



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday March 30, 2008

Third Sunday of Lent — Tone 3. Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross.

Ven. John Climacus of Sinai. St. Sophrony, Bishop of Irkutsk. Prophet Joad. Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Cæsar, and Epaphroditus, of the Seventy. St. Eubula, mother of St. Panteleimon. Ven. John the Silent of St. Sabbas' Monastery. St. Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse.

Epistle: **Hebrews 4:14-5:6** Gospel: **Mark 8:34-9:1**

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Mar 30, Sun: Ven. of the Cross - Fellowship – 12pm; **Mission Vespers** (*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

Apr 1, Tue: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm

Apr 2, Wed: Deanery Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Holy Ascension in Frackville), Bp. TIKHON will preside, responses will be sung by the Seminary Choir– 6pm; **NOTE:** Location correction from newsletter calendar.

Apr 4, Fri: Akathist Hymn to the Divine Passion of Christ – 7pm.

Apr 5, Sat: Memorial Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Vespers and Confession – 6pm.

Apr 6, Sun: St. John of the Ladder - Church School and Adult Class – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; Fellowship – 12pm; **Mission Vespers, Bp. TIKHON, presiding** (*St. Mary's - Coaldale*) – 5pm.

Hours Readers: Basil Kuchta (3rd) & **Dimitri Ressetar** (6th)

Apr 9, Wed: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:30pm, followed by Lenten Potluck. **Fr. Michael Dahulich, Dean of St. Tikhon's, Fr. Timothy Hojinicki, and members of Holy Apostles Mission will be joining us.**

Apr 10, Thu: Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete - 7pm.

Apr 11, Fri: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:30pm **at HOLY APOSTLES MISSION IN MECHANICSBURG**

- **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: **Christine Demchak** (Suzanne's sister); **Susan Strenski** (Janet Kuzupas' sister); **Robert Yeingst** and **Linda Browand** (Evelyn Krempasky's friends); **Pelagia Szewczyk**; **Barbara Reynolds** (mother of Rdr. Seraphim); **M. Theodora Ressetar**; **Bobbie Heberle** (Jean Dotsey's mother); **Eli Hancher** (Ron's brother); **John Fatich** (Janet Kuzupas' brother); **Alexander Kalenak** (Anna Doray's brother); **Theodore Bacha** (Lydia Mantle's brother); **M. Olga Kovach**

Health and well-being of: **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: Archpriest Eugene Vansuch – Mar 23; 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;

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: Jeanne Bruder, sister of Gloria Maliniak, Mar 30 – 7th; V. Rev. Andrew Shuga, father of Larissa Shuga, Mar 31 – 7th; Richard Kalenak, brother of Ann Doray, Mar 31 – 3rd; Mary Hubiak Sysak, mother of Harry Sysak, Apr 1 – 34th; Paraskevia Latanishen, grandmother of Bill Kuchta, Apr 1 – 65th; M. Helen Fedorchak, Apr 2 – 6th; Richard Kalenak, nephew of Anna Doray, Apr 2 – 3rd; Peter Krempasky, George's father, Apr 3 – 47th; Vera S. Auman, Apr 4 – 9th; Samuel Sumple, father of Basil Sumple, Apr 5 – 24th; Neoma Dorosh, Apr 5 – 23rd

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 (last week) were offered in memory of **George Spaseff** by his wife, Effie and family.

Eternal Memory Votive is offered in memory of **Mary Hubiak Sysak** by her son, Harry.

Vigil Candles on Iconostasis are offered for the health and salvation of **Olga Angelo** and family.

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: Katharine Macut - Apr 1; Alexandra Hebda - Apr 4.

SAVE THE DATE:

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 3rd) 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 Project at St. Tikhon's.

TODAY'S NEWS

Deanery Lenten Service Schedule, has been posted in the vestibule. TODAY at 5pm the services is at SS Peter and Paul Church in Minersville.

St. Mary's Altar Guild Sales Desk: Pascha/Easter Cards created by Troika Cards (Ellen Miller) are now available at the Sales Desk. Please see **Evelyn Krempasky** who is still taking reservations for the NEW Orthodox Study Bible. **COMING SOON:** Several selections for Lenten reading.

Gift Card Program: Orders for April must be in by **TODAY, Sunday, Mar 30th**. The Gift Card center is closed the week of April 7th. Green Order forms are on the candle desk - please turn in to church office.

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.

April 6:	Lori Pawlush	Elizabeth Howe
April 14:	Janice Zuro	Kathy Pankiw
April 20:	RESETAR FAMILY	

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

FOCA Creative Writing Contest: All youth are encouraged to create and submit art projects in the following areas: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, or Visual Arts. Deadline for entries is April 4, 2008. See www.orthodoxfellowship.org for more details.

St. Tikhon's Seminary Vocation Retreat: 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.

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 per 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 personally 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.*

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.

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

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.

Transcriber Needed: Parishioner **Andy Fedetz** is in need of a transcriber. Would you be interested, or know of anyone who would like to earn some extra money transcribing dictation from a tape? If so, please call Andy at **717-652-3264**.

MORNING PRAYER OF ST. PHILARET OF MOSCOW

O LORD, grant me the strength to greet the coming day in peace.

Help me to rely upon Your holy will at every moment.

In every hour of the day reveal Your will to me.

Bless my dealings with all who surround me.

Teach me to treat whatever may come to me throughout the day with the peace of soul, and firm conviction that Your will governs all.

In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and feelings.

In unforeseen events let me not forget that all are sent by You.

Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring.

Direct my will. Teach me to pray. Pray Yourself in me. Amen

Vespers hymn to the Life-Giving Cross:



Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross: the invincible weapon of godliness, the gate of Paradise, the protection of the faithful!

The Cross is the might of the Church, through which corruption is abolished, through which the power of death is crushed.

The Cross raises us up from earth to heaven. The Cross is the enemy of Satan. The Cross is the glory of martyrs. The Cross is the haven of salvation, and grants the world great mercy.

“Before Thy Cross we bow down in veneration, O Master...”

LAST WEEKS LITURGY ATTENDANCE: **130**