



# Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church

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## June 3, 2007

**1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8.** All Saints. Commemorating Martyr Lucillian and those who suffered with him at Byzantium: four youths Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius; and the Virgin, Paula; Hieromartyr Lucian Bishop, Maximian Presbyter, Julian Deacon, Marcellinus and Saturninus

**Readings:** Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; (79) 19:27-30

**8:00 a.m.**—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II

**9:00 a.m.**—Prayers of Repentance; Confessions

**9:30 a.m.**—Divine Liturgy, Sermon, Student and Senior A cappella Choirs

**11:30 a.m.**—Fellowship

**12 Noon**—Annual Parish Ethnic Food Fest until 7 p.m.

**7:30 p.m.**—Softball team plays tonight.

### Calendar:

**June 4, Mon:** Apostles SS Peter and Paul Fast begins

**June 9, Sat:** Vespers—7:00 p.m.

**June 10, Sun:** 720 AM Radio—8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:30 a.m.;

June 11, Mon: Pan Orthodox Academy Board meeting at St. Nicholas Church at 7 p.m.

**June 12, Tue:** Softball team plays—8 p.m.; Church Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m.

**June 16, Sat:** Vespers—7:00 p.m.

**June 17, Sun:** *Fathers Day*; 720 AM Radio—8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:30 a.m.;

**June 19, Tue:** Parish Council meeting—7 p.m.; Softball team plays—8 p.m.;

**June 21, Thu:** *Summer Begins*; "O" Club Meeting—7 p.m.;

**June 23, Sat:** Great Vespers—7:00 p.m.

**June 24, Sun:** 720 AM Radio—8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy, Nativity of Saint John the Baptist—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:30 a.m.; Softball team plays—7:30 p.m.;

**June 25, Mon:** Men's Club meeting—7:30 p.m.;

**Today's Prayers:** *Please remember those mentioned here in your daily prayers in the morning and in the evening, at home and in church. The detailed prayer list is published once a month in the parish mailing. However, the names will be mentioned during the Liturgy of Preparation every Sunday. Parishioners are urged to update or delete their prayer listings.*

**Those Ailing:** Daniel Pankiw requested by Kathy; Elizabeth Middlesworth; Mary Hamm friend of Joshua DiFlorio; Thomas Heck requested by Katharine Macut; Marlene Kalenak; Daria Kostylev; Tony Macinanti friend of Lydia Mantle; Stanley Seitzinger; Lucy Koloski; Barbara Toporcer, aunt of Dorothy Sysak; Margaret Yawkey; Nancy Sheaffer and William Sheaffer; Mary

Hoffman; John Fatich; Roberta Cona; Carol Boyer; Joe Krajsa; Eva Kondratick; Tanner Carmen; Alexander Galvin; Gregory Burch;

**Health and well-being of:** Travis Holtzman, in Iraq, friend of the Bricker Family; Suzanne Ridenour requested by Angie Mioff; SSG Kevin Leonhard in Iraq, friend of the Hancher's; Andrea Atkins, Brianna Atkins, Anna Thompson; Michael Egan, (in Iraq) Anna Doray's son-in-law; Nicholas Serio, in Iraq; Katherine Pilc; Russ Sass;

**Confined:** Betty Middlesworth is in rehab #510 at Holy Spirit Hospital and Russell Sass has been transferred to the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Lebanon, PA, B1-#80.

