

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2012

**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after the Theophany.** Ven. George the Chozebite. Ven. Domnica of Constantinople. St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus. Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves. Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves. Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev. St. Paisius of Uglich. Hieromartyr Carterius of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:7-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-17

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Jan 8, Sun:** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am*; Church School -11am; Fellowship -11:15am; Orthodoxy 101 -12:15pm

*Hour Readers:* (3<sup>rd</sup>) **Bill Kuchta** (6<sup>th</sup>) **Chet Lubecki** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

**Jan 11, Wed:** **Ven. Theodosius the Great.** Bible Study- noon; *Vespers -6:30pm*; Bible Study -7pm

**Jan 12, Thu:** **Martyr Tatiana of Rome, St. Sava Archbishop of Serbia.** "O" Club Meeting (Evelyn Onufer's home) -6pm

**Jan 14, Sat:** **Leave-taking Theophany.** Maintenance Day -9am; *Vespers & Confession -6pm*

**Jan 15, Sun:** **St. Philip of Moscow.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am*; Church School -11am; Parish Brunch -11:15am; *Blessing of the Susquehanna -2pm*; Followed by a reception at Agia Sophia (225 Market St)

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● **ANGIENTFAITHRADIO.COM** - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio

● **OrthodoxyinAmerica.org** (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) **check it out!**

**WELCOME TO 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:** Stephen Kudrikoff (M. Theodora's cousin's son); Linda Fatula (John Dotsey's co-worker); Barbara Lee Pickering (niece of Gloria Maliniak); Landon Payne (child of Jerry & Ann Cole's friends); Thalia Studulis (sister of Paul Pellegrini); Kimberly Rapso, Louis Zang, Dorothy Metelsky (cousins & friend of M. Theodora); Saba Ghebremichael; Joan Payne (Nadzia's friend); Billy Harter (Kathy Pankiw's cousin); William Shaeffer (John R. Barn's brother-in-law); Irene Priggin's (Christine's mother); Lou DiNafo (Moe's son-in-law); Joan Sysak; Francis Friel (infant son of Lorrie Pawlush's friend); Joseph Pilc (Kathryn's son); Theodore Demopolous (Samantha's father); Addison Holl & Van Milbrand (Larry Smith's friends); Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's daughter); Jamie Krempasky & Irene Pagel (George's daughter and friend); 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); Pauline Lapinsky, Susan Strenski, & John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); Christine Demchak (Sue's sister)

**Health & well-being:** Betty Wevadau (Joanne's mother-in-law); Joseph Russian (John R. Barn's godfather); Becky Voras (friend of Lydia Mantle); Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas; Salwa Shunnara; Addison, Judy & Greg (family of Christine Priggings); Dr. Joseph & Barbara Norato; Mattie Martin; Margaret & Cecilia Hunt, (Aunt & Cousin of Larry Smith); Myron Starinshak & Diane Brosky (Libby's brother & niece); 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; **Home-bound & in Care Facilities:** Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Nicholas Essis; **Military:** Stephanie King; Jessica Shingara; Kevin Leonhard; Matthew Pylypciw; Steven Heberle; Thomas Shingara; **Sponsored Seminarian:** Dn. Ian & M. Priscilla Shipley and family; **OCMC Missionary:** Christina Semon; **Catechumen(s):** John & Sharon Shingara; Jonathan Dunnavent; **Expectant Mother(s):** Jennifer Firestine; Popaija Rebecca Lange; Luda Bryzzheva Sysak; Amanda Schilling and the children to be born of them;

**Newly Departed:** Archpriest Michael Romanchak – Jan 1; Eugene Pituch – Dec 31; Peter Filak (friend of the Sysak's) –Dec 25; Leavitt Keener Sr. (Leavitt's father) –Dec 14; Carl Polansky – Dec 6

