

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## CHRIST IS RISEN! • INDEED HE IS RISEN! SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2012

**ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday.** St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis. Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Vsevolod (in Baptism Gabriel), Prince of Pskov. Apostles Nathaniel, Luke and Clement. Ven. Vitalis (Vitalii) of Gaza.

**Epistle:** Acts 5:12-20

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Apr 22, Sun:** **Antipascha, St. Thomas Sunday, Parish Feast Day.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am*; Church School -11am; Parish Feast Day Meal -11:15am; *Grave blessing to follow meal.* Softball Game -7:30pm

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

**Apr 25, Wed:** **Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.** Bible Study (33 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St) –noon; *Vespers -6:30pm*; Bible Study -7pm

**Apr 26, Thu:** **Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.** Parish Council Meeting -7pm

**Apr 28, Sat:** Illustrator Sheena Hisiro book signing of "Josiah and Julia Go to Church" (At Agia Sophia Bookstore & Coffee House) -11:30am to 1pm; *Vespers & Confession -6pm*

**Apr 29, Sun:** **Holy Myrrhbearing Women Sunday.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am*; *First Holy Confession Recognition*; Church School -11am; Fellowship -11:15am; Illustrator Sheena Hisiro book signing of "Josiah and Julia Go to Church"

*Hour Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Scott Staller** • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Chris Dupkanick** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

**Apr 30, Mon:** **Holy Apostle James.** Men's Club Meeting -7pm

● [ANGIENTFAITHRADIO.COM](http://ANGIENTFAITHRADIO.COM) - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio

● [OrthodoxyinAmerica.org](http://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: PARISHIONERS:** Archpriest Michael Kovach; Salwa Shunnara; infant Cole John Schilling; **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Milt Taleff & Doris Smith (son & sister of June); Mary Ann Cacchiani (Melissa Zuro's grandmothers friend); Dona Beshore, Ann Boronski & Christopher Mitchell (mother-in-law, cousin & best friend of Bob Drozd); Carrie Faust, Lynn Wheeler, Emily Campbell, Landon Payne (friends and family of Jerry & Ann Cole); Diane Broskey, Joseph Salvador (Libby's niece & nephew); Irene Priggin's (Christine's mother); Theodore & Nicholas Demopolous (Samantha's father and Cousin); Diane Chambers and Marlene Kalenak (Anna Doray's daughter and niece); Infant Elizabeth Ruzanka; Jamie Krempasky & Irene Pagel (George's great niece, daughter and friend); Keturah Faust (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); Matthew Kocsis; Pauline Lapinsky, & John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); Christine and Joseph, and Steven Demchak (Sue's sister and brothers)

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING: PARISHIONERS:** Kevin Herman; Daniel Bretz; Elizabeth & Paul Pellegrini; Robin Kuzupas; Scott & Robbin Staller **HOME-BOUND & IN CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Nicholas Essis;; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Natalie Schilling Murphy; Pelegia Adams; Tatiana Graham, and the children to be born of them; **MILITARY:** Stephanie King; Jessica Shingara; Matthew Pylypciw; Steven Heberle; Thomas Shingara; **SPONSORED SEMINARIAN:** Fr. Ian & M. Priscilla Shipley and family; **OCMC MISSIONARY TO ROMANIA:** Christina Semon; **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Archpriest Alexander Atty; Cassandra Millet (friend of Anastasia Nikolaeva); Cathy Rusynyk Geppert (Nick & Wilma Sutovich's friend); Rene Symcak (Dave Hancher's wife); Christine Kihm, Addison Holl, Van Milbrand, and Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's friends, aunt & cousin); Becky Voras (friend of Lydia Mantle); Addison, Judy & Greg (family of Christine Priggins); Mattie Martin; Becky Angelo; Myron Starinshak (Libby's niece & brother); Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour & Christian Ridenour (son & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); Tom & Bernadine Antolick (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister & brother-in-law);

