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Sunday, December 9, 2007

28th Week after Pentecost. Tone 3: The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos. Prophetess Anna (Hannah), mother of the Prophet Samuel (ca. 1100 B.C.). St. Sophronius, Archbishop of Cyprus (6th c.). St. Stephen the "New Light" of Constantinople (10th c.). Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, "**UNEXPECTED JOY.**"

Epistle: **Colossians 1:12-18**
Galatians 4:22-31 (St. Anna)

Gospel: **Luke 17:12-19**
Luke 8:16-21 (St. Anna)

Upcoming Services and Events:

Dec 9, Sun: Fellowship and Church School Advent Program – 12pm

Dec 11-12, Tue and Wed: Nut Roll Baking – 8am.

Dec 12, Wed: Nut Roll Clean-up – 6:30pm; Christian Education – 6pm

Dec 13, Thu: Akathist Hymn to St. Herman at Holy Apostles Mission – 7pm (NOTE: This service will be held in lieu of the Pan Orthodox Bible Study, held at Holy Trinity in Camp Hill)

Dec 15, Sat: Maintenance Saturday – 9am; Vespers and Confession – 6pm

Dec 16, Sun: Church School/ Adult Education – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; **Panakhida for Daniel Pankiw** following Liturgy; Fellowship and "O" Club Cookie Sale – 12pm; **Junior "O" Club Meeting**

Dec 18, Tue: Parish Council Mtg. – 7pm; Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm

Dec 19, Wed: Christian Education – 6pm

Dec 22, Sat: Vespers and Confession – 6pm

Dec 23, Sun: Church School/ Adult Education – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; Fellowship– 12pm.

- **Christian Education Class** every Wednesday (*unless otherwise noted*) at 6pm
- **Pan-Orthodox Bible-Study** every Thursday at 7pm - Holy Trinity Cathedral (*Camp Hill*)
- **ORTHODOX RADIO** on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am
- www.AncientFaithRadio.com - 24 hour 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.

Those Ailing: **Betty Middlesworth; Christine Neumann; John Williams** (friend of Tom Drebot); **Anna Martin** (Dave's mother); **Joseph Fetsko** (friend and former parishioner); **Mary Hoffman** (Mary Ann Hadginske's mother); **Carol Boyer** (Ann Cole's friend); **M. Nina Stroyen** (editor of the Orthodox Herald); **John Fatich** (Janet Kuzupas' brother); **Sbdn. Richard Hathaway** (former parishioner); **Dr. Alexander Kalenak** (Anna Doray's brother); **Yolanda Lauria** (Kristen Seitz's mother); **Robert Stadulis** (Pellegrini family relative); **Theodore Bacha** (Lydia Mantle's brother); **M. Olga Kovach**

Health and well-being of: **Harry Sysak; Bobbie Heberle** (Jean Dotsey's mother); **Melanie and infant Savannah** (Newhouse family friends); **[IN IRAQ]: SFC Bill Donner** (Libby Hancher's Nephew); **Nicholas Serio; Steven Hampson** (Krepasky family friend)

Newly Departed from This Life: Daniel Pankiw (Kathy's father-in-law) – Dec 4; **Archbishop PETER** - Nov 19; **Helen Mikulik** – Nov 12; **Andrew Sauchuk** (Ressetar family friend);

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

Nancy Carmen, sister of Betty Pellegrini, Dec 9 – 35th; **Sophia Carmen**, mother of Betty Pellegrini, Dec. 10 – 23rd; **Dr. John R. Essock**, son of +Mary Essock & nephew of George Krempasky, Dec 10 – 3rd; **John Sullivan**, brother-in-law of Joe & Barbara Norato, Dec 11 – 32nd; **Anna Hatalowich**, grandmother of George Hatalowich, Dec 13 – 32nd; **Inez Leonard**, cousin of John R. Barns, Dec 13 – 3rd; **James Reedy**, Dec 14 – 35th

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

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: Alyssa Nesko - Dec. 11; Evan McGreevy – Dec. 13; Alexander Ressetar – Dec. 14

Anniversaries: David and Katharine Newhouse (15th on Dec 11)

Today's News

Services for Newly Departed Daniel Pankiw: A viewing will be held on Sunday, Dec 9, 2007 at 7 PM, w/ a brief service at 8 PM, at the Kaniefski Kendus D'Anjolell Funeral Home, 3900 W. 9th St., Trainer, PA. On Monday, Dec 10, 2007, a brief service will be held at 9 AM at the funeral home, followed by a funeral mass at 10 AM at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 3015 W. 3rd Street, Chester, Pennsylvania. Burial will be in the Lawn Croft Cemetery. A memorial service will be held next Sunday, Dec 16, 2007 at our church, immediately following Divine Liturgy.

