

THE ТРОИЦА TIMES

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СВЯТКИ CELEBRATIONS

By Lev C., 10th grade

СВЯТКИ is a festive celebration that begins with **Рождество**, the joyous birth of Jesus Christ, and concludes with His baptism, **Святое Богоявление**, when God reveals Himself as the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Throughout the week of **СВЯТКИ**, the school was filled with exciting and memorable activities. On Tuesday, a heavy fog covered the campus, but it didn't stop the surprise appearance of a massive bounce house during recess, which quickly became a highlight for students.

The next day, following the celebration of **вбръзание гсподне**, students gathered in the gym to watch **Алѣша Попович** on a large projector. The shared experience brought students together and was met with enthusiasm and positive reactions.

Friday ended the week with a final surprise. What began as a normal school day quickly changed when students discovered that teachers and EAs had been swapped. This unexpected teacher swap made for a fun and unforgettable conclusion to a lively week.



Bouncy House FUN

Kira Vladimirovna (HS teacher)
Teaching 1st Grade



Russian
Video
Matinee



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

By Stefan K., 12th grade

Saint Sylvester (Сильвестр)

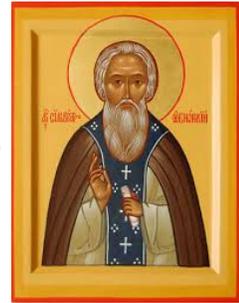
Saint Sylvester lived in early fourth-century Rome. His parents, Rufinus and Justa, were Christians. He was educated by a teacher, Quirinus, who provided him with an excellent education in the Christian faith. As an adult, Sylvester faithfully lived out the Lord's command to "Love thy neighbor" (Mark 12:31). He frequently welcomed travelers and strangers into his home and, during the persecution of Christians, courageously sheltered the holy confessor Bishop Timothy of Antioch, who lived with him for more than a year.

At the age of thirty, St. Sylvester was ordained a deacon and soon, a presbyter. Upon the death of Bishop Miltiades (Melchiades), Sylvester was chosen as Bishop of Rome.

As bishop, he encouraged people to live righteous lives and insisted that priests faithfully fulfill their duties without becoming involved in secular business. St. Sylvester was deeply knowledgeable in Holy Scripture and spoke on behalf of the Christians during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great.

During a public debate, a magician and sorcerer named Zambres attempted to challenge the faith by quoting passages from the Old Testament. St. Sylvester responded by explaining the words of the prophets and proclaiming how their prophecies were fulfilled in the birth of Christ. When Sylvester prevailed in the debate, Zambres attempted to use sorcery, but St. Sylvester stopped him by calling upon the name of the Lord. Witnessing this, Zambres and his followers came to believe in Christ and afterward asked to be baptized.

Saint Sylvester guided the Roman Church for more than twenty years and died peacefully in the year 335. His feast day is commemorated on January 15 (New Calendar) or January 2 (Old Calendar).



СВЯТИТЕЛЮ ХРИСТОВЪ СЕЛИВЕСТРЕ, МОЛИ БГА Ѡ НАСЪ.

PRIMARY UPDATES

By Susanna C., 9th grade

Тётя Melania's kindergarten class has slowly been progressing in every aspect of her class. Kindergarten class is also working to earn a popcorn part with good behavior.



Kindergarten Artwork:
Рождество Христово
Birth of Jesus Christ

Тётя Ksenya's First Grade class has recently started to read non-fiction for the first time, and are learning how time and clocks work. On top of that, they've been striving to become good Christians, by learning how to forgive and let go.

Тётя Dunia's Second Grade class has made leaps in their behavior compared to the start of the year. Everyone in her class has been extremely excited, because they have just started to make their first ever rough drafts, along with learning multiplication and division.

Тётя Lida's Third Grade class has just finished their division unit in math and finished a science unit about skin, her whole class is making diagrams of it. She says that her class are all looking after each other, as well as working together as a class. Most importantly, these kids have been teaching their own teachers on how to love stronger and have an open heart for everybody.

WORD OF THE MONTH

By Ewon S., 11th grade

Ψαλμός 90

Psalm 90

A thousand shall fall at your side And ten thousand at your right hand, Yet it shall not **come near** you;

Падётъ ѿ странъ твоихъ тысяща, и тма ѿ десноу твою, къ тебѣ же не **приблизится.**



- come near
- приблизится

ДУХОВНЫЕ DEVELOPMENTS

By Nickolai P., 12th grade

One of Feodora Grigorievna's main focuses lately has been her students memorizing **МОЛИТВЫ**, for which she has seen great progress. Additionally, her students have excelled in church singing; they learned an entire two-page song, and what's cool is that they even said they could recognize the songs sung in church services.

Feodora's later plans for singing generally include reviewing **стихеры** for Рождество Христово. In terms of other devotional instruction, Feodora is teaching about our **крест** and **поясок**, about how they are armor for our bodies.

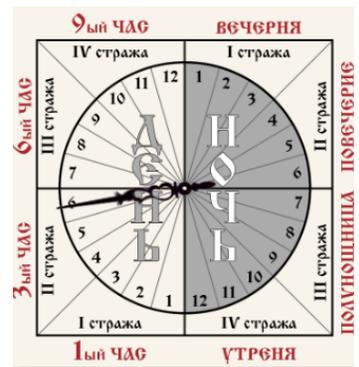
Overall, Feodora feels her kids are great listeners, enthusiastic students, and hard workers who excel in their tasks. She hopes they will apply the information they learn to their lives by teaching others around them in a positive and loving manner.

