

Commemorated on December 2

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C.

The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37).

After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14).

The Fourth Ode of the Psalter ("O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...") is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.

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Sunday, December 2, 2007

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today **St. Nicholas Vespers-4:00 PM Holy Trinity, Randolph, NJ**
Wednesday **7:00 pm Vespers Wonderworker St. Nicholas of Myra and Lycia**
Thursday **8:45 Hours, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, Wonderworker St. Nicholas of Myra and Lycia**
Saturday **6:00 PM Vespers/Private Nativity Confessions**
Sunday, Dec. 9 **9:15 AM Church School, 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy**
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (11th of Luke) - Tone 2. Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum, Avvakum 6th c. B.C.). Ven. Afanasi (Athanasius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves ca. 1176). Ven. Afan sii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves 13th c.). Martyr Myrope of Chios (ca. 251). Ss. John, Heraclemon, Andrew, and Theophilus, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Jesse, Bishop of Tsilkansk in Georgia (6th c.). St. Stephen-Urosh, King of Serbia (1367).
Ephesians 6:10-17 - Luke 18:18-27 (from the 29th Sun)

BULLETIN

The Memorial Service today was offered by **Joanne Patrick** in Blessed memory of her brother-in-law **+Michael** (Patrick) on his birthday anniversary and for our newly departed **+Archbishop PETER**.

The beautiful Icon of **the Nativity of our Lord** that was blessed today was written and donated to Holy Spirit by **Mrs. Maria Tarasoff** of Holy Trinity Parish in Randolph, NJ. All Maria asks in return is that you read the letter enclosed with this bulletin and follow its instructions. May our Lord bless and return abundantly to her.

No One hosted the Coffee Social last week. **Matushka JoAnne** signed up to host the Social today. **No one is signed up to host next week. Please sign-up to host a future social.**

The Annual Parish Meeting is schedule to take place on **Sunday, December 9, 2007** after the Divine Liturgy. Please set the date apart and plan to attend. We will have someone downstairs to watch your children during the meeting. It is important that we *ALL* participate in this meeting. The Parish Reports are being distributed today. Please read them over at your convenience so that we will be ready to discuss them next week.

New members are needed for the Parish Council. Please see Tim Kachur, Mark Benda or any other member of our council if you would like to serve in this honorable position.

Everyone should prepare themselves to come to the **Sacrament of Holy Confession** as we approach the **Nativity Season**. Father Samuel will be available before and after Great Vespers and by appointment if necessary. Sunday mornings are *not* a good time to go to confession as Father Samuel is preparing for the Divine Liturgy.

Please pray for those affected by the **fires in Southern California**. A fund has been set up

by the OCA Diocese of the West to help those affected by the devastation. Visit the diocesan website at www.ocadow.org.

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Supermarket Gift Cards will be sold at today's Coffee Hour. Please help support the General fund with your purchases of these supermarket Gift Cards. Five percent of all sales go to the parish General Fund.

ASSESSMENTS - Please be reminded that individual assessments need to be submitted to the parish treasurer so we can continue to support the administrative work of our diocese and central church (OCA.) **Each adult parishioner** is responsible for \$145.00 in yearly assessments. If you have yet to submit your 2007 assessment, please use the specially marked envelopes that are sent to your home and place your assessment contributions in the collection baskets. If you have already made your assessment payment – thank you **A reminder** to all who are worshipping at Holy Spirit Church, please turn off your cell phones or leave it in your cars until after Divine Liturgy

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

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Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, the infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Doug Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Valentina Bobrowsky, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Matushka Marie Kreta, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, the infant Logan Eugene and Matushka Vera Yuschak

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES

By **Sapho Mavros** in Blessed memory of her husband **Nicholas** (Mavros) 12-06-94

By **Bethann Lamlamay** for the health, Salvation of sick infant **Logan-Eugene**

By the **Kedala Family** for the health, Salvation and **Happy Birthday** of **Samuel Nicholas Kedala** 12-1

By the **Kedala Family** for the health, Salvation and **Happy Birthday** of **Athena Colombaris** 12-02

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published.

We welcome our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book before you leave.