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# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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# SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2008

**20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (6<sup>th</sup> of Luke) — Tone 3.** Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus and Anempodistus, of Persia. St. Marcian of Cyprus

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 2:14-19 **Gospel:** Luke 12:2-12

### **UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:**

**Sun, Nov 2:** Adult Class – 8:30am. Divine Liturgy – 9:30am. Church School & Fellowship – 11am.

Hours Readers: Paul Miller (3rd) & Bill Kuchta (6th) • Altar Servers: Team 2

**Tues, Nov 4:** Election Day and Perogie Sales – Church Hall Wed, Nov 5: Daily Vespers and Christian Education – 6pm Pan-Orthodox Bible Study (Camp Hill) - 7pm

**Sat, Nov 8:** Vespers and Confession – 6pm

**Sun, Nov 9:** Adult Class – 8:30am. Divine Liturgy – 9:30am. Church School & Fellowship – 11am.

Hours Readers: Joseph Russian (3<sup>rd</sup>) & Dimitri Ressetar (6<sup>th</sup>) • Altar Servers: Team 1

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• Orthodox Radio on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am

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>: Metropolitan HERMAN; Michael Dorosh; Ruth Mazurek (Moe's wife); Eileen Onufer; Ira Lee Shenk (Alice Mallick's brother); Fred Martin (Dave's brother); Peter Zuzulock (Kathy Pankiw's father); Daniel Cain (Doug & Barbara's son); Dennis Finney (Christine Priggins husband); Richard Howe (Elizabeth's husband); Pauline Lapinsky (J. Kuzupas' sister); Jenny Sysak (Harry's sister-in-law); Christine Demchak (Suzanne's sister); Susan Strenski (J. Kuzupas' sister); John Fatich (J. Kuzupas' brother); Theodore Bacha (Lydia Mantle's brother); M. Olga Kovach

<u>Health and well-being of</u>: M. Anna Vernak (and the child to be born of her); Alexei Schmidt ('adopted' Seminarian); Christina Semon (OCMC Missionary); Alicia & Susannah Reynolds; [IN IRAQ]: Nicholas Serio; Steven Hampson & John Zeiders (Krempasky's friends); Brandon Onufer (Evelyn's grandson)

Newly Departed from This Life: Nabiha Shunnara (Salwa's mother) - Oct 29; Jane Heberle Drew (Jean Dotsey's cousin) - Oct 14; Nicholas Philapovich (Sue Wolfe's Uncle); Eleanor Skuby - Oct 2; Marion S. Smith (Larry Smith's mother) - Sep 27; William "Bill" Slupatchuk, Jr. (Sue Wolfe's cousin) - Sept 25

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: Paul E. Worley (father of Pamela Hatalowich) Nov. 2–12th; Anna Filomowicz (grandmother of Victoria Hess and mother of Mila Filomowicz) Nov 2–6th; Mary Chupeck (sister of Irene Sumple) Nov 2-3<sup>rd</sup>; Steven Sisak (father of Judy Webb) Nov 3-8th; Mrs. Josephine (John) Ressetar (aunt of Fr. Dan) Novr 4-6th; Theodosia Golub (Great Aunt of Larissa Shuga) Nov 3 – 2nd; Joseph Stephen Dotsey (father of John, Paul and Susan Dotsey) Nov 6-38th; 11/07/04 Elaine Stout (cousin of Fr. Daniel Ressetar) Nov 7-4th; Steven Danko (husband of Betty Danko) Nov 8-15th; John Walsh (uncle of Barbara Norato) Nov 8-7th; Yaroslava Osadchuk (cousin of Ellen Motoviloff Miller) Nov 8-3rd; Mary DeCarlo, (aunt of Judy Webb) Nov 8-6<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Candle Offerings:</u> 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 Votive is donated in memory of Marion S. Smith by Larry Smith.

The Large Center Table Candles are donated in memory of Dora Telech on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death by Ann Cole.

**Many Years:** Names will be accepted for each week. Please submit to <u>ctsocahbg@aol.com</u> by the preceding Wednesday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Birthdays: Wade Hisiro – Nov 2; Roger Miller – Nov 4; Alex Pankiw – Nov 8 Anniversaries:

## LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 139



## TODAY'S NEWS

#### **SeptemberFinancialReport:**

General Expenses Paid \$16,112.08 Service Offerings + Capital Improvement \$10,374.35 "Bottom-Line" for September = shortage (\$5,737.73)

**Parish Council Nominations:** Parishioners interested in serving the church as a member of the Parish Council are asked to see John Schilling, Nominating Chairperson, after church. John can also be reached at 652-2759 (home) or 561-1940 (x1127) (work) or emailed at johnlschilling@msn.com.

