



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Celebrating 45 years of Proclaiming
the Truth of Orthodox Christianity*

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SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2008

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 8: Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Myron, Presbyter, of Cyzicus. Ven. Alypy the Iconographer, of the Kiev Caves. Martyrs Paul, his sister Juliana, and the rest, of Syria. Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Coronatus, with others, at Cæsarea in Bithynia. Martyr Patroclus of Troyes. Martyrs Straton, Philip, Eutychian and Cyprian, of Nicomedia. Bl. Theodoret, Enlightener of the Lapps. Ven. Pimen of Ugreshi.

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 3:9-17**

Gospel: **Matthew 14:22-34**

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Aug 17, Sun: Fellowship & Men's Club Brunch— 11:30am

Hours Readers: Paul Miller (3rd) & Leavitt Keener (6th)

Aug 18, Mon: Altar Guild Covered Dish Picnic – 6:30pm. **All** ladies of the parish are welcome!!!

Aug 19, Tue: Parish Council Meeting – 7pm.

Aug 20, Wed: Christian Education – 6pm.

Aug 21, Thu: "O" Club Meeting – 7pm; FOCA Reading Philly's Outing (*see N. Ressetar for tickets*)

Aug 24, Sun: Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Fellowship – 11:30am

Hours Readers: Bill Kuchta (3rd) & Larry Smith (6th)

Aug 25, Mon: Men's Club Meeting – 7:30pm.

Aug 28, Thu: Vespers (Beheading of St. John the Baptist) – 7pm.

Aug 29, Fri: Divine Liturgy (Beheading of St. John the Baptist) – 9:30am. **Strict Fasting Day.**

- **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: **Diane File** (B. Drozd's friend); **Fred Martin** (Dave's brother); **Peter Zuzulock** (Kathy Pankiw's father); **Eilene Onufer**; **Linda Browand**; **Daniel Cain** (Doug & Barbara's son); **Dennis Finney** (Christine Priggins husband); **Richard Howe** (Elizabeth's husband); **Pauline Lapinsky** (Janet Kuzupas' sister); **Jenny Sysak** (Harry's sister-in-law); **Christine Demchak** (Suzanne's sister); **Susan Strenski** (Janet Kuzupas' sister); **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: The suffering people (Russians and Georgians) of S. Ossetia; **Fr. Costas Keares** (transferring to Ohio); **Alexei Schmidt** ('adopted' Seminarian); **Christina Semon** (OCMC Missionary); **[IN IRAQ]: SFC Bill Donner** (Libby Hancher's nephew); **Nicholas Serio**; **Steven Hampson & John Zeiders** (Krempasky's friends); **Brandon John Onufer** (Evelyn's grandson); **Andrew Zuzulock** (Kathy Pankiw's nephew)

Newly Departed from This Life: **John Kovach** (Fr. Michael's brother) - Aug 13; **Anthony Bonevitch** (B. Drozd's friend); **Evelyn Russin** (Florence Rusynyk's mother) - Aug 11; **David Mitchell** (Fedetz's friend) - Aug 6; **Michael Taylor** - Aug 6 & **Joseph O'Neill** - Aug 3 (B. Drozd's friends); **Alexander Solzhenitsyn** - Aug 3; **Barbara Herman** - (Fedetz's friend) - July 31; **Olga Murianka** (Ann Hribovski'a friend); **John Gornick** - July 19; **Ilene King** (Carl Polansky's sister) - July 13; **Bobbi Heberle** (Jean Dotsey's mother) - July 11

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: **Henry Snyder Sr.**, father of Evelyn Krempasky, Aug 17 - 7th; **Priest Michael Shearer**, Aug 17 - 2nd; **Mary Hornack**, mother of Evelyn Onufer, Aug 18 - 6th; **Anna Starinshak**, mother of Elizabeth Hancher, Aug 19 - 25th; **Jamal Mousa Shunnara**, Aug 20 - 20th; **John Gamble**, Aug 21 - 10th; **Bob Wolfe**, brother-in-law of +Millie Wolfe, Aug 21 - 3rd; **Rudolph Facynic**, Aug 22 - 10th; **Joe Krajsa**, friend of Larry Smith and our church choir, Aug 23 - 1st;

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

The Seven Day Eternal Memory Vigil is offered for the health and salvation of **Michael Mallick** (birthday) by his wife Alice.

Large Candles (Behind Center Table) are offered in memory of **Barbara (Bobbie) Heberle** (40th Day) by her daughter, Jean Dotsey.

Altar Candles are offered for the health and salvation of **David and Ruth Shoffner** (1st Anniversary), by Ruth's parents, Harry and Dotty Sysak.

