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Celebrating 49 years of Proclaiming the Truth of Orthodox Christianity

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia. Ven. Gregory, Abbot of Pelshme, Wonderworker of Vologdá. St. Michael, First Metropolitan of Kiev. Martyrs Rhipsime, Gaiana and 35 holy virgins with them, of Armenia.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sept 30, Sun: Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy with Archbishop TIKHON* -9:00am; Fellowship -11:15am; **1st Anniversary Open House (Agia Sophia Coffeehouse)** 2pm to 5pm; Men's Club Fellowship -4pm; Men's Club Meeting -7pm

Hour Readers: 3rd Hour: **Bill Kuchta** • 6th Hour: **Chet Lubecki**

Oct 1, Mon: **Protection of the Most-Holy Theotokos.** *Divine Liturgy* -9:30am

Oct 2, Tue: Nut Roll Baking -8am; Nut Roll Bagging -6pm

Oct 3, Wed: Kifli & baklava baking -8am; Bible Study (33 N 2nd St.) -noon; *Vespers* -6:30pm; Prep-work for halupki & halushki -following *Vespers*; Bible Study -7pm

Oct 4, Thu: **Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Martyrs Domnina & Bernice (Veronica)**

Oct 5, Fri: Halupki, halushki & strudel baking -8:30am

Oct 6, Sat: Make halupki -8:30am; Annual Slavic Food Fest, Vendor Fare & Basket Raffle -2pm -5pm; *Vespers & Confession* -6pm

Oct 7, Sun: **Martyrs Sergius & Bacchus, Virgin Martyr Pelegia.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy* -9:30am; Annual Slavic Food Fest, Vendor Fare & Basket Raffle -noon to 3pm

Hour Readers: 3rd Hour: **Lara Haluszczak** • 6th Hour: **Leavitt Keener**

● **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.

ALLING: PARISHIONERS: Archpriest Michael Kovach; Frank Skirpan; Salwa Shunnara; Katharine Macut; **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Valerie Gyrisco & William Sheaffer (friend & brother-in-law of John R. Barns); Mr. & Mrs. William Brunner (friends of John R. Barns); Irene Speake (sister of Paul Hadginske); Michael Sysak; Joseph Anderson (father of Kristen Iwancio); Gina Rosso & John Hawranick Sr. (friends and family of Bill Kuchta); Dona Beshore & Christopher Mitchell (friend & family of Bob Drozd); Carrie Faust, Landon Payne, Dr. James Kipp (friends of Jerry & Ann Cole); Irene Priggin's (Christine's mother); Theodore & Nicholas Demopolous (Samantha's father and cousin); Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's daughter); 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 & Catherine Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' family); Joseph & Steven Demchak (Suzanne's brothers)

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: PARISHIONERS: Steven Wood; Daniel Bretz; Elizabeth & Paul Pellegrini; Saba Ghebresalassie; Robin Kuzupas **HOME-BOUND & IN CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Nicholas Essis; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Pelagia Adams; Viviana Sysak, Lorina Leija; and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** David & Yelena Ambartsumian, Jessica Drebot, Matthew Hadginske, Paige & Skye Hisiro, Jennifer Krider, Magdalena Newhouse, Anastasia Nikolaeva, Alexandra & Nicholas Pawlush, Dimitri & Sophia Ressetar, Mariah Schware; Sarah Somple, Evelyn Staller, Jessica Taleff; **MILITARY:** Jeremy Fetsko; Stephanie King; Jessica Shingara; Matthew Pylypciw; Steven Heberle; Thomas Shingara; **ADOPTED SEMINARY FAMILY:** Fr. Dn. Matthew, M. Elizabeth, Elias & Genevieve Brown **OCMC MISSIONARY TO ROMANIA:** Christina Semon; **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Archpriest Alexander Atty; William Schaeffer; Christine Kihm, Charles Klein, and Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's friend, aunt & cousin); Addison, Judy & Greg (Christine Priggins family); Mattie Martin; Diane Broskey; Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour (Sue Mioff's son);

