CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

SUNDAY MAY 15, 2011

4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Paralytic. Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism. St. Isaiah, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov. The slain Crown Prince Dimitry of Uglich and Moscow, Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves, Ven. Pachomius — Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta. Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus), Abbot and Wonderworker of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion. St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa.

> Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

May 15, Sun: Paralytic. Adult Ed -8:30am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School -11am;

Fellowship -11:15am; Grace Vernak Baptism -4pm; Softball game -7:30pm

Hour Readers: (3rd) Scott Staller (6th) Chris Dupkanick • Altar Servers – All welcome

May 16, Mon: Parish Council Meeting -7pm

May 17, Tue: Vespers -7pm

May 18, Wed: Mid-Feast of Pascha. Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) -noon;

Vespers -6:30pm; Bible Study -7pm

Vespers at <u>St. Nicholas Church in Oberlin</u> – 5pm; **NOTE: NO Vespers in our church** May 21, Sat: May 22, Sun: Samaritan Woman. Adult Ed -8:30am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School -11am: Fellowship 11:15am; Softball game -7:30pm

Hour Readers: (3rd) Joseph Russian (6th) Leavitt Keener • Altar Servers – All welcome

- ANGIENTFAITHRADIO.GOM 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio
- ORTHODOX RADIO on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am
- OrthodoxyinAmerica.org (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) check it out!

W€LGOM€ TO OUR VISITORS!!! Please join us for fellowship in the church hall and sign our quest book in the vestibule. If you are interested in becoming a part of our community please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen. Please note: Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves by fasting (from all food and drink from midnight), prayer, and recent confession; and who were present for the reading of the Epistle and Gospel, should approach to receive the Eucharist.

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember the following persons during your daily morning and evening prayers. **Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.** Submit names to the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

Ailing: V. Rev. Michael Slovesko; John Brandt (friend of John R. Barns); M. Lisa Weremedic; Addison Holl (friend of Larry Smith); Dr. Joseph Norato; Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's daughter); Ronald Webb; Peter Bridge, Lydia & George Boras (friends of Bill & Joan Dupkanick); Frank Priggins (Christine's father); Diane Broskey (Libby's niece); Mattie Martin; Keturah Faust (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); Naomi Hershey and Carrie Faust (friends of the Cole's); Matthew Kocsis; Marlene Kalenak (Anna Doray's niece); Van Milbrand (friend & coworker of Larry Smith); Nicholas Essis; Pauline Lapinsky, Susan Strenski, & John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); Christine Demchak (Sue's sister).

Health & well-being: Alexandra "Sandra" Wurster (Bill Kuchta's sister); Debbie Bricker & family; Margaret Elmer (Larry Smith's mother-in-law); Elizabeth "Betty" Pellegrini; Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour & Christian Ridenour (son & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); Nikki Sprucebank and the child Thomas Daniel, born of her; Dianne Williams, and Eileen Holey (Debbie Hisiro's friends); Joe Demchak; Tom and Bernadine Antolick (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister and brother-in-law); Deb Reigle (friend of Ann Cole); Irene Priggins & Addison Wechter, her parents Judy & Greg (Christine Priggins family); Archpriest Alexander Atty; Parishioners Home-bound & in Care Facilities: Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Military: Steven Heberle (Jean Dotsey's nephew); Thomas Shingara (neighbor); Sponsored Seminarian: Dn. Ian & M. Priscilla Shipley and family; OCMC Missionary: Christina Semon; Catechumens: Jonathan Dunnavent; Manuel "Manny" Lopez; Expectant Mothers: Stephanie Kornseind; Christina Yerke and the children to be born of them;

Newly Departed from This Life: Maurice "Pete" Garman (past-president of FOCA) –May 11; Mara Jovic (John R. Barn's friend from Belgrade, Serbia); Alexander Awale – May 8; Randall Paules (Patty Taleff's nephew) - May 2; Worku Gebreskidan –Apr 20; Muriel Bezsvlko & Ken Beard – Apr 19;

Anniversaries of Those Departed: Olga Dimza, May 15 -34th; John W. Motiska Sr., May 15 -21st; Alex T. Spaseff, May 16 -27th; Ann Kolarsky, sister of Dorothy Fedetz, May 16 -5th; Joseph Fatula, May 17 -5th; Sherrie Keefe, Betty Danko's daughter, May 17 -4th; Thomas Reese, Jennifer Firestine's father, May 18 -1st; Louis Eliker, father of Marilou Klipa, May 18 -9th; Nadja Nadezhdah Rovnyanskaya, May 18 -17th; Yakov Rosenthal, May 19 -5th; Andrew Starinshak, brother of Elizabeth Hancher, May 20 -56th; Mary Wallace, Maria Hebda's mother, May 20 -2nd;

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

Seven Day Votive is offered in Memory of Alexander Awale from the Sysak Family

Many Years: Names will be accepted for each week. Please submit to <u>ctsocahbg@aol.com</u> by the preceding Wednesday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

<u>Anniversary</u>: Sean & Jennifer Firestine – May 20 <u>Birthdays</u>: Shirley Sass - May 16; Ana Elena Sandu - May 16; Ann Cole - May 17; Donna <u>Bretz</u> - May 18

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING: There will be a special parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, June 5th.** The topic is a major capital expense: the church siding. Reports are forthcoming.