Faddei Nikolaevich, in his devotional classes, recently discussed the layout of a **молебен**. In his singing classes, Faddei has so far been teaching **глас первый** and **глас седьмой**, in addition to certain songs from the **обиход**.

Faddei finds that his students have been making great improvements in singing and that they already have a basic understanding of **крюки**.

Another interesting topic that Faddei has been teaching is **иконописание** - Icon writing. (It should be noted, however, that they are not actually making иконы). In his Woodshop class, he has been exploring the processes of paint preparation, gilding, and writing in Church Slavonic, as well as the history of **иконы**.

In other news, Faddei has been giving his students instruction on parts of the **часослов**, and he plans to later go over Григориено Видение and discuss the layout of the евангелие.



Through his teaching, Faddei Nikolaevich hopes to guide his students towards God and instill godly values.

ELEMENTARY UPDATES

By Neeka B and Iroia V, 9th grade

Těтя Effimia's 4th-grade class doesn't have any major plans for January, but they will be working on something for the performance.

All her students are stars, and they all actively participate in group discussions. Finally, her class is working on a 7 Days to Learn Multiplication program, and the students are working hard to memorize their multiplication facts and pass their quizzes.



Fourth Grade Window Artwork

In January, Těтя Fedora's class will be working hard. In History, they'll learn about the English colonies and everything that led up to the American Revolution. A fun project they are currently working on is their Indian Dioramas, which Těтя Fedora said you should look forward to seeing in the hallways. In English, they are beginning to read the fifth book in the *Chronicles of Narnia* series, *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. Book clubs are a very new concept for her students; they are working on their discussions and on how to elicit more in-depth thinking when asking questions and discussing the book overall. Lastly, in Devotional, each month her students memorize **МОЛИТВЫ**. In January, they will be practicing "Пресвета́я Троица".

The 6th-grade science class is taught by Těтя Irina, and they are starting a new unit, The Laws of Motion, which is about machines and moving things. She'll be teaching them about how friction can help or hinder us and what simple machines are, such as wedges and levers. They'll also learn about pumps and siphons and possibly do an experiment with pulleys. In Tech, her students work on typing and learning about internet safety. The next chapter will be on catfishing and scams, and being careful who you share information with. Her students also worked on a fun project in Art, making 7-strand пойки. Her students are good participants and are practicing the Socratic circle and responding well to prompts, which will help them volunteer and speak out more during class.

IMPORTANT DATES

By Dima M. and Domian S., 9th grade

	7 th	Ρογήτκό Χριστόβο Birth of Jesus Christ
	5-9 th	Christmas Break (No School)
	14 th	Ἐκρέζανιε Γοσπόδνε Circumcision of Our Lord
	18 th	Κ σβυτοϋ βοδε Holy Water
	19 th	Γϋόε Πϋοκλένιε Holy Theophany (No School)
	20 th	Bookmobile Day
	Feb 20 th	Performance Day!!!

ИМЕНИНЫ OF JANUARY

Jan 12th	Аниїл	Jan 23rd	Ітанз
Jan 13th	Меланїл	Jan 25th	Татїана
Jan 14th	Емїліл	Jan 29th	Иваннз
Jan 17th	Владдїй	Jan 29th	Несонїлл
Jan 17th	Зонїлл	Jan 30th	Антонїй
Jan 21st	Домнїлл		

UNGRADED UPDATES

By Kilikia T., 11th grade

This month, we had three seniors completing their last semester of school. They've worked hard during their high-school career and are getting ready for life after high school. Farewell to Nikita B., Alexander K., and Nickolai P.!



Our seniors have big plans. Nikita is hoping God allows him to attend trade school, which is a school that provides hands-on training for specific skilled jobs, offering faster and less expensive programs. With diligence, he wants to be done with school in two years.

Alexander will most likely continue working in general forestry with his **деда**. Forestry jobs include work that involves managing, conserving, and utilizing forests and related resources such as soil, water, and wildlife.



Nickolai - he will begin to work various construction jobs with his father while also looking for other jobs to widen his horizon.

Goodbye and good luck, dearest seniors!



SCHOLAR'S SPOTLIGHT

By Myra O., 12th grade

In the month of December, we've taken notice that Lukian A., Neeka B., Nickolai P., and Iroia V. have had straight A's in all of their classes for the first semester, and the highest grades in there overall Ungraded class. They received these grades from their dedication, responsibility, and effort in completing and turning in their assignments on time for every class.



Lukian A.
8th Grade



Neeka B.
9th Grade



Iroia V.
9th Grade



Nickolai P.
12th Grade

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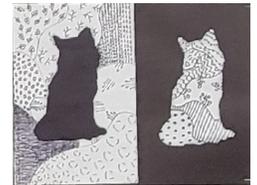
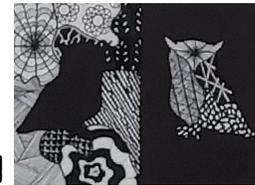
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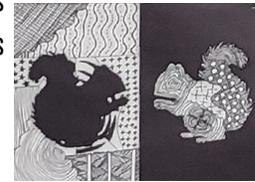
By Logan K. and Leva C. 10th grade



Dioramas by
Ekatarina
Fyodorovna's
Ungraded
Class



Zentangles by
Тётя Fedora's
Class



RIDDLE!

By: Alec I., 10th grade

A barrel of water weighed 60 pounds. Someone put something in it and now it weighs 40 pounds. What did the person add?

Answer: A hole

