



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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The Truth of Orthodox Christianity*

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2009

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3 (13th of Luke). Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY. Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). Ven. Ignatii (Ignatius), Archimandrite of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—1435). St. Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch (323). St. Daniel, Archbishop of Serbia (1338). St. Anthony, Bp. of Vorónezh (1846). **Rest of St. John of Kronstadt.**

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

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; (3rd) **Dimitri Ressetar** (6th) **Nick Zuro** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

Dec 23, Wed: Vespers and Confessions – 6pm

Dec 24, Thu: Eve of Nativity. Royal Hours – 9pm; Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil – 10:30am; Great Compline and Matins – 7:30pm.

Dec 25, Fri: Nativity of our Lord in the Flesh. Divine Liturgy – 10am

Dec 26, Sat: Synaxis of the Theotokos – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Baptism of Daniel and Benjamin Coles – 2pm. **No** Orthodoxy 101; Vespers & Confessions – 6pm. Caroling TBD.

Dec 27, Sun: St. Stephen. *Liturgy* – 9:30am; Fellowship – 11:15am; Annual Parish Christmas Open House, Social at 5pm – Dinner at 5:30pm.

Hours Readers; (3rd) **Paul Miller** (6th) **Bill Kuchta** • 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** **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); **Carrie Faust** (friend of the Cole's); **Walter Lear** (John R. Barns' friend); **M. Maria Shuga**; **Van Milbrand** (friend & co-worker of Larry Smith); **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: **Ekaterina and Anastasia Nikolaeva** (traveling to Russia); **John Barns**; **Barbara Norato**; **Fr. Vincent Saverino** of St Michael ROC, Phila (recovering from surgery); **Amy Brown** (co-worker of Chet Lubecki); **Maryann Dube** (Christina Yerke's mother); **Margaret Curran**; **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**; **Andrea Hollander**; **Jennifer Krider**; **Jamie Schware**; **Mariah Schware**; **Sue Mioff [Expectant Mother's] M. Sophie Majmudar**

Newly Departed from This Life: **His Eminence Archbishop JOB** – Dec 18; **Xenia Boruch** (M. Theodora's cousin); **Susan Elmer** (Larry Smith's brother-in-law's wife) – Dec 10; **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

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: **Todorka Mioff**, mother of Eli Mioff, Dec 21 – 21st; **Nadya Snow**, sister of Gloria Maliniak, Dec 21 – 8th; **Peter Krempasky Jr.**, George's brother, Dec 22 – 3rd; **Sophia Smetanick**, mother of Vicki Henry, Dec 23 – 17th; **Dorothy Whitesel**, aunt of John R. Barns, Dec 23 – 7th; **Olga Evans**, Dec 25 – 16th; **John Solovey**, Dec 26 – 41st; **Dr. Michael Ressetar**, Dec 26 – 10th; **John Carter**, M. Anna's grandfather, Dec 26 – 4th; **MaryAnn English**, Dec 26 – 2nd; **Margaret Spaseff**, Dec 26 – 2nd; **Vida Kodi**, Bishop Mitrophan's Mother, Dec 26 – 4th;

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

See Sign-Up Sheets in the Vestibule to Offer Decorated Candles for the Great Feast of our Lord's Nativity (\$10 each)

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: **Noelle Webb** – Dec 24; **Holly Webb Komoroski** – Dec 26; **Reta Fisher** – Dec 26

Anniversaries: **Doug and Barbara Cain** – Dec 24

Graduates: **Ronald Hancher, Jr.** (Masters Degree from Penn State Harrisburg); **Kathryn Atty** (Bachelors Degree from Penn State, State College)

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 88

TODAY'S NEWS

SALES DESK: TODAY Sunday, December 20th 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.

Patriarch BARTHOLOMEW to be interviewed on 60 Minutes: His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, will be featured on 60 Minutes, **scheduled to air on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 7 p.m. EST.** The segment will focus on the Orthodox Church, the most ancient Christian church, and its development from its earliest years to modern times. The show will also be broadcast over the Internet on the 60 Minutes website: <http://www.60minutes.com>

CTS Quarterly: Our parish newsletter went out in the mail this past Friday. Extra copies are available in the vestibule by the guest book, and you can also view it online at <http://www.christthesaviourhbg.org>.

Annual Parish Christmas Open House: Sunday, December 27th Annual Parish Christmas Open House will be held - **5pm Social & 5:30pm Dinner.** There is no charge for this event, come enjoy good food and fellowship with your parish family as we celebrate the Birth of our Lord!

New Years and St. Basil's Day: This year for New Years we will be celebrating a Vespers Divine Liturgy (*Vespers and Liturgy served together*) on **Thursday, December 31st at 6:30pm.** Following the service we will have a pot-luck meal and cut the Vasilopita (St. Basil's bread) in the church basement. ***This is a schedule change from previous years. Please note:***

- The Eucharistic fast for an evening Divine Liturgy is the same as for the Lenten Pre-Sanctified Liturgies – no food or drink from your noon meal until after you have received the Eucharist. Those with questions or concerns please contact Fr. Stephen.
- Please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone following the service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule, so we know who and what to expect.
- If you are uncomfortable driving at night, but would like to attend, please make arrangements with another member of the parish to provide a ride; or contact Fr. Stephen and he will try to help arrange a ride.
- There **will not** be a service on Friday, January 1st.

Hershey Bears Hockey Game - The "O" Club is sponsoring a hockey game **Sunday, Jan 17, 2010.** The game start at 5:00pm and lasts about 2 1/2 hours. Tickets are \$13 p/person and must be paid for when reserved. There are only 30 tickets available, so get yours soon (*a great Christmas gift*). Contact **John Dotsey or Alice Mallick** with any questions. To reserve, sign your name and the number of tickets wanted at the candle stand and drop a check off in the Church office. There may be an ice skating activity prior to the game for those interested.

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.

December 27:	Dave Martin	Larry Smith
January 3:	Dotty Sysak	Eleanor Herman
January 10:	Effie Spaseff	Marie Spaseff

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.

SAVE the DATE - The 73rd 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 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!!!

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 31st at 3pm**. All are welcome, invite a friend!!!

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.

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