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SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 2008

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (14th of Luke) — Tone 3. Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday After the Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, including: Glycerius, Zeno, Theophilus, Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonious, Indes, Gorgonius, Peter, Euthymius, and the Virgins: Agape, Domna and Theophila. Ven. Ignátii (Ignatius) of Lomsk. Apostle Nicanor the Deacon. Ven. Simeon the Myrrh-gusher, of Mt. Athos.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Dec 28, Sun: *Divine Liturgy – 9:30am*; No Church School Today; Fellowship – 11:15am; **Parish Nativity Open House (Parish Hall) – 4pm. Free Meal – All Invited!**

*Hours Readers: Nick Zuro (3rd) & TBD (6th) * Altar Servers: Team 2*

Dec 29, Mon: Men's Club Meeting **CANCELLED**

Dec 31, Wed: *New Year's Eve Vespers – 7pm*

Jan 1, Thurs: *Saint Basil/New Year's Day Divine Liturgy – 9:30am*

Jan 3, Sat: Vespers and Confession – 6pm

Jan 4, Sun: *Divine Liturgy – 9:30am*; Church School – 11am; Fellowship – 11:15am;

*Hours Readers: John Osuch (3rd) & Leavitt Keener (6th) * Altar Servers: Team 1*

Jan 5, Mon: *Eve of Theophany : Royal Hours – 9am; Vespertal Divine Liturgy – 10:30am; Holy Supper – 5pm Great Compline and Matins – 7pm with Blessing of Great Waters*

Jan 6, Tues: *THEOPHANY - Divine Liturgy – 9:30am (Blessing of Waters – City Island) TBD; Vespers (St. John) – 7pm*

Jan 7, Wed: *Synaxis of St. John the Baptist – Divine Liturgy - 9:30am*

Jan 10, Sat: Vespers and Confession – 6pm

- AncientFaithRadio.com - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio
- [Orthodox Radio](http://OrthodoxRadio.com) 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.

Those Ailing: **Michael Smoley** (Carol Beleza's Father); **Helen Kurylo**; **Dorothy Vernak** (Fr. Stephen's Grandmother); **Fr. Anthony Demetri** (Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Camp Hill); **Betty Middlesworth**; **Nicholas Essis**; **David DiPetro** (Yerke Family friend); **Sue Mioff** (Eli's wife); **Ruth Mazurek** (Moe's wife); **Eileen Onufer**; **Fred Martin** (Dave's brother); **Dennis Finney** (Christine Priggins husband); **Pauline Lapinsky** (J. Kuzupas' sister); **Christine Demchak** (Suzanne's sister); **Susan Strenski** (J. Kuzupas' sister); **John Fatich** (J. Kuzupas' brother); **Theodore Bacha** (Lydia Mantle's brother); **M. Olga Kovach**.

Health and well-being of: **Randy & Marci Thear and family** (friends of the Mosser Family); **Susie Frew** (friend of Eleanor & Kevin Herman & Family); **Kenneth Davis** (brother-in-law of W. Brown); **Lily Newhouse** (David and Katharine's daughter); **Rod Lancing** (Yerke Family friend); **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)

Newly Departed from This Life: **Richard Howe** (Elizabeth's husband) – Dec 26; **Peter Zuzulock** (Kathy Pankiw's father) - Dec 12; **Rev. John Burkhart** (John Schilling's Uncle) - Dec 8; **Daniel Cain** (Doug and Barbara's son) - Dec 6; **Mark Essis** – Nov 30; **Colleen Shenk** (Alice Mallick's stepmother) – Nov 27; **Julian Dubiaha** (Nadzia Schillings nephew) - Nov 25; **Ira Lee Shenk** (Alice Mallick's brother) – Nov 14

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: **Steven Bortniak**, Dec 30 – (16th); **Helen Evans** (grandmother of M. Theodora) – 75th; **Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz** (brother of Andy Fedetz) – 3rd; **Helen Bushko** (sister of Dorothy Fedetz) – 10th; **Loretta Lennon** (niece of Katharine Newhouse) – 2nd

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

Two Decorated Candles are offered for the health and salvation of **Theodore Bacha** (Lydia Mantle's brother).

