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Celebrating 49 years of Proclaiming the Truth of Orthodox Christianity

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2012

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — **Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphias. Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis. Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at Antioch. Ven. Dositheus of Palestine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus. St. Rabulas of Samosata. Ven. Theodore of Sanaskáry.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 **Gospel**: Matthew 25:31-46

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Feb 19, Sun: Meatfare Sunday. Adult Ed -8:30am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School -11am;

Fellowship – 11:15am; Orthodoxy 101 – Cancelled.

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

Feb 21, Tue: Parish Council Meeting -7pm; Choir Rehearsal -7:30pm

Feb 22, Wed: Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; Vespers -6:30pm; Bible Study -7pm

Feb 23, Thu: Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna

Feb 25, Sat: Pirogi Making -8:30am; *Vespers & Confessions -6pm*

Feb 26, Sun: Cheesefare Sunday. Adult Ed -8:30am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School -

11am; Piroqi Luncheon -11:15am; Forgiveness Vespers –noon

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Feb 27, Mon: Beginning of Great Lent. St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn. Canon of St. Andrew -6:30pm

- ANGIENTFAITHRADIO.GOM 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio
- OrthodoxyinAmerica, org (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) check it out!

WELGOME 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: Scott Blazek (Troy's brother); Lowell Lundberg (friend of Larry Smith); Carrie Faust, Lynn Wheeler, Emily Campbell, Landon Payne (friends and family of Jerry & Ann Cole); Joseph Graham (Tatiana's father-in-law); Diane Broskey, Joseph Salvador(Libby's niece & nephew); Barbara Lee Pickering (niece of Gloria Maliniak); Saba Ghebressellassie; Irene Priggin's (Christine's mother); Lou DiNafo (Moe's son-in-law); Joan Sysak; Francis Friel (infant son of Lorrie Pawlush's friend); Theodore Demopolous (Samantha's father); Diane Chambers and Marlene Kalenak (Anna Doray's daughter and neice); Jamie Krempasky & Irene Pagel (George's daughter and friend); Keturah Faust (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); Matthew Kocsis; Pauline Lapinsky, & John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); Christine and Steve Demchak (Sue's sister and brother)

Health & well-being: Chris Givler; Alexandra Wurster (Bill Kuchta's sister); Christine Kihm, Addison Holl & Van Milbrand (friends of Larry Smith's); John and Amanda Schilling and children born to them; Elizabeth Pellegrini; Betty Wevodau (Joanne's mother-in-law); Becky Voras (friend of Lydia Mantle); Robin Kuzupas; Salwa Shunnara; Addison, Judy & Greg (family of Christine Priggins); Dr. Joseph & Barbara Norato; Mattie Martin; Margaret & Cecilia Hunt, (Aunt & Cousin of Larry Smith); Myron Starinshak (Libby's brother); Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour & Christian Ridenour (son & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); Joe Demchak; Tom & Bernadine Antolick (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister & brother-in-law); 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: Fr. Ian & M. Priscilla Shipley and family; OCMC Missionary: Christina Semon; Catechumen(s): Dana Watt John & Sharon Shingara; Jonathan Dunnavent; Expectant Mother(s): Jennifer Firestine; Popaija Rebecca Lange; Natalie Schilling Murphy; and the children to be born of them;

<u>Newly Departed</u>: Helen Kurylo –Feb 14; Susan Strenski (Janet Kuzupas' sister) – Feb 9; Naomi Hershey (friend of the Coles) – Feb 8; William Homisak (Nick Somple's uncle) - Feb 4; Protopresbyter Joseph Kreta - Feb 2; Daniel Kalenak (Anna Doray's brother) - Jan 23; Kim Jones (mother of DJ Pawlush's friend) - Jan 13;

Anniversaries of Those Departed: Ruth Berg, Feb 19 -7th; Mary Fatich, mother of Janet Kuzupas, Feb 20 -57th; Andrew Matychak, Father of Mother Christophora, Feb 20 -7th; Mat. Helen Donovan, Feb 20 -6th; Gregory Drescher, Feb 20 -6th; Milina Cioban, Feb 21 -28th; Anthony Hancher, father of Ron Sr., Feb 22 -45th; Caroline Ressetar, sister-in-law of Fr Daniel, Feb 24 -19th; Mary Hancher, mother of Ron Sr., Feb 25 -16th; Michael Bushko, brother-in-law of Dotty Fedetz, Feb 25 -2nd; Theodore Bacha, brother of Lydia Mantle & Cathi Kemp, Feb 25 -3rd;

<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 Anthony, Mary & Mamie Hancher, parents & sister of Ron
- Two Decorated Candles are offered in Memory of Ted Bacha, brother of Lydia Mantle and Cathi Kemp.

<u>Many Years</u>: 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.

New Catechumen: Dana Watt

<u>Birthdays</u>: Evelyn Firestine –Feb 20; Sheena Hisiro - Feb 22; Nicole Staller - Feb 22; Ann Hribovski – Feb 22; Piper R. Treece – Feb 25

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

<u>Birth Announcement:</u> Guilliana Marie Norato was born Feb 6th. Parents are Joseph & Barbara Norato, Jr. and grandparents Dr. Joseph & Barbara Norato. God grant them many years!

