



## Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church

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*Sunday, December 16, 2007*

**29<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost. Tone 4: Sunday of the Forefathers.** Prophet Haggai. Martyr Marinus of Rome. Blessed Empress Theophano. St. Sophia of Suzdal (1542)

Epistle: **Colossians 3:4-11** (Forefathers)

Gospel: **Luke 14:16-24** (Forefathers)

### Upcoming Services and Events:

**Dec 16, Sun: 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](http://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:** **Catherine Franklin** (friend of Bob Drozd); **Betty Middlesworth**; **Christine Neumann**; **Anna Martin** (Dave's mother); **Joseph Fetsko** (friend and former parishioner); **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); **[IN IRAQ]: Fr. George Hill** (Orthodox Army Chaplain); **SFC Bill Donner** (Libby Hancher's Nephew); **Nicholas Serio**; **Steven Hampson** (Krempasky family friend)

**Newly Departed from This Life:** **Mary (Molly) Hoffman** (Mary Ann Hadginske's mother) – Dec 11; **Mary Kantor** (sister of Bill Kantor) – Dec 8; **John Williams** (friend of Tom Drebot) – Dec 7; **Daniel Pankiw** (Kathy's father-in-law) – Dec 4; **Archbishop PETER** - Nov 19; **Helen Mikulik** – Nov 12;

**Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:** **Pani Suan Mesaros**, wife of Fr. Frank Mesaros, Dec 16 – 5<sup>th</sup>; **Michael Kundrat**, brother of John Kundrat, Dec 17 – 5<sup>th</sup>; **Michael Sandovich**, grandson of Martyr Fr. Maksym, cousin of Fr. Dan, Dec 17 – 4<sup>th</sup>; **Herbert C. Caldwell III**, son of Olga Caldwell, Dec 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Ann Krill**, sister-in-law of Helen Tatusko, Dec 18 – 5<sup>th</sup>; **Kathryn Sultzbaugh**, sister of +Russell Sass, Dec 19 – 19<sup>th</sup>; **Todorka Mioff**, mother of Eli Mioff, Dec 21 – 19<sup>th</sup>; **Nadya Snow**, sister of Gloria Maliniak, Dec 21 – 6<sup>th</sup>;

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

**The Seven Day Eternal Memory Vigil** is offered in memory of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of departed servant of God, **John Osuch Sr.**, by the John Osuch, Jr. Family.

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

**Birthdays:** **Katharine Newhouse** - Dec 16; **Angela McGreevy** – Dec 18.

**Anniversaries:**



## Today's News

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**Christmas Turkey's and Food for the Needy:** Fr. Stephen and Fr. Dan will again be distributing Turkeys and food items for the needy in the city of Harrisburg. If you would like to participate please bring items to the Church by next Sunday. Distribution will take place Sunday afternoon.

**"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.

**Support-a-Seminarian Program:** Once again our parish is collecting donations to help support a seminarian at St. Tikhon's. Our students name is **Derek Schmidt**, a first year M. Div. student (OCA) from Holy Assumption Orthodox Church in Philadelphia. Make check payable to **Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church** and designate them for the program by marking the check memo line and envelope – "Support-a-Seminarian" any time from now until the end of February.

## Other News

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**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 23:	<b>Marie Intrieri</b>	<b>Freweni Tewolde</b>
December 30:	Sandy Wood	Mary Ann Wood
January 6:	Jean Dotsey	Janet Kuzupas
January 13:	Pam Hatalowich	TBD

**71<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 that goes to our parish. Place order form and payment in **Alice Mallick's** mailbox in the office.

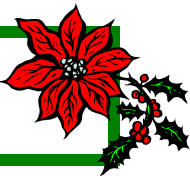
**WINTER YOUTH RETREATS** (*parish will cover registration for interested teens*):

- **St. Vladimir's Seminary High School Christmas Retreat with a Mission** "Who is My Neighbor" The Challenge of the Good Samaritan - Dec 26-29<sup>th</sup> at St. Vladimir's Seminary (Crestwood, NY). **Please RSVP by Dec 17.** For more information check out their website at [www.svots.edu](http://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](http://www.thetac.org) or call Kimberly Metz at 610-554-1079. See also flyer in the vestibule.

**Last Week's Liturgy Attendance: 148**

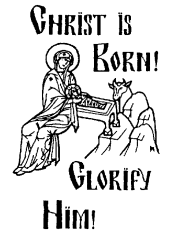


**Please see Christmas & New Years Schedule Below**





# Nativity and New-Years Service Schedule



(Post on your refrigerator for quick reference)

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

- ❑ Royal Hours – 9 am
- ❑ Vespers Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am
- ❑ Great Compline & Matins - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

- ❑ Divine Liturgy – 10 am

## Post feasts (Synaxis of the Theotokos and St. Stephen)

Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

- ❑ Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am
- ❑ (Synaxis of the Theotokos)

Thurs., December 27<sup>th</sup>

- ❑ Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am
- ❑ (St. Stephen, Proto-martyr)
- ❑ Parish Christmas Open House
- ❑ (*Parish Hall*) – 6 pm

## Circumcision of our Lord / St. Basil's day & Civil New-Year

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

- ❑ Vespers - 7 pm

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

- ❑ Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

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**Note regarding Confessions:** This is a time of the year that many who do not *regularly* receive the Eucharist come to the Chalice. Please be sure to prepare yourself through **Prayer**, **Fasting** and the **Sacrament of Repentance**. Confessions are heard on Saturday Evenings following Vespers or by appointment.

Please call **Fr. Stephen** with any questions.