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: **Leavitt Keener** – Dec 21; **Greg Sirb** – Dec 31

Anniversaries: **Doug and Barbara Cain** – Dec 24 (43rd)

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 121



TODAY'S NEWS

Parish Nativity Open House: Today at **4:00pm** the Men's Club will be hosting our annual Parish open house in the Church Hall where a free meal will be served. Please bring family and friends!

Theophany Holy Supper – Please sign up and bring a dish to the community Holy Supper at **5pm on January 5th**. Great Compline and Matins for the feast will follow at 7pm. Please note that the Eve of Theophany is a **Strict Fast (no meat or dairy products should be eaten)**.

Ride Request: Linda Kalenevitch (34 E. 2nd Street, Hummelstown) is in need of a ride to church. Please call her at 566-8641 to make arrangements. Thank you.

Lichtenstein Family: We welcome the Lichtenstein Family today who has traveled from St. Tikhon's to spend part of their Nativity season with us. We look forward to breaking bread and sharing in fellowship with them today after Liturgy and at the Parish Open House.

Paul and Betty Pellegrini would like to extend sincere thanks to those who have said prayers, sent cards and made phone calls during this past month.

Support-a-Seminarian Program- Once again our parish is collecting donations to help support a seminarian at St. Tikhon's. Our student's name is **Derek Schmidt**, a second year M. Div. student (OCA) from Holy Assumption Orthodox Church in Philadelphia. Please make checks payable to **Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church** and designate them for the program by marking the check memo line and envelope – "Support-a-Seminarian" any time from now until the end of February.

Annual Diocesan Winter Teen Retreat: This year's retreat has been scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 6, 7, & 8 at the Pocono Plateau Retreat Center in Cresco, PA. Students currently in grades 7-12 are invited to attend. This year's keynote speaker is Fr. Dahulich (Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary) and the registration fee (due 1/16/09) is \$50.00 per student. For questions, please visit www.thetac.org or call 610-554-1079.

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.

December 28:

January 4:

January 11:

Salwa Shunara

Libby Hancher

June Taleff

Larissa Shuga

Andrea Zart

Patty Taleff

72nd Annual Novogdny Ball sponsored by St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter #82 of the FOCA will take place on *Sunday, January 18, 2009* at the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast. Please contact Lisa Lelo at lmlelo@verizon.net or 215-248-0158 for complete information & required reservations.

PAN-ORTHODOX BIBLE STUDY is **postponed** (due to house-blessings) through the month of January and will resume on Thursday's at 7pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Camp Hill in February.

NEW YEARS & THEOPHANY 2008 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

*DECEMBER 31ST

Vespers – 7pm

* JANUARY 5TH (PRE-FEAST)

Royal Hours – 9:00am

Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 10:30 am

Holy Supper – 5:00pm

(Please Sign-up for Potluck dishes)

Great Compline and Matins – 7:00pm

(With the Great Blessing of Waters)

*JANUARY 1ST (NEW YEAR)

Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

(Circumcision of our Lord, St. Basil)

* JANUARY 6TH - THEOPHANY

Divine Liturgy (St. Basil) – 9:30am

Blessing of Water (City Island) TBD

Vespers (St. John) – 7:00pm

*JANUARY 7TH (POST-FEAST)

Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

(Synaxis of St. John the Baptist)



A NOTE ON HOUSE BLESSINGS:

*Following the Great Feast of Theophany (January 6), Fr. Stephen will be available to bless homes. House blessings will be arranged with those who sign-up in the vestibule, call 652-1825 or e-mail (svernak@hotmail.com). This is a nice opportunity for us to spend some “quality time” together, for you to ask questions or voice concerns, and **most importantly**, to receive the blessing of Christ into your home.*

