



# Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church

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## June 17, 2007

**3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** - Tone 2. Commemorating Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia.

**Readings:** Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

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

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

**9:10 a.m.**—Readings of the Third and Sixth Hours

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

**11:30 a.m.**—Fellowship



### Calendar:

**June 18, Mon:** Parish Council meeting—7 p.m.

**June 19, Tue:** 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.

**June 26, Tue:** Church Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m.

June 28, Thu: Great Vespers—7:30 p.m.

**June 29, Fri:** *Feast of SS Peter and Paul Apostles Ends*; Divine Liturgy at Christ the Saviour—9:30 a.m.

**June 30, Sat:** *Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles*; Divine Liturgy at Holy Apostles Mission, Mechanicsburg—9:30 a.m.; Vespers at our church—7:00 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:** **Myron Starinshak; Barbara Challenger**, Hershey Med Center; **Theodore Bacha**, brother of Lydia Mantle; **Eric Arnoldus**, friend of Dan and Donna Bretz; **Daniel Pankiw** requested by Kathy; **Elizabeth Middlesworth; Mary Hamm** friend of Joshua DiFlorio; **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:** **Dan Bretz** (In Oregon fighting wildfires until Sept.); **Nicholas Ressetar** (Alaska); **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;**

**Hospitalized:** **Betty Middlesworth** is now at the new rehab section of Community General Hospital, Lower Paxton Township, in Room #292.

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**Newly Departed from This Life:** **Arthur Heiner**, the father of Lou Ann Drebot (Terry); **Russell Sass**—June 8<sup>th</sup>; **Archpriest Daniel Donovan; Ester Davinsizer**, 87, grandmother of Pam Hatalovich—May 25<sup>th</sup>; **Sharon Ann Keefe, 61**, daughter of Betty Danko—May 17<sup>th</sup>;

**ARTHUR HEINER**, the father of **Lou Ann Drebot (Terry)** departed this life on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The Drebot address is 3139 Sunshine Drive, Dover, Pa 17315. We sing Eternal Memory to Arthur, "newly departed this life."

**FUNERAL:** Russell Sass, 83, departed this life at Hospice at VA Medical Center in Lebanon. He was the husband of Mrs. Shirley Sass, 451 Sand Hill Road #274, Hershey, PA 17033.

He is also survived by a son John and his wife Dianne; a daughter Deborah and her husband, Daniel; brothers George and Alexander, sisters Martha Allen and Nadia Sass, and three granddaughters.

A devoted member of our church choir, Russ was an avid artist using watercolor techniques.

Funeral services were held at our church Friday morning by Fr. Stephen Vernak and burial was at his home parish in Lykens. We sing Eternal Memory to Russ, "newly departed this life."

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Ascension Church, 756 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lykens, PA 17048; to our church or to Hospice at VA Medical Center.

### Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

**Rose Marie Komernicky**, June 17<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary;

**Theodore Starinshak**, brother of Elizabeth Hancher, June 18<sup>th</sup> is the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary;

**John Essock**, husband of Mary Essock and father of Patti Bromley, June 21<sup>st</sup> is the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**Sophie Mischak**, mother of Dottie Sysak, June 21<sup>st</sup> is the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**Gregory Caba**, son of John Caba Jr., June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary;

**Howard Redmond**, Barb Norato's Uncle, June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary;



**Candle Offerings:** (Candle request slips for small decorated candles for the center table, large decorated candles for the side table; and plain and small candles for the altar are available at the candle desk. The sign up sheet for the Seven Day Eternal Lamp Votive Candles can be found in the office.)

**Seven Day Eternal Lamp Votive Candle**, offered in memory of **Steve Fecho**, by Ron Hancher.

**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](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) with the information.)

**Jo-Ann Nesko** will celebrate her birthday on **June 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**WEDDING BANNES:** **Mr. Eli Mioff** of Harrisburg and **Mrs. Suzanne Bent** of York announce their intention to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, the Rite of Crowning on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church.



## TODAYS NEWS

**THE TOMATO PLANT GIFTS** today for Father's Day given to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, foster fathers and step-fathers present in church were funded by the **Harrisburg Senior and Junior "O" Clubs**.

### Happy Father's Day!

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

**THE SOFTBALL TEAM** improved its record to 9-1 with victories against Zion Lutheran by scores of 16-11 and 16-13. The team was to face Devonshire UM Tuesday June 12 but the games were rained out. The rainout was great for the team as there were 6 starters missing! Devonshire is also 9-1. The makeup games will be held **tonight at 7:30 p.m.**

Come and watch the team play at Veterans' Park on Elmerton Avenue. Father Stephen has joined the team! Mark your calendar for Tuesday 8 p.m. when the team plays against Clarks Valley EC.



## PARISH NEWS

**OUR GRADUATES** who are being recognized today after the Divine Liturgy will receive gifts courtesy of the St. Mary's Altar Guild. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!**

**Sheena Hisiro**, daughter of **Deborah and Carl Hisiro** graduated with Honors from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, on Friday, May 11, 2007. She received a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree with a major in Communications Design with an emphasis in Illustration. Sheena plans to spend the summer with her family in Harrisburg and then move to New York City and work as a free lance illustrator. She particularly hopes to illustrate children's books.

