Celebrating 49 years of Proclaiming the Truth of Orthodox Christianity

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 2012


Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19  

Upcoming Services and Events:

Oct 21, Sun: Ven. Hilarion the Great. Adult Ed -8:30am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Parish Family Photo -11am; Church School -11:15am; Fellowship -11:30am; Orthodoxy 101 — noon;  
Hour Readers: 3rd Hour: Scott Staller 6th Hour: Chris Dupkanick

Oct 23, Tue: Holy Apostle James, Brother of our Lord. Choir Rehearsal -7:30pm

Oct 24, Wed: Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) —noon; Vespers -6:30pm; Bible Study -7pm

Oct 25, Thu: St. Tabitha

Oct 26, Fri: Greatmarty and Marrhgusher Demetrius

Oct 27, Sat: Clergy & Educators Workshop @Agia Sophia —noon; Vespers & Confession -6pm

Oct 28, Sun: Ven. Job of Pochaev. Adult Ed -8:30am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School -11am; Fellowship -11:15am; Orthodoxy 101-noon; Men’s Club Football Fellowship-4pm; Men’s Club Meeting -7:30pm  
Hour Readers: 3rd Hour: Bill Kuchta 6th Hour: Chet Lubecki

- AncientFaithRadio.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; Frank Skirpan; Salwa Shunnara; Family and Friends: Valerie Gyrisco & William Sheaffer, Mr. & Mrs. William Brunner (family and friends of John R. Barns); 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, John Fatich & Catherine Fatich (Janet Kuzupas’ family); Joseph & Steven Demchak (Suzanne’s brothers).

Health & Well-being: Parishioners: Katharine Macut; Daniel Bretz; Elizabeth & Paul Pellegrini; 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 & Skyre Hisiro, Jennifer Krider, Magdalena Newhouse, Anastasia Nikolaeva, Alexandra & Nicholas Pawlush, Dimitri & Sophia Ressetar, Mariah Schware; Mike & Sarah Somple, Evelyn Staller, Jessica Taleff; Military: Jeremy Fetsko; Stephanie King; 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; Gregory Sysak; William Scheaffer (brother-in-law of John R. Barns); 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 Ridener (Sue Mioff’s son); Newly Departed: Joseph McGinnes, Sr., Deborah’s father-in-law – Oct 12; Pauline Lapinsky (Janet Kuzupas’ sister) – Oct 11; 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;

Anniversaries of Departed: Metro Dorosh, Oct 21 -44th; Walter Sebasovich, father of Marie Intrieri, Oct 21 -8th; Roderick Hall, Sr., friend of Josh DiFlorio, Oct 23 -3rd; Pete Shellem, friend of Nick Ressetar, Oct 24 -3rd; Frank Schneider, grandfather of Jim Mitnik, Oct 25 -47th; Edith Schneider, grandmother of Jim Mitnik, Oct 25 – 47th;

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 Health & Salvation of Jeremy Fetsko, from grandparents Joseph & Pauline
❖ Two Decorated Candles (on Oblation table) & Seven Beeswax Candles (on Altar table) is offered in Memory of Vicki Lynn Crist Duncan, mother of Keith Leader

Many Years: Please submit to ctsocahbg@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday.

Anniversaries: Tom & Kathy Drebot – Oct 21; Dan & Donna Bretz – Oct 22

Birthdays: Janice Zuro – Oct 21

Newly Married: Mikael & Aurika Vrabe – Oct 20; Nicholas & Danielle Zuro – Oct 20
PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

PARISH FAMILY PHOTO and Parish Organization & Club Photos: TODAY Immediately following Divine Liturgy in the church sanctuary. Please be sure to stay for the end of the service!

Workshop for Orthodox Clergy and Educators – “Bringing Life to Faith – to Life” will be held on Saturday, October 27th at 12pm @ Agia Sophia Coffeehouse and Bookstore (225 Market Street, Harrisburg). Please RSVP to Fr. Stephen at svernak@hotmail.com or 717-652-1825. Lunch will be provided - free will offerings.

