



# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2009

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6 (8<sup>th</sup> of Luke).** Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa. Martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, and Eustochius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate. Martyr Demetrius of Thrace. Ven. Paisius Velichkovsky.

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:4-10    **Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Nov 15, Sun:** Adult Ed. - 8:30am; *Divine Liturgy*— 9:30am; Church School – 11am; Fellowship – 11:15am; Annual Parish Meeting – 11:45am; **Start of the Nativity Fast** (Nov 15 - Dec 25)  
*Hours Readers;* (3<sup>rd</sup>) **Bill Kuchta** (6<sup>th</sup>) **Chet Lubecki** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

**Nov 16, Mon:** Nut Roll Set-up - 8:30am;

**Nov 17, Tue:** Nut Roll Baking – 8:30am; Parish Council Meeting – 7pm;

**Nov 18, Wed:** Nut Roll Baking – 8:30am; Vespers & Christian Education – 6pm;

**Nov 19, Thu:** Pan-Orthodox Bible Study (Camp Hill) – 7pm

**Nov 20, Fri: Entrance of the Theotokos.** Vespers – 7pm

**Nov 21, Sat: Entrance of the Theotokos.** Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Orthodoxy 101 – 4:30pm;  
Vespers & Confessions – 6pm

**Nov 22, Sun:** Adult Ed. - 8:30am; *Divine Liturgy*— 9:30am; Church School – 11am; Fellowship – 11:15am;

IOCC/OCMC Charity Banquet – 5pm

*Hours Readers;* (3<sup>rd</sup>) **Nicholas Ressetar** (6<sup>th</sup>) **Leavitt Keener** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

● **ANCIENTFAITHRADIO.COM** - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio

● **Orthodox Radio** on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am

● **[www.OrthodoxyinAmerica.org](http://www.OrthodoxyinAmerica.org)** **Traveling - Vacation?** Check it out!

**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 recent 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:** **Carrie Faust** (friend of the Cole's); **Edward Essis;** **Elizabeth Schilling** (John Schilling's mother); **Ray Kerr** (John Schilling's friend & co-worker); **Walter Lear** (John R. Barns' friend); **Jamie Harris** (George Krempasky's daughter); **Barbara Toporcer** (Dotty Sysak's aunt); **Mary Podolak** (Dotty Sysak's cousin); **M. Maria Shuga;** **Van Milbrand** (friend & co-worker of Larry Smith); **John Gordon** (friend & neighbor of Larry Smith); **Joseph Baggio** (Evelyn Krempasky's son-in-law); **Kristy McGraw** (Ron Hancher Jr's co-worker); **Eric Arnoldus** (friend of Dan & Donna Bretz); **Xenia Hretz** (Father Dan's great niece); **Thomas Branoff** (Joanne Wevodau's brother); **Nicholas Essis;** **Pauline Lapinsky** (J. Kuzupas' sister); **Christine Demchak** (Suzanne's sister); **Susan Strenski** (J. Kuzupas' sister); **John Fatich** (J. Kuzupas' brother); **M. Olga Kovach**

**Health and well-being of:** **McGrath Family** (friends of the Schillings); **Jerry Cole** (traveling); **Eli Mioff;** **John Buddwalk;** **Paul Drebot;** **Joseph Mazurek Jr.** (Moe's son); **Ted Demchak** (Sue's brother); **Carl Polansky;** **Alexei Schmidt** ('adopted' Seminarian); **Christina Semon** (OCMC Missionary in Romania); **[Catechumens] Sean, Jennifer, Grace & Evelyn Firestine;** **Jennifer Krider;** **Jamie Schware;** **Mariah Schware;** **Sue Mioff** **[Expectant Mother's] Azmera Negash;** **M. Sophie Majmudar;** **Stacey Snavely** (John R. Barns niece) **[THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ]: David Riesberg** (Anna Doray's Grandson)

**Newly Departed from This Life:** **Stephen Sanders** (Anna Doray's grandson-in-law) – Nov 10; **Ryan McGrath** (friend of the Schillings) - Nov 6; **Taylor Dorsey** (June Taleffs great-nephew) - Nov 5; **Jeff Braswell** (Angie's Costas's son) - Nov 1; **Pete Shellem** (Nick Ressetar's friend) - Oct 24; **Roderick Hall Sr** (Josh DiFlorio's friend) - Oct 23; **Harry Zias** (father of Fr. Jeff Zias) – Oct 13; **Helen Hancher** (Ron's sister-in-law) – Oct 12;

**Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: All Veterans, especially those who gave their life in defense of freedom throughout the world;** **Hubert C. Broskey**, brother-in-law of Elizabeth Hancher, Nov 16 - 26<sup>th</sup>; **G. Warren Barns**, uncle of John Barns, Nov 17 - 7<sup>th</sup>; **Donna Facynic**, wife of Rudolph Facynic, Nov 17 - 6<sup>th</sup>; **John Ressetar**, grandfather of Fr. Dan, Nov 18 - 58<sup>th</sup>; **Sophie Hancher**, sister-in-law of Ron Hancher Sr., Nov 19 - 11<sup>th</sup>; **Tekla Maytuf**, mother of Dorothy Fedetz, Nov 20 - 33<sup>rd</sup>

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

**Seven Day Candle** is offered in memory of **Lee Shenk**, brother of Alice Mallick on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of departing this life

**Many Years:** Names will be accepted for each week. Please submit to [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) by the preceding Wednesday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

**Birthdays:** **Father Michael Kovach** – Nov 21

**Anniversaries:** **Bogdan (Buck) & Kathleen Pankiw** – Nov 18

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 161

## TODAY'S NEWS

**Annual Parish Meeting TODAY Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** following the Divine Liturgy in the Parish Hall. Full Agenda Packets are in the vestibule plus the Auditor's addendum from last week's packet.



