

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“Lord, increase our faith” Luke 17:5

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2014

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY. Hieromartyr Artemon, Presbyter, of Laodicea in Syria. Martyr Crescens, of Myra in Lycia. Woman Martyr Thomaïs, of Alexandria.

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

April 13, Sun: PALM SUNDAY, ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM. (Fish Day) Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am*; Church School -11am; Fellowship -11:15am; *Bridegroom Matins -6:30pm*

Readers: 3rd Hour: **Vladimer Kellachow** • 6th Hour: **Scott Staller** • Epistle: **Leavitt Keener**

April 14, Mon: HOLY MONDAY. *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy -8am; Bridegroom Matins 6:30pm*

April 15, Tue: HOLY TUESDAY. *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy -8am; Bridegroom Matins 6:30pm*

April 16, Wed: HOLY WEDNESDAY. *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy -8am; Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; Holy Unction -6:30pm*

April 17, Thu: HOLY THURSDAY. *Vesperal Divine Liturgy with the Institution of Eucharist -9am; Matins with the 12 Passion Gospel -6:30pm*

April 18, Fri: HOLY FRIDAY. *Royal Hours -9am; Burial Vespers -4pm; Lenten Meal to follow; Lamentations & Matins -6:30pm*

April 19, Sat: HOLY SATURDAY. *Vesperal Divine Liturgy with Bishop MARK -10am; Reading Acts of the Apostles -10:30pm; Nocturns -11:30pm*

April 20, Sun: PĀSCHĀ. THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

Procession, Matins, Hours, & Divine Liturgy -12am; Blessing of the baskets to follow; Agape Vespers –noon

● 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 basement** 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: Evelyn Krempasky; Frank and Gloria Skirpan; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Rebecca Filipski, (friend of Jessica Drebot); Michael Kobal (uncle of Chet Lubecki); Mat. Anna Marie Slovesko; Shari Plazek (volunteer from Agia Sophia); Fr. Vincent Saverino (St. Michael RO Church, Phila); Laverne Kuhn (cousin of Ruth Kantor); John Schilling (John's father); Diane Broskey & Stanley Zbicki (family of L. Hancher); Ann Butka (grandmother of Bob Drozd); Tammy Strunk (friend of the Lopezs); Dave Arnold & Gill Clouse (friends of the Cains); Kay Himes (Keith Leaders aunt); Marsha Himic (Dana Watts mother); Archpriest Makarius Targonsky (classmate of Fr Dan); Louis Zang & Michalene Scheponik (Rapso), (cousins of Mat. Theodora); Mary & Frank Tonart, (parents of Sophia Kellachow); Diane Chambers & Helen Lanwehr (family of Anna Doray); Carrie Faust, & Ellen Collins (friends of Jerry & Ann Cole); Theodore Demopolous (Sam's father); 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*, the people of Syria, Palestine, & Ukraine; and Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** Gloria Maliniak; Kristen Seitz; 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:** Yvette Lentz; Courtney Zeppuhar; Abby Bifano; Mariah (Schware) Leader *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, Jessica Shingara, Michael 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:** Nancy Coles (John and Chris' mother); Ginny Ranck and Mike Frizzi (friends of the Keeners); Maksym Szewczyk; Timothy Cooney (Anna Doray's nephew); Kathy Drebot; Nick & Cindy (friends of Cindy Shorthall); Archimandrite Athanasy & Igumen Gabriel (St. Tikhon Monastery); Fr. John and M. Stephanie Onofrey; Olga Angelo (sister of Libby); Raymond Anderson (father of Debbie Hisiro); Ben Morgan (Sally Marasco's son); Marie Cini (Bob's mother); Christine Kihm, Charles Klein, Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's family); Willard Brown. **CATECHUMENS:** Jesse Hake; Jason & Courtney Zepuhar - *Brendan, Tenley Jo, & Isabella*; Cindy Shorthall; Joseph McClure; Matthew & Rachel Brubaker - *Anastasia*; Levi & Yvette Lentz - *Levi, Michaela, Benedict, Trinity, Eliana, Ignatius, Adessa, & Theodosia*.

NEWLY DEPARTED: Joyce Holland (family friend of the Hancher's) -Apr 8; Samuel Sokolik, Sr. (friend of Chet Lubecki) -Mar 29th; Ron Webb - Mar 28; Fr. Alexander Atty - Mar 23; Met. PHILIP (Antiochian Archdiocese) - Mar 19; Niphon Suryan - Mar 18; Roy Plazek (father of AS volunteer) - Mar 13; Muhari Haile - Mar 13;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Archbishop GREGORY, Apr 15 - 6th; Martha Branchak, aunt of Andy Fedetz, Apr 15 -2nd; V Rev George Burdikoff, uncle of Evelyn Krempasky, Apr 15 -31st; Archpriest John Platko, Apr 17 -9th; Alex Kuzupas, Janet's husband, Apr 18 - 7th; Stephen Fatich, father of Janet Kuzupas, Apr 19 -45th; Donald S. Smith, father of Larry, Apr 19 -1st;

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.*

MANY YEARS: Please submit to ctsocahbg@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday.

