



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday February 17, 2008

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee — Tone 5. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]. Greatmartyr Theodore the Tyro (*The Recruit*). Hieromartyr Germogén, Patriarch of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia. Ven. Theodore the Silent, of the Kiev Caves. St. Mariam, sister of Apostle Philip. Uncovering of the Relics of Martyr Menas of Alexandria. The weeping "TIKHVIN" Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos on Mt. Athos.

Epistle: **2 Timothy 3:10-15** Gospel: **Luke 18:10-14**

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Feb 17, Sun: Fellowship – 12pm. ***** NOTE: This week (Feb 17th - 23rd) is Fast Free! *****

Hours Readers: **Bill Kuchta** (3rd) & **Dimitri Resselar** (6th)

Feb 18, Mon: Parish Council Meeting – 7pm.

Feb 19, Tue: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm.

Feb 20, Wed: Christian Education Class is **CANCELLED**, we will resume Wed, Feb 27th.

Feb 21, Thu: "O" Club Meeting at the Brown Residence – 7pm.

Feb 23, Sat: Maintenance Saturday – 9am; Vespers and Confession – 6pm.

Feb 24, Sun: Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Church School and Adult Education – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; Fellowship – 12pm.

Hours Readers: **John Osuch** (3rd) & **Paul Miller** (6th)

Feb 26, Tue: Akathist Hymn to St. Raphael of Brooklyn – 7pm.

Feb 28, Thu: Altar Guild Meeting – 7pm.

Mar 1, Sat: Youth Bowling Outing at ABC Lanes (*Please sign-up*) - 2pm; Vespers and Confession – 6pm.

- **Christian Education Class** meets every **Wednesday** (*unless otherwise noted*) at 6pm
- **Pan-Orthodox Bible study** meets every Thursday, 7pm @ Holy Trinity Camp Hill
- **Orthodox Radio** on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am
- **AncientFaithRadio.com** - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio

Welcome to our visitors!!! Please join us for fellowship in the Church Hall 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. **Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless otherwise requested.** Submit names to the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

Those Ailing: **Susan Strenski** (Janet Kuzupas' sister); **Maksym and Pelagia Szewczyk**; **Beth Yeingst** (Evelyn Krempasky's friend); **Geoffrey Gyrisco** (John R. Barns' friend); **Julia Sheaffer** (daughter of John R. Barns' nephew); **Janet Clark** (Dotty Fedetz's friend); **Gary Kneiss & family** (former parishioner); **Met. THEODOSIUS** (former Primate of the OCA); **Christopher Vreeland** (son of Mary Ellen Osuch's co-worker); **Ann Waytovich**; **Yolanda Lauria** (Kristen Seitz mother); **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: **M. Stephani Colby** (wife of newly departed Dn. Mark); **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); **Brandon John Onufer** (Evelyn's grandson)

Newly Departed from This Life: **Maria Wasko** (Anna Kuchta's friend); **Teodor Andrykiewicz** (Nadzia Schillings godfather) – Feb 12; **Mary Krempasky** (George's sister in law) – Feb 8; **Carol Boyer** (Ann Cole's friend) – Feb 2; **Anna Martin** (Dave's mother) – Jan 28; **John Horek** (M. Sonya Evans brother) – Jan 25; **Paul Dotsey** – Jan 21; **Henry P. Korpusik II** (friend of Willard & Sue Brown) – Jan 18;

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: **Iskander H. Issis**, Feb 17 -12th; **Aziz Shunnara**, Feb 17 – 7th; **Joseph F. Pilc**, father of Mary White, Feb 17 – 5th; **Matushka Margaret Ressetar**, mother of Father Dan, Feb 17 – 2nd; **Ruth Berg**, Feb 19 – 3rd; **Mary Fatich**, mother of Janet Kuzupas, Feb 20 – 53rd; **Andrew Matychak**, Father of Mother Christophora, Feb 20 – 3rd; **Matushka Helen Donovan**, Feb 20 – 2nd; **Gregory Drescher**, Feb 20 – 2nd; **Milina Cioban**, Feb 21 – 24th; **Anthony Hancher**, father of Ron Hancher Sr., Feb 22 – 41st; **Eva Kantor**, aunt of Betty Middlesworth, Feb 22 – 18th

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: **Sheena Hisiro** - Feb 22nd; **Nicole Staller** - Feb 22nd.