**THANKSGIVING ITEMS for the NEEDY:** Turkeys, food boxes, and supermarket gift cards can be dropped off at the church by next **Sunday, November 22nd**. Fr. Stephen and Fr. Dan will distribute them to the needy the week of Thanksgiving. As we pray during the Divine Liturgy: "Bless those who remember the poor, and upon us all send forth Thy mercy!"

**Nut Rolls: Set up date for baking** is Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. **Baking dates** are Tues & Wed November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. You may pick up your rolls on Sat. November 21<sup>st</sup> 9am to noon. *Volunteers are always appreciated for this wonderful, delicious fundraiser the Guild puts on.*

**Gertrude Hawk: TODAY Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** is the **Last Day** to order the Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. The 2009 Holiday book is in the vestibule for your Christmas Treats! Delivery will be on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. See **Dave Martin** with any questions.

**St. Matthew Orthodox Church Feast Day: TODAY Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** Fr Demetrius Nicoloudakis and the community of St. Matthew Orthodox Church in Reading will celebrate their Namesday and the Hierarchical visit of Metropolitan Maximos.

**Carpatho-Rusyn Society of Eastern PA: TODAY Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm All Carpatho-Rusyns, regardless of religious affiliation are invited to the inaugural meeting of the new **Carpatho-Rusyn Society of Eastern PA Chapter** at the Holy Dormition Franciscan Friary in Sybertsville, PA. The guest speaker will be John Righetti, National President and he will talk about "*Who Are the Rusyns*". The goal of C-RS is to preserve the culture, heritage & traditions of the Carpatho-Rusyn People. More information contact Dr. Jerry Chandra (609) 882-4872. The event is free of charge.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Magical Night of Giving: TONIGHT Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** is the *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Magical Night of Giving* at the Colonial Park Mall from 6:30pm to 9:30 pm. Advance ticket purchase required. Please see **Sue Dotsey** if any tickets remain.

**SAVE the DATE - Annual IOCC/OCMC Charity Banquet:** will be held on **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 5pm at **Holy Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church** (64 Hershey Ave, Lancaster, PA). Tickets are a \$25 donation, or \$200 for a table of eight. Please see Fr. Stephen if you would like to purchase tickets, make checks payable to OCCSCP (*Orthodox Council of Churches of South Central Pennsylvania*).

**Annual Pan-Orthodox Service of Thanksgiving:** Will be held **Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm** at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Steelton, with His Grace Bishop Tikhon presiding. Fr. Kosta Petrogeorge (new dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral) will offer the sermon. All are encourage to participate in this service of thanksgiving and Pan-Orthodox fellowship.

## OTHER NEWS

**Fellowship Hour Schedule:** Parishioners are asked to help by bringing at least 60 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 2010 is available at the parish hall.** If you are unable to be at church on your scheduled date contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759.

**November 22:**  
November 29:  
December 6:

**Maryanne Hadginske**  
Nadzia Schilling  
Dotty Fedetz

**Barb Somple**  
Lori Pawlush  
Barbara Cain



### **Orthodox Coffee Shop (Agia Sophia) Update:**

Please visit [www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com](http://www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com) to see updated information on the proposed Orthodox coffee shop and bookstore in the heart of downtown Harrisburg. **We are asking all our faithful to consider a one-time (tax-deductible) donation to help bring this concept to reality.** Make checks payable to OCCGH, 5501 Old Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA or donate online!

**Three Heirarchs Adult Discussion Group:** Father Michael Kovach will be addressing the Three Heirarchs Adult Discussion Group on the topic of "*Angels & Orthodoxy*" at 8:30 AM in the meeting room downstairs beneath the church on **Sunday, December 6th** before Liturgy. All are invited to attend.

**SAVE the DATE - Advent Retreat:** Holy Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster, PA will be hosting an Advent Retreat entitled: "*Saints of America: Their Story and Ours*" on **Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 2pm.** Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information or call at (717) 934-1735.

**Address for Congratulations:** **Fr. Patrick & Popadia Mara Burns** from the Holy Annunciation Macedonian Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church in Steelton recently had their first child, Brigid Miriam. Many inquired for their address. It is **Holy Annunciation Macedonian Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church 721 N. Front Street Steelton, PA 17113**



**Giant Cards:** *The Orthodox Christian Academy* would appreciate your support by registering your **Giant Bonus Card** in the A+ School Rewards Program. All you have to do is: log onto [www.giantaplus.com](http://www.giantaplus.com) or call 1-888-448-4642 or stop at the Customer Service desk at your store and register your card to benefit ID #02797 Orthodox Christian Academy. **Thanks from the kids!**

### **The Nativity (St. Philip's) Fast: Sun, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

The **prescription** of the Church (think of it just like a prescription given by a doctor) is to use these 40 days preceding the Great Feast of Nativity (i.e. Christmas) to prepare the "cave of our hearts" to receive Christ. A feature of this prescription/medicine is the increased emphasis on the spiritual exercise of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The dietary fast calls for abstention from all meat and dairy products, but more importantly to use this discipline as a means for spiritual health & abstention from "consuming" our neighbors & being overrun with materialism & despair.