Choir Workshop with David Drillock: Saturday, November 3rd from 10am – Vespers. Lunch will provided. Please RSVP to M. Theodora.

Sales Desk: “2013 Daily Lives, Miracles and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting Calendars” have been ordered as well as “2013 Pocket Calendars”. Please contact Evelyn Krempasky @ 541-1459 to reserve your copies.

Gift Card Program: The latest Gift Card forms (in lavender) are now available in the vestibule.

Grocery Store Gift Cards for the Needy: This is the time of year when many of our neighbors reach out to the church for assistance with food. Any parishioners wishing to help please bring Giant gift cards in $10 and $25 amounts to the office. Please contact Fr. Stephen with any questions.

Parish Hockey Outing: Once again, the Harrisburg “O” Club is having an outing to see the Hershey Bears play hockey. The game is on Wednesday, Dec 19th. At that game, each person will receive a one-day pass to Hersheypark (valid until Jul 4th, 2013). The Hersheypark passes will make a great Christmas gift! Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. We bought 30 tickets and 6 are already gone. Please see Alice Mallick or call 939-4154 if interested.

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.

Baby Announcement: Fr. Seraphim and M. Sophie Majmudar recently welcomed their fourth child, Thomas Nitant Majmudar, on Tuesday October 16th. The family reports that everyone is doing well, and we pray for God’s continued blessings upon all of them!

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.

| Oct 21: | Kathy Kuchwara | Denise Zullo | Janet Kuzupas |
| Oct 28: | Effie Spaseff | Marie Spaseff | Dotty Sysak |
| Nov 4: | Angie DiFlorio | Josh DiFlorio | Barbara Cain |

LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 150 (estimate)
### Events Around Our Orthodox Community

**St. Tikhon’s Theological Seminary:** houses a clothes closet for those in need, such as baby, maternity, and children's clothes, shoes, any baby items, and some toys (especially games, wooden toys and books). Items may be brought to the vestibule until **October 21st**.

**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 Venerable Philotheus

He was born in Crysopolis in Macedonia. The Turks took him from his mother, a widow, and threw him and one of his brothers into prison. The Most-holy Theotokos miraculously saved them from prison and brought them to a monastery at Neapolis in Asia Minor. Later, their mother found both of her sons as monks, and she herself was tonsured a nun. Philotheus went to Mount Athos, where he lived a life of asceticism in the Monastery of Dionysiou, and later in the desert. He was a wondrous ascetic and a great conqueror of demonic powers. He reposed peacefully at the age of eighty-four. He willed that he not be buried, but that his body be thrown into the forest for the birds and wild beasts. Later, a fisherman saw a great light in the forest on a cold night and went to warm himself, thinking it was a fire. However, the light was not from a fire, but was emanating from the wonderworking relics of St. Philotheus.

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The All-seeing eye of God watches over all men and, in a wondrous manner, guides the faithful to salvation. That which seems to the faithful a great loss can show itself over time to be a great gain. The case of St. Philotheus and his brother, who were lost to their mother, is similar to the case of St. Xenophont (January 26), and the case of St. Eustathius and his wife and sons (September 20). When St. Philotheus and his brother were sitting in a Turkish prison in Macedonia, the Most-holy Theotokos appeared to them in the form of their mother and said, "Arise, my dear children, and follow me!" and suddenly the young men found themselves in a monastery in the town of Neapolis in Asia Minor. When the young men related to the abbot what had happened to them, he understood that this was from God, and he received the young men and tonsured them. A long time passed after this. Their mother grieved for them but overcame her loss. Finally, she decided to enter a convent and dedicate herself to God. God's providence brought her near the monastery where her sons were. Once, during the patronal celebration of this monastery she came with the other nuns for the celebration. She saw her sons in church but did not recognize them. Just then, one of the brothers called the other by his secular name. The mother's heart was touched by that name, which was dear to her, and she looked carefully into their faces. Then she recognized them and they recognized her. Their joy was exceedingly great, and they gave heartfelt thanks to God. Believing Christians should not despair over even the greatest loss.