NEWLY DEPARTED: Dr. George Glosik – Sept 27; Ann Borowski (Bob Drozd's cousin) - Sept 22; Brian Stailey (friend of the Cain's) –Sept 21; Lynn Wheeler (friend of the Coles) – Sept 19; Katherine Martz, co-worker of John R. Barns –Sept 12; Robert Anderson (Debbie Hisiro's cousin) - Sept 13; Jesse Heberle (Jean Dotsey's father) –Sept 13; Ryan Hart (son of Mark Rodak's friend) - Sept 9; Gail Kosevar (Bob Drozd's friend) –Aug 26; Palmer L. Goodling (friend of the Cain's) – Aug 19;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Mitred Archpriest Dimitri Ressetar, Fr. Dan's father, Sept 30 -28th; Bagrat Avanesyan, Rita's father, Sept 30 -6th; Natalie K. Dugan, Oct 2 -15th; Edward Mitchell, Lorrie Pawlush's uncle, Oct 2 -1st; Eleanor Skuby, Oct 2- 4th; Michael Hadginske, father of Paul, Oct 3 -18th; Linda Clouser, niece of Pat Drebot, Oct 3 – 7th; Metro Kuzupas, father of +Alex, Oct 6 -45th; John Spaseff, husband of Margaret, Oct 6 -10th; Eva Kasavich, Bill Kantor's sister, Oct 6 -5th;

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 for the **Memory of Alexander Sysak & Nicholas Mischak**, fathers of Harry & Dottie Sysak.
- ❖ **Seven Beeswax Candles (on Altar table)** are offered in **Memory of Mitred Archpriest Dimitri Ressetar on the 28th year of departing this life**, from the Ressetar's

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Greg & Candi Ressetar – Oct 2; Alexander & Raissa Merdiuszew –Oct 3

BIRTHDAYS: Debbie Hisiro – Oct 4; John Kundrat, Sr. – Oct 4; Nicole Zart – Oct 6

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Tatiana Graham to a baby girl (8lb. 3oz.) – Sept 28

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

WELCOME to His Eminence Archbishop TIKHON: who is visiting with us this weekend. We also welcome **Fr. David and M. Mariam Vernak**, as well as the servers who have accompanied His Eminence.

Agia Sophia 1st Anniversary Open House: will be held TODAY from 2-5pm at the coffee shop (225 Market Street). His Eminence will be with us, as well as Fr. Athanasy and the myrrh-bearing icon of St. Anna from St. Tikhon Monastery. All are encouraged to attend!

Annual Slavic Food Fest Baking Schedule:

- Tuesday, October 2nd at **8:00 am** Nut Roll baking & at **6pm** Nut Roll bagging
- Wednesday, October 3rd at **8:00 am** Make kifli and baklava
- Wednesday, October 3rd following **Vespers** Boil cabbages for halupki; cut cabbage for halushki
- Friday, October 5th at **8:30 am** Make halupki, halushki and strudel
- Saturday, October 6th at **8:30 am** Make halupki
 - ❖ Don't forget **Ethnic or regular cookies, Ethnic bread and Pies** are needed for the Food Fest. Please no cake. It is requested that the items are brought in on or before October 6th

Wedding Banns: The Following couples announce their intention to partake of the *Sacrament of Holy Matrimony* on **Saturday, October 20th at 2pm** at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church

- **11am: Mikael Vrabe & Aurika Akhimov**
- **2pm: Nicholas Zuro & Danielle Cahall**

Guest Book/Icon Stand Donation: We would like to express our gratitude to **Richard and Sandy Wood** for their donation of the new stand in our vestibule for the *health and salvation* of **V. Rev. Michael Rachko** (Sandy's uncle and godfather, and our founding pastor); and *in memory* of **Mary and Peter Harahus** (Sandy's parents).

Notes of Thanksgiving:

- "I would like to thank all of the members of our parish community who remembered me and my family with sympathy cards and prayers following the loss of my father. *Your kindness and prayers were greatly appreciated.*" *Sincerely, Jeannie Dotsey;*
- "I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, called, visited and provided meals during my recovery. Thank for your love and prayers." *Sincerely, Evelyn Krempasky.*

Vickie's Angel Walk (Saturday, Oct 13): This organization provides non-medical assistance to families, who have members suffering from cancer. All donations, **100%** are truly charitable. For more information visit, <http://vickiesangelwalk.org/>. or see **Natalie Treece**. Checks can be made payable to *Vickie's Angel Walk* and mailed to Natalie at 413 Chestnut Ave, Hershey, PA 17033.

SAVE THE DATE: Our parishes **50th Anniversary Celebration is Saturday, May 18 2013** - We are now less than a year away! If you would like to help, please see **David Martin**, chairman.

Alaskan Pilgrimage (August 2013): The trip will include a three day pilgrimage to Kodiak Island and Spruce Island plus sightseeing in Anchorage (**Sunday, Aug 4th - Sunday, Aug 11th**). If you are interested 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.

