



# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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The Truth of Orthodox Christianity*

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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2009

**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2 (12<sup>th</sup> of Luke). SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS. REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA.** Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, & Orestes. Virgin Martyr Lucia. Ven. Arkády. Ven. Mardárii. Ven. Arsenius. Ven. Nicodemus. St. Dosofoei, Metropolitan of Moldova.

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:4-11 & Galatians 5:22-6:2 **Gospel:** Luke 14:16-24 & Luke 6:17-23

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Dec 13, Sun:** Adult Ed – 8:30am, Special Presentation by M. Theodora; *Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;* Goitom Kidane memorial immediately following Liturgy; Church School – 11am; Fellowship – 11:15am; Sophia Joule Shoffner (Sysak) Baptism – 1pm; FOCA St. Andrew's Day (Berwick) – 3pm  
*Hours Readers;* (3<sup>rd</sup>) **Joe Russian** (6<sup>th</sup>) **Leavitt Keener** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

**Dec 14, Mon:** Nut Roll Baking Set-up – 8:30am; Parish Council Meeting – 7pm

**Dec 15, Tue:** Nut Roll Baking – 8:30am

**Dec 16, Wed:** Nut Roll Baking – 8:30am; Vespers & Christian Education – 6pm

**Dec 17, Thu:** Pan-Orthodox Bible Study (Camp Hill) – 7pm

**Dec 19, Sat:** Nut Roll Pick up – 9am to noon; Maintenance & Nativity Set-up -9am; Altar Servers Retreat – 11am; Church Decorating – 3pm. Orthodoxy 101 -4:30pm; Vespers & Confessions – 6pm

**Dec 20, Sun:** Adult Ed – 8:30am; *Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;* Church School, decorate Parish Christmas Tree – 11am; Fellowship – 11:15am; O Club Cookie Sale

*Hours Readers;* (3<sup>rd</sup>) **Dimitri Ressetar** (6<sup>th</sup>) **Nick Zuro** • 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:** **Thelma Kalenevitch**, (Linda's mom); **Thomas Reese** (Jennifer Firestine's father); **Jason D'Ercole** (Gary Mantle's nephew); **Katharine Pianovich**; **Matt Kocsis** (grandson of K. Kuchwara's friend); **Brenda** (Dan & Donna Bretz's friend); **Carrie Faust** (friend of the Cole's); **Ray Kerr** (John Schilling's co-worker); **Walter Lear** (John R. Barns' friend); **M. Maria Shuga**; **Van Milbrand** (friend & co-worker of Larry Smith); **Kristy McGraw** (Ron Hancher Jr's co-worker); **Xenia Hretz** (Father Dan's great niece); **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:** **Toroney Family** (Priest Joseph, Mat. Kathy, Rachel, Elena, James, Rebecca, Jacob, Jaimie, & Rdr. Joshua); **Fr. Vincent Saverino** of St. Michael ROC, Phila (recovering from surgery); **Amy Brown** (co-worker of Chet Lubecki); **Maryann Dubee** (Christina Yerke's mother); **Margaret Curran**; **McGrath Family** (friends of the Schillings); **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)

**Newly Departed from This Life:** **Nancy Ulrich** (Robbin Staller's mother) - Nov 29; **Daniel Altieri** (Dotty Fedetz's nephew) - Nov 26; **Thomas Keblish** (E. Krempasky's relative) - Nov 3; **His Holiness Patriarch PAVLE** of Serbia - Nov 15; **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

**Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:** **Goitom Kidane**, Dec 7 - 4<sup>th</sup>; **Anna Hatalowich**, grandmother of George Hatalowich, Dec 13 - 34<sup>th</sup>; **Inez Leonard**, cousin of John R. Barns, Dec 13 - 5<sup>th</sup>; **James Reedy**, Dec 14 - 37<sup>th</sup>; **John O. Vartan**, Dec 15 - 5<sup>th</sup>; **Pani Suan Mesaros**, wife of Fr. Frank Mesaros, Dec 16 - 7<sup>th</sup>; **Michael Kundrat**, brother of John Kundrat, Dec 17 - 7<sup>th</sup>; **Michael Sandovich**, grandson of Martyr Fr. Maksym, cousin of Fr. Dan, Dec 17 - 6<sup>th</sup>; **Herbert C. Caldwell III**, son of Olga Caldwell, Dec 17 - 5<sup>th</sup>; **Ann Krill**, sister-in-law of Helen Tatusko, Dec 18 - 7<sup>th</sup>; **Kathryn Sultzbaugh**, sister of +Russell Sass, Dec 19 - 21<sup>st</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 Beeswax Candles on Altar table** are offered in memory of **John Osuch, Sr.** on the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of departing this life by the Osuch Family

**Two Beeswax Candles on Center table** are offered in health & salvation of Sophia Joule Shoffner on her baptism of Orthodoxy by grandparents, Harry & Dorothy Sysak

**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:** **Evan McGreevy** - Dec 13; **Alexander Ressetar** - Dec 14; **Katharine Newhouse** - Dec 16; **Angela DiFlorio** - Dec 18

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 141

## TODAY'S NEWS



**Thank you from the Church School Nativity Program:** Thanks to everyone who helped & supported this year's program to make it a wonderful success.

**Hats off to the children for an *EXCELLENT JOB!***

**Three Heirarchs Adult Discussion Group: TODAY Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am** Matushka Theodora will make a presentation on Archbishop Hilarion's Christmas oratorio. Recorded excerpts from that work will be played. His Eminence is a world-renowned composer of religious oratorios, and the recently-appointed assistant to the Patriarch of Moscow, responsible for oversight of External Affairs for the Russian Church. All are welcome to attend.

