

Rev. Stephen Vernak, Pastor (svernak@hotmail.com) V. Rev. Daniel D. Ressetar, Pastor Emeritus

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

Celebrating 45 years of Proclaiming the Truth of Orthodox Christianity

5501 Old Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109 Ph: 717.652.1825 • Fax: 717.652.0446 www.ChristtheSaviourHbg.org ctsocahbg@aol.com

V. Rev. Dr. Michael G. Kovach, Associate V. Rev. Neal J. Carrigan, Assistant

Sunday March 23, 2008

Second Sunday of Lent — **Tone 2. St. Gregory Palamas.** Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples with him in Sicily. Ven. Nikon, Abbot of the Kiev Caves. Martyrs Philetas the Senator, his wife, Lydia, their sons Macedon and Theoprepius, Chronides the Notary, and Amphilochius the Captain, in Illyria. Righteous Basil of Mangazea in Siberia. Monk Martyr Luke of St. Anne's Skete.

Epistle: **Hebrews 1:10-2:3** Gospel: **Mark 2:1-12 Hebrews 7:26-8:2** John 10:9-16

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Mar 23, Sun: Fellowship – 12pm; Deanery Mission Vespers (here at Christ the Saviour) – 5pm.

Hours Readers: Nick Zuro (3rd) & Joseph Russian (6th)

Mar 24, Mon: Compline and Litya for Annunciation – 7pm. Mar 25, Tue: Vesperal Liturgy for Annunciation – 9:30am.

Mar 26, Wed: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts – <u>6:30pm</u> (NOTE: the 'new' time) Followed by Lenten potluck & Christian education discussion.

Mar 28, Fri: Akathist Hymn to the Divine Passion of Christ – 7pm.

Mar 29, Sat: Memorial Divine Liturgy – 9:30am. Vespers and Confession – 6pm.

Mar 30, Sun: Veneration of the Cross - Church School and Adult Class - 9am; Divine Liturgy - 10am; Fellowship - 12pm;

Deanery Mission Vespers (SS Peter and Paul, Minersville) – 5pm.

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

Mar 31, Mon: Altar Guild Meeting - 7pm (Church Basement), Men's Club Meeting (Parish Hall) - 7:30pm

- 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.

<u>Those Ailing</u>: Pelagia Szewczyk; Kathy Drebot (Tom's wife); Barbara Reynolds (mother of Rdr. Seraphim); Al Winchell (friend of Greg Ressetar); Theresa Edwards (Lorrie Pawlush's grandmother); M. Theodora Ressetar; Dianne Coraluzzi; Bobbie Heberle (Jean Dotsey's mother); Eli Hancher (Ron's brother); 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

<u>Health and well-being of</u>: John R. Barns (traveling in Bulgaria); Dn. Nicholas Belcher and his infant son, Andrew; Natalie and the child born of her; Alexei Schmidt ('adopted' Seminarian) [CATECHUMENS] Scott, Robbin, Shane and Nicole Staller; Jerry White; Pam Hatalowich; Mark, Christina, Gabriella Yerke [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: His Eminence, Metropolitan LAURUS – Mar 16; Harold Johnson (Hatti Kaznowsky's brother) – Mar 16; Margaret Kocher (Joanne Wevodau's aunt) – Mar 11; Shirley Shaffer, (Good friend and neighbor of Willard & Sue Brown) - Mar 7; Jack Dakas (Mike Zuro's uncle) – Mar 3; Sonia Daly-Belcher (Dn. Nicholas' wife) – Feb 20; Gary Redman – Feb 18; Ann Waytovich – Feb 16;

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: Victoria Monita Lapenna, friend of George & Pam Hatalowich, Mar $25 - 2^{nd}$; Paul Litiaho, father of Nadzia Schilling, Mar $26 - 31^{st}$; Albera M Gardner, aunt of Matthew Fisher, Mar $26 - 8^{th}$; Ann Osacky, Archbishop Job's mother. Mar $27 - 3^{rd}$; Helen Slavich, wife of Henry Slavich and mother of Maryanne English, Mar $28 - 7^{th}$; Maria Paluch, mother of John and Martin, Mar $29 - 3^{rd}$

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: Marina Cameron – Mar 23rd. Anastasia Nikolaeva – Mar 23rd; Philip Spaseff – Mar 23rd; Mariam Geguchadze – Mar 24th; Dorothy Fedetz – Mar 25th; David Pawlush – Mar 26th; Helen Kurylo – Mar 27th; Fr. Daniel Ressetar – Mar 27th; Sean Cameron – Mar 27th; John Todorovic – Mar 28th; Sue Brown – Mar 29th

TODAY'S NEWS

<u>Deanery Lenten Service Schedule</u>, has been posted in the vestibule. Also, please keep in mind that <u>our parish</u> is hosting the service **TODAY Sunday, March 23rd at 5pm**. <u>Let's be here to welcome our guests!</u>

<u>The 'NEW' Orthodox Study Bibles</u> are **SOLD OUT.** Due to the expense we will not be ordering again until we have request for at least 12 more. See **Evelyn Krempasky** during Fellowship Hour to be placed on the "new" Reserved List.