❖ **Seven Day Votive** is offered in **Health & Salvation** of **Adam Mallick**, from Mike & Alice

BIRTHDAYS: Olivia Grace Drozd - Apr 13; John Mosser - Apr 16; Mary Ann Hadginske - Apr 16; Adam Mallick - Apr 18; George Charlock -Apr 18; Anna Kuchta - Apr 18; Flimon Kesete -Apr 19

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

MANY YEARS! To the newly Chrismated servants of God – **Jacob and Kyra Lentz, and their children Nowell, Roman, and Constantine!** Welcome home, may God establish you firmly in His Holy Church! We look forward to Noah's baptism on Saturday, May 3rd!

PASCHA NEWS (APRIL 20TH):

- **Pascha Decorated Candles:** Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please place donation in the basket and mark "paid" next to your name.
- **Church Cleaning/Pascha Prep:** Following *Liturgy* on Palm Sunday (today) and Holy Saturday (4/19) there are several opportunities to help prepare the church & grounds for our celebration of Great and Holy Pascha! Please contact Fr Stephen if you are able to stay & help.
- **Grave Blessings:** Fr. Stephen will bless graves on **Sunday, April 27th**, please contact him to make arrangements either in person, 717-652-1825 or svernak@hotmail.com

Parish Feast Day – St. Thomas Sunday: Our parish is dedicated to the Resurrection, and our Patronal feast day is the first Sunday of Pascha – Thomas Sunday! In honor of our feast on **Sunday, April 27th**, the parish Men's Club will be providing a breakfast meal for all to enjoy following the Divine Liturgy. Adults \$6 - children 12 and under FREE.

With Gratitude: I would like to offer a heartfelt *Thank You* to the parish family for all the prayers, cards & well-wishes for both myself & for my son Luke. *Sincerely Effie Spaseff*

Annual Lenten Soup Sales: The Men's Club will be providing soup & bread at fellowship. There is a "free will" offering & proceeds will be donated to **The Smile Train** (a nonprofit organization which helps provide cleft lip and cleft palate surgery to children in need).

Pascha Breads: Orders are being taken for Pascha Breads now. The price is \$5 for Plain and \$6 for Raisin. Please contact or see **Josh DiFlorio** (991-7644) or **John Dotsey** (566-0395).

Bishop Mark Installation: Will take place on **Saturday, May 10th** at **St. Stephen Cathedral** in Philadelphia. There will be Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 9:30am, followed by a Banquet at the Radisson Hotel. Please plan on attending! **NOTE:** Ticket reservation forms and Commemorative Listing forms are available in the vestibule.

Fundraiser Opportunity: On **Tuesday, May 6th**, **Hoss' Steak & Seafood** in Hummelstown will make a **20% donation** to our "O" Club when you have lunch or dinner that day when the patron presents a special card from our parish. This is NOT limited to parishioners. To pick up your cards or if you have any questions please see **John Dotsey, Joan Dupkanick or Alice Mallick.**

❖ **NOTE:** the "O" club is looking to get a group together for lunch or dinner

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.

April 13*: Elizabeth Howe Sophia Kellachow

April 20:

April 27:

PASCHA
Parish Feast Day Breakfast

LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 53 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 201

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

St. Tikhon's Seminary Century Association: Presents, *Hospitality A La Russe V An Elegant Evening in Moscow* featuring Traditional Russian Cuisine with the Kauriga Balalaika Orchestra on **Sunday, May 4th** in Mayfield, PA. The cost is \$40.00 per ticket and children under 12 at \$10.00. All proceeds benefit the St. Tikhon's Seminary. For more information please see the flyer on the candle stand.

2nd Annual Lenten Used Book Drive: Agia Sophia will be collecting used books during the Lenten Season; the bin is located in the vestibule. Bring books of Classics of History, Literature, Philosophy and Spirituality.

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 St., Hershey Square). Please contact **Sophia Kellachow** (jmkellachow@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining a rotation or have any questions.

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp: Is now taking registration up to **May 16th**. The camp is **July 6 -12** and you can download your forms at www.sttikhonscamp.org. If you do not have access to a computer please contact the church office and we will be more than happy to print the forms for you.

Looking for Volunteers: **Agia Sophia Coffee House & Bookstore** is seeking parishioners to volunteer. Please see Joanne Wevodau at jwevodau@verizon.net with any inquiries.

To learn more about Agia Sophia check out our web page at www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com