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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

SUNDAY MAY 29, 2011

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre. Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ. Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council. Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople. Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, **"SURETY OF SINNERS."**

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

May 29, Sun: **Blind Man.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy* -9:30am; Church School -11am; Fellowship 11:15am;

Hour Readers: (3rd) **Nicholas Ressetar** (6th) **Nicholas Zuro** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

May 30, Mon: *St. Tikhon's 107th Annual Pilgrimage*

May 31, Tue: Softball game -8pm

June 1, Wed: **Fore-feast Ascension.** Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; *Vespers* – 7pm

June 2, Thu: **Ascension.** *Divine Liturgy* -9:30am

June 4, Sat: *Vespers & Confession* -6pm

June 5, Sun: Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy* -9:30am; Church School -11am; Fellowship 11:15am;

Hour Readers: (3rd) **Bill Kuchta** (6th) **Nicholas Zuro** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

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

- **ANCIENTFAITHRADIO.COM** - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio
- **ORTHODOX RADIO** on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am
- **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: Georgia & Theodore Demopolous (Samantha's parents); Alexandra Sally Butler (Carl Polankys's friend); V. Rev. Michael & M. Marie Slovesko; John Brandt (John R. Barns friend); M. Lisa Weremedic; Addison Holl and Van Milbrand (Larry Smith's friends); Dr. Joseph Norato; Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's daughter); Ronald Webb; Peter Bridge, Lydia & George Boras (friends of Bill & Joan Dupkanick); Diane Broskey (Libby's niece); Mattie Martin; Keturah Faust (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); Naomi Hershey and Carrie Faust (friends of the Cole's); Matthew Kocsis; Marlene Kalenak (Anna Doray's niece); Nicholas Essis; Pauline Lapinsky, Susan Strenski, & John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); Christine Demchak (Sue's sister).

Health & well-being: Archpriest Peter Pier; Gregory Pituch; Justin Rider, Elaina Leshock & baby Ian Breslan, (friends of the Lubecki's); Margaret Elmer (Larry Smith's mother-in-law); Dorothy Fedetz; Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour & Christian Ridenour (son & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); Diane Williams & Eileen Holey (Debbie Hisiro's friends); Joe Demchak; Tom & Bernadine Antolick (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister & brother-in-law); Deb Reigle (friend of Ann Cole); Archpriest Alexander Atty; **Parishioners Home-bound & in Care Facilities:** Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; **Military:** Steven Heberle (Jean Dotsey's nephew); Thomas Shingara (neighbor); **Sponsored Seminarian:** Dn. Ian & M. Priscilla Shipley and family; **OCCM Missionary:** Christina Semon; **Catechumens:** Jonathan Dunnavent; Manuel "Manny" Lopez; **Expectant Mothers:** Stephanie Kornseind; Christina Yerke and the children to be born of them;

Newly Departed from This Life: Metro Petrosky – May 26; Dimitris Daoularis – May 18; Maurice "Pete" Garman (past-president of FOCA) – May 11; Mara Jovic (John R. Barn's friend from Belgrade, Serbia); Alexander Awale – May 8; Randall Paules (Patty Taleff's nephew) - May 2;

Anniversaries of Those Departed: Walter Lear, friend of John R Barns -1st; George Demchak, brother of Suzanne, May 29 -15th; Dimitri Kuchwara, father of Kathy, May 29 -25th; Mary Rodak Malenich, mother of Barbara Norato, May 30 -67th; Protodeacon John Federoff, May 30 -3rd; Maryanne Hughes, sister-in-law of Jo-Ann Nesko, May 31 -14th; Mary Kantor, mother of Deborah McGinnes, May 31 -6th; Fred Carmen, brother of Betty Pellegrini, May 31 -8th; Peter Taleff Sr., husband of June, June 2 -31st; George Rodak, uncle of Barbara Norato, June 4 -10th; George Boyko, June 4 -6th;

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

- ❖ **Seven Day Votive** is offered in *Memory of Mary Rodak Malenich* on the 67th passing of this life, mother of Barb Norato
- ❖ **Two Decorated Candles (on Center table)** are offered in *Memory of Dimitri Kuchwara*, father of Kathy

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.

Anniversary: Kevin & Eleanor Herman – May 29; Jo-Ann and David Nesko – May 31

Birthdays: Shreya Keecheril - May 30

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING: following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, June 5th**. The topic is a major capital expense: the church siding. **UPDATE:** Reports are available in the vestibule.



