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Sunday, December 30, 2007

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Sunday After the Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday Before the Theophany. Virgin Martyr. Martyr Zoticus, Keeper of Orphans. Apostle of the Seventy, Timon the Deacon. Martyr Philoterus of Nicomedia. Ven. Theodora of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Ven. Theodora of Constantinople. Monk Martyr Gideon of Karakallou. St. Makáry, Metropolitan of Moscow.

Epistle: **Galatians 1:11-19**

Gospel: **Matthew 2:13-23**

Upcoming Services and Events:

Dec 30, Sun: Fellowship – 12pm.

Dec 31, Mon: Vespers – 7pm

Jan 1, Tue: **Circumcision of our Lord/ St. Basil's Day (Civil New Year) Divine Liturgy** – 9:30am; Fellowship and finding of the coin in the Vasilopita breads – 10:40am

Jan 2, Wed: **NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS.**

Jan 4, Fri: **Royal Hours** – 9am

Jan 5, Sat: Divine Liturgy (Pre-feast) – 9:30am; Holy Supper (Potluck, please sign up in vestibule) – 4pm; Great Compline and Matins (Theophany) – 6pm.

Jan 6, Sun: Church School/ Adult Education – 9am; Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of Waters – 10am; Fellowship – 12pm. House Blessings Begin.

Jan 7, Mon: Divine Liturgy (Synaxis of St. John the Baptist) – 9:30am

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Pan-Orthodox Bible-Study is temporarily postponed (due to house blessings) until February.
- **Christian Education Class** meets every Wednesday (*unless otherwise noted*) at 6pm
- **ORTHODOX RADIO** on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am

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: **Susan Wolfe; Claire Brobson** – 9yrs old (Krempasky family friend); **Marlene Demchak** (Suzanne's sister-in-law); **Marie Angdst** (Ann Cole's cousin); **Catherine Franklin** (friend of Bob Drozd); **Betty Middlesworth; Anna Martin** (Dave's mother); **Carol Boyer** (Ann Cole's friend); **John Fatich** (Janet Kuzupas' brother); **Sbdn. Richard Hathaway** (former parishioner); **Dr. Alexander Kalenak** (Anna Doray's brother); **Theodore Bacha** (Lydia Mantle's brother); **M. Olga Kovach**

Health and well-being of: **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: **MaryAnn English, Margaret Spassef** – Dec 26; **Eugene Vassey** (friend and co-worker of Bob Drozd) – Dec 20; **Mary 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;

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: Helen Evans, Jan 1 – 75th; Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, brother of Andy Fedetz, Jan 1 – 3rd; Helen Bushko, sister of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 2 – 10th; Loretta Lennon, niece of Katharine Newhouse, Jan 3 – 2nd; Watson Edward Ealy, Jan 5 – 9th; Helen Zuzulock, mother of Kathleen Z. Pankiw, Jan 5 – 8th; Samuel Evans, Jan 6- 67th; Andrew Matyuf, brother of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 6 – 5th;

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

Nine Altar Candles

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: **Irene Sumple** - Jan 2nd; **Matthew Sysak** - Jan 5th.

The Tradition of Saint Basil's Coin (Vasilopita) dates to the 4th century, when St. Basil the Great, the father of philanthropy, wanted to distribute money to the poor in his diocese. He commissioned some women to bake sweetened bread, in which he placed gold coins. Thus the poor families in cutting the bread to nourish themselves were pleasantly surprised to find the coins. This custom is kept to this day among Orthodox Christians, who on Saint Basil's Day, Jan 1 - place gold coins inside a loaf of sweetened bread in honor of the Saint's care for the poor. The one who finds the coin in his or her piece is considered commissioned by St. Basil to carry on his work for the poor, and in exchange he will ask the Lord for whatever is needful for the New Year.

Today's News

Funeral Services and Burial for Margaret Spassef Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 31, 2007 at 11:00 am in Wiedeman Funeral Home, 357 S. 2nd Street in Steelton. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. A viewing will be held on Monday from 10:30 until 11:00 am in the funeral home

Thank You to the Men's Club for sponsoring and hosting the annual (FREE) Christmas Open House for the extended parish community. The fellowship, food, and singing were enjoyed by all.

Theophany Holy Supper – Please sign up and bring a dish to the community Holy Supper at **4pm on Saturday January 5th**. Great Compline and Matins for the feast will follow at 6pm. Please note that the Eve of Theophany is a **Strict Fast (no meat or dairy products should be eaten)**.

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. Please make checks 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.

RIDE NEEDED – **Agnes Risser**, a long time parishioner who is no longer able to drive, is inquiring if anyone who lives in the Elizabethtown area would be willing to pick her up occasionally to come to Church. Please call her at 367-4349, Thank You.

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 won't be at church on your scheduled date, contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759.

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| January 6: | Jean Dotsey | Janet Kuzupas |
| January 13: | Pam Hatalowich | TBD |
| January 20: | Paul Dotsey | Sue Dotsey |
| January 27: | Evelyn Krempasky | Mary White |

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 Years & Theophany 2008 Liturgical Schedule

Monday

December 31st

Vespers – 7:00pm

Tuesday

January 1st (New Year)

Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

(Circumcision of our Lord, St. Basil)

Friday

January 4th (pre-feast)

Royal Hours – 9am

Saturday

January 5th (pre-feast)

Divine Liturgy (St. John) – 9:30am

Parish Holy Supper – 4:00pm

(Please Sign-up for Potluck dishes)

Great Compline and Matins – 6:00pm

Sunday

January 6th - Theophany

Divine Liturgy (St. Basil) – 10:00am

With the Great Blessing of Waters

Monday

January 7th (Post-feast)

Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

(Synaxis of St. John the Baptist)



A note on House blessings:

Following the Great Feast of Theophany, Fr. Stephen, will be available to bless homes. Next week I hope to have a tentative schedule of general areas (*i.e. Harrisburg, Camp Hill, Elizabethtown, Middletown, etc*) I plan to visit on particular days over the next month. If you have a preference on morning, afternoon, or evening please let me know. It is important to have your *'little Church'*, that is your *Home*, blessed annually, as a reminder of our need, as Orthodox Christians, to sanctify and ask God's blessing on every aspect our lives. Please have a bowl, a candle, and a list of living and departed members of your family ready when your home is to be blessed.



Last Week's Liturgy Attendance: **191**