**The Sacrament of Baptism: TODAY Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** is the Baptism of **Sophia Joule Shoffner**, daughter of David and Ruth (Sysak) Shoffner.

**FOCA Annual St. Andrew's Day Program: TODAY Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,** at The Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church in Berwick. At 3pm there will be a choral concert followed by a *Dramatic Monolog of St. Andrew* given by V. Rev. Daniel Ressetar at 4pm. Refreshments & fellowship will follow in the parish hall. *All are welcomed to attend.*

**SALES DESK: TODAY Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** there will be a new display of items for purchase in the parish fellowship hall. Books, icons, pins, flags & especially Troika Christmas Cards. Please see **Evelyn Krempasky** for all of your holiday gift needs.

**Christmas Poinsettia & Decorated Candles:** You can donate a poinsettia to adorn our church during the Nativity & Theophany season or donate decorated candles for the Great Feast of Nativity in memory of a loved one or for the health and salvation of your family & friends. *Please see the sign-up lists on the candle desk in the vestibule.*



- **Poinsettias** are \$8 ea. and you may take it home after the festive season.
- **Regular Decorated Candles** are \$10 ea. There is one set of **Large Decorated Candle** set for behind the center table available for \$50.

**Baking Help Needed** – Help is still needed for Christmas nut roll baking. Morning, afternoon & evening shifts available. Please contact Jean Dotsey (566-0395) so that she can make a schedule  
Set –up Mon, December 14<sup>th</sup>, baking December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

**REMINDER: Angel Tree Toys, frozen turkeys, non-perishable food items & grocery store gifts cards,** to be distributed to the needy in our area, are to be brought to the church by next **Sunday morning, December 20<sup>th</sup>.** *As always, thank you for your generosity to those in need!*

**CALENDAR REMINDER/UPDATES: Nativity Clean-up & Church Decorating:**  
**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

9am – Church & Property Maintenance

11am – Altar Servers Retreat (practice & Altar clean-up)

3pm - Church Decorating (Poinsettia & other decorations)

**Note:** Orthodoxy 101 to be held in the *church basement* at 4:30pm

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** Children to decorate Parish Christmas tree after Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** Annual Parish Christmas Party – **5pm Social – 5:30pm Dinner**

**Free Hearing Aid Batteries:** New, Hearing Aid Batteries Size 10 to anyone who could use them. Please see Willard Brown for more information.

## 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.

<b>December 20:</b>	<b>Barbara Norato</b>	<b>Kathy Kuchwara</b>
December 27:	Dave Martin	Larry Smith
January 3:	Dotty Sysak	Eleanor Herman

**Support-a-Seminarian Program:** Once again our parish is collecting \$donations to help support a seminarian at St. Tikhon's. Our students name is **Alexei (Derek) Schmidt**, a third 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".

**Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards (FOS) Annual Appeal:** For almost three decades the FOS has existed for the sole purpose of helping the Church minister to our youth, young adults & college students, missionaries, church school programs, pastors & lay leaders thru donations of the faithful. Please see the flyer in the vestibule and your mail boxes for more info on how to donate.

**CTS Quarterly Book Club:** Our next book: "Let us attend: Journey through the Orthodox Liturgy" by Fr. Lawrence Farley **has arrived!** Please purchase your copy (**\$10**) in the church office and make checks payable to Christ the Saviour. Our next meeting will be at **Janine Legg's** residence on **Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3pm.** All are welcome, invite a friend!!!

**SAVE the DATE - The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Novogodny Ball:** sponsored by St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter #82 of FOCA will take place on **Sunday, January 17, 2010** at the Radisson Hotel, Philadelphia NE. Please contact Lisa Lelo at [lmlelo@verizon.net](mailto:lmlelo@verizon.net) or 215-248-0158 for more information.

**SAVE the DATE - FOCA/DOEPA YOUTH RETREAT January 16th-18th 2010** at Ladore Retreat Center, Waymart, PA for all Youth of the Diocese ages 10 to 17. Fun, Fellowship, and Frolicking!!! If you are interested call Fr. Daniel Matthewson at 570-645-2772 or see Nick Ressetar, as soon as possible if you are interested. Scholarships available!!!

**2009 Parish Council Officers:** **Parish Council President:** Michael Zuro; **Vice President:** Dave Martin; **Recording Secretary:** Kathy Pankiw; **Asst. Rec. Secretary:** Susan Dotsey; **Financial Secretary:** Alice Mallick; **Asst. Financial Secretary:** Joanne Wevodau; **Treasurer:** John Dotsey **Vesterypersons:** Paul Hadginske; Janine Legg; Carl Polansky; David Hancher; Dan Husted; Harry Sysak; Pete Taleff **Auditors:** Eleanor Herman and Larry Smith. *May God bless them to fulfill their ministry to His glory and the up-building of our parish community!!*

**Manhattan Declaration: Check out -** <http://www.manhattandeclaration.org./the-declaration> Recently, our Met. JONAH joined with other Orthodox, Catholic, and evangelical Christians to reaffirm fundamental truths about justice and the common good, and to call upon fellow citizens, believers and non-believers alike, to join in defending them. These truths are:

1. The sanctity of human life;
2. The dignity of marriage as the conjugal union of husband and wife;
3. The rights of conscience and religious liberty.

**Your can read more by visiting the web site or by taking a printed copy at the candle desk.**