy Unction 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Dec 23: Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Dec 24: **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour

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Christ Is Born! Glorify Him!

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Dec 9: 71 Divine Services Dec 10: 186
OFFERINGS 12/10: Candles, \$426. Collections, \$2,544.71. Flowers, \$40. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$85. Camping Fund, \$1,000. Christmas Card Fund, \$35. Classical School Fund, \$710. Food for Hungry, \$30. Mission Chapel, \$1,053. Ukraine Outreach, \$68.51. Stewardship, \$4,612.52. Total received: \$10,605.74.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!