



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Celebrating 46 years of Proclaiming
The Truth of Orthodox Christianity*

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SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2009

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Leavetaking of the Dormition. Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica. Hieromartyr Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons. St. Eutychius and Florentius, of Nursia. St. Callinic, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:23-35
Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Aug 23, Sun: Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Fellowship – 11:00am; Church School Meeting; **Book Discussion** “*Close to Home*” at the Vernak’s – 4:00pm

Hours Readers: (3rd) **John Osuch** (6th) **Paul Miller** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

Aug 24, Mon: Altar Guild Potluck Picnic – 6:00pm

Aug 25, Tue: Pirogi Making – 8:30am; Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm;
Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm

Aug 26, Wed: **Daily Vespers** – 6pm

Aug 28, Fri: **Vespers and Litya** – 7:00pm

Aug 29, Sat: **(STRICT FAST DAY) Beheading of St. John**, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;
No Orthodoxy 101; **Vespers & Confession** – 6pm;

Aug 30, Sun: Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Fellowship – 11:00am

Hours Readers: (3rd) **Joseph Russian** (6th) **Leavitt Keener** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

● **ANCIENTFAITHRADIO.COM** - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio

● **Orthodox Radio** on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am

● **www.OrthodoxyinAmerica.org** **Traveling - Vacation?** Check it out!

Welcome to our visitors!!! Please join us for fellowship in the Church Hall and be sure to sign our guest registry in the vestibule before you exit the church. **Please note:** Only those guests who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession may approach to receive the Eucharist.

Prayer List: Please remember the following persons during your daily morning and evening prayers. **Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless otherwise requested.** Submit names to the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

Those Ailing: **John Caba** (Dottie Barbu's brother); **Mark Snavely** (husband of John R. Barns' niece); **Ryan McGrath** (Nadzia Schilling's friends son); **Jake Cauffeld** (child of Debbie Bricker's friends); **Paul McConnell** (Fedetz family friend); **George Kaznowsky**; **Eric Arnoldus** (friend of Dan & Donna Bretz); **Helen Oleynik**; **Xenia Hretz** (Father Dan's great niece); **Elizabeth Middlesworth**; **Valerie Gyrisco** (friend of John R. Barns); **Thomas Branoff** (Joanne Wevodau's brother); **Daniel Gavigan** (Krempasky Family friend); **Nicholas Essis**; **Fred Martin** (Dave's brother); **Pauline Lapinsky** (J. Kuzupas' sister); **Christine Demchak** (Suzanne's sister); **Susan Strenski** (J. Kuzupas' sister); **John Fatich** (J. Kuzupas' brother); **M. Olga Kovach**

Health and well-being of: **McGrath Family** (friends of Nadzia Schilling); **Keturah Faust** (friend of L. Shuga & J. Barnes); **Kristen Seitz**; **Edward Dix** (friend of John R. Barns); **Mark Snavely** (husband of John R. Barns niece); **Joseph Mazurek Jr.** (Moe's son); **Ted Demchak** (Sue's brother); **Larisa Fetterly** (Krempasky's daughter); **Carl Polansky**; **Diane Broskey** (Libby Hancher's niece); **Levi Jekel** (godson of John R. Barns off to college); **Noah Hines** (friend of John R. Barns off to college); **Alexei Schmidt** ('adopted' Seminarian); **Christina Semon** (OCMC Missionary in Romania); **[Traveling] Nicholas Schilling** (*Summer study-abroad in Russia*); **[Expectant Mother's]; M. Sophie Majmudar**; **M. Anastasia Hojnicky**; **M. Mara Burns**, **Alyssa Fedetz**, **Joanne Coles ... and the children to be born of them**, **[THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ]: David Riesberg** (Anna Doray's Grandson)

Newly Departed from This Life: **Mussellem "Moose" Essis** - Aug 12; **Elva Keener** (Leavitt's mother) - Aug 12; **Evelyn Bretz** (Dan's mother) - Aug 6; **Carl G. Miller** (Paul's father) - July 21; **Robert Miller** (Lydia Mantles co-worker) - July 20

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life: **Joe Krajsa**, friend of Larry Smith and our church choir, Aug 23 -2nd; **Rita Telep**, Ann Cole's cousin, Aug 23 - 1st; **Peter Starinshak**, father of Elizabeth Hancher, Aug 24 -25th; **Sandy Suad Essis**, Aug 25 -14th; **Michael Kanoff Sr.**, Aug 26 -17th; **Anna Ford**, sister of Betty Pellegrini, Aug 27 -5th; **Aleksy Kurylo**, husband of Helen Kurylo, Aug 29 -35th;

Candle Offerings: *For information on how to purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen.*

Many Years: Names will be accepted for each week. Please submit to ctsocahbg@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Birthdays: **Matushka Olga Kovach** - Aug 23; **Joey Martin** - Aug 23; **Judy Webb** - Aug 23
Melissa Irene Zuro - Aug 26

Anniversaries: **Kidane & Freweini Ghebremichael** - Aug 23; **Deborah & Joseph McGinnes** - Aug 28

LAST WEEK'S LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 143

TODAY'S NEWS

WELCOME: Fr. Michael Dahulich, Dean of St. Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary (South Canaan, PA). We thank Fr. Michael for delivering the homily today, and for his visit. May God bless the work of the administration, trustees, faculty, staff and students of St. Tikhons for many years!

