

Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 30, 2007

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (2nd of Luke) - Tone 1. Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia (ca. 335). Ven. Gregory, Abbot of Pelshme, Wonderworker of Vologd (1442). St. Michael, First Metropolitan of Kiev (992). Martyrs Rhipsime, Gaiana and 35 Holy Virgins with them, of Armenia.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 **Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36

Upcoming Services and Events:

Sept 30, Sun: Church School/ Adult Education – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; Fellowship – 12pm; Vespers for Pokrov –

the Protection of the Mother of God – 7pm; Panakhida following Vespers

Oct 1, Mon: Divine Liturgy (Pokrov) – 9:30am

Oct 4, Thur: Altar Guild Working Committees — 6:30pm

Oct 5, Fri: Akathist to St. Innocent, Enlightener of N. America – 7pm

Oct 6, Sat: Vespers and Confessions – 7pm

Oct 7, Sun: Church School/ Adult Education – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; Fellowship – 12pm;

Chinese Auction – doors open at 12:30pm

Oct 8, Mon: Akathist to St. Tikhon, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America – 7pm

Oct 13, Sat: Vespers and Confessions – 7pm

Oct 14, Sun: Church School/ Adult Education – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; Fellowship and Junior "O" Club Bake Sale, proceeds benefit the Christmas Stocking Program – 12pm; Holy Apostles Mission Dinner Dance at the Radisson Penn Harris (Camp Hill) – 1:30pm

Tune in to: Orthodox Radio, 720 AM every Sunday at 8 am.

Also check out: <u>www.AncientFaithRadio.com</u> for 24 hours of Orthodox Internet Radio

Welcome to all those who are visiting!!! Please join us for fellowship in the Church Hall following the Divine Liturgy and be sure to sign our guest registry in the vestibule before you exit the church. Please note: Only those guests who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and confession may approach to receive the Eucharist.

Prayer List: Please remember the following persons during your daily morning and evening prayers. A complete listing of names is included in the quarterly mailing. **Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless otherwise requested.** Submit names to the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

<u>Those Ailing</u>: Yolanda Lauria (Kristen Seitz's mother); Wassil Boyko (Fr. Dan's brother-in-law); M. Olga Kovach (at Country Meadows in Lancaster); Bobbie Heberle (Jean Dotsey's mother);); Robert Stadulis (Pellegrini family relative); Theodore Bacha (Lydia Mantle's brother); Eric Arnoldus (Bretz family friend); Daniel Pankiw (Kathy's father-in-law); Betty Middlesworth

<u>Health and well-being of</u>: the newborn **Anna Miller**, child of Fernando and Larissa (Somple family friends); **Henry Weaver** (friend of Nick & Wilma Sutovich); **Vladimir & Nina** (parents of Yelena Harrison); **Angelica Krut** (in Yemen); **[IN IRAQ]: Travis Holtzman** (Bricker family friend); **SSG Kevin Leonhard** (Hancher family friend); **Michael Egan** (Anna Doray's son-in-law); **Nicholas Serio; Steven Hampson** (Krempasky family friend)

<u>Newly Departed from This Life:</u> Catherine Pierce (wife of Ellis); Lilly Novak (Gloria Skirpan's sister) – Sept 13; Tatyana Mironova (godmother of Yelena Harrison) – Sept 9; Joe Krajsa – Aug 23 (friend of our parish)

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: Anna Motoviloff, mother of Ellen Miller, Sept $30-24^{th}$; Fr. Dimitri Ressetar, father of Fr. Dan, Sept $30-23^{rd}$; Bagrat Avanesyan, father of Rita Avanesyan, Sept $30-13^{th}$; Natalie K. Dugan, October $2-10^{th}$; Michael Hadginske, father of Paul Hadginske, Oct $3-13^{th}$; Linda Clouser, niece of Pat Drebot, Oct $3-2^{nd}$; Anna David, sister of Mary David and godmother of Betty Middlesworth's, Oct $5-14^{th}$; Metro Kuzupas, father of Alex Kuzupas, Oct $6-40^{th}$; John Spaseff, husband of Margaret Spaseff, Oct $6-5^{th}$

<u>Candle Offerings:</u> For information on how to purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen.

Seven Day Eternal Memory Vigil is offered in memory of the **Rt. Rev. Dimitri Ressetar** by the Ressetar family. **Nine Altar Candles** are offered for the health and salvation of **Harry and Dottie Sysak** on their 39th wedding anniversary (Sept 29th).

Many Years: Names will be accepted for each week. Please submit to ctsocahbg@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Birthdays: Irena Ciocirlan - Oct 1; Justin Ciocirlan - Oct 2; Debbie Hisiro - Oct 4; Nicole Barbara Zart - Oct 6; Wedding Anniversaries: Greg and Candi Ressetar - Oct 2



Today's News

Today, Sun., Sept 30: <u>Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God (POKROV)</u> Great Vespers 7pm, followed by a Panakhida for the Ressetar family; and **Tomorrow, Mon., Oct 1: Divine Liturgy (POKROV)** – 9:30 am.