**Laura Hadginske**, daughter of **Mary Ann and Paul Hadginske** graduated from York Suburban High School and plans to attend Loyola College in Maryland. Laura hopes to study Speech-Language Pathology.

**Dimitri Ressetar**, the son of **Candi and Gregory Ressetar**, graduated from Christian Covenant Academy in Harrisburg and will attend Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) studying electrical engineering.

**Jessica Bricker** has completed one year of Graduate School at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has been accepted as a medical student at PCOM.



**THE CHURCH SCHOOL** Teachers were recognized today with gifts given by St. Mary's Altar Guild. They are: Amy Minarich, Janice Zuro, Angie Mioff, Nick Ressetar and Matushka Ressetar.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL** will be meeting **tomorrow at 7 p.m.** not Tuesday as previously shown on the June Calendar.

**ST MARY'S ALTER GUILD - SALES DESK:** Stop by and check out the new display at the Sales Desk which is open every week after Liturgy during fellowship hour. If you do not see what you are looking for, please ask Evelyn Krempasky. Due to limited space, we are not able to display all items. Please visit the sales desk for your religious article needs. On the Sunday's that Evelyn is away please see Jean Dotsey.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**JUNE 23, SATURDAY:** Maintenance Day

**JUNE 27, THURSDAY:** Great Vespers will be served at Christ the Saviour.

**JUNE 28, FRIDAY:** *Feast of SS Peter and Paul Apostles Fast Ends*; Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at Christ the Saviour.

**JUNE 29, SATURDAY:** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Apostles Mission in Mechanicsburg.

**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).



**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL** at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (1000 Yverdon Dr., Camp Hill) August 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Registration forms must be returned by Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and are available in our church office.

**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).



## The Power of Prayer...

Someone has said if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Did you know that during W.W.II there was organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, it's people and peace.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate: Every evening at 9:00 pm Eastern Time ( 8:00 PM Central) ( 6:00 PM Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a return to a Godly nation.

Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. ~Submitted by Father Neal Carrigan

### Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael

The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael, brothers by birth, were descended from an illustrious Persian family. Their father was a pagan, but their mother was a Christian, who baptized the children and raised them with firm faith in Christ the Savior.

When they reached adulthood, the brothers entered military service. Speaking on behalf of the Persian emperor Alamundar, they were his emissaries in concluding a peace treaty with the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian received them with due honor and showed them his favor. But when the brothers refused to take part in a pagan sacrifice, Julian became angry. He annulled the treaty and incarcerated the ambassadors of a foreign country like common criminals.

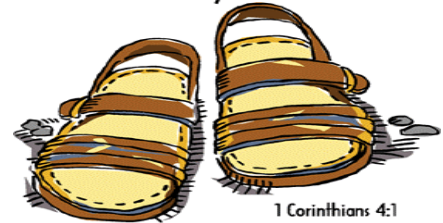
At the interrogation he told them that if they scorned the gods he worshipped, it would be impossible to reach any peace or accord between the two sides. The holy brothers answered that they were sent as emissaries of their emperor on matters of state, and not to argue about "gods." Seeing their firmness of faith, the emperor ordered the brothers to be tortured.

They beat the holy martyrs, and then nailed their hands and feet to trees. Later, they drove iron spikes into their heads, and wedged sharp splinters under their fingernails and toenails. During this time of torment the saints glorified God and prayed as if they did not feel the tortures.

Finally, the holy martyrs were beheaded. Julian ordered their bodies to be burned, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The ground opened up and the bodies of the holy martyrs disappeared into the abyss. After two days of fervent prayer by the Christians, the earth returned the bodies of the holy brothers, from which a sweet fragrance issued forth. Many pagans, witnessing the miracle, came to believe in Christ and were baptized.

Christians reverently buried the bodies of the holy martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael in the year 362. Since that time the relics of the holy passion-bearers have been glorified with miracles.

Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.



**A single guy** decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a centipede (a 100-legged bug) that came in a little white box which served as the bug's house.

He took his purchase home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet.

So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. He decided to ask him one more time; this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "HEY IN THERE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO CHURCH WITH ME AND LEARN ABOUT THE LORD?"  
..... (YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THIS!)

And a little voice came out of the box..... "I heard you the first time.....I'm putting on my shoes!"

*Submitted by Fr. Nea*

## Metropolitan Council meeting opens at OCA Chancery

**His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman**, opened the meeting of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America here on Tuesday, June 12, 2007:

"Venerable Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"As we gather as the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America for this special session, we have the awesome opportunity to embrace the Holy Spirit that desires to unite us and abide in us as an essential leadership body of the Church. At the same time, we have the opportunity to acknowledge that God alone can heal our personal and corporate infirmities as we learn from the past, make an attempt to give back to God the fruits of our labors, tempering each decision with care and discernment. The question that must be foremost in our minds is very fundamental, 'What is God's will for us at this time in the history of our young, modest, yet autocephalous Orthodox Church in America?'"

The full and complete session can be found by visiting <http://www.oca.org/NewsPrintable.asp?ID=1258> or for those who do not have internet access a copy is in our church office for your review.