**Anniversaries of Those Departed:** Brenda Hatrak, daughter-in-law of Fr. Michael Hatrak, Jan 8 - 10<sup>th</sup>; Peter Maliniak, husband of Gloria, Jan 8 -24<sup>th</sup>; Olga A. Saakova, Jan 8 -17<sup>th</sup>; Gertrude Cicha, Nora Lubecki's Aunt, Jan 8 -1<sup>st</sup>; Roman Wirhanowsky, Jan 9 -37<sup>th</sup>; Audrey Koszelok, Jan 9 -44<sup>th</sup>; Mary Harahus, mother of Sandy Wood, Jan 12 -18<sup>th</sup>; Charlotte Horack, Ruth Kantor's mother, Jan 12 - 4<sup>th</sup>; Basil Lalush, Jan 12- 2<sup>nd</sup>; Dennis Finney, Christine Priggings husband, Jan 13 -3<sup>rd</sup>; Nicholas Miculita, Jan 14 -34<sup>th</sup>; Paul Drebot Sr., father of Paul Jr., Terry & Thomas, Jan 14 -13<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 Votive** is offered in **Health & Salvation** of the **Rodak Family**, by Mark Rodak
- ❖ **Two beeswax candles (on Center table)** are offered in **Health & Salvation** of **Brandon Hancher**, from his Godmother Bethann

**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:** Ammanuel Gebremichael – Jan 8; Mark Rodak - Jan 9; John Schilling Sr. – Jan 11; Brandon Hancher – Jan 12; Katherine Pilc – Jan 12; John Pylypciw - Jan 13; Joshua DiFlorio – Jan 13; Steven Wood – Jan 14; Daniel Husted – Jan 14; Evelyn Onufer – Jan 14

**LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 112**

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Parish Directory Questionnaire:** Please remember to complete and turn-in to the parish office the questionnaire which was included in our most recent CTS Herald. If you did not receive a questionnaire, please find one above the guest registry in the vestibule.

**House Blessings 2012:** Following the Great Feast of Theophany, Fr. Stephen will be blessing homes, which **will be arranged with those who sign-up in the vestibule, call 652-1825 or email: [svernak@hotmail.com](mailto:svernak@hotmail.com)**. Please have a candle, bowl of water, and list of living & departed members of your family ready for this visit. If possible, all members of the family should be present, and the TV, radio & cell phones turned off.

**4th Annual Pan-Orthodox Great Blessing of the Susquehanna** (City Island Park) will be **Sunday, January 15th at 2pm**. His Grace, Bishop MITROPHAN of the Serbian Diocese of Eastern America will be our celebrant, along with our local clergy and faithful. Following the blessing, all are invited to Agia Sophia Coffee House and Bookstore (225 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA) for a time of fellowship and to warm up! *Please dress warmly and invite a friend!*

**Parish Family Breakfast: Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** following *Divine Liturgy (and Oprior to the Blessing of the Susquehanna* on City Island), the Men's Club will host a breakfast of pancakes, sausage links, ham, eggs, orange juice & coffee - \$6.00 for adults and children under 12 are free. Please sign up in vestibule to help us in our preparations.

**SALES DESK:** The Daily Saints Calendars are sold out, if you are interested, please see Evelyn Krempasky to be put on a waiting list. Orthodox Pocket calendars are available, as well as Church Cookbooks (\$12.00).

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life:** Pennsylvanians for Human Life is charting buses to the March on **Monday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Cost is \$25.00 for Adults & \$10.00 for Students. For more information please see the flyer in both church halls or contact Pennsylvanians for Human Life at 774-6156, 561-0948 or 564-8771.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Agia Sophia Coffee House and Bookstore is seeking parishioners to volunteer. The customer service position involves running the computer based register, fulfilling pastry orders, pouring drip coffee, and keeping the facility neat and clean. In house training will be provided. The available hours are **Monday - Friday:** 7am-11am, 12 noon - 3pm, or 3pm - 6pm. **Saturday:** 10am - 1pm or 1pm - 4:30pm. Please contact **Joanne Wevodau** (volunteer coordinator) at **[jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net)** with any inquiries. Thank you! Volunteer Questionnaires are located by the guest book.

**2012 St. Tikhon's Lectionary Wall Calendar:** Your copy of the Lectionary Wall Calendar is located on the umbrella stand. Please take one per household.

**Gift Card Program:** The latest gift card order forms are available on the candle stand.

**Save the Date:** Men's Club Annual Super Bowl Party, **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be available at a later date.

**Recycle your Christmas Cards:** The sisters at Holy Transfiguration Monastery (Ellwood City) use recycled religious greeting cards to make laminated books for children. We will have a box on the umbrella stand for the next three weeks. Simply cut your cards in half and deposit the printed part in the box. Thank you.

**Fellowship Hour Schedule:** Parishioners are asked to help by bringing at least **48** 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 2012 is available at the parish hall.** If you are unable to be at church on your scheduled date contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759.