"Hours Service" Readers Schedule: Please see Fr. Stephen if you would like to learn how to read the "Hours Service(s)" before Divine Liturgy and be added to a readers schedule that is forthcoming.

Christian Education Classes: This Wednesday December 12th at 6pm, we will begin a new section of our class focusing on the **Incarnation of Christ** (i.e. Christmas). *Come and bring a friend!*

Adopt-A-Seminarian Family Christmas Gifts: Please bring items you have purchased for the Lichtenstein family (from St. Tikhon's Seminary) and leave them in the vestibule by this **Monday, December 10th**. *Thank you for your generosity.*

"Angels" for NEEDY CHILDREN: Please bring marked items you have purchased for needy children in the Harrisburg area to the vestibule up until **Sunday December 16th**. *Thank you for your generosity.* PLEASE keep the items **separate** from the Adopt-a-Seminarian items.

Support-a-Seminarian Program- Once again our parish is collecting donations to help support a seminarian at St. Tikhon's. Our student's name is **Derek Schmidt**, a first year M. Div. student (OCA) from Philadelphia. Designate donations to **Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church** by marking check memo line and envelopes – "Support-a-Seminarian" any time from now until the end of February. *Prayerfully give what you can.* But keep in mind the parish has committed itself to reach the goal of FULL SUPPORT = \$6,000.00. **We can reach this goal if...**

- 20 families give \$300; or
- 40 families give \$150; or
- 60 families give \$100

Christmas/ Quarterly Newsletter, has been sent. Extra copies are available in the office if you would like to distribute some "around town" or if you would like to share with family or friends.

Other News

Fellowship Hour Schedule: 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.

December 16:

December 23:

December 30:

Ann Cole

Marie Intrieri

Sandy Wood

Christine Priggins

Freweni Tewolde

Mary Ann Wood

71st Annual Novogodny Ball sponsored by St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter #82 of the FOCA will take place on Sunday January 20, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast. Please contact **Linda Lelo** at lmlelo@verizon.net for complete information and required reservations. See also flyer in the vestibule.

NEW "ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE" (containing BOTH Old and New Testaments with study footnotes) has been published. If you are interested in purchasing a copy for yourself or as a Holiday gift for someone, PLEASE SEE - **Evelyn Krempasky** to be added to the "Reserve a copy list".

Gift Card Program: Looking for the perfect Christmas Gift - Check out the **pink** Gift Card Program forms. **Wal-Mart and Sam's Club gifts cards are now available.** Each gift card yields a certain percentage which goes to our parish. Place order form and payment in **Alice Mallick's** mailbox in the office.

WINTER YOUTH RETREATS (*parish will cover registration for interested teens*):

- **St. Vladimir's Seminary High School Christmas Retreat with a Mission** "Who is My Neighbor" The Challenge of the Good Samaritan - Dec 26-29th at St. Vladimir's Seminary (Crestwood, NY). **Please RSVP by Dec 17.** For more information check out their website at www.svots.edu or the brochure located in the vestibule.
- **Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania: Winter Teen Retreat 2008.** February 8-10 at the Pocono Plateau Retreat Center (Cresco, PA). **Please RSVP by Jan 18.** For more information and printable applications check out www.thetac.org or call Kimberly Metz at 610-554-1079. See also flyer in the vestibule.

SYOSSET, NY [OCA Communications - At their first meeting in early November 2007, members of the Preconciliar Commission, charged with planning the Orthodox Church in America's **15th All-American Council that is slated to be convened in Pittsburgh, PA November 10-13, 2008**, stressed their desire to solicit ideas and concerns about the gathering from the Church's membership." The faithful are invited to send their thoughts and suggestions to a special e-mail address - ideasforaac@oca.org - established for this purpose," according to the Very Rev. Andrew Jarmus, OCA director of ministries and communications. "All e-mail submissions will be reviewed and considered by members of the Preconciliar Commission."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: Please remember those who have difficulty coming to church for liturgical services and for various reasons such as being confined at home, in a nursing home or in the hospital. Remember them in your prayers and send them a Christmas greeting card. They will appreciate it:

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Last Weeks Liturgy Attendance: **133**