**Newly Departed from This Life:** Charles Bern Van Horn—May 9<sup>th</sup>; Mary Essock—May 6<sup>th</sup>; Helen Osuch—Apr 29<sup>th</sup>; Robert Snyder—Apr 28<sup>th</sup>;

### Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

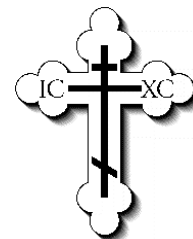
George Rodak, uncle of Barbara Norato, June 4<sup>th</sup> is the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

Andrew O'Buck, father of Betty Middlesworth, June.5<sup>th</sup> is the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

Mary Kuzupas, mother of Alex Kuzupas, June 7<sup>th</sup> is the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary;

Frank Russian, father of Joseph Russian, June 7<sup>th</sup> is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

Eva Sisak, mother of Judy Webb, June 7<sup>th</sup> is the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary;



### Candle Offerings:

**Seven Day Eternal Lamp Votive Candle**, offered in memory of **infant Luke Vincent**, by his grandmother, Carole Ann.



**Many Years** (Names for the singing of "MANY YEARS" after the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be accepted for publication in the weekly bulletin. Please email ctsocahbg@aol.com with the information.)

**Kyle Minarich** will celebrate his birthday on **June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**Ron and Libby Hancher** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **June 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**John Caba, Jr.** will celebrate his birthday on **June 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Bernard and Holly (Webb) Komoroski Jr.** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **June 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Pyotr Grigorievich Sysak** will celebrate his birthday on **June 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Ellen Miller** will celebrate her birthday on **June 9<sup>th</sup>**.



## TODAYS NEWS

**WE WELCOME** all guests and friends of the parish today who have attended our morning liturgical services and/or our annual parish food fest, this afternoon. If you remain for our food fest or not, please get a take-out order of food for home. The Saints Peter and Paul Fast begins tomorrow.

**OUR NEWLY ASSIGNED** full-time resident priest, Rev. Fr. Stephen Vernak, will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy here at our church next Sunday (June 10<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30 a.m.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH ETHNIC FOODFEST** will be held on **today from 12 to 7 p.m.** There will be music by the Happy Slovenes. Lots of homemade halupki, halushki, kifli, pirohis, kielbasi, roast lamb, Macedonian hamburgers and baked goods to *eat in or take out*. Religious and ethnic articles will also be on sale.

**THE SOFTBALL TEAM** won both games against Derry UM by scores of 13-1 and 14-7. We are tied for first place at 7-1 at the half way mark and play again on Sunday, June 3 at 7:30 against Zion Lutheran who is currently at 6-2.

Please note in the June calendar the game times were incorrectly listed. Sunday's games are played at 7:30 p.m. not 5:30 p.m. Tuesday's scheduled games are at 8:00 p.m. not 6:00 p.m.

## PARISH NEWS

**THE PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION** in the church is said after holy confession and/or after prayers of repentance.

Since the early 70's as decreed by the Holy Synod to encourage more frequent participation of the Eucharist, Holy Communion, prayers of repentance, and meditations were done Saturday evening after Vespers. But because so many people live so far away from the church, the concession to have the prayers of repentance, and absolutions, began to be held also on Sunday mornings, usually an hour before the Divine Liturgy starts.

Father Dan was accused of being too liberal, even radical, when he was one of the first priests in our deanery and diocese to have all the above. Now, especially the last five or six years he is considered to be old fashioned and conservative.

His Grace, Bishop Tikhon, advised Fr. Seraphim to keep things as they are until the new full-time priest is assigned.

So here is the temporary set up: Prayers of Repentance after Vespers and once before the Divine Liturgy. If a regular communicant who goes to confession during the year at least four times, and is late on Sunday for the prayers but has fasted, prayed privately and is prepared, the communicant is welcome to receive Holy Communion without the prayer of absolution.

**OUR GRADUATES**, Sheena Hisiro, from college and Laura Hadginske and Dimitri Rissetar from High School will be recognized in church on June 17<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy before the fathers present in church for Father's Day will receive gifts courtesy of the Senior and Junior "O" Clubs.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**THE PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** Board of Directors is having a meeting at St. Nicholas Church in Steelton (Oberlin) Monday, **June 11 at 7 p.m.**, but everyone is invited to attend. People want "action" and a full report will be given.

A big question: Can we really start this September with kindergarten students and first graders? Come to the meeting and give us your input. We are receiving encouragement and a financial commitment from "an angel"!

