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THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS (*Tone 4*)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (*Tone 4*)

Saturday, 23 December (10 December, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 24 December (11 December, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY (*Tone 5*)

Saturday, 30 December (17 December, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 31 December (18 December, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)



FASTING DAYS Week of 24 December

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Sunday</i>	24 December (11 Dec, o.s.)	St Daniel the Stylite Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Monday</i>	25 December (12 Dec, o.s.)	ST HERMAN OF ALASKA Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Tuesday</i>	26 December (13 Dec, o.s.)	Martyr Eustathius & Companions Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Wednesday</i>	27 December (14 Dec, o.s.)	Martyr Thyrsus & Companions Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Thursday</i>	28 December (15 Dec, o.s.)	St Eleutherius & Companions Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	29 December (16 Dec, o.s.)	Prophet Haggai Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Saturday</i>	30 December (17 Dec, o.s.)	Prophet Daniel & the Three Youths Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Sunday</i>	31 December (18 Dec, o.s.)	Martyr Sebastian & Companions Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 24 December

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers	
<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §63 (20:1-10)</i>	
Col. §257 (3:4-11)	Luke §76 (14:16-24)
30TH WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	Heb. §319 (8:7-13) Mark §33 (8:11-21)
<i>Tu</i>	Heb. §321 (9:8-10, 15-23) Mark §34 (8:22-26)
<i>W</i>	Heb. §323 (10:1-18) Mark §36 (8:30-34)
<i>Th</i>	Heb. §326 (10:35-11:7) Mark §39 (9:10-16)
<i>F</i>	Heb. §327 (11:8, 11-16) Mark §41 (9:33-41)
Saturday before the Nativity of the Lord	
Gal. §205 (3:8-12)	Luke §72 (18:13-29)
Sunday before the Nativity: the Holy Fathers	
<i>Vespers Paramia: (1) Genesis 14:14-20 • (2) Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • (3) Deuteronomy 10:14-21</i>	
Heb. §328 (11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40)	Matt. §1 (1:1-25)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special collection for St Herman's Youth Conference will be taken at St Elizabeth's during the Sundays of December. Your donations help the St Herman's Executive Committee keep the fees for the attendees very low. This is important so that as many Youth as possible can attend the Youth Conference at the end of this month. Please give generously.

The Parish needs donations for flowers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Please mark flower donations clearly. You may include a Commemoration List with your donation and the names will be commemorated at the Proskomedion on the Holy Days.

Many thanks to all who gave donations for the gift bags which were given in the name of St Nicholas to the parish children attending services for the Feast of St Nicholas on 6/19 December.

St Elizabeth's Annual Christmas Party will take place on the Sunday after the Nativity (14 January), after the Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are urged to attend and bring dishes of food to share. Please mark you calendar.