<u>CTS Lunch Group:</u> will be held **Monday, February 20, 2012 at the Macaroni Grill** at 2531 Brindle Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110 (in the Shoppes at Susquehanna) <u>www.macaronigrill.com</u> We will gather at 11:30 am in the lobby. All are welcome. Hope you can attend. The more the merrier! RSVP to <u>jwevodau@verizon.net</u> or call Joanne at 564-2136 or 580-4833

Three Hierarchs Adult Discussion Group: John Barns will make a presentation on the life of 20th century Saint Mother Maria Skobtsova on Sunday, February 26th at 8:30 AM. All members of the parish and any guests and visitors are invited to attend. The group meets in the social room downstairs underneath the church sanctuary.

Annual Parish Pirogi Luncheon: Sponsored by the "O" Club will be held on **Sunday, February 26**th following *Divine Liturgy on Cheesefare Sunday.* Please note the cost is \$6.00 for adults and children under 12 are free. They are also \$6.00 a dozen for take out. Please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule to help in the preparations.

➤ On **Saturday Feb 25th at 8:30am** the "O" Club will be making pirogi's for the luncheon You don't need to be an "O" Club member to help – ALL are encouraged to stop by and volunteer some time. Please see John Dotsey if you are available to help. *Thank you!*

<u>Charter Bus for Sunday of Orthodoxy:</u> St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Oberlin is chartering a bus for the *Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy* on **March 4**th to St. Michael's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church in St. Clair. The bus will leave St. Nicholas at 2pm and the cost is **\$20 per seat. RSVP by signing up in the vestibule by Sunday afternoon Feb. 26th.** Checks should be made out to St Nicholas Church.

ANNUAL DUES: for **St Mary's Altar Guild** of \$10 are payable now through the end of February. **Harrisburg "O" Club** dues of \$36 are payable by the end of February. Please see either Alice Mallick or John Dotsey to pay dues for both clubs.

Easter Candy: The colorful order forms are located in the vestibule. Orders are due **Sunday, March 11th.** If you have any questions please see Dave Martin

PASCHA NUT ROLL ORDERS: are due by **Mon, March 19th.** The price is \$12 per roll for walnut, poppy seed or apricot. Please call either Jean Dotsey (717-566-0395) or Dotty Fedetz (717-652-3264) with your orders.

<u>Volunteer Opportunity:</u> Agia Sophia Coffee House & Bookstore is seeking parishioners to volunteer. Please see Joanne Wevodau at jwevodau@verizon.net with any inquiries.

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.

Feb 19: Nadzia Schilling Natalie Murphy Freweine Telwolde

Feb 26: "O" Club Pirogi Luncheon

Mar 4 * Alice Mallick Denise Zullo Janet Kazupas

LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 112

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX GOMMUNITY

<u>Parenting in 2012 "You can't make me! But I can be persuaded":</u> On Friday, Feb 24th Fr. Kosta Petrogeorge, Dean of Holy Trinity Greek Cathedral will be presenting overall material relevant to parents who have youth of all ages including teens & college students. Presentation starts at **7pm** followed by Q&A at **Agia Sophia Coffee House**, (225 Market St Harrisburg). Please RSVP to Fr. Kosta by **Saturday, Feb 18**th at 717-919-0840. Please see the flyer on the candle stand or church halls.

7th Annual Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Fellowship Retreat: will be held on **Saturday, March 17th**, at Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission in Mechanicsburg, PA. This year Fr. John Reeves from Holy Trinity OCA in State College will present on the topic "Lord, Increase Our Faith." Please mark your calendars

<u>Diocese of Eastern PA Talent Survey:</u> The Diocese is establishing a Treasury of Talents from among our membership to be able to ascertain who might be willing to help, according to their abilities, in various aspects of Diocesan Life. Please see the green form on the candle stand if you wish to submit the survey.

<u>Six Days of Creation Icon painting course:</u> Master Iconographer Ksenia Pokrovsky will again be teaching a six-day course in the ancient and traditional technique of icon painting at **St. Tikhon Orthodox Seminary in South Canaan, PA, June 17- 23, 2012.** For more information please visit http://hexaemeron.org or call 859-608-3608; email: icon@hexaemeron.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2012

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

Brethren, food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. ⁹ But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? ¹¹ And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? ¹² But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. ¹ Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? ² If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

The Lord told this parable: ³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.

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³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me. "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me. "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

GLORY TO THEE O LORD, GLORY TO THEE!

THE PROLOGUE FROM OHRID REFLECTION

St. Anthony teaches: "Just as a man comes froth naked from his mother's womb, so the soul comes forth naked from the body. One soul is pure and bright, the second is soiled by sin, and the third is blackened by many sins... If a body comes forth from a mother's womb unhealthy, it cannot live; and so the soul, if it does not attain the knowledge of God through good behavior, it cannot be saved neither can it be in communion with God. The organ of bodily sight is the eye; the organ of spiritual sight is the mind. Just as the body is blind without eyes, so the soul is blind without a correct mind and correct life."