

# CTS QUARTERLY

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## *A note from Fr. Stephen...*

*Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*

The Great Feasts of Nativity (Christmas) and Theophany are emphasized in the Church as feasts of God's Epiphany (literally appearance or manifestation) in the flesh - in the Person of Jesus Christ! This point cannot be overstated... *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

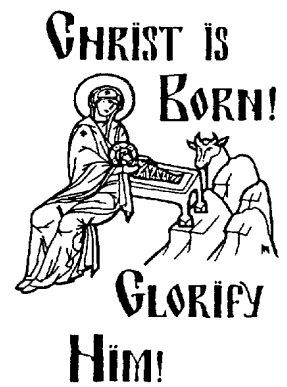
We must always be mindful that this is the **reason for the season** and make every effort to

keep these Holy Days (or holidays if you like, although the word has come to mean something else) sacred by orienting them around the services of the Church and the Sacrament of Thanksgiving - the Eucharist!

Any of the "holidays" deprived of participation in the Church's Liturgical life are divorced from their natural setting, and therefore unfulfilled!

I pray your celebrations are FULL (see p.4)!

With love in Christ-



### Daily Vespers

**Wednesdays**  
at 6pm

Followed by  
**Christian Education**  
at 6:30pm



### Resurrectional Vespers

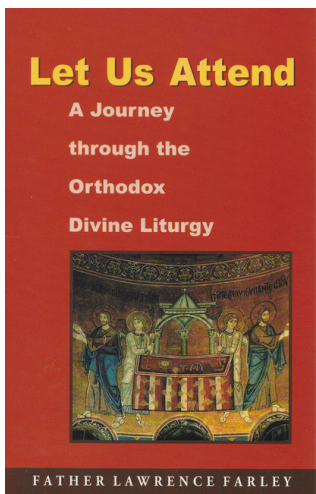
**Saturdays**  
at 6pm

Preceded by  
**Orthodoxy 101**  
at 4:30pm

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## Christ the Saviour Orthodox Book Club



Our next book entitled: "Let us Attend: A Journey through the Orthodox Divine Liturgy" by Fr. Lawrence Farley has ARRIVED.

Please go to the church office to purchase your copy for \$10. Make checks payable to Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, and write "Book Club" in the memo line.

The discussion will be held at **Janine Legg's** residence on **Sunday January 31st at 3pm.**

*The "Book Club" meets quarterly and is open to ALL comers !!!*



## WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY AT CHRIST THE SAVIOUR...

*New Catechumens:*

**Sean & Jennifer Firestine  
and Grace & Evelyn  
Suzanne Mioff  
Jamie Schware and Mariah**

*Newly Baptized and Illumined:*

**Jacob Vernak  
Temesghen Ghebremichael  
Mikiyas Huruy  
Sophia Shoffner**

*New Members:*

**Tatiana Graham and Joe Mark  
Rachel Painter and Nathan**

## 09-10 PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council President: **Michael Zuro**  
Vice President: **David Martin**  
Recording Secretary - **Kathy Pankiw**  
Asst. Recording Secretary - **Susan Dotsey**  
Financial Secretary - **Alice Mallick**  
Asst. Financial Secretary - **Joanne Wevodau**  
Treasurer - **John Dotsey**

Vestrypersons - **Paul Hadginske, David Hancher, Daniel Husted, Janine Legg, Carl Polansky, Harry Sysak, & Pete Taleff**

Auditors - **Eleanor Herman & Larry Smith**

**May God grant them knowledge,  
discernment, piety, and many years!**



Visit [www.christthesaviourhbg.org](http://www.christthesaviourhbg.org) for weekly bulletins, the monthly calendar, photos, and countless other resources highlighting our Orthodox Christian Community. **Not on the web?** Contact the Church office at **717-652-1825** and we will mail you our weekly bulletin (*Please consider a donation to cover the cost of postage*).

### REMEMBER THE CHURCH *Wills and Bequests*

**Attorney John S. Kundrat**

107 Boas Street, Harrisburg, continues to offer to draw up (**FREE of CHARGE**) a simple will or bequest as long as Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church is included with a percentage of the estate or other designated amount. Call him at **717-232-3755** to make an appointment, or visit his website at [www.kundratlawfirm.com](http://www.kundratlawfirm.com)

***Please prayerfully remember  
Christ the Saviour Church, in your will!***

### HOUSE BLESSINGS 2010

Following the Great Feast of Theophany  
Fr. Stephen will be blessing homes.

**House blessings will be arranged with those who sign-up in the vestibule, call 652-1825 or email: [svernak@hotmail.com](mailto:svernak@hotmail.com)**

- Please have a candle, bowl of water, and list of living and departed members of your family ready for the visit.
- If possible, all members of the family should be present, and the TV & radio turned off.

## Help Support the Orthodox Christian Academy

**ATTENTION Giant BONUSCARD users:** You can help support the Orthodox Christian Academy (ID #02797) by registering your Giant BONUSCARD in the A+ School Rewards program. All you have to do is either log onto [www.giantaplus.com](http://www.giantaplus.com), call 1-888-448-4642, or stop at the Customer Service desk at your local Giant grocery store and register your card to benefit the Orthodox Christian Academy (ID #02797). Each time you use your BONUSCARD the school will earn 1% cash back on all eligible purchases. PLEASE NOTE: This **WILL NOT** negatively affect your gas points or any other promotion from Giant! Thanks from the kids!

Parents interested in enrolling their children for the 2010-2011 Academic Year are encouraged to visit [www.OrthodoxChristianAcademy.org](http://www.OrthodoxChristianAcademy.org) for more information and to arrange a visit!

The **Orthodox Christian Charities of Greater Harrisburg**, a PA non-profit organization *dba* "Agia Sophia Harrisburg" Coffee Shop and Bookstore, thanks everyone who responded to our recent *first and last appeal*. Thus far we have raised **\$30,000.00** We continue to accept donations, seek an operating loan, as well as negotiate favorable terms for property located at 225 Market Street in downtown Harrisburg. Please check out our web site at:

[www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com](http://www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com).



## ***SUPPORT-A-SEMINARIAN PROGRAM***

***DEREK SCHMIDT (3RD YEAR, M.DIV.)***



This year we are once again setting the goal of raising **\$6,000.00** for a full scholarship for **Derek Schmidt**, who is in his final year at St. Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary (South Canaan, PA).

Donations may be made at any time by writing a check to "Christ the Saviour" and designating the funds by writing "Support a Seminarian" on the memo line and/or envelope.

*God bless you for your dedication in raising-up the next generation of Orthodox leaders to the serve His Church!*

# Nativity and Theophany 2010

Post on your Refrigerator for Convenience

## Thurs. Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Royal Hours - 9:00 am

Vesperal Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am

Great Compline & Matins - 7:30 pm

## Fri. Dec 25 - Christmas Day

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

**Note: Fast Free Period**

**Dec 25th - Jan 4th**

## Sat. Dec 26 - Synaxis of the Theotokos

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

Vespers (*St. Stephen*) - 6:00 pm

## Sun. Dec 27 - St. Stephen

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

**Parish Open House**

All are Welcome - Free Dinner!

5:00 pm (social) • 5:30 pm (dinner)

## Thurs. Dec 31 - St. Basil Day & New Years Eve

Vesperal Divine Liturgy - 6:30 pm

*Followed by Festive Pot-Luck  
and cutting of the Vasilopita*

**Note: No services Jan 1st**

## Tues. Jan 5 - Theophany Eve

*Strict Fasting Day*

Royal Hours - 9:00 am

Vesperal Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am

Holy Supper - 5:00 pm

(Potluck - sign-up in vestibule)

Great Compline & Matins - 7:00 pm

*with Great Blessing of Waters*

## Wed. Jan 6 - Theophany

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

Vespers (*St. John*) - 7:00 pm

## Thurs. Jan 7 - St. John the Baptist

Divine Liturgy - 9:30am

## Sun. Jan 10 - St. Gregory of Nyssa

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

Pan-Orthodox Service of the Great  
Blessing of the Susquehanna River  
at City Island Park - 1:30 pm

*Dress Warmly—Bring a Friend!*

# “SNAP-SHOTS” of our community...

Sisters of Mercy from Belarus:  
Visit and Talk: Aug 8th



Vacation Church School Program:  
Aug 13 - 15



Icon Workshop w. Xenia  
Pokrovsky: Aug 16 - 22



New School Year Blessing: Sept 20



Fr. Daniel Byantoro (Indonesia)  
Lecture: Oct 14



Advent Pageant: Dec 6



## Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church

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*Rev. Stephen Vernak, Pastor*  
*V. Rev. Daniel Ressetar, Pastor Emeritus*  
*V. Rev. Dr. Michael Kovach, Associate*



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WE'RE ON THE WEB AT [WWW.CHRISTTHESAUIOURHBMG.ORG](http://WWW.CHRISTTHESAUIOURHBMG.ORG)

*Save the Date: Liturgical Music Workshop w/ Prof. David Drillock*  
*Saturday, March 20th • 10am - 4pm... more details soon!*

# BLESSING THE SUSQUEHANNA 2010



*JOIN US for the...*

**2nd Annual Pan-Orthodox Service of the  
Great Blessing of the Susquehanna River**

**When: January 10th at 1:30pm**

**Where: City Island Park (Harrisburg, PA)**

**Dress warmly and bring a friend!**

