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SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2009

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Sunday Before the Theophany. Forefeast of the Theophany.

Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles: James, the brother of the Lord; Mark the Evangelist; Luke the Evangelist; Cleophas; Simeon; Barnabas; Justus; Thaddæus; Ananias; Stephen the Archdeacon; Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas of the Seven Deacons; Timothy; Titus; Philemon; Onesimus; Epaphras; Archippus; Silas; Silvanus; Crescens; Crispus; Epenetus; Andronicus; Stachys; Amplias; Urban; Narcissus; Apelles; Aristobulus; Herodion; Agabus; Rufus; Asyncritus; Phlegon; Hermes; Patrobus; Hermas; Linus; Gaius; Philologus; Lucius; Jason; Sosipater; Olympas; Tertius; Erastus; Quartus; Euodius; Onesiphorus; Clement; Sosthenes; Apollos; Tychicus; Epaphroditus; Carpus; Quadratus; Mark, called John; Zenas; Aristarchus; Pudens; Trophimus; Mark; Artemas; Aquila; Fortunatus; and Achaicus. Ven. Theoctistus. St. Eustathius I, St. Aquila. Martyrs Zosimus and Athanasius; Ven. Euthymius and twelve other Monks, Ven. Onuphrius of Chilandari.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

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 (Strict Fast):** Royal Hours – 9am; Vespers Divine Liturgy – 10:30am; Holy Supper – 5pm; **Great Compline & Matins** w. Great Blessing of Water – 7pm

Jan 6, Tues: **THEOPHANY: Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;** Vespers (St. John the Baptist) – 7pm

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

Jan 10, Sat: Vespers and Confession – 6pm

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

Pan-Orthodox Blessing of the Waters (City Island Beach) – 1pm

*Hours Readers: Joseph Russian (3rd) & Bill Kuchta (6th) * Altar Servers: Team 2*

Jan 14, Wed: Daily Vespers and Christian Ed – 6pm

Jan 15, Thurs: "O" Club Meeting @ Evelyn Onufers– 6pm (Pot Luck Dinner)

- 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: Archpriest **Joseph Chupeck** (Nick Somple's uncle); **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: **David Riesberg** (Anna Doray's Grandson); **Lyn Breen** (Ron Hancher Jr.'s friend); **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: **Tillie Sheaffer** (John Barn's great-grandmother-in-law); **Michael Smoley** (Carole Buleza's father) – Dec 28; **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

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: Marlene Demchak (**Suzanne's sister-in-law**) – **Jan 4 (1st)**; Watson Edward Ealy - **Jan 5 (10th)**; Helen Zuzulock (**mother of Kathleen Z. Pankiw**) - **Jan 5 (9th)**; Florence Miller (**Paul Miller's mother**) – **Jan 5 (1st)**; Fr. Dn. Mark Colby (**friend of the Newhouse's**) – **Jan 5 (1st)**; Samuel Evans - **Jan 6 – (68th)**; Andrew Matyuf (**brother of Dorothy Fedetz**) - **Jan 6 (6th)**; John Popp (**father of Janice Zuro**) - **Jan 7 (4th)**; Tekla "Tessie" Kuchta (**mother of Bill Kuchta**) - **Jan 7 (3rd)**; Brenda Hatrak (**daughter-in-law of Fr. Michael Hatrak**) - **Jan 8 (7th)**; Peter Maliniak (**husband of Gloria Maliniak**) - **Jan 8 (21st)**; Olga A. Saakova - **Jan 8 (14th)**; Roman Wirhanowsky - **Jan 9 (34th)**; Audrey Koszelok - **Jan 9 (41st)**

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 in memory of **Helen Zuzulock** (Kathy Pankiw's mother). **Seven Beeswax Candles** are offered in memory of **Peter Maliniak** (Gloria Maliniak's husband).

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: Matthew Sysak – **Jan 5**; Basil Kuchta - **Jan 7**; Nicholas Hojnicky – **Jan 7**; Ammanuel Ghebremichael – **Jan 8**

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: **142**

TODAY'S NEWS

Habitat for Humanity Project: Skye Hisiro will be traveling to New Orleans with her High School in late January as part of Habitat for Humanity to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. She is selling Papa John Pizza cards for \$10 each to help defray the cost of the trip. The cards act as buy-one-get-one free pizza coupons that can be used up to 20 times. If you use the card one time, it has already paid for itself. Skye will have them *available at the Parish Hall during fellowship today*. Please help her in this worthy cause.

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)**.

Pan-Orthodox Service of Blessing the Waters: The Orthodox parishes of Great Harrisburg will meet at the City Island Beach, **next Sunday January 11th at 1pm** to bless the Susquehanna River. Parking is available at the main lot, however handicap parking is available closer to the site for those who need it. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our faith with fellow Orthodox, as well as our community at-large!



Support-a-Seminarian Program: Once again our parish is collecting donations to help support a seminarian at St. Tikhon's. Our students 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). For questions, please visit www.thetac.org or call 610-554-1079. **The parish will cover registration for those students wishing to attend**, please call Fr. Stephen.

"O" Club News: This month's "O" Club meeting will be held at **Evelyn Onufer's home at 6pm on January 15th**. The meal is a "potluck"; **no gifts please**. To sign up for the potluck, please contact Evelyn at 697-0435. Evelyn's address: 6401 Salem Park Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Thank You: Elizabeth Howe & her daughter Laura would like to thank all who lit candles, offered prayers and sent cards of encouragement during Richard's illness; and now that he has passed, thanks to all who have called and sent cards of condolence.

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.

January 4:

January 11:

January 18:

Libby Hancher

June Taleff

Sue Demchak

Andrea Zart

Patty Taleff

Elise Mosser

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 in February on Thursday's at 7pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Camp Hill.



This Week's Feast: THEOPHANY

The main feature of the feast of Theophany is the Great Blessing of Water. It is prescribed to follow both the Divine Liturgy of the eve of the feast and the Divine Liturgy of the day itself. Usually it is done just once in parish churches at the time when most people can be present. It begins with the singing of special hymns and the censing of the water which has been placed in the center of the church building. Surrounded by candles and flowers, this water stands for the beautiful world of God's original creation and ultimate glorification by Christ in the Kingdom of God. Sometimes this service of blessing is done out of doors at a place where the water is flowing naturally.

THE TROPARION AND THE KONTAKION:

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee his Beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of his Word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee! (Troparion).

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy Light, O Lord, has shone on us, who with understanding praise Thee: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light Unapproachable! (Kontakion).

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.