



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday April 6, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Tone 4. St. John of the Ladder. St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople. St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles. St. Platonida of Nisibis. 120 Martyrs of Persia. Martyrs Jeremiah and Archilias the Presbyter. Ven. Gregory the Byzantine. Monk Martyr Gennadius of Dionysiou.

Epistle: **Hebrews 6:13-20**
Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel: **Mark 9:17-31**
Matthew 4:25-5:12

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

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

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

Apr 8, Tue: Church Organizing/ Cleaning Day, 9am - 12pm.

Apr 9, Wed: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:30pm, followed by Lenten Potluck. **Fr. Michael Dahulich, Dean of St. Tikhon's and 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**

Apr 12, Sat: Vespers and Confession – 6pm.

Apr 13, Sun: St. Mary of Egypt - Church School and Adult Class – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; Essis Panakhida and Fellowship – 12pm; **Mission Vespers** (*St. Herman's in Shillington*) – 5pm.

Apr 14, Mon: Parish Council Meeting – 7pm.

Apr 15, Tue: Choir Rehearsal – 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.

Those Ailing: **Abraham Smith (Larry's grandson); Eli and Anthony Hancher** (Ron's brothers); **Thomas White** (Jerry's brother); **Dennis Priggins** (Christine's husband); **Jenny Sysak** (Harry's sister in law); **Christine Demchak** (Suzanne's sister); **Susan Strenski** (Janet Kuzupas' sister); **Robert Yeingst** and **Linda Browand** (Evelyn Krempasky's friends); **Pelagia Szewczyk;** **Bobbie Heberle** (Jean Dotsey's mother); **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); **Andrew Zuzulock** (Kathy Pankiw's nephew)

Newly Departed from This Life: **Robert Stadulis** (Paul Pellegrini's nephew); **Thomas Delewski** (George Hatolowich's uncle) – Mar 27; **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: **Avis Wagner**, grandmother of Kathy Drebot, Apr 6 – 7th; **Christine McKeown**, April Apr 6 – 2nd; **John Mester**, uncle and godfather of Judy Webb, Apr 7 – 5th; **Alexander Prisley**, brother of Matushka Theodora, Apr 7 – 3rd; **Betty Rudd**, Aunt of Barbara Norato, Apr 8 – 2nd; **Protodeacon Basil Hubiak**, brother of Matushka Olga Kovach, Apr 9 – 6th; **Nasra S. Shunnara**, Apr 10 – 34th; **Archbishop Iakovos** of the Greek Archdiocese, Apr 10 – 3rd; **Michael Kuchta**, Bill Kutcha's godfather, Apr 11 – 35th; **Julianna S. Farrow**, Apr 12 – 3rd; **Thomas Stadulis**, Paul Pellegrini's nephew, Apr 13- 3rd;

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

Seven Day Eternal Memory Votive is offered in memory of **Alexander Prisley** by the Ressetars.

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: **Hannah Zeratt** - Apr 7; **Patti Bromley** - Apr 8; **Andrea Zart** – Apr 19; **Shirley Hathaway** – Apr 11; **Olivia Grace Drozd** (3yrs old) – Apr 13

Wedding Anniversaries: **Dan and Kristen Seitz** - 20th on Apr 8.



TODAY'S NEWS

Deanery Lenten Service Schedule has been posted in the vestibule. **TODAY at 5pm** the service is at **St. Mary's in Coaldale**.

M. Theodora Ressetar would like to **thank** everyone for their prayers and get well wishes after her recent surgery. They did much to cheer her up. Hopefully after physical therapy the problem will resolve itself.

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.

Church Organizing/ Cleaning Work Day: Parish members are asked to come and help with organizing and cleaning the church and the hall on Tuesday, April 8 from 9:00 am to noon. Areas to be cleaned and organized include the church basement kitchen, the hall serving area, the hall basement kitchen and the church pews. Please contact Jean Dotsey if you are available to help.

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 13:	Janice Zuro	Kathy Pankiw
April 20:	RESSETAR FAMILY	
April 27:	PASCHA	
May 4:	45th Anniversary Celebration	

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

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.

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 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.

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.

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

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**.

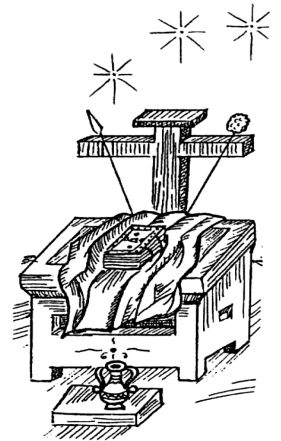
Evening Worship – the Vespers Service

The **Saturday evening Vespers** service is our way, as Orthodox Christians, to weekly experience the beauty of creation - "*How glorious are Thy works O Lord, in wisdom hast Thou made them all...*"; the profound impact of the Fall - "*Lord I call upon Thee hear me...*", as well as announce the joyous message of the Incarnation of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ – the world's "*Gladsome Light*".

The Vespers service is a beautiful part of our liturgical heritage, but more importantly, it is a fundamental means by which we remind ourselves in this fallen world, that it is only Christ Who brings Light, Joy, and Peace. It is **only** in Him that we will find hope and meaning amidst all the darkness, depression and struggle which surround us.

If you haven't been to Vespers recently, or if you have never been in your lifetime... **now** is the time to deepen your spiritual life - through a broadening of your liturgical life. Come and see!

Vespers, every Saturday at 6pm (followed by private confessions).



Sunday of St. John of the Ladder



The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, The Ladder of Divine Ascent. The abbot of St Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom (Mt.10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt.24:13).

LAST WEEKS LITURGY ATTENDANCE: **176**