

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“Lord, increase our faith”* Luke 17:5

## SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2014

**HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

[Beginning of the Pentecostarion]. Ven. Theodore Trichinas (“the Hair-shirt Wearer”), Hermit, near Constantinople. Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Oshevensk. Child-martyr Gabriel of Bialystok. Ss. Gregory and Anastasius the Sinaite, Patriarchs of Antioch. Ven. Anastasius, Abbot of Sinai.

**Epistle:** Acts 1:1-8

**Gospel:** John 1:1-17

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

April 20, Sun: **PASCHA. 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*

April 21, Mon: **BRIGHT MONDAY. Paschal Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Paschal Vespers -6:30pm**

April 22, Tue: **BRIGHT TUESDAY. Paschal Vespers -6:30pm**

April 23, Wed: **BRIGHT WEDNESDAY, HOLY GREATMARTYR GEORGE.** Downtown Bible Study Postponed; *Paschal Vespers -6:30pm*

April 24, Thu: **BRIGHT THURSDAY, MARTYR SABBAS.** Parish Council Meeting -7pm

April 25, Fri: **BRIGHT FRIDAY, LIFE-GIVING SPRING, HOLY APOSTLE MARK. Paschal Divine Liturgy** (@Holy Trinity Cathedral, Camp Hill) -9:30am;

April 26, Sat: **BRIGHT SATURDAY. Vespers & Confession -4pm**

April 27, Sun: **ST. THOMAS SUNDAY, PARISH FEAST DAY.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am;* Church School -11am; Parish Feast Day Breakfast -11:15am; *Grave Blessing*

*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Manny Lopez** · 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Joseph Russian** · Epistle: **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 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.

# PASCHA DECORATED CANDLES

## TABLE OF OBLATION:

- (1) Health & Salvation of the Ressetar family, from the Ressetar's
- (1) In Memory of the departed family members, from the Ressetar's

## CENTER TABLE:

- (1) Large: In Memory of Kellachow & Katerman families & Health & Salvation of us all
- (1) Large: In Memory of Alex husband, from Janet Kuzupas
- (1) In the Memory of parents, siblings Christine, George & Thomas, from Sue Demchak
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Demchak family, from Sue Demchak

## DECORATED CANDLES:

- (1) Health & Salvation of the Tartamella & Barber families, from Christine Tartamella
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Keener & Kling families, from Leavitt & Bette Keener
- (2) Health & Salvation of the sons & family Joseph & Barbara, Michael & Michelle, and Andrew, from Joseph & Barbara Norato
- (1) In Memory of Archpriest Alexander Atty, from Sophia Kellachow
- (1) In Memory of the Hancher & Starinshak families, from Ron & Libby Hancher
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Hancher & Starinshak families, from Ron & Libby Hancher
- (2) Health & Salvation of the Fedetz family, from Dotty Fedetz
- (1) In Memory of John & Helen Hisiro, from Carl & Debbie Hisiro
- (1) In Memory of Paul & Betty Pellegrini
- (1) In Memory of George & Eleanor Thomas, from Kevin & Eleanor Herman
- (1) In Memory of the departed Zuzulocks, Libaks, Pankiw & Jugan families, from Kathy Pankiw
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Kreta family, from Mat. Kreta
- (1) In Memory of the Kreta family, from Mat. Kreta
- (1) In Memory of Michael & Irene Zuro and John Popp, from Michael & Janice Zuro
- (1) Health & Salvation of Irene Popp, from Michael & Janice Zuro
- (1) In Memory of Fr. Alexander Atty
- (1) In Memory of M. Helen Oleynik, from Evelyn Onufer

# 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); **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 Resselar, 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:** Aaron (Matthew) Pinnt, (friend of Nora Lubecki); 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, Diane Broskey & Stanley Zbicki** (family 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 Zepuuhar - **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:** Betty Wevodau – Apr 18; **M. Helen Oleynik** – Apr 16; **Joyce Holland** (family friend of the Hancher's) –Apr 9; **Samuel Sokolik, Sr.** (friend of Chet Lubecki) –Mar 29<sup>th</sup>; **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:** **Rev. Dimitri Rachko**, Sandy Wood's uncle, Apr 21 -1<sup>st</sup>; **Mabel Hummel**, mother of Shirley Sass, Apr 22 -13<sup>th</sup>; **George Spaseff**, Apr 25 -33<sup>rd</sup>; **Mary Demchak**, mother of Suzanne, Apr 26 -45<sup>th</sