



# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Sunday June 8, 2008*

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA—TONE 6. FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION. Translation of the Relics of the Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates. St. Theodore, Bishop of Rostov and Suzdal'. Finding of the Relics of Ss. Basil and Constantine, Princes of Yaroslavl'. St. Ephraim, Patriarch of Antioch. Ven. Zosimas of Phoenicia. Glorification of St. John of Kronstadt.

Epistle: **Acts 20:16-18, 28-36**

Gospel: **John 17:1-13**

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**June 8, Sun:** Divine Liturgy 10am; **Annual Parish Food Festival from 12pm until 7pm;**  
Softball Team plays – 7:30pm.

*Hours Readers: John Osuch (3<sup>rd</sup>) & Bill Kuchta (6<sup>th</sup>)*

**June 11, Wed:** Christian Education Class – 6pm

**June 12, Thu: Pan-Orthodox Bible Study** (Holy Trinity, Camp Hill) – 7pm. *Last class until the fall!*

**June 14, Sat: General Panikhida** – 9:30am; Vespers and Confessions – 7pm.

**June 15, Sun: Pentecost. Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Vespers - 9:30am** (*Beginning of the Summer Schedule*);  
Fellowship – 11:30 pm. Baptism of Sumer Royer – 3pm.

*Hours Readers: Joseph Russian (3<sup>rd</sup>) & Nick Zuro (6<sup>th</sup>)*

**June 16, Mon: Holy Spirit Day. Divine Liturgy – 9:30am** (*Please update your calendars*)

**June 18, Wed:** Christian Education Class Cancelled. Will resume Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**June 19, Thu:** "O" Club Mtg. @ Church Hall – 7pm; Softball – 8pm. *Bible Study on Summer time leave.*

- **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:** Helen Tatusko; Richard Howe (Elizabeth's husband); Sue Wolfe; Peter Lalic; Pauline Lapinsky (Janet Kuzupas' sister); Mary Young; Paul Pellegrini; Eli and Anthony Hancher (Ron's brothers); Jenny Sysak (Harry's sister in law); Christine Demchak (Suzanne's sister); Susan Strenski (Janet Kuzupas' sister); Pelagia Szweczyk; 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:** Gloria Maliniak; Ruth Mazurak; Lori Pawlush; Alexei Schmidt ('adopted' Seminarian) [CATECHUMENS] 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:** Presbyteria Metaxia Papademetriou (wife of Fr. Spyridon of Reading); Rosiland Hey (grandmother of E. Krempasky's son-in-law) – June 1; Edward Brzuchlaski (friend of Kuchta and Brown families) - May 31; Protodeacon John Federoff – May 30; Eli Hancher (Ron's brother) – May 24; Teklay Mosazghi, (Letina Zerezgi's uncle); Anna Yatko (Adam Mallick's sister)

**Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:** John P. Hisiro, father of Carl Hisiro, June 10 – 6<sup>th</sup>; Lidia Litiaho, mother of Nadzia Schilling, June 11 – 22<sup>nd</sup>; Ordan Taleff, father-in-law of June Taleff, June 11 – 33<sup>rd</sup>; Arlene Rodak Redmond, aunt of Barbara Norato, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>; William Gnall, Jr., cousin of Bob Drozd, June 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Andrew W. Hornack, Sr., father of Evelyn Onufer, June 13 – 34<sup>th</sup>;

**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 **Arlene Rodak Redmond**, aunt of Barbara Norato.

**Nine Decorated Altar Candles** are offered in memory of **Russell Sass**, by his wife Shirley and family, on the first anniversary of his falling asleep.

**Candles on the Table of Oblation** are offered for the health and salvation of **Pyotr Grigorievich Sysak** on his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, by his grandparents Harry and Dotty Sysak.

**Many Years:** Names will be accepted for each week. Please submit to [ctsoahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsoahbg@aol.com) by the preceding Wednesday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

**Birthdays:** Pyotr Grigorievich Sysak - June 8; Ellen Miller - June 9

**Anniversaries:** Bernard & Holly (Webb) Komoroski Jr. - June 8

**Graduates:** Paige N. Hisiro from Susquehanna Twp. High School - June 3

## =>Parish Ethnic Food Festival<=

**Today (June 8<sup>th</sup>) from 12 Noon – 7pm.** Various Ethnic foods, as well as live music by the **Polka Quads**, will be "served" throughout day. Please be sure to invite your family and friends to this event. **Parishioners** - If you have not signed up and would still like to help out with the cooking, cleaning, or any other aspect of the festival, please see **Mike Zuro** or another council member.