Church School Planning Meeting: TODAY **Sunday, August 23rd**, following the fellowship hour, our returning teachers and any individuals who are interested in assisting with our upcoming church school year are invited to the parish hall basement for a brief meeting. Please contact Fr. Stephen with any inquiries.

Mom's Book Club: "Close to Home: One Orthodox mothers quest for patience, peace, and perseverance" *Copies available at the Sales Desk at the fellowship hour - \$15 each.* Call **Matushka Anna Vernak** at 652-1825 or annakoen@hotmail.com for info.

- **UPDATE:** The discussion group will meet **Sunday, August 23rd at 4pm** at the Vernak's residence. A light meal will be served, "dads" are encouraged to give their wives the night off ☺

The Ukrainian American Sport Center "Tryzub": TODAY **Sunday, August 23, 2009, at 12:00 Noon** is the **EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL**, celebrating Ukraine's Independence Day. Enjoy Ukrainian dancing, music, ethnic foods, baked goods, standard picnic fare and more. Call 215.343.5412; or visit website: www.tryzub.org

Women's Pot Luck Picnic – There will be a pot luck picnic for all women of the parish on **Monday, August 24**. It will be held on the **church hall patio** beginning at **6:00 pm**. Please contact either Jean Dotsey or Sue Dotsey by August 21 if you are planning to attend, or place your name on the sign-up sheet on the candle desk in the church vestibule. If you are planning to bring a dish to the picnic, please include your item on the sign-up list.

Pirogi Making - Help is requested for making pirogies for the **Pan-Orthodox Picnic** & for our **Parish Family Picnic**. Pirogi making will be **Tuesday, August 25 at 8:30am** in the church hall basement. Everyone is welcome & all the help is greatly appreciated. Please see Jean Dotsey if you are planning to help.

Orthodox Christian Academy will open on September 8, 2009, with participation in services for The Nativity of the Theotokos. The Pan-Orthodox Academy is located at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral and will provide classical education for Kindergarten and First Grade students. Each year an additional class will be added. The Academy is totally funded by tuition and donations. **Please see our parish web site's home page for the Academy's "wish-list"**.

Save the Dates:

- **Sunday, September 13th:** **Pan Orthodox Picnic (Serb Park)** from Noon till Dark. Please see **John Dotsey** to volunteer your time. Per usual, please bring baked good/ pastry donations to the church basement before Liturgy, each parish is asked for at least 100 pieces.
- **Sunday, September 20th:** **School Year Blessing (for all teachers and students at the end of Divine Liturgy) and Parish Family Picnic.** The picnic will be immediately following Divine Liturgy on our grounds. All college aged students and younger are FREE.

OTHER NEWS

Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles: Will be hosting a retreat given by His Beatitude Met. JONAH entitled "The Spiritual Challenge of Being Single" on **Saturday, September 12** at SS. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD. See flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Quarterly Book Club: Many thanks to Eleanor Herman for hosting this past weeks meeting to discuss "Christ in the Psalms" at her home. An enjoyable and a spiritually fruitful time were had by all. We would like to announce the book and meeting date and location for our next selection:

- **Lydia Mantle** has agreed to host the next meeting at her home on **October 18th at 3pm.** The book is entitled "**The Hidden Man of the Heart: The Cultivation of the Heart in Orthodox Christian Anthropology (1 Peter 3:4)**" by Archimandrite Zacharias.
- Books are **\$19 each** and can be purchased in the church office or by contacting Fr. Stephen at 652-1825 or svernak@hotmail.com.



Traveling or Going on Vacation??? The summer time is filled with activity and for most of us a lot of travel. It is important, however, to remember that Sunday remains the Lord's Day no matter where we are... even if we are on "vacation". Please check out www.OrthodoxyinAmerica.org for information on Orthodox Churches throughout the country... just type in the city or town you are traveling to and a listing of all parishes and their distance from your location will be generated. **Be sure to call the Priest ahead of time and let him know you will be visiting!**

Parish Census: The Diocese of Eastern PA is collecting parish data for the upcoming year. Please be sure to contact Fr. Stephen if you have any questions about your "membership". The Christian understanding of "membership" is any Baptized and Chrismated individual who is an active participant in the Sacraments of the Church. For the purpose of this census, another indicator of membership is financial stewardship. Please prayerfully review your current financial stewardship to our parish and consider the "goal" of tithing (*offering a fixed percentage of your income back to God - which is traditionally 10% - please see our recent 'Diocese Alive in Christ' for more teaching on tithing*). **Do the best you can...** the most important part of Christian stewardship is that it is done willingly, prayerfully, and consistently (see 2 Cor. 9:7). **Please see Fr. Stephen with any questions or concerns.**

Church Publications:

- **DIOCESE ALIVE IN CHRIST** magazine is on the umbrella rack to the left as you leave the church, please pick up your FREE copy today!!!
- **BY THE WATERS** The Diocese On-Line Monthly is available at www.doepa.org
- **CTS QUARTERLY** – our parish publication Summer 2009 edition is available online at www.christthesaviourhbg.org. If you *did not* receive a copy via mail see Fr. Stephen.

NEW GALLERIES ADDED TO OUR WEB SITE:

Check out www.christthesaviourhbg.org for recently updated photo galleries, monthly calendar, and weekly bulletins... plus much, much, more!

Also... if you have an email address and would like to be included in our parish listserv, please email ctsocahbg@aol.com. Please Note: Messages sent via "BCC" for your privacy.