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| Jan 8:  | Larissa Shuga  | Evelyn Krempasky | Mary White          |
| Jan 15: | Joe Russian    | Sue Demchak      | Joanne Wevodau      |
| Jan 22: | Natalie Treece | Greg Ressetar    | Samantha Demopoulos |

## EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

**75<sup>th</sup> Annual Novogodny (New Year's) Ball:** is sponsored by St. Stephen's OCF (FOCA @ St. Stephen's Cathedral, Philadelphia) will be held on **Sunday January 15, 2012**. For details call Paul Fedoronko at 610-328-6911 or email [novogodnyball@verizon.net](mailto:novogodnyball@verizon.net). There is also a flyer posted in the church hall.

**Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles:** Is hosting a *Happy 2012 Welcome Party* on **Saturday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> from 7pm to midnight**. It will be held at St. Luke Orthodox Church in McLean, VA. For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand area or contact V. Rev. Gregory Safchuk at 301-320-0739 or [gsafchuk@hotmail.com](mailto:gsafchuk@hotmail.com).

**Winter Retreat 2012:** The Diocese of Eastern PA Offices of Young Adult Activities is hosting a Winter Retreat for **Students in grades 7 – 12** at the Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA on **Feb 3-5**. The Theme is *Thou Art the God Who Does Wonders: Miracles & Orthodoxy*, presented by Fr. Timothy Hojnicky of Holy Apostles Mission. For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand or visit [www.ocayouth.org](http://www.ocayouth.org).

**19<sup>th</sup> Midwinter Festival 2012:** The Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes Barre, PA will be hosting a Midwinter Ethnic Food & Craft Festival on **Sat. February 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 6pm** and A performance of the **Tamburitzans** of Duquesne University on **Sun. February 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Hazleton High School at 3pm. For more information you may email [themidwinterfair@aol.com](mailto:themidwinterfair@aol.com) or see the flyer in the candle stand area.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2012

### ***Ephesians 4:7-13***

*Brethren*, to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says: "*When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.*" <sup>9</sup> (Now this, "*He ascended*"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

### ***Matthew 4:12-17***

*At that time*, when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: <sup>15</sup> "*The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:* <sup>16</sup> *The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.*" <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**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 HOLY MARTYRS JULIAN AND BASILISSA

Julian and Basilissa were of noble and wealthy parents. United in marriage, they vowed to live chastely as brother and sister. They distributed all of their property to the poor and both were tonsured. Julian founded a monastery and Basilissa founded a convent. Julian had about ten-thousand monks and Basilissa about a thousand nuns. When a terrible persecution began under Diocletian, Basilissa implored God that none of her nuns would become frightened of the tortures and would not fall away from the Orthodox Faith. The Lord heard the prayers of His worthy handmaiden and, in the course of six months, received unto Himself all the nuns, one by one and finally their abbess Basilissa. Before her death, Basilissa had a vision of her sisters [nuns] from the other world. To her, all of them appeared to her radiant and joyful as angels of God and beckoned their spiritual mother to come to them as soon as possible. Unlike Basilissa's convent, Julian's monastery was set ablaze by the persecutors and Julian was inhumanly tortured and died from the most difficult sufferings. During his tortures, the Lord watched over him and strengthened him so that he heroically endured, preserved his Faith and glorified the Name of Christ. Beheaded along with Julian were Celsus and Maronilla, the son and wife of the tormentor Marcian, who witnessing Julian's heroism in suffering and torture, were themselves converted to the Faith of Christ. Also beheaded were twenty Roman soldiers; seven brothers from that town; the presbyter Anthony; and a certain Anastasius, whom Julian at the time of his torture, resurrected from the dead by prayer. All suffered honorably for Christ and became citizens of the heavenly kingdom about the year 313 A.D.

## REFLECTION

On one of the stones in the Church of St. Sophia, the following words were engraved: "Wash your sins, not only your face." Whoever entered this glorious church read this inscription and remembered that the Christian Faith requires of him moral purity: purity of the soul, purity of the heart and purity of the mind. Just as in the heart of man is concentrated the complete spiritual man, this is what the Lord also said, "*Blessed are the pure of heart*" (*St. Matthew 5:8*). Total external cleanliness does not help at all in gaining the kingdom of heaven. Oh, if only we would invest as much effort in washing ourselves from sins as we invest daily in washing our faces, then God would truly be seen in our hearts as though in a mirror!