## TODAY'S NEWS



**High school & College Graduates:** Parents and/ or students are asked to **provide a photo and the following information:** School Graduated From and Date; and Future Plans; as well as the name of the students Parent's to the church office **by next Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** so we can honor our graduates following Divine Liturgy on Sunday June 22. **Please do so ASAP. We don't want to forget anyone!**

**Softball Results and Upcoming Games:** Record 5-4. The team plays today (6/8) at 7:30pm at Veterans Field (off Elmerton Ave). Please come out and support the team!

## OTHER NEWS

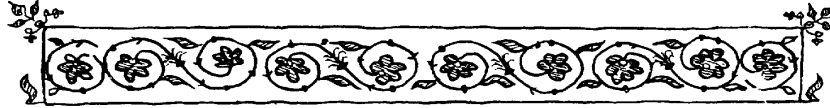
**Special Nut Roll Sale** – St. Mary's Altar Guild is having a special nut roll sale in June. All proceeds will go toward the St. Tikhon's Married Student Housing Project. **Orders will be taken until Sunday, June 15.** Pick-up will be Saturday, June 28 (Noon – 3:00 pm) and Sunday, June 29 after church. Please see or call Jean Dotsey (566-0395) to place an order.

**Special Pirogi Sale** – The "O" Club will be selling pirogies on Sat. June 28<sup>th</sup> and Sun. June 29<sup>th</sup> to benefit the St. Tikhon's Married Student Housing Project. The expected 90 doz. pirogies are being sold on a first come, first serve basis... so come earlier and tell your friends!

**"O" Club Yard Sale** – This year the Yard Sale will be held on Sat. July 26<sup>th</sup> from 7am – Noon. Your donation of "gently used" i.e. good items is again being requested. Please – No junky stuff or trash (the bad stuff ends up costing us for disposal). Items can be brought to the lower covered area of the Church Hall **AFTER** July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please do not bring items before that date, due to our various activities!

**John (Evan) Mosser's Baptism** – Eric and Elise Mosser are inviting their extended parish family to join them to celebrate the Baptism and Chrismation of their son John (Evan), on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am, here at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church. **PLEASE, if you plan on attending the luncheon, which will follow the service, RSVP by Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> by calling 473-3201.**

**College Student Pizza Social and Movie Night** – On **Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** Fr. Stephen would like to invite all college students, as well as those entering their first year at college to the rectory for a pizza party and a movie. **Please RSVP by calling 652-1825 by Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>.** There is no *agenda*... just want to get to know you all a little better!



## **Orthodox Christian Teaching: Against the cremation of the body**

This past Thursday we celebrated the Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven. This event occurred 40 days after His Glorious Resurrection. From the earliest times, the Church affirmed and proclaimed that the Lord ascended into Heaven in His Resurrected, yet still "fleshly", human Body. The same Body which we affirm when we read in St. John's Gospel, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:14)

The role of our Lord's human Body in the salvation of our nature cannot be ***overstated*** (that is why we remember His Incarnation, Circumcision, Passion, Death and Resurrection in the flesh). By the same token, the role of our own human bodies in our "personal" salvation should not be ***understated***. Those who have already fallen asleep before the Second Coming, shall also participate **bodily** in the General Resurrection (I Corinthians 15:39-57) "at the last trump", when Jesus will come in the same manner, in which His Apostles saw Him taken up (Acts 1:11).

The Feast Day of our Lords Ascension into Heaven, and His other Great Feasts (not to mention the pattern of His own Burial in the Body) all support one very important teaching of the Orthodox Church - a teaching which puts us at "odds" with today's popular culture, namely, the wilful cremation of the human body after its repose.

The Church cannot support such an act by those of the "household of faith". Those outside of the Church will be judged according to God's mercy and their own circumstance (in other words, it's really none of our business). However, it is clear to us, that as Orthodox Christians, if we hope to participate in the General Resurrection, then our bodies must be buried whole, even if they completely corrupt over time in the grave. If this is done, we have faith that our body will also be raised in glory (I Corinthians 15:52-54).

**An Orthodox Christian who has been *willfully* cremated cannot receive a Church "burial" service**, and in most cases public prayer (i.e. Panikhida service) for that person is also not permitted or severely limited. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about this or any other topic, please see Fr. Stephen or call 717-652-1825 or write [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com).

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 145

