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Celebrating 49 years of Proclaiming the Truth of Orthodox Christianity

SUNDAY JUNE 24, 2012

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. NATIVITY OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST, JOHN. All Saints of Britain and Ireland. Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Dymisk. Righteous Youths John and Jacob (James) of Meniugi. Seven Martyred Brothers: Orentius, Pharnacius, Eros, Firmus, Firminus, Cyriacus, and Longinus, in Georgia.

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4
Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80
Matthew 6:22-33

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

June 24, Sun: Nativity of St. John the Baptist & All Saints of Britain & Ireland. *Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Fellowship -11am;*

Hour Readers: 3rd Hour: **Joseph Russian** • 6th Hour: **Chet Lubecki** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

June 25, Mon: Men's Club Meeting -7:30pm

June 26, Tue: Choir Rehearsal -7:30pm

June 27, Wed: Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; *Vespers -6:30pm*

June 28, Thu: **Ven. Cyrus & John, Ven. Sergius & Herman of Valaam.** *SS Peter & Paul Vespers & Litya -6:30pm;*

June 29, Fri: **Holy Apostles SS Peter & Paul.** *Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Vespers & Litya (at Holy Apostles Mission) -7pm*

June 30, Sat: **Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.** *Divine Liturgy (At Holy Apostles Mission) -9:30am; Vespers & Confession -6pm*

July 1, Sun: **Unmercenary Wonderworks Cosmas & Damian.** *Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Fellowship -11am*

Hour Readers: 3rd Hour: **Larry Smith** • 6th Hour: **Leavitt Keener** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

● **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: PARISHIONERS: Archpriest Michael Kovach; Saba Ghebresalassie; Maksym & Pelegia Szewczyk; **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Michael Sysak; Joseph Anderson & Fr. Andrew Matychak (father and uncle of Kristen Iwancio); Gina Rosso & John Hawranick Sr. (great niece & family friend of Bill Kuchta); Helen Zebel (Lara Haluszczak's grandmother); Milton Taleff & Doris Smith (son & sister of June); Dona Beshore, Ann Boronski & Christopher Mitchell (mother-in-law, cousin & best friend of Bob Drozd); Carrie Faust, Lynn Wheeler, Landon Payne (friends and family of Jerry & Ann Cole); Irene Priggin's (Christine's mother); Theodore & Nicholas Demopolous (Samantha's father and cousin); Diane Chambers and Marlene Kalenak (Anna Doray's daughter and neice); 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); Joseph & Steven Demchak (Suzanne's brothers)

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: PARISHIONERS: Kathy Kuchwara; Salwa Shunnara; Daniel Bretz; Elizabeth & Paul Pellegrini; Robin Kuzupas **HOME-BOUND & IN CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Nicholas Essis; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Natalie Schilling Murphy; Pelagia Adams; Tatiana Graham, *and the children to be born of them*; **MILITARY:** Stephanie King; Jessica Shingara; Matthew Pylypciw; Steven Heberle; Thomas Shingara; **OCMC MISSIONARY TO ROMANIA:** Christina Semon; **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Archpriest Alexander Atty; Dave, Ruth and Sophia Shoffner; William Talpash; Rene Symcak; Christine Kihm, Addison Holl, Van Milbrand, and Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's friends, aunt & cousin); Addison, Judy & Greg (family of Christine Priggins); Mattie Martin; Joseph Salvador; Diane Broskey, Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour & Christian Ridenour (son & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); Tom & Bernadine Antolick (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister & brother-in-law);

NEWLY DEPARTED: John Talpash (uncle of Dottie Sysak) –June 7; Christine Demchak (Suzanne's sister) - May 22; His Eminence, Metropolitan Constantine – May 21; Don Faust - May 19; George Sorial - May 18;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Dave Comunale, cousin of Jim Mitnik, June 24 -7th; Oleh Dubiaha, brother-in-law of Nadzia Schilling, June 25 -10th; John E. Curran, husband of Margaret, June 27 – 2nd; Annie Kanoff Ionoff, mother of Katherine Macut, June 28 -24th; Mary Mihut, June 28 -13th; Mary Philapovich, grandmother of Sue Wolfe, June 29 –46th;

CANDLE OFFERINGS: *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 Sophia Mischak**, mother of Dottie Sysak and is offered in **Health & Salvation of Sophia Shoffner**, granddaughter of Harry & Dottie Sysak.

MANY YEARS: *Please submit to ctsocahbg@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday.*

BIRTHDAYS: John Shingara – June 20; Neena Keecheril – June 26; Nicholas Zuro - June 27; George Metroka – June 28; Luda Bryzzheva Sysak – June 30; Alexandra Pawlush - June 30

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

A special welcome to Mother Thelma Wright and ladies from the Society of Volunteer Women, an active ministry team at Dauphin County Prison. They will present a tribute to Reverend Daniel Ressetar who has been involved in the prison ministry with them for a number of years. Mother Wright, first became acquainted with Father Dan and Joseph "Moe" Mazurek, our parishioner in 1975 – 37 years ago! May God grant Mother Wright and her ladies many years!

