

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“Lord increase our faith”* Luke 17:5

SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2014

**28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. EVE OF THEOPHANY.** Sunday before **Theophany.** Hieromartyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and Martyr Theonas. Ven. Syncletica of Alexandria. Prophet Micah. Virgin Apollinaria of Egypt. Ven. Phosterius the Hermit. Ven. Menas of Sinai. Ven. Gregory of Crete. Ven. Romanos, Martyr.

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 4:5-8

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Jan 5 Sun:** EVE OF THEOPHANY. Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Vladimer Kellachow Memorial following Liturgy. Church School -11am; Fellowship -11:15am; Parish Holy Supper -4:30pm; **Great Compline & the Blessing of Water -6:30pm**  
*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Scott Staller** • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Vladimer Kellachow** • Epistle: **Chet Lubecki**
- Jan 6, Mon:** THEOPHANY. **Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Vespers (St. John) -6:30pm**
- Jan 7, Tue:** SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. **Divine Liturgy -9:30am**
- Jan 8, Wed:** Bible Study (33 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St) -noon; **Vespers -6:30pm;** Bible Study -7pm; Choir Rehearsal -7:30pm
- Jan 9, Thu:** MARTYR POLYEUCTUS; HIEROMARTYR PHILIP, METR. OF MOSCOW. “O” Club /Pot-luck @ Evelyn Onufer’s home - 6pm
- Jan 11, Sat:** VEN. THEODOSIUS THE GREAT. **Vespers & Confession -4pm**
- Jan 12, Sun:** MARTYR TATIANA. Adult Ed -8:30pm; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School -11am; **Special Parish Meeting**—following *Divine Liturgy*; Fellowship—following  
*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Bill Kuchta** • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Chris Dupkanick** • Epistle: **Scott Staller**
- Jan 13, Mon:** St. Mary’s Altar Guild Meeting -7pm

- **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 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:** Archpriest Makarius Targonsky (classmate of Fr Dan); 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:** Kyra Lentz; Courtney Zeppuhar; Abby Bifano and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** David Ambartsumian, Jessica Drebot, 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; Evangelos Kanellakos; Stephanie King; Jim Mitnik; Matthew Pylypciw; Thomas Shingara; Sean Slaughter;  
**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Fr. Alexander Atty; Fr. John Onofrey; John Hawranick, Jr. (nephew & Godson of Bill Kuchta); 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 Zeppuhar - Brendan, Tenley Jo, and Isabella.

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** Maj. Gen. Nicholas P. Kafkalis, (friend of Fr. Dan) – Dec 31; Phyllis Mumford (aunt of Larry Smith) – Dec 27; Mrs. Anastasia (Nell) Mason (aunt of Fr. Dan) – Dec 23; Iwan Dankowski – Dec 15; Anthony Onufer, Jr. (son of Tony Sr. and Evelyn) – Dec 2;

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Watson Edward Ealy, Jan 5 -15<sup>th</sup>; Helen Zuzulock, mother of Kathleen Z. Pankiw, Jan 5 -14<sup>th</sup>; Vladimer Kellachow Jr., husband of Sophia, Jan 6 – 14<sup>th</sup>; Samuel Evans, Jan 6 -73<sup>rd</sup>; Andrew Matyuf, brother of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 6 -11<sup>th</sup>; John Popp, father of Janice Zuro, Jan 7 -9<sup>th</sup>; Tecla "Tessie" Kuchta, mother of Bill, Jan 7 -8<sup>th</sup>; Brenda Hatrak, daughter-in-law of Fr. Michael Hatrak, Jan 8 -12<sup>th</sup>; Peter Maliniak, husband of Gloria, Jan 8 -26<sup>th</sup>; Olga A. Saakova, Jan 8 -19<sup>th</sup>; Gertrude Cicha, Nora Lubecki's Aunt, Jan 8 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Roman Wirhanowsky, Jan 9 -39<sup>th</sup>; Audrey Koszelok, Jan 9 – 46<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 Fr. Nicholas Fedetz, Helen Bushko & Andy Matyuf**, family of Dotty Fedetz
- \* **Two Decorated Candles (on Center table)** are offered in **Memory of Okube Zere** on the 18<sup>th</sup> year of departing this life, mother of Yorusalem Tesfazion

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Matthew Sysak – Jan 5; Basil Kuchta - Jan 7; Nicholas Hojnicky – Jan 7; Ammanuel Gebremichael – Jan 8; Mark Rodak - Jan 9; John Schilling Sr. – Jan 11

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Parish Theophany Holy Supper:** Will be held this evening, **Sunday, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.** Please sign-up to bring something for the "Pot-luck" Holy Supper. **Great Compline & the Blessing of Water** is at **6:30pm.** *Please bring a container to take home some of the Blessed Water.*

**NOTICE Special Parish Meeting:** Will be held on **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** following *Divine Liturgy* in the parish hall. **Purpose:** Material changes to our approved plan were required to obtain a building permit for the **Hall Renovation Project.** The parish council is investigating the cost of these changes. In conjunction with the renovation committee we will be presenting information to seek community input and approval before we move forward. *Thank you for your patience & prayers!*

**Gift Card Program:** The latest order forms (in yellow) are located in the candle stand.

**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.

- ❖ **His Grace, Bishop MARK** will be with us for Liturgy in the morning, and the Blessing
- ❖ **Soup & Sandwich Parish Luncheon** - \$6.00 for adults, children under 12 FREE, during fellowship hour (provided by the Men's Club).

**2014 Calendar:** The *St. Tikhon's* Lectionary Wall Calendar is available on the umbrella stand. Please at this time one per family. *Thank you!*

**Scout Sunday:** All boy and girl scouts are asked to make a special effort to attend Liturgy on Scout Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our parish scouts will be presented with a special patch, please email the office at [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) to help us in our preparations.

**Panera Bread Pick-Up Volunteers:** We are looking for families willing to assist with this "Daily Bread" ministry by picking up on Saturday evenings between 10:15-10:30 at the **Hummelstown Panera** (1178 Mae Street, Hershey Square). The bread will be in boxes on a roll cart ready to be loaded. An SUV, van or truck is recommended. Please contact **Sophia Kellachow** ([jmkellachow@gmail.com](mailto:jmkellachow@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining a rotation or have any questions.

**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.

**Jan 5:**

**Joe Russian**

**Greg Ressetar**

**John Barns**

Jan 12:

Dotty Fedetz

Lydia Mantle

Ann Cole

Jan 19:

Nadzia Schilling

Natalie Murphy

Frewini Tewolde

**NEW YEARS EVE VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY: 40**

**LAST SATURDAY VESPER: 26 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 172**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

**Happy 2014 Welcome Party:** The Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles are hosting a *Happy 2014 Welcome Party* on **Sat. January 11<sup>th</sup>** starting with *Vespers at 6pm* and the party from 7pm to midnight at St. Luke's Orthodox Church in McLean, VA. For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand.

**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 events 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).

**Winter Teen Retreat:** Will be held **Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>** at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA. This retreat is for students in Grade 7 – 12. Registration is \$100.00 per person forms and more information are available online at [www.ocayouth.org](http://www.ocayouth.org). You may also contact them via phone or email at 570-493-0108 or [retreat@ocayouth.org](mailto:retreat@ocayouth.org)

**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.

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