Sept 30:	Jennifer Firestine	Kathy Pankiw	Deb McGinnes
Oct 7:		SLAVIC FOOD FEST	
Oct 14:	Chet Lubecki	Nora Lubecki	Robbin Staller

LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 127

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary: houses a clothes closet for those in need. We are now seeking donations and are open to receiving the following: baby, maternity, and children's clothes, shoes, any baby items, and some toys (especially games, wooden toys and books). Donations would be greatly appreciated.

Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission: will hold their *Annual Dinner Dance & Silent Auction* on **Sunday, Oct 14th** at the Penn-Harris Radisson, Camp Hill, PA. The doors open at 1:30pm with dinner at 2pm. For more information please visit <http://www.holyapostleschurch.org>.

St. Tikhon's Monastery Pilgrimage: The local Young Adult Fellowship is organizing a pilgrimage to **St. Tikhon's Monastery on Sat. October 20th**. A car pool will meet at CTS at **8:30am arriving back around 9:30pm**. Please RSVP by **Oct 13th** to Phil Graybill at 814-935-6415 (leave a message) or philipgraybill@gmail.com. More information on the flyer behind the candle stand.

Serb Fest 2012: St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church will hold their *Annual Serb Fest* on **Saturday, Oct 20th** from 11am to 7pm. The Fest will be held on the church grounds at 601 S. Harrisburg, St, Steelton-Oberlin, PA 17113

High Tea with Jane Austen: Agia Sophia will host a *High Tea with Jane Austen* on **Saturday, November 10th at 2pm**. Experience & enjoy a high tea similar to what Jane herself enjoyed and some British high tea treats. Donation is \$25.00 and dress will be Regency style for men & women. Please RSVP by October 27th to **Nora Lubecki** at JaneAustenTea@gmail.com or 909-374-3433.

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>

Saint Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop of Armenia

Gregory was born of a prominent family which was related to the royal houses of Persia (King Arteban) and Armenia (King Khosrov). When these two houses made war against each other, Gregory withdrew to Caesarea in Cappadocia. It was there that he first learned of the Christian Faith, was baptized and married. He had two sons of this marriage, Bardanes and Aristakes, and dedicated them both to the service of the Church. After the death of his wife, Gregory returned to Armenia and placed himself in the service of King Tiridates. He faithfully served him, and Tiridates loved Gregory. But when the king learned that Gregory was a Christian, he became greatly enraged and pressured him to deny Christ and worship idols. Not succeeding in this, Tiridates subjected Gregory to many harsh tortures, then threw him into a deep pit full of poisonous reptiles to kill him. However, the All-seeing God preserved St. Gregory's life in that pit for fourteen full years. After that, Tiridates set out to persecute all Christians in his kingdom, and attacked a convent where there were thirty-seven nuns, including the abbess, Gaiana. When he had killed all of them by terrible tortures, Tiridates went insane and was like a wild boar. His sister had a dream in which a man, dazzlingly bright, told her that Tiridates would only become well when Gregory was removed from the pit. Taken from the pit, Gregory healed and baptized Tiridates. Then, at the wish of Tiridates, Gregory became Bishop of Armenia. Through God's providence, Tiridates also helped him in enlightening all of Armenia and its surrounding regions with the Christian Faith. St. Gregory ended his earthly life of great labor in old age, in about the year 335. Meanwhile, his son Aristakes had been consecrated a bishop, and he continued the work of his father, both physically and spiritually. Aristakes was one of the 318 Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council.

REFLECTION

Marvelous changes occur daily in the destiny of men-in the present, as in times past. Those humiliated for the sake of God's righteousness are raised to great heights, and the blasphemers of the Faith are converted to servants of the Faith. King Tiridates threw St. Gregory into a deep pit. The saint spent fourteen years in that pit, forgotten by the entire world, but not by God. Who among men could have thought that the greatest light of the Armenian people was to be found in the darkness of a pit? And who would have ever thought that the powerful and tyrannical King Tiridates would one day save the life of that same Gregory, whom he had condemned to death, and would help him more than the rest of the whole world could help him? After fourteen years, God revealed Gregory as still alive. Gregory then miraculously healed the insane king. King Tiridates, the unrestrained persecutor of Christ, was baptized and became the greatest zealot for the Christian Faith! It could be said that, with God's help, Gregory and Tiridates were both drawn out of the pit of darkness-Gregory a physical one, and Tiridates a spiritual one. Oh, the infinite wisdom of God in governing the destinies of men! The formerly wild and passionate Tiridates was softened and ennobled so much by repentance and the Christian Faith, that he came to resemble St. Gregory more than his old, unrepentant self.