Thank you: Sue Demchak would like to thank the Parish Family for all for the cards and expressions of sympathy that she received upon the loss of her sister Christine.

Last day to reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatres: "JONAH" – The "O" Club is hosting a trip on **Tuesday, July 31st** to see this amazing production. Ticket price includes dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant. For more information please see **Greg Ressetar** or **Alice Mallick**.

Orthodox Family Picnic sponsored by the Central PA FOCA will be held **Sunday, July 15** at Knoebel's. Cost is \$7.50 for adults & \$5.00 for children. For more information please see the flyer behind the candle. RSVP by **July 1st** to **John Dotsey** 717-566-0395 or johnandjeandotsey@verizon.net.

Prospora Baking Ministry: The bakers meet together at the church hall kitchen to enjoy fellowship and prayerfully make the bread, which will be consecrated as the Body of Christ at the Divine Liturgy! If you would like to help in this deeply meaningful parish ministry, please contact **Nora Lubecki** at mitrophan.nora@gmail.com or 717-270-0709.

Vendor Faire: Will be held during our annual **Slavic Food Fest on October 6th & 7th**. There will be 10 tables total, with 8 available (all indoors). These are personal business tables, such as Avon & Celebrating Home (both have tables rented), etc. Rentals can be for both days or for just one, preference will be given two day rental. Fees are \$25 a day or \$40 for both **if** a \$15 - \$20 dollar item is donated to the Parish Basket Raffle. For more information or to reserve please contact **Alice Mallick** (939-4154) or **Natalie Treece** (533-6417).

Save the Date: A **Parish Yard Sale** will be held on **Saturday, Aug 11th**. The best selling items 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 such as TVs, computers & electronic accessories. We have to pay to haul unsold items away. Items may be brought to the church in late July. Any questions please see **Alice Mallick**.

SAVE THE DATE: Our parishes **50th Anniversary Celebration is Saturday, May 18 2013** - We are now less than a year away! We are soliciting the help of our entire parish family to make it memorable, and a pleasing offering of Thanksgiving to God for His many blessings. If you would like to help, please see **David Martin**, chairman.

Harrisburg "O" Club Fellowship Hour Schedule: "O" Club members are asked to help by bringing at least **4 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

June 24:

July 1:

July 8:

Ron & Libby Hancher

Mat. Theodora

Elizabeth Howe

Sue Dotsey

Greg Ressetar

LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 126

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission: Is celebrating their *Patronal Feast* on **Fri. June 29th** with *Great Vespers & Litiya* at 7pm and on **Sat. June 30th** with *Divine Liturgy & Pot-Luck* at 9:30am. The faithful of all the parishes are invited to attend the 8th year celebrating their Patronal Feast. For more information please see the flyer behind the candle stand.

Agia Sophia Coffee Shop and Bookstore: is looking for dedicated volunteers to fill customer service positions. The positions involve running the cash register, fulfilling pastry orders, pouring drip coffee and keeping the facility clean. In house training will be provided. Shifts are available Monday **thru** Friday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 5:30 pm (or whatever you can give). To volunteer or just ask questions, contact **Joanne Wevodau** at jwevodau@verizon.net or cell 717-580-4833. Check out our web site at www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com or visit us on **Facebook**

Home for Sale: A 4 Bedroom & 2 bath brick & stone farmhouse located at 5530 Old Locust Lane is for sale. For more information please see the flyer in the fellowship hall or www.homesinhershey.com.

23rd Annual Ukrainian Folk Dance Workshop: The Ukrainian-American Heritage Foundation is sponsoring a Ukrainian Folk Dance Workshop on **Monday, July 2nd thru Friday, July 6th** from 10am to 4pm at the Ukrainian Homestead in Lehigh, PA. The workshop is for beginners to advance, ages 5 & up. For more information please see the flyer in the hall or contact Paula Holoviak at 570-708-1992 or holoviak@kutztown.edu

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY JUNE 24, 2012

Romans 13:11-14:4 (Epistle, Forerunner)

Brethren, do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. ¹Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. ²For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. ³Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. ⁴Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Brethren, , having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 (Gospel, Forerunner)

In as much as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, ²just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, ³it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. ⁵There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. ⁸So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the

just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.”¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.”²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.²³ So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying,²⁵ “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among people.”²⁶ Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.²⁷ When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.²⁸ So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias.²⁹ His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.”³⁰ But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.”³¹ So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.³² And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled.³³ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, praising God.³⁴ Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea.³⁵ And all those who heard *them* kept *them* in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.³⁶ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:³⁷ “Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,³⁸ So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

The Lord taught His disciples “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!²⁴ “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.²⁵ “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?²⁸ “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?³¹ “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

GLORY TO THEE O LORD, GLORY TO THEE!