Calling All GRADUATES: Please send the name, school, future plans and photo of your high school, and college graduate to the church office ASAP. **UPDATE:** We will recognize all of our graduates on **Sunday, June 19th**.

St. Tikhon Seminary Scholarship: We are raising funds for a half-scholarship (\$3,500.00) for **Dn. Ian Shipley and his family** for this academic year. Please make checks payable to: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, and write "Seminary Scholarship" on the memo line. **NOTE:** Donations due by next Sunday, May 27th. *To date we have raised: \$2,035.00 of our \$3,500.00 pledge.*



Job/Volunteer Opportunity Announcement: *Agia Sophia Coffee House and Bookstore* is currently accepting applications for **Full time Manager, Full & Part time Baristas and Part time volunteers**. For more information please see the flyers in the church & hall or you may visit the website at www.AgiaSophiaHarrisburg.com

Christian Education Classes on Summer Recess: Please note that most of our Christian Education classes will be going on recess from June until September. Please see monthly calendar for details. **NOTE:** We will still have Daily Vespers on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

BABY BOTTLE BLAST: Spring has sprung and that means it's time for the Baby Bottle Blast, which started **Mother's Day, May 8th** and runs through **Father's Day, June 19th**. Last year we raised \$720. Please see **Christina Yerke** with any questions.

CTS Book Club: "Crazy John" discussion will take place on **June 5th at 3pm** at the Staller residence.

Harrisburg "O" Club Fellowship Hour Schedule: "O" Club members are asked to help by bringing at least 9 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

The summer listing will be in next week's bulletin

A Note from Fr. Stephen: As the summer draws near, I offer the following reminders in a spirit of love and with a humble desire to preserve the "good estate" of our parish home:

- ✓ **Church Dress** - While there is not a "formal" dress code for the faithful (as there is for the clergy and those who serve in the Holy Altar), it is important to remember one guiding principle on how we ought to dress as we approach God in His Holy House, and stand in presence of His Saints. Namely, our dress should be **modest**, and should not bring undue attention to ourselves (i.e. shorts, tank-tops, halter-tops, mini-skirts, etc.). Even though it is summer, we do have the great blessing of air-conditioning in our church :)
- ✓ **Summer Tithes** - Just a gentle reminder that our parish home continues to experience its normal expenses throughout the summer months. Please make an effort to continue your tithes to the parish even while you are traveling or on vacation. *Note:* we are currently exploring ways to assist in this through "e-tithing" and other mechanisms available through many banks, etc.

LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 152

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp 2011: Registration forms must be postmarked by **May 31, 2011** for St. Tikhon's summer camp **July 3 -9, 2011**. Registration forms are on the website at INFO@STTIKHONSCAMP.ORG.

"The African Roots of Ancient Christianity" conference will be hosted by *St. Matthew Orthodox Church* at **Hopewell Mennonite Church, 45 S. 6th St, Reading, PA 19602**. on **Sat, June 4th** from 9:30am to noon. The presenter is **Fr. Moses Berry**, an African American Orthodox Priest & Lecturer. He will share his own personal journey of discovery & its implications for the Faith Community today. A suggested donation is \$15.00. For more information, please contact St. Matthew's at (484) 955-1334

Antiochian Village: will host an Orthodox Men's Retreat **June 17 – 19**. The guest speaker is *Fr. Meletios Webber, Abbot of the Monastery of St. John of San Francisco*. For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand or contact Antiochian Village at (724)238-3677 x425 or barli@antiochianvillage.org.

22nd Annual Ukrainian Folk Dance Workshop: The Ukrainian-American Heritage Foundation will host a Folk Dance Workshop from **Monday, June 27th – Friday, July 1st from 10am to 4pm** at the Ukrainian Homestead in Lehighton, PA. For more information please see the flyer behind the candle stand or contact Paula Holoviak (570) 708-1992 or holoviak@kutztown.edu

SAVE THE DATE: Pan-Orthodox Family Vacation Church School, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral (1000 Yverdon Dr., Camp Hill) **Monday August 1 – Friday August 5**. There will be both adult and children's education programs. More information to come!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY MAY 29, 2011

Acts 16:16-34 (Epistle)

In those days, it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. ²⁰ And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; ²¹ and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe. ²² Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. ²³ And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." ²⁹ Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

John 9:1-38 (Gospel)

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

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⁷ And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. ⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" ⁹ Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." ¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." ¹² Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself. ²² His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from. ³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing. ³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" ³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" ³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." ³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

GLORY TO THEE O LORD, GLORY TO THEE!