



# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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The Truth of Orthodox Christianity*

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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 2009

**29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4 (14<sup>th</sup> of Luke). THIRD DAY OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY. Sunday After the Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James (Jacob) the Brother of the Lord. Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Ven. Theodore Graptus ("the Branded"), Confessor and brother of St. Theophanes the Hymnographer. St. Theodore, Archbishop of Constantinople.**

**Epistle:** Galatians 1:11-19

Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-23

Matthew 21:33-42

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**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; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Paul Miller (6<sup>th</sup>) Bill Kuchta • Altar Servers – All welcome*

**Dec 30, Wed:** Daily Vespers – 6pm

**Dec 31, Thu: St. Basil Vespersal Divine Liturgy – 6:30pm** followed by a pot-luck meal & cutting of the *Vasilopita (St. Basil's Bread)* in the church hall

**Jan 1, Fri: Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great –** Services celebrated on the eve.

**Jan 2, Sat: No** Orthodoxy 101; *Vespers* & Confession – 6pm

**Jan 3, Sun:** Adult Ed – 8:30am; *Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;* Church School – 11am; Fellowship – 11:15am; *Hours Readers; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Nick 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:** **Marie Broskey**, (Libby Hancher's sister); **Mark Peters**, (friend of B. Hancher); **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 in Russia); **John Barns**; **Barbara Norato**; **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**; **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; **His Holiness Patriarch PAVLE** of Serbia – Nov 15;

**Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:** **Tsgay Andemichael**, brother of Sebhatu Andemichael, Dec 27 – 5<sup>th</sup>; **Sophie Mehalko**, Dec 29 – 7<sup>th</sup>; **Dean Lebo**, Dec 29 – 4<sup>th</sup>; **Steven Bortniak**, Dec 30 – 17<sup>th</sup>; **Helen Evans**, grandmother of M. Theodora, Jan 1 – 76<sup>th</sup>; **Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz**, brother of Andy Fedetz, Jan 1 – 4<sup>th</sup>; **Helen Bushko**, sister of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 2 – 11<sup>th</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 Eternal Lamp** is offered in health & welfare of the **Sysak children & grandchildren**

**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:** **Greg Sirb** – Dec 31;

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: **79**  
(SNOW)

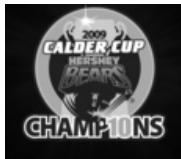
## TODAY'S NEWS

**Annual Parish Christmas Open House:** TODAY Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Parish Christmas Open House - **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Decorated Candles & Poinsettia Plants:** *A Special Thanks* to all who donated Decorated Candles or Poinsettia Plants for this year's Nativity. A list of who donated in Memory of or for the Health & Salvation is in the vestibule candle stand.



**Hershey Bears Hockey Game** - The "O" Club is sponsoring a hockey game **Sunday, Jan 17, 2010**. The game starts 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.

### **November Financial Report:**

General Expenses Paid:	\$14,731.39
Stewardship Envelope & Capital Imp. Offerings	<u>\$13,568.10</u>
Nov. Stewardship Giving vs. Expenses is a Shortage	(\$1,163.29)

**Women's Pot Luck Dinner:** There will be a Pot Luck Dinner for all of the women of the parish on **Monday, January 11 at 6:00 pm** at the Parish Hall. If you are planning to attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**House Blessings 2010:** Following the Great Feast of Theophany (January 6<sup>th</sup>) Fr. Stephen will be blessing homes. This tradition is a tangible way to ask the blessing of God upon our homes and families. Please sign the sheet in vestibule or email [svernak@hotmail.com](mailto:svernak@hotmail.com) to indicate your desire for a visit. **Please be sure to have a candle, bowl of water, and listing of the living and departed members of your family ready for the visit.** If possible all family members should be present, and the TV, radio, etc. turned off.

## 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.

**January 3:**  
January 10:  
January 17

**Dotty Sysak**  
Effie Spaseff  
John Barnes

**Eleanor Herman**  
Marie Spaseff  
Christine Yerke



a-Seminarian".

**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-

**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!!!

**Patriarch BARTHOLOMEW on 60 Minutes:** His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, was featured on 60 Minutes this past Sunday, December 20, 2009. The segment focused on the Orthodox Church, the most ancient Christian church, and its development from its earliest years to modern times. **If you missed 60 minutes you can watch the show on the Internet.** <http://www.60minutes.com>

### SAVE the DATES:

**Saturday, January 9, 2010: Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles** will host a *Happy 2010 Welcome Party* in Great Falls, VA from 7pm to Midnight. For more information please contact V. Rev. Gregory Safchuk at 301-320-0739, [gsafchuk@hotmail.com](mailto:gsafchuk@hotmail.com) or see flyer in vestibule.

**January 16th-18th 2010 FOCA/DOEPA YOUTH RETREAT** 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!!!

**Sunday, January 17, 2010 The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Novogodny Ball** sponsored by St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter #82 of FOCA will take place on 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.