**THE "O" CLUB** will have an important meeting on **Thursday 7 p.m. June 21** to discuss the forthcoming national and district conventions. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

**PARISH YARD SALE** a yard sale will be held on **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to noon**. We are looking for donations – the stuff you don't need or want anymore. Please **no** clothing or shoes except for children's and also no junk. Donations may be dropped off anytime after **June 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Parish hall. We will also have **spaces for rent** if you are interested. An 8' x 10' space will rent for \$10, two spaces for \$15 and three for \$20. You must supply your own tables. The spaces will be in the yard area below the parish hall. Any questions please see or call Alice Mallick (717-939-4154).

## F.Y.I.

**PLANT A ROW** for the Hungry is an annual program during the summer sponsored by Channels Food Rescue. All types of fruit and vegetables are accepted.

Drop-off sites are at seven churches on the east and west shores. Our church is one of them. Bring the fresh produce anytime to the parish hall patio table when your extra fruit and vegetables are grown. The products will be forwarded to the needy.

**A TOUR** entitled "Explore Imperial Russia" with visits to St. Petersburg and Moscow will take place August 5-17. For details, please visit [www.RussianMakingConnections.com](http://www.RussianMakingConnections.com).



## Income statement for first quarter of 2007 now available

The income statement of the Orthodox Church in America through March 31, 2007 for unrestricted operating funds is now available on the OCA website. It can be viewed at <http://www.oca.org/NewsPrintable.asp?ID=1246> or for those without internet access a copy is in the church office.

The statement reflects actual income and expenses for the first quarter of 2007 compared with the budget for the same period. In addition, the statement compares the actual income and expenses for the first quarter of 2007 with the entire 2007 budget as approved by the Metropolitan Council. Additional financial statements will be provided in the near future, including reports on the restricted funds of the Church.

## Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters of the OCCSCP

As you will see from the letter below from Dr. Maria Khoury, her tour through our OCCSCP parishes met with success. She stayed with Presvytera Pearl and me in our home for six days. We thoroughly enjoyed her! She is a true believer in Our Lord and a brave witness in the Holy Land, living under very difficult conditions in the village of Taybeh (O.T. Ephraim) twenty minutes north of Jerusalem. The parishes she visited during her lecture tour in our area were: Lancaster Annunciation, Mechanicsburg Holy Apostles, Reading Sts. C & H, Reading St. Matthew, York St. John Chrysostom, and Harrisburg Christ the Savior. Our parishes collectively contributed \$3,200.00 to her Taybeh Orthodox Church Housing Project and purchased over \$3,000.00 of her books. She uses the proceeds from her books to subsidize her mission.

For those of you who did not hear her excellent presentation, most of her talk appears in her book "WITNESS IN THE HOLY LAND" which I highly recommend for your reading. It gives clearly the Palestinian viewpoint of the Israeli Military Occupation, contrary to the Israeli viewpoint which we constantly read in the U.S.A. media.

Her seven children's books were written to raise funds for the TAYBEH ORTHODOX CHURCH HOUSING PROJECT. The books are quite appealing for children and written in a simple style. I recommend them for your respective Church bookstores. They are: CHRISTINA GOES TO CHURCH, CHRISTINA'S FAVORITE SAINTS, CHRISTINA'S HEROES, CHRISTINA LEARNS THE SACRAMENTS, CHRISTINA GOES TO THE HOLY LAND, MY ORTHODOX COUNTING BOOK, YOU ARE SPECIAL.

If you wish to order any for your bookstore, let me know and I'll have them sent to you. If you have funds available to make a contribution to the TAYBEH O.C. HOUSING FUND, make the check out to that name and send it to me. I will pass it on to Maria.

Thank you all for your support of this worthy woman and her mission. She has chosen to live in the Holy Land to bear witness to the Gospel under harsh circumstances, instead of choosing Boston where she could easily re-locate and live a comfortable life as an American citizen.