Parish Photo Directories are here! You can get your copy from the office. Please, only one directory per family, and sign the list indicating you received your copy.

Other News

Fellowship Hour Schedule for October: Parishioners are asked to help by bringing at least 48 servings of baked goods and to serve them during their assigned fellowship hour. Please check the dates below and mark your calendar accordingly. **The complete list through next May 2008 is available at the parish hall.** If you will not be at church on your scheduled date contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759.

October 7: Effie Spassef Marie Spassef
October 14: *Jr.* "O" Club Christmas Stocking
October 21: Anna Kuchta Dave Martin
October 28: Deborah Hisiro Rahil Geguchadze

Tue., SEPT 25 at 7pm: The 37th Annual St. Tikhon Seminary Adult Education Lecture Series (South Canaan, PA). This week **His Grace, the Right Reverend Bishop PETER** Bishop of Cleveland and Vicar of the Chicago Diocese R.O.C.O.R will speak on *"Persecutions of the Early Christian Church"*

17th Annual Chinese Auction – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

This event is only a week away and we STILL NEED a variety of items. Anything that is non perishable, never been used, and has a value of at least \$5.00 is welcome. Don't like to shop? We will gladly accept cash donations. Or maybe you can contact your employer or a local business that may be willing to make a donation. Tax-exempt/ non-profit letters are available in the church office. For ideas on what to buy or if you have any questions, contact: Lydia Mantle at 329-8061 or Alice Mallick 939-4154. Items can be brought to the church anytime. Please leave them in the church basement – far left corner (under trophy cases) by the exit door.

Sun., Oct 14th: Junior "O" Club Bake Sale. The students of our parish will be "in-charge" of the Fellowship Hour, which will be a bake sale to raise funds for the *Christmas Stocking Project.* The funds raised will provide gifts to needy children in Eastern Europe and Mexico. All students are asked to bring some type of baked goods for the sale.

Sun., Oct 14th: Holy Apostles Mission in Mechanicsburg, will be hosting its annual *Dinner Dance and Silent Auction*.

Tomorrow (OCT 1st) is the deadline to purchase tickets. For more information check out www.holyapostleschurch.org/dinnerdance2007.html or contact Mary Sak at 717-691-7261 or marysak@comcast.net with any questions! See also, the flyer on bulletin board in the vestibule or the ticket order forms at the candle desk.

Sun., Oct 21st: 2007 Harrisburg Area CROP Walk will begin at City Island Pavilion at 1:30pm. We are attempting to organize a group of walkers from our parish to raise funds and participate in this event. See *www.harrisburgwalk.blogspot.com* for more information; or contact **Fr. Stephen** if you are interested in walking or donating.

Elizabethtown College "Into the Streets" program is looking for senior citizens who can use some extra help on **Saturday, November 3rd 2007**. Teams of approximately 4 students are waiting to help senior in our community with outdoor yard work maintenance. The deadline to request help is Wednesday October 10th. To participate see Fr. Stephen for a request form or call **Nancy Valkenburg** (Program Director) at 717-361-1108.

Save the Date

Akathist to St. Innocent, Enlightener of N. America
Friday October 5th at 7pm

Our father among the saints **Innocent of Alaska**, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of North America (1797-1879), was a Russian Orthodox priest, bishop, archbishop, and Metropolitan of Moscow and all Russia. He is known for his missionary work, scholarship, and leadership in Alaska and the Russian Far East during the 1800s. He is known for his great zeal for his work as well as his great abilities as a scholar, linguist, and administrator. He was a missionary, later a bishop and archbishop in Alaska and the Russian Far East. He learned several native languages and was the author of many of the earliest scholarly works about the natives and their languages, as well as dictionaries and religious works in these languages. He also translated parts of the Bible into several native languages. (*Feast Day October 6*th)

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What is an Akathist? An **akathist** (Greek, *akathistos*) is a hymn dedicated to a saint, holy event, or one of the persons of the Holy Trinity. The word *akathist* itself means "not sitting." The akathist *par excellence* is that written in the 6th century to the Theotokos.

How is it different from other services?

The akathist hymn itself is divided into thirteen parts, each of which has a kontakion and an ikos (verses related to the kontakion). The kontakion usually ends with the exclamation: "Alleluia!" Within the latter part of the ikos comes the entreaty, "Rejoice!" The thirteenth kontakion is usually followed by the repetition of the first ikos and kontakion. After the thirteen kontakia and ikoi, additional prayers are added, such as a troparion and another kontakion, and finally a prayer asking the intercessions of the Saint. Akathist hymns allow us to honor a saint outside of the normal Vespers and Divine Liturgy celebrations.