

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“Lord increase our faith”* Luke 17:5

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2013

**26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday before the Nativity.** Great Martyr Anastasia, and her teacher, Martyr Chrysogonus, and with them Martyrs Theodota, Evodias, Eutygianus, and others, who suffered under Diocletian.

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Dec 22, Sun: GREAT MARTYR ANASTASIA.** Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School - 11am; Church School Program, Fellowship & Cookie Sale -11:15am; IOCC/OCMC Concert @ York -5pm

*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Bill Kuchta** • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Leavitt Keener** • Epistle: **John Dotsey**

**Dec 24, Tue: EVE OF THE NATIVITY.** **Royal Hours -8am; Vespers -9:30am;**  
**Great Compline & Matins -7:30pm**

**Dec 25, Wed: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Divine Liturgy -10am**  
**CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Manny Lopez** • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **John Shingara** • Epistle: **Vladimir Kellachow**

**Dec 26, Thu: SYNAXIS OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS. Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Vespers -6:30pm**

**Dec 27, Fri: Protomartyr Stephen. Diocesan Liturgy at St. Stephen Cathedral (Philadelphia)**

**Dec 28, Sat: Vespers & Confession -4pm**

**Dec 29, Sun: 14,000 Holy Innocents.** Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School -11am; Fellowship -11:15am; Parish Open House – Social -5pm; Dinner- 6pm

*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Manny Lopez** • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Joseph Russian** • Epistle: **George Krempasky**

● **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 following the service. If you are interested in becoming a part of our community please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen Vernak. Please note: Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves by fasting (*from all food and drink*), prayer, and recent confession; and who were present for the reading of the Epistle and Gospel, should approach to receive the Holy 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:** Frank Skirpan; **Catherine Pilc FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Jerry Look (friend of Samantha & Manny Lopez); Bert Pickering (friend of Gloria Maliniak); **Viola Wilborn**, (friend of Cathi Kemp); **Louis Zang & Michalene Scheponik (Rapso)**, (cousins of Mat. Theodora); **Emmy** (family of Courtney Zeppuhar); **James Zawacki**; **Thomas Iwancio, Sr.**; **Dr. C. Vargheese & K.C. Mariamna** (Jacob Keecheril's family); **Mary & Frank Tonart**, (parents of Sophia Kellachow); **Joan & Michael Sysak, Julia, Marie, Mary, & Barbara Toporcer** (family of the Sysak's); **Diane Chambers & Helen Lanwehr** (daughter & sister of Anna Doray); **Carrie Faust, & Ellen Collins** (friends of Jerry & Ann Cole); **Theodore Demopolous** (Sam's father); **Jamie Krempasky & Irene Pagel** (George's family); **Keturah Faust** (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); **Matthew Kocsis, John & Robert Fatich** (Janet Kuzupas' family); **Joseph & Steven Demchak**, (Suzanne's brothers);

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** Suffering Christians throughout the world, especially, **Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo** (held hostage by Syrian Terrorists), and **abducted Nuns and orphans of St. Thekla Monastery (Syria)**; **PARISHIONERS:** Gloria Maliniak; **Effie Spaseff**; **Evelyn Krempasky**; **Harry & Dottie Sysak**; **Kristen Seitz**; **Jerry Cole**; **Sue Wolfe**; **Saba Ghebresalassie**; **Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis**; **Daniel Bretz**; **Robin Kuzupas HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** **Betty Danko**; **Nicholas Essis**; **Ann Pusey**; **Agnes Risser**; **Millicent Russell**; **Shirley Sass**; **Salwa Shunnara**; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** **Misty Hofmann**; **Kyra Lentz**; **Courtney Zeppuhar**; and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** **David Ambartsumian**, **Jessica Drobot**, **Matthew Hadginske**, **Skye Hisiro**, **Shreya Jacob**, **Zachary Koss**, **Alex Pankiw**, **DJ Pawlush**, **Sophia Ressetar**, **Mariah Schware**, **Jessica Shingara**, **Michael & Sarah Somple**, **Shane Staller**, **Jessica Taleff**, **MaryAnn Wood**. **MILITARY:** **Jeremy Fetsko**; **Steven Heberle**; **Patrick Hofmann**; **Stephanie King**; **Jim Mitnik**; **Matthew Pylypciw**; **Thomas Shingara**; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** **Fr. Alexander Atty**; **Fr. John Onofrey**; **Fr. Dn. Seraphim Reynolds & family**; **Kathy, Bonnie Fields** (friend of Samantha & Manny Lopez); **Ben Morgan** (Sally Marasco's son); **Gary DiClemente** (Lorie's husband); **Marie Cini** (Bob's mother); **Christine Kihm, Charles Klein, Margaret & Cecilia Hunt** (Larry Smith's aunt & cousin); **Willard Brown**. **CATECHUMENS:** **Jesse Hake**; **Jacob and Kyra Lentz Nowell, Roman, and Constantine**; **Jason and Courtney Zepuhar - Brendan, Tenley Jo, and Isabella**.

