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Celebrating 48 years of Proclaiming the Truth of Orthodox Christianity

SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 2011

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Dormition.** Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy. Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus. Ven. Abramius, Archimandrite and Wonderworker of Smolensk, and his disciple, Ven. Ephraim. Ven. Abramius the Lover-of-Labor, of the Kiev Caves. Ven. Nun Martha of Diveyevo.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 **Gospel**: Matthew 17:14-23

Upcoming Services and Events:

Aug 21, Sun: Apostle of the **70 Thaddaeus & Ven. Avramii**. *Divine Liturgy -9:30am;* Fellowship -11:15am; Ladies Brunch (Holiday Inn East) – noon

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

Aug 24, Wed: Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; *Vespers -6:30pm* **Aug 25, Thu: Apostle Bartholomew and Apostle Titus of the 70**

Aug 27, Sat: St. Tikhon's Golf Tournament. Vespers & Confession -6pm

Aug 28, Sun: Ven. Job of Pochaev. Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Fellowship Men's Club Breakfast -

11:15am; Vespers following Fellowship

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

Aug 29, Mon: Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Strict Fast. Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Men's

Club Meeting -7:30pm

- 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!

W6L60M6 T0 OUR VISITORS!!! Please join us for fellowship in the church hall and sign our guest 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: Bishop Melchisedek; Archbishop Dimitri; Francis Friel (infant son of Lorrie Pawlush's friend); Fr. Timothy Holowatch; Joseph Pilc (Kathryn's son); Joan Tracy (Kathy Pankiw's friend); Lowel Landis (Carl Polansky's friend); Georgia & Theodore Demopolous (Samantha's parents); Addison Holl & Van Milbrand (Larry Smith's friends); Dr. Joseph Norato; Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's daughter); Ronald Webb; Peter Bridge, Lydia & George Boras (Bill & Joan Dupkanick's friends); Jamie Krempasky & Irene Pagel (George's daughter and friend); Diane Broskey (Libby's niece); Keturah Faust (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); Naomi Hershey & Carrie Faust (friends of the Cole's); Matthew Kocsis; Marlene Kalenak (Anna Doray's niece); Nicholas Essis; Pauline Lapinsky, Susan Strenski, & John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); Christine Demchak (Sue's sister).

Health & well-being: Stephen Wylam (Greg Ressetar's friend); Michael Sensor (Alexander Ressetar's godson); Peter & Sophia Hodowanec; Cathy Kemp; Carl Polansky; Evelyn Anderson (Debbie Hisiro's mother); Margaret & Cecilia Hunt, (Aunt & Cousin of Larry Smith); Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour & Christian Ridenour (son & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); Joe Demchak; Tom & Bernadine Antolick (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister & brother-in-law); Deb Reigle (friend of Ann Cole); Archpriest Alexander Atty; Traveling: Ruth, David & Sophia Shoffner; Home-bound & in Care Facilities: Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Military: Matthew Keller; Matthew Pylypciw (Korea); 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; Expectant Mothers: Laura Howe-Hetland; Jennifer Firestine and the children to be born of them;

<u>Newly Departed</u>: John Faas (Orthodox soldier killed in combat) – Aug 6; Laura Pellegrini (Paul's sister) – Aug 2; Monk Basil (Quinn) - Aug 1; David Sheesly (uncle of John R. Barns); Arlene Rice (relative of John R. Barns) July 11;

Anniversaries of Those Departed: John Gamble, Aug 21 -13th; Bob Wolfe, uncle of Sue Wolfe, Aug 21 -6th; Rudolph Facynic, Aug 22 -13th; Habtemichael Kidanemariam, Sebatu's brother-in-law, Aug 22 - 3rd; Joe Krajsa, friend of Larry Smith and our church choir, Aug 23 -4th; Rita Telep, Ann Cole's cousin, Aug 23 - 3rd; Peter Starinshak, father of Elizabeth Hancher, Aug 24 -27th; Sandy Suad Essis, Aug 25 -16th; Lucille Koloski, mother of Mary Ellen Osuch, Aug 26 -1st; Michael Kanoff Sr., Aug 26 -19th; Anna Ford, sister of Betty Pellegrini, Aug 27 -7th; Jacob Yatcilla, Eleanor Herman's Grandfather, Aug 27-23rd;

<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 Health & Salvation of Mike Mallick on his birthday from Alice
- One Decorated Candle is offered in Heath & Salvation of Cathi Kemp from the Choir

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>Anniversaries:</u> Kidane & Freweini Ghebremichael - Aug 23; Lydia & Gary Mantle - Aug 23 <u>Birthdays</u>: Michael Mallick - Aug 21; Eric Mosser - Aug 22; Joseph Martin - Aug 23; Melissa Zuro - Aug 26

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

<u>Ladies Brunch</u> – TODAY following *Divine Liturgy* the St. Mary's Altar Guild will go to a **Ladies Brunch Buffet from 12 noon to 2:00 pm** at the Holiday Inn East on Lindle Road (off of Eisenhower Boulevard). The cost is \$21.95/person, \$18.95 for persons 55 years of age or older. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. If interested, please see Jean Dotsey.

<u>Trophy Presentation:</u> TODAY at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will be presenting our parish softball team with the league championship trophy. Congratulations to coach, **Carl Hisiro** and all the team members on yet another championship season!