<u>Calling All GRADUATES:</u> Please send the names, schools, future plans and photos of your high school, and college graduates to the church office ASAP. **UPDATE:** We will recognize all of our graduates on **Sunday, June 19**th.

Three Hierarchs Adult Discussion Group: TODAY at 8:30 AM & on Sunday, May 22nd, Larry Smith will be making a two-part presentation on *Sts. Cyril and Methodius* in the social room downstairs below the church sanctuary. Part I, to be presented May 15th, will be "Sts. Cyril and Methodius - Apostles to the Slavs", Part II, presented May 22nd, will be "The Cyrillic Alphabet - St. Cyril's Eponymous Legacy". All adult members of the parish are welcome to attend.

St. Tikhon Seminary Scholarship: We are raising funds for a half-scholarship (\$3,500.00) for **Dn. Ian Shipley and his family** for this academic year. Please make checks payable to: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, and write "Seminary Scholarship" on the memo line.

• **NOTE:** to date we have raised: **\$1,500.00**

BABY BOTTLE BLAST: Spring has sprung and that means it's time for the Baby Bottle Blast, which starts **TODAY Mother's Day, May 8th** and runs through **Father's Day, June 19th**. Last year we raised \$720. Please see **Christina Yerke** with any questions.

<u>Colonial Park Mall Charity Drive:</u> If you shop at the Colonial Park Mall please bring your receipts from **May 1st thru May 27th** to the Guest Service Desk. Your receipts will be total up and points will be added to Christ the Saviour. Each dollar spent is one point. *Where else can you have fun shopping and help your favorite charity at the same time.* If you have further questions please see **Alice Mallick**.

<u>CTS Book Club</u>: "Crazy John" by Dionysios A. Makris, a story about a contemporary "fool-for-Christ" in Athens. Discussion will take place on **June 5th at 3pm** at the Staller residence.

Church Softball Team Schedule: Come out and support the team... there is PLENTY of seating, FREE admission, and GREAT fellowship!!! Games are played at Veterans Park off of Elmerton Ave. Full listings of the games are in the vestibule and in the parish hall.

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 May 2011 is available at the parish hall.** If you are unable to be at church on your scheduled date contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759.

May 22: Marie Intrieri Elizabeth Howe

May 29: Sue Demchak Ann Cole

LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANGE: 132

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX GOMMUNITY

<u>Camp Nazareth and Orthodox Christian Fellowship [OCF]</u>: OCF will host the **First Annual Spring College Conference 2011**, titled "Overcoming the World," **May 20-22, 2011** at Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA. College students are invited to enjoy three days of good food, fun, and faith enrichment with excellent guest speakers, small group discussions, and much more! For more information and to/or to register visit http://www.campnazareth.org/springcc2011.htm.

OCCGH Inaugural Golf Tournament and Sports Auction: The Orthodox Christian Charities of Greater Harrisburg (OCCGH), the organizers of the Agia Sophia Coffee House and Bookstore, are holding an online charity Sports Auction (please check out their website at **www.occgh.org** for more details). **UPDATE**: Golf Tournament **postponed**.

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp 2011: St. Tikhon's summer camp is now accepting applications from campers and counselors for the week of **July 3 -9, 2011**. This year all registration forms are on their website at INFO@STTIKHONSCAMP.ORG. Registration forms must be postmarked by **May 31, 2011.** If you do not have access to a computer please contact the church office & we will be more than happy to print out the forms for you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY MAY 15, 2011

Acts 9:32-42 (Epistle)

Now in those days, it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. 33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. 35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. 36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷ But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. ³⁹ Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

John 5:1-15 (Gospel)

At that time, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷ The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

¹⁰ The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." ¹¹ He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' " ¹² Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" ¹³ But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." ¹⁵ The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

GLORY TO THEE O LORD, GLORY TO THEE!



THE PROLOGUE OF OHRID:

THE DAILY LIVES OF THE SAINTS AND REFLECTIONS BY ST. NIKOLAI OF ZIGHA AND SOUTH GANAAN http://www.westsrbdio.org/prolog/my.html

REFLECTION

When a tyrant commits violence against the righteous out of greed, then the violence brings about one benefit and one detriment i.e., a detriment to the tyrant and a benefit to the one who violently suffered. Boris Godunov murdered Dimitri, the eight-year old crown prince in order to gain control of the throne without competition. The imperial days of Boris ended quickly and the tyrant was given over to decay and accursedness and Dimitri was proclaimed a saint. After fifteen years of lying in the grave, the body of Dimitri was exhumed and found to be uncorrupt and miracle-working. There were forty-five miraculous healings which occurred over his body. Whose, therefore, is the detriment and whose is the benefit from tyranny? If the tyrant knew, that by his tyranny, he would help his opponent to be included among the saints and that he would prepare defeat and damnation for himself, he would desist from planned violence. But a crooked-thought is the forerunner and companion of tyranny.