New Catechumens:

TODAY'S NEWS

Junior "O" Club Youth Bowling Event: All parish youth are invited to participate in a afternoon of bowling, fellowship, and worship with our visitors from Holy Ascension Orthodox Church in Frackville on **Saturday March 1st**. The event will start at 2pm at ABC Lanes, followed by pizza and Vespers at Christ the Saviour. Please contact Fr. Stephen or **sign to list in the vestibule if you are interested.**

The 'NEW' Orthodox Study Bibles have arrived. If you have reserved a copy or would like to purchase one, please see Evelyn Krempasky during the Sunday, Fellowship Hour after Liturgy. Hard cover editions are \$35.00 and Leather version (1 reserved) is \$70.00. This is a special discounted price extended to us for our early order. This price is only good until our supply is exhausted. **Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Altar Guild.**

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.

February 24:	Hatti Kaznowsky	Judy Webb
March 2:	Dottie Barbu	TBD
March 9:	"O" Club Piroghi Luncheon	

"O" Club Pirogi Making will be on Saturday morning, Feb 23 and Saturday morning, Mar 8, beginning at 8:00 am each day. All parishioners are welcome to come and help. These pirogies are for our annual pre-Lenten luncheon that will be held on March 9.

Nut Roll and Pascha Bread Orders – Orders are now being taken for nut, poppy and apricot rolls, as well as Pascha bread (plain or w/ white raisins). Nut rolls are \$10 each and Pascha bread is \$5 a loaf. Please see Dotty Fedetz or Jean Dotsey with your nut roll orders. Bread orders can be given to Josh DiFlorio or John Dotsey. The cut-off date for all orders (nut rolls and bread) is Mon, Mar 3. The pick-up dates are Mar 15 and 16. Please remember that orders submitted after Mar 3 may not be able to be filled.

Nut Roll and Pascha Bread Baking Dates – A great deal of help is needed, as always, for our baking projects. Please note the following dates and times, and try to help out when you can:

- Set-up for nut roll baking is Mon, Mar 10 at 9:00 am.
- Baking for nut rolls will be done on Tuesday, Mar 11 and Wed Mar 12, beginning at 8:00 am each day. Workers are also need in the afternoons to bag and fill orders and for clean-up.
- Pascha bread will be baked on Sat, Mar 08. Please see John Dotsey or Mike Zuro, if you can help.

Frackville Deanery: Lenten Mission Service (First 4 wks): See complete list in vestibule

- **Sunday of Orthodoxy (Mar 16):** OCCSCP at St. John Chrysostom Church in York; Diocesan Service at Holy Resurrection Church in Wilkes Barre. (*Bp. TIKHON will preside*)
- **(Please Note: Our parish clergy will be in York for Sunday of Orthodoxy)**
- **St. Gregory Palamas (Mar 23):** Christ the Saviour in Harrisburg. (*We are hosting!*)
- **Veneration of the Cross (Mar 30):** St. Peter and Paul in Minersville.
- **St. John of the Ladder (Apr 6):** St. Mary's in Coaldale (*Bp. TIKHON will preside*)

Support-a-Seminarian Program UPDATE: 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".

- ❖ So far we have raised **\$2,300**.
- ❖ We need **\$3,700** more to attain our goal!

Letter from Derek Schmidt (Our "Support-a-Seminarian" recipient)

Dear Beloved Faithful of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church-

Last week I received a copy of the letter Fr. Michael sent to you. I am both overjoyed and humbled by your generous offer to pay for my tuition, room and board for this first year of the M. Div. program. After receiving my acceptance letter from St. Tikhon's late last June, I spent most the summer wondering what life here would be like and how I would adjust – especially after living in the city for so long. Yet by the end of the first week here, I already felt that I had found a home – and not only a home, but a family. Three years ago I would have never imagined that I'd be in seminary, but now I can't imagine being anywhere else. I have already learned so much from my fathers, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Before coming to seminary, I was a G.E.D. teacher and a full-time student at Temple University for two years. This experience showed me, from both sides, the struggle that students face, and the rewards that wait for them if they can run the race patiently. There are certainly struggles here at St. Tikhon's, but they are always redeemed by the daily services we attend and the fellowship we have. There is no greater joy than ending our day of study with Vespers, where we are reminded what – or rather Whom – we are all here for.

And now this blessing from you! I often took for granted, when I was an undergraduate student, that I would be given some form of financial aid. In coming to St. Tikhon's, I quickly realized that any such aid would not come from a bank or a government agency, but from other members of the Body of Christ. I know that this scholarship is offered from the fruits of your labors, and I pray that God will bless you for this sacrifice you have made.

Please keep me in your prayers. Please also send me your weekly bulletin so that I might offer my prayers with all of you. Yours in Christ – **Seminarian Derek Schmidt.**

Save the Date:
Akathist Hymn to St. Raphael of Brooklyn
Tuesday February 26th at 7pm

You were a guardian and a defender of the Church's teaching;
you protected your flock from false doctrines and confirmed them in the true faith.
O holy father Raphael, son of Syria and glory of North America,
always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved.
(*Kontakion, Tone 8*)