<u>Wedding Banns:</u> Joshua DiFlorio and Angela Mioff, announce their intention to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on **Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church.

**NUT ROLL ORDERS for THANKSGIVING:** Must be received by **Jean Dotsey (566-0395)** no later than **MONDAY November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Orders <u>cannot</u> be accepted after this date! Rolls are \$10. Pick-up date is Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the parish hall.

**Thank You:** Larry Smith extends sincere thanks to the many who called, sent cards or expressed condolences after the recent death of his mother. They were a wonderful reminder that there are other types of 'family' besides those determined purely by blood-ties.

### 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 2009 is available at the parish hall. If you will not be at church on your scheduled date contact Nadzia Schilling at 652-2759.

November 9: Barbara Norato Kathy Kuchwara November 16\*: Anna Kuchta David Martin November 23: Dottie Sysak Denise Zullo \* Reminder Nativity Fast November 15<sup>th</sup> – December 24<sup>th</sup> (No Meat Products)

**Gift Card Order Forms:** Updated "Yellow" forms are available at the candle desk. This is a winwin for both you and the church. Please see **Alice Mallick** if you have any questions.

**Parishioner "Racing" to Help Find a Cure for Leukemia:** Our very own parishioner **Katharine Newhouse** is going to be embarking on a 100 mile bicycle race in November 2008 as part of a fund raising campaign of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Please visit her site to make a donation <a href="http://pages.teamintraining.org/cpa/tucson08/knewhouse">http://pages.teamintraining.org/cpa/tucson08/knewhouse</a>, and be sure to keep her in your prayers!

<u>Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale.</u> We are once again going to be selling candy to family and friends to benefit our parish. **Deadline to return order forms is Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.** Please see **Dave Martin** for order forms and details.

<u>Pan-Orthodox Young-Adult Fellowship:</u> On Friday, November 21, this group will meet at 7pm in the church basement to discuss the book, <u>Wounded By Love</u>. If you are interested in ordering the book or coming to the meeting, please contact Father Stephen.

**OCMC/ IOCC Benefit Banquet:** This year's event will be held at nearby Holy Trinity Cathedral in Camp Hill on **Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm**. Tickets at \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of eight (8). Please consider attending this Pan-Orthodox fundraising event.

**Advent Spiritual Retreat:** Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church in Lancaster is sponsoring a retreat led by Holy Cross Seminary Professor the Rev. Dr. Alkiviadis Calivas on **Sat., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 2:30pm.** Please contact Fr. Stephen at 652-1825 if you are interested in attending. \$10 Registration, see Flyer in vestibule for details.

**Fr. Kovach Presenting Lecture**: On Sun., Nov.16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM, Fr. Kovach will present a lecture in the church basement discussing the Nativity Fast ('Advent', in the Western church), its significance for Orthodox Christians, and some observances that can help make this 40-day period special. All members of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

<u>Christ the Saviour Orthodox Book Club</u>: Anna Doray (Hershey, PA) will host the next meeting on Sunday January 18 at 6pm. The book we will be reading is <u>Mountain of Silence</u>. This "astonishing book on Orthodox spirituality is centered around a holy monk, Fr. Maximos. It combines elements of memoir, travelogue, and history in a single well-told story." Please contact Fr. Stephen if you would like to order a copy; \$14 each.

**Nabiha Shunnara**, mother Salwa Shunnara, passed away on October 29. Condolences may be sent to **Miss Salwa Shunnara 208 Curvin Drive Harrisburg, PA 17112**.

**Reminders:** Our annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> following fellowship. Please plan on attending as we will need a quorum to start the meeting, otherwise it will need to be rescheduled.

<u>Wed, Nov 26</u>: The **Pan-Orthodox Service of Thanksgiving** will be held here at 7pm. We welcome all who can attend.

#### NATIVITY FAST BEGINS ON NOV. 14

The value of fasting consists not in abstinence only from food, but in a relinquishment of sinful practices, since he who limits his fasting only to an abstinence from meat is he who especially disparages it. Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him! If you see a friend enjoying honor, do not envy him. For let not the mouth only fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast by being pure from avarice. Let the feet fast by ceasing from running to forbidden spectacles. Let the eyes fast by being taught never to fix themselves rudely upon handsome countenances. For looking in the food of the eyes, but if it be unlawful or forbidden it mars the fast and overturns the safety of the soul; but if it be lawful and safe, it adorns fasting. For it would be an instance of the highest absurdity to abstain from meats and from unlawful food because of the fast, but with the eyes to feed on what is forbidden. 

~Saint John Chrysostom