I met her husband David (also a graduate of Holy Cross School of Theology). Maria and David attended the graduation of their daughter Elena from Hellenic College on May 19. I met them in Brookline last week during my participation in the Board of Trustees meeting at the seminary. God bless you! Fr. Alexander Veronis

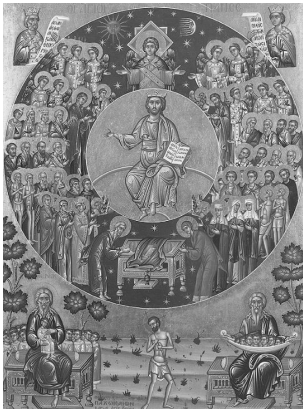
*Dear in Christ Father Alexander*

*I beg of you to keep us in your prayers. Just wanted to let you know I have passed that Israeli security one more time and back in the village. I am most grateful to you for allowing me to escape from the wilderness and join you in Lancaster, it was truly a blessing and a great help to Taybeh, the total help came to \$11,200 between the two book tours and you helped me raise a good 50%, thank you and please pass on my greatest appreciation to Fr. Luke for his support.*

*I was truly inspired by you and Presvytera Pearl by your genuine commitment and love for the Lord and thanks for insisting to bring David to the cafeteria since he was being too shy to bother you while you were having lunch, sorry we ended up not letting you enjoy your dessert but that was the best moment David and Nadim had seeing their old friends and the graduation was lovely too although in the rain I want you to pass on my love and respect to Presvytera Pearl and to all the wonderful people at all the communities that supported the Christina Books and donations to the housing and allow me three months to send official thank you since I am overwhelmed and back at the academy project.*

*Truly, it was the greatest blessing to have met you. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity in hosting me, May the Lord grant you any blessings and fruits of the Holy Spirit, In Christ's love, Maria*

## Synaxis of All Saints



The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

St Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (PHILOKALIA [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the OCTOECHOS, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

St Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to St Peter's five categories. The list of St. Nicodemus is found in his book THE FOURTEEN EPISTLES OF ST PAUL (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic

Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. St Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world. The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of St. Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.







**Pentecost Troparion:** Blessed Art Thou, O Christ Our God, Who Has Revealed The Fisherman As Most Wise By Sending Down Upon Them The Holy Spirit; Through Them Thou Did Draw The World Into Thy Net. O Lover Of Man, Glory To Thee.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					8:30 am-Picnic Food Preparation 6 pm-Set up for the Picnic	8 am- Picnic Food Preparation 6 pm-Set up for the Picnic 7 pm-Vespers
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints</b> <b>3</b> 8am-720 AM Radio 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 11:30am-Fellowship 12-7 Annual Parish Ethnic Food Fest 7:30 pm-Softball Game	<b>4</b> Apostles SS. Peter & Paul Fast Begins	<b>5</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7 pm- Vespers  
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints of North America</b> <b>10</b> 8am-720 AM Radio 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 11:30am-Fellowship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8 pm-Softball Game  7:30 pm-Church Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>Flag Day</b> <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7 pm-Vespers
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>17</b> <b>Fathers Day</b> 8am-720 AM Radio 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 11:30am-Fellowship	<b>18</b> <b>7 pm – Parish Council Mtg</b>	<b>19</b> 8 pm-Softball Game  <b>7 pm-Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Summer Begins</i> 7 pm-“O” Club Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm- Great Vespers  
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>24</b> 8am-720 AM Radio 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Nativity of Saint John, the Baptist 11:30am-Fellowship 7:30 pm-Softball Game	<b>25</b> 7:30 pm-Men’s Club Meeting	<b>26</b> 7:30 pm-Church Choir Rehearsal  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 am-Divine Liturgy, Feast of SS. Peter and Paul Apostles Fast Ends	<b>30</b> <i>Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles</i>  7 pm- Vespers