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** Antoinette Paolicelli (Elise Mossers great aunt) - April 10; Alexandra Logwintschuk - Mar 25 (Krempasky's friend); Stephen Kudrikoff (cousin of Mat. Ressetar) -Mar 16;

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Michael Revock, Apr 23 - 44<sup>th</sup>; George Spaseff, Apr 25 -31<sup>st</sup>; Mary Demchak, mother of Suzanne, Apr 26 -43<sup>rd</sup>; Child Sebastian Bishop, great grandson of Father Claude, Apr 26 -7<sup>th</sup>; Helen Neff, Pat Drebot's sister, Apr 26 -6<sup>th</sup>; Dr. John S. Thomsen, uncle of Larry Smith, Apr 27 -2<sup>nd</sup>; Marko Prodanovic Jr., Apr 28 -32<sup>nd</sup>; Bishop DANIEL, April 26 -2<sup>nd</sup>; Theodore Yewisiak, brother of Wilma Sutovich, Apr 28 -7<sup>th</sup>; Robert Snyder Sr, brother of Evelyn Krempasky, Apr 28 -6<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. Please note: offerings must be in the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

❖ **Seven Day Votive** is offered in **Memory of Mary Demchak**, mother of Suzanne

**MANY YEARS:** Please submit to [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) by the preceding Wednesday.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr. Stephen Vernak (ordination to Priesthood) - Apr 28

**BIRTHDAYS:** Teodora Sandu - Apr 22; Evan (Ivan) Mosser - Apr 22; Johnna McGreevy - Apr 23; Ygraine Adams - Apr 24; Mark Yerke - Apr 24

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Parish Feast Day – St. Thomas Sunday:** Our parish is dedicated to the Resurrection, and our Patronal feast day is the first Sunday of Pascha – Thomas Sunday! In honor of our feast **TODAY** the parish Men's Club will be providing a breakfast meal for all to enjoy following the Divine Liturgy. Adults \$6 – children under 12 FREE.

**Grave Blessings: TODAY** following Divine Liturgy & fellowship Father Stephen will be blessing graves. Please contact him for arrangements, [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) or 652-1825

**Parish Softball Team:** TODAY our parish softball team will be playing their first game of the year against St. Francis **at 7:30pm** at Veterans Park (Elmerton Ave). Come out and root on your defending league champs! Full listings of games are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

**Thank you:** **Ron Hancher Sr.** wants to thank is Parish Family for their prayers, visits & cards during his recuperation. **Staff Sgt. Kevin Leonhard** who just came back from Afghanistan, deeply appreciated & is thankful of all of the prayers from the faithful at Christ the Saviour.

**CORRECTION:** **Father Michael Rachko**, who will be 90 years old Friday April 27, has moved from Waymart. To send him a birthday card or a note his address is: Father Michael Rachko, Forest City Nursing Home and Rehab Center, 915 Delaware Street, Forest City PA 18421. His phone number is 1-570-785-3005.

**Save the Date:** The **Parish Yard Sale** will be held on **Saturday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please start saving your "good" yard sale items. The best items which sell are children's clothing, toys, household items, tools etc. Adult clothing & shoes do not sell as well. **Please note:** the only items we do not want are electronic items that require recycling if not sold, such as TVs, computers & electronic accessories. Please also do not bring us anything that should be just discarded – be discriminating. We have to pay to haul unsold items away. Donations will be allowed to be dropped off at the church later in July, please do not bring them in earlier. Any questions please see Alice Mallick.

**Gift Card Fundraiser Program:** Please don't forget about the gift card program available through our Parish. For Mother's Day gift cards, the forms must be submitted on April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be available on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Father's Day order forms must be submitted on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a delivery on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The order forms are located in the vestibule, any questions please see Alice Mallick.

**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.

April 29:	Mary Ann Hadginske	Barb Somple	Dotty Sysak
May 6:	Natalie Treece	Sue Demchak	Robbin Staller
May 13:	Mary White	Patty Taleff	Larissa Shuga

**LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 190**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Agia Sophia Coffee House & Bookstore is seeking parishioners to volunteer. Please see Joanne Wevodau at [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net) with any inquiries.