<u>Men's Club Breakfast:</u> Next **Sunday, August 28th** the Men's Club will host a **French Toast Breakfast** following *Divine Liturgy.* Cost is \$5.00

<u>CTS Book Club:</u> The newest book selection is entitled "Dimitri's Cross: The Life and Letters of St. Dimitri Klepinin" They are \$12 each and may be purchased in the church office before or after any service. Our **Book Discussion** will be held on **Sunday, September 25th at 3pm** at the Agia Sophia Coffee House & Bookstore (225 Market Street, Harrisburg). All parishioners, their friends, and families are encouraged to read the book and participate in the discussion. This is a great educational format for those with a busy schedule, who cannot commit to a weekly class.

UPDATED July Stewardship Report: (*)

General Expenses Paid: \$ 15,049.31 <u>Envelope & Capital Improvement Offerings:</u> \$ 15,380.00

Stewardship (-) Expenses = \$ 330.69 (in the **black**!)

(*) **NOTE:** The full financial report is available on the wall by the umbrella rack in the vestibule.

<u>Harrisburg "O" Club Fellowship Hour Schedule</u>: "O" Club members are asked to help by bringing at least 9 dozen of baked goods and to serve them during their assigned fellowship hour. If you are unable to be at church on your scheduled date contact **John Dotsey** at (717) 566-0395

Aug 21: Eleanor Herman & Andrea Zart

Aug 28: Men's Club Breakfast

Sept 4: Joanne Wevodau & Nadzia Schilling

<u>Traveling or Going on Vacation???</u> The summer time is filled with activity and for most of us - a lot of travel. **It is important, however, to remember that Sunday remains the <u>Lord's Day</u> no matter where we are... even if we are on "vacation". Please check out www.OrthodoxyinAmerica.org for information on Orthodox Churches throughout the country... just type in the zip code, city or town you are traveling to and a listing of all parishes and their distance from your location will be generated. Be sure to call the Priest ahead of time and let him know you will be visiting!**

LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 147

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX GOMMUNITY

"Windows into Heaven": All Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant, PA will host *Windows into Heaven, The History & Spirituality of Icons* by **His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL (Dahulich)** on **Thursday, August 25th at 7pm.** For more information please call 489-0942, via the web at www.allsaintsolyphant.org or please see the flyer behind the candle stand.

<u>Parish Picnic:</u> The Holy Resurrection of Christ Orthodox Church in Lebanon, PA will host their Parish Picnic on **Sunday, August 28**th following their *Divine Liturgy at 10am.* For more information please see the flyer behind the candle stand.

A Ten-Year Memorial Event: The All Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant, PA will host a 9/11/01 memorial event at their church on **Sunday, Sept 11**th **at 4pm.** For more information or to submit names of your loved ones who died in the attacks please contact Fr. David Cowan at 489-0942 via the web www.allsaintsolyphant.org or please see the flyer behind the candle stand.

<u>The Culture Wars Why We Disagree About What Matters Most:</u> The **Holy Apostles Mission** in Mechanicsburg will host the lecture by Tristram Engelhardt, Ph.D, M.D. on **Saturday, Sept 10**th **at 7pm**, Vespers at 6pm. For more information please see the flyer behind the candle stand.

SCRIPTURG READINGS FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 2011

1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (Epistle)

Brethren, ⁹ For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! ¹¹ To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. ¹² And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; ¹³ being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. ¹⁴ I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. ¹⁵ For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. ¹⁶ Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Matthew 17:14-23 (Gospel)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down to Him and saying, ¹⁵ "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶ So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁰ So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. ²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." ²² Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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

The Venerable Theophilus the Confessor

Theophilus was a Macedonian Slav from somewhere near Strumica. He was tonsured a monk when still young, and founded his own monastery. He suffered much for the icons during the reign of Leo the Isaurian, and would have been slain on one occasion, had he not succeeded in convincing Governor Hypaticus, his judge, of the principle and need for the veneration of icons. The governor freed him. Theophilus returned to his monastery, where he reposed peacefully in the year 716, and entered into the joy of his Lord.

REFLECTION

By God's providence, the greatest number of miracles and heavenly manifestations occur during the martyrdom of His servants. On the day that the Latins set out for the Monastery of Zographou, an old monk had an obedience in a vineyard half an hour's distance from the monastery. At the prescribed time, he read the Akathist before the icon of the Mother of God. However, when he began to pronounce the word ``Rejoice!" a voice came to him from the icon: `Do thou also rejoice, O elder! Flee from here now, or misfortune will befall thee; go and tell the brethren of the monastery to lock themselves in, for the God-opposing Latins have attacked this, my chosen Mountain, and are already near." The frightened elder fell to his knees and cried out in fear: ``How can I leave thee here, my Queen and Intercessor?" At this he again heard the voice: ``Do not worry about me, but go quickly!" The elder went to the monastery immediately. But when he reached the monastery gates he beheld that same icon of the Mother of God. In a miraculous manner, the icon had preceded him to the monastery. The amazed elder related all that had been revealed to him to the abbot and the brethren. At that, all of them glorified God and the Mother of God. Once, during the celebration of the Feast of the twenty-six martyrs of Zographou, on October 10, 1873, there was a great all-night vigil. It was a moonless night. In the middle of the night, while the monks were chanting and reading the lives of the holy martyrs in the church, a noise was suddenly heard, and over the church a fiery pillar appeared, extending from earth to heaven. It was so bright that things at a distance could be seen as though it were midday. This wondrous manifestation lasted for about a quarter of an hour and then disappeared.