OTHER NEWS

<u>Fellowship Hour Schedule:</u> 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.

March 30:Mary Ann HadginskePetru SanduApril 6:Lori PawlushElizabeth HoweApril 14:Janice ZuroKathy Pankiw

<u>Next Sunday, March 30th:</u> Fr. John & M. Eugenia Nehrebecki will join us for Divine Liturgy. He will preach the homily. Fr. John is Fr. Stephen's grandfather, and a seminary classmate of Fr. Daniel.

<u>Sonia Mioff Memorial Scholarship:</u> Please see Fr. Stephen for more information regarding this \$500 scholarship that is awarded to a deserving **High School Senior** (correction from last week).

Adult Discussion Group: Our Associate Pastor, the **V. Rev. Fr. Michael Kovach**, will address the Adult Discussion Group at 9AM Sun Apr 6th on the topic: "An Orthodox Perspective on Life and Death". Fr. Michael will begin at 9am sharp, all adult parishioners are invited to join the group that morning for what promises to be another memorable, enjoyable and enlightening presentation.

The Men's Club is sponsoring a N. Y. Yankee Bus Trip, on Mon, June 9th leaving the parish parking lot at 7:30 a.m. for a 1:05 p.m. game against the Royals. **This trip is limited to the first 42 people @ \$115.00 p/person**, includes bus, drivers' gratuity, game tickets, boxed lunch **to** & **from** the game. \$50.00 deposit is due along with your RSVP by April 21st by contacting **Willard Brown** @ 737-6580 or wdbcamphill@verizon.net.

Willard is also <u>personally</u> organizing a 10 Day Southern Caribbean cruise to 6 ports from Nov 10th to 20th. Call **Willard Brown** at 737-6580 or e-mail at wdbcamphill@verizon.net.

PUSSY WILLOWS: Are in bloom and should be cut and stored for our Palm Sunday on April 20th.

East Harrisburg Cemetery (2260 Herr Street, Hbg): Is opening an additional 36 acres. There is a possibility of creating an "Orthodox" section for our parishioners. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Stephen, so he knows if this is something we should pursue.

<u>St. Tikhon's Seminary Vocation Retreat:</u> This year's retreat, in honor of the 1600th Anniversary of the Repose of St. John Chrysostom, will take place on **Fri April 18th – Sat April 19th.** Those interested should see Fr. Stephen for more details.

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp: Registration for this year's St. Tikhon's Summer Camp (July 6-12) is now open. The deadline for applications and \$20 *non-refundable* registration fee is June 1st. Total cost is \$200. However space is limited to the first 80 campers (7-13) and first 40 campers (14-17). Partial or full scholarships are available according to need. Please see Fr. Stephen for an application or more information.



"One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple." (Psalm 27:4)

Fasting "Rule" for Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Please remember that the fasting standard observed at Christ the Saviour Church is that those who wish to commune should abstain from eating or drinking from approximately 12 noon/ lunch break, until their reception of Holy Communion that evening. Please see Fr. Stephen if you have a physical or medical condition that might warrant a relaxation of this fasting rule. It is always important to seek the advice of your parish Priest or Spiritual Father if you feel any of the Church "rules" create a hardship in your particular circumstance. ("Rule" in our context literally means **measurement**, as in a ruler to measure distance. Our Church 'rules' are measurements of what is expected of us).



Lenten Confessions

During the Great Lenten Fast it is customary for Orthodox Christians, even those who might not regularly received the Eucharist, to participate in the Sacrament of Repentance, in concert with the churches **prescription/therapy** of fasting, intensified prayer, & alms giving. We are given this **medicine** to purify our senses and cleanse our souls in preparation for our Lord's Glorious Pascha. Fr. Stephen will be available before and after all the Divine Services of Great Lent (Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday Morning), as well as the usual time of Saturday evenings to hear confessions. As always, if you would like to make arrangements for another time, please call 652-1825.

Save the Date(s):

Great Feast of the Annunciation:

- Monday March 24th, Compline and Litya 7pm
- Tuesday March 25th, Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:30am

Holy Week and Pascha (See full schedule in CTS Quarterly Newsletter):

- Palm Sunday, Vespers (6pm) April 19th & Divine Liturgy (10am) April 20th
- Holy Week, April 21-26th
- Pascha April 27th

45th Anniversary Celebration, St. Thomas Sunday:

- Sunday May 4th
- Bishop TIKHON, presiding
- St. Tikhon Seminary Choir, singing responses *
 - * Any parishioners willing to host 1-2 students please contact Fr. Stephen. Please note that they will sing Vespers at 6pm at Holy Apostles Mission on Saturday evening (May 3^{rd}) and you will need to pick up your student from there.
- Festive Dinner following Liturgy. \$10 for adults, children under 12 FREE. All proceeds will go toward Married Student Housing at St. Tikhons.

Last Weeks Liturgy Attendance: 137