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** **Iwan Dankowski** – Dec 15; **Anthony Onufer, Jr.** (son of Tony Sr. and Evelyn) – Dec 2; **Chad Rebar** (Mark Yerke's friend) – Nov 14; **Becky Kenderdine** (friend of Jerry & Ann Cole) – Nov 16;

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** **Peter Krempasky Jr.**, George's brother, Dec 22 – 7<sup>th</sup>; **Sophia Smetanick**, mother of Vicki Henry, Dec 23 -21<sup>st</sup>; **Dorothy Whitesel**, aunt of John R. Barns, Dec 23 -11<sup>th</sup>; **Marie Broskey**, sister of Libby Hancher, Dec 23 -4<sup>th</sup>; **Vincent Pilc**, Katharine's brother-in-law, Dec 25 -4<sup>th</sup>; **Olga Evans**, Dec 25 -20<sup>th</sup>; **Peter Filak**, friend of the Sysak's, Dec 25 -2<sup>nd</sup>; **John Solovey**, Dec 26 -45<sup>th</sup>; **Dr. Michael Ressetar**, Dec 26 -14<sup>th</sup>; **John Carter**, M. Anna's grandfather, Dec 26 – 8<sup>th</sup>; **MaryAnn English**, Dec 26 – 6<sup>th</sup>; **Margaret Spaseff**, Dec 26 – 6<sup>th</sup>; **Vida Kodi**, Bishop Mitrophan's Mother, Dec 26 -8<sup>th</sup>; **Olga Hudebenko Peck**, cousin of Mat. Theodora, Dec 27 -3<sup>rd</sup>; **Herbert H. Bent**, Sue Mioff's father, Dec 27-29<sup>th</sup>; **Tsgay Andemichael**, brother of Sebhatu Andemichael, Dec 27 – 9<sup>th</sup>

**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 Marie Broskey**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** **Doug & Barbara Cain** – Dec 24

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Chris Dupkanick** - Dec 22; **Grace Firestine** – Dec 27; **John Kundrat, Jr.** - Dec 28

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Church School Nativity Program: TODAY** following *Divine Liturgy*, the church school students will entertain us in this year *Nativity Program*, please come out and support our youth & their dedicated teachers.

**"O" Club Cookies:** The "O" Club will be selling Christmas cookies during fellowship hour today.

**Angel Tree Program:** Your gifts are due TODAY.

**Parish Family Nativity Open House:** will be held on **NEXT Sunday, Dec. 29th**. Social hour begins at 5pm with a complimentary dinner at 6pm. Please sign the list in the vestibule if you plan to attend. If you wish to bring a dessert please make a notation by your name on the sheet. Please note: The Men's Club will have a meeting around 7- 7:30pm during this event. *A special thanks to the Men's Club for sponsoring this holiday treat for our parish family and their friends!*

**Christmas & Decorated Candles:** You can donate a poinsettia to adorn our church during the *Nativity & Theophany* season or donate decorated candles for the *Great Feast of Nativity* in memory of a loved one or for the health and salvation of your family & friends. Please see the sign up lists on the candle desk in the vestibule.



- Poinsettias are \$8 ea. and you may take it home after the festive season.
- Regular Decorated Candles are \$10 ea.

**Membership Dues:** are now payable for the following organizations: Harrisburg "O" Club (\$36/person); St Mary's Altar Guild (\$10); and St Alexis Toth Men's Club (\$24).

**SAVE the DATE:** **The 6th Annual Blessing of the Susquehanna** this Pan Orthodox event will be held on **Sunday, January 19th at 2pm** gather at the Arcade. Following the blessing all are invited to Agia Sophia for a fellowship and **Soup/Chili Cook-off**. To enter the Cook-Off please see **Joanne Wevodau** or via email at [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net). Dress warmly & bring a friend.

**St. Mary's Altar Guild Fellowship Hour Schedule:** Parishioners are asked to help by bringing at least 48 servings of items, such as: soup, fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, bagels or bread, baked goods and to serve them during their assigned fellowship hour. **Please observe a "strict fast" (no meat or dairy products) during the fasting seasons.** If you are unable to be at church on your scheduled date contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759.

<b>Dec 22:</b>	<b>Sophia Kellachow</b>	<b>Raissa Merdziuszew</b>	<b>Olga Womer</b>
Dec 29:	Natalie Treece	Patty Taleff	Samantha Lopez
Jan 5:	Joe Russian	Greg Resselar	John Barns

**ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA: VESPERS: 23 • DIVINE LITURGY: 27**

**LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 15 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 81**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

**77<sup>th</sup> Novogodny Ball:** Will be held on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ. This semi-formal event benefits Married Student Housing at St. Tikhon's & other deserving charities. For more information please see the flyer in the hall or contact Paul Fedoronko at 610-328-6911 or via email [novogodnyball@verizon.net](mailto:novogodnyball@verizon.net).

**Looking for Volunteers:** **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.

To learn more about Agia Sophia check out our web page at [www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com](http://www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com)