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: **Michael Mallick** - Aug 21; **Eric Mosser** - Aug 22; **M. Olga Kovach** - Aug 23; **Joey Martin** - Aug 23; **Judy Webb** - Aug 23

Anniversaries: **Kidane & Freweini Ghebremichael** - Aug 23

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 122



TODAY'S NEWS

Men's Club Brunch will be held **TODAY Sunday, August 17th** after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall. Menu will include French toast scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes and orange juice. Fare \$6.00, children under 12 are FREE. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**

Altar Guild Covered Dish Picnic – The Altar Guild is sponsoring a Covered Dish Picnic for **all** women of the parish **TOMORROW, Monday, Aug 18**. The meal will be held on the parish hall patio at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please see or call **Jean Dotsey (566-0395)**. If you are planning to prepare a dish please sign up in the vestibule.

Note on Bulletin Disposal: Ideally all bulletins and other church related items with icons on them should be burned or buried. If you have a fire place, please use it. **PLEASE do not throw icons, even if they are re-prints, into the trash!** Please see Fr. Stephen with any questions or concerns.



Parish Email List: We are in the process of updating our email address list. Please send a message with your name (sometimes just looking at the email address doesn't cut it) to **ctsocahbg@aol.com**. We hope to utilize this important medium to send updates and announcements (i.e. births, deaths, funerals, and/or last minute visitors.) We appreciate your assistance in collecting this information.

OCMC Missionary Collection Results: May God richly bestow His heavenly gifts to all who generously helped raise **\$1,000.00** last Sunday for missionary **Christina Semon**. Envelopes are available in the vestibule for anyone who would still like to contribute to our Diocese's first OCMC missionary.

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and all of the sympathy cards that were sent to me following the passing away of my mother, Bobbie Heberle. Your thoughts and concern were deeply appreciated. *Sincerely, Jean Dotsey.*

Congratulations and Many Years:

- **Joshua DiFlorio and Angie Mioff** on their recent marriage engagement.
- **Buck and Kathy Pankiw** on the birth of their granddaughter **Ava Jade Pankiw** (5 lbs 5.6 oz, 18 inches) on Monday, August 11th.
- **Mark and Christina Yerke** on the birth of their son **John Robert Yerke** (8 lbs 7 oz, 12 inches) on Friday, August 15th.

OTHER NEWS

Christ the Saviour Orthodox Book Club: Each quarter we will read a book, then meet at a parishioners home to discuss it. **Fr. Stephen and M. Anna will host the first meeting on Sunday September 28th at 6pm.** **ONLY 1 copy of "Thirsting for God in a Land of Shallow Wells" by Matthew Gallatin is still available for \$8.95.** Please see Fr. Stephen.

Sunday Adult Discussion Class - copies of the book Common Ground, for our Fall Sunday morning discussion series, have arrived. Please see **Evelyn Krempasky** at the Sales Desk in the church hall. Cost of books, including shipping, is \$20 each.

17th Annual Ukranian Folk Festival: Will be held on Sunday August 24th at 12 noon in Horsham, PA. See the flyer in the vestibule or www.tryzub.org for more information.

100th Anniversary of St. Michael Orthodox Church in Mt. Carmel, PA: Will be held on **Sunday September 21st**. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by hierarchs, clergy, the gathered faithful at 9:30am. A festive banquet (\$30 p/person) will follow at 1:30pm. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information or call **Fr. Michael Evans** at 570-339-1200.

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Lost and Found: Please look for your personal items in the box on the umbrella rack, as well as in the coat room. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the month.

Altar Servers Schedule: All men (*both young and those not so young anymore*) who are interested in serving in the Holy Altar are asked to contact John Osuch, so he can develop a schedule. You can reach John via telephone at 540-1560 or email at osuchaguy@gmail.com. After the schedule is compiled we will also arrange for an Altar Servers Retreat in the near future.



"The Essence of Christianity" by † Bishop Alexander Mileant

Everyone wants to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. It is crucial to understand, however, that the Kingdom of Heaven is not so much a place as a state. When the scribes asked when the Kingdom of Heaven would be revealed, Christ answered: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here!, or Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20). Saying so, the Lord showed that salvation is intimately connected with a man's interior state.

Salvation is not simply a move from the present conditions of life to different and better conditions; it is something more profound and wonderful. As Scripture says, "If favour is shown to the wicked, he does not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he deals perversely and does not see the majesty of the Lord" (Isa. 26: 10, RSV). In other words, even when his exterior conditions improve, the wicked man continues to be envious, hateful, and quarrelsome, for he is tormented by a thirst for sensual pleasures; thus, he bears hell in himself. True joy, peace, and blessedness are inner states that come to a man as a result of a relationship with God, which the unrepentant refuse and do not share in. The righteous man, no matter where he is, will always have the delight of communion with God, bearing paradise within himself.



It is very important to understand that the chief purpose of Christ's coming was not to give us living conditions that are better externally, but to restore the lost paradise within us. With this truth one holds the key to understanding Christianity. One will also be able to see for himself how Orthodoxy is superior to other faiths; for everything that the Orthodox Church holds and teaches is directed towards one end: union with God through moral renewal and deification.

(Excerpt taken from www.orthodoxwitness.org/articles/Essence-Of-Christianity.htm)