**Children's Orthodox Book Signing:** Sheena Hisiro will be holding three upcoming book signings for a new children's book she illustrated called "Josiah and Julia Go to Church." The book is a young child's guide to church etiquette and was written by Kelly Ramke Lardin. Our church is featured in the book as well as at least a few other familiar faces. The book signings will be held **Saturday, Apr. 28, and Tuesday, May 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Agia Sophia Bookstore and Coffee Shop and on **Sunday, April 29** at our church during Fellowship hour. Please visit her website at [www.oodlesofdoodles.tumblr.com](http://www.oodlesofdoodles.tumblr.com).

**Hellenic College:** Is currently accepting application, it is a fully accredited Orthodox Christian institution of higher education. Please visit their website at [www.hhc.edu](http://www.hhc.edu) to see how you can receive up to 80% tuition scholarships to accepted application.

**Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp:** Registration is now open for St. Tikhon's summer camp which will be held **July 1<sup>st</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>**. Registration forms must be postmarked by May 31<sup>st</sup>. For forms please go to [www.sttikhonscamp.org](http://www.sttikhonscamp.org) or inform the church office and they will be able to print the forms for you.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2012

### **Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle)**

*In those days*, through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. <sup>13</sup>Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. <sup>14</sup>And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup>Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, <sup>18</sup>and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. <sup>19</sup>But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

### **John 20:19-31 (Gospel)**

The same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." <sup>20</sup>When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup>And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."<sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" <sup>27</sup>Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."<sup>30</sup> And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**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 THEODORE OF SYKEON

Theodore was born in the village of Sykeon in Galatia for which he was surnamed, the Sykeote. As a child of ten years, he surrendered himself to strict fasting and in all-night vigils after the model of Stephen, an elder who lived in his house. His mother Maria was a wealthy widow and intended to dedicate her son to the military profession. St. George appeared to her in a dream and informed her that Theodore was destined for the service of the King of Heaven and not a king of the earth. St. George appeared to Theodore many times either to instruct him or to save him from certain dangers in which the evil demons placed him. He had several visions of the All-Holy Mother of God. Theodore's life of mortification, by his ascetical severity, surpassed the living ascetics of his time. He mortified his body through hunger, thirst, iron chains and by standing at prayer all night. He did all of this in order to bind his soul with love for God and to make his soul the complete master over his body. In response to Theodore's love, the merciful Lord responded with love. God bestowed upon him great power over evil spirits and over all diseases and afflictions of mankind. He was famous throughout as a wonder-working healer. Because of his purity and devotion, he was consecrated bishop of Anastasiopolis against his will. He remained for eleven years at his episcopal duty and then implored God to free him from this service in order to, again, dedicate himself to his beloved asceticism. After that, he returned to his monastery where, in his old age, he rendered his soul to his Lord, for Whom he willingly suffered much. He died at the beginning of the reign of Emperor Heraclius about the year 613 A.D.

## REFLECTION

At the time of the First Ecumenical Council [Nicaea, 325 A.D.], the quarreling clerics wrote accusations one against the other and presented them to the emperor. Emperor Constantine received all of these accusations and not opening them, burned them over a flaming candle. To the amazement of those around him, the emperor said: "If I would see with my own eyes a bishop, a priest or a monk in a sinful act, I would cover him with my cloak, so that no one would ever see his sin." Thus, this great Christian emperor embarrassed the scandalmongers and sealed their mouths. Our Faith prohibits us to be spies of the sins of others and stresses that we be merciless judges of our own sins. The sick person in the hospital is concerned with his own particular malady so that he has neither the will nor the time to question others who are ill or to mock their illness. Are we not all in this world as patients in a hospital? Does not our own common sense underline that we look at our own illness and not at another's illness? Let no one think that they will be cured of their illness in the other world. This world is merely a hospital and a place for healing and, in that world, there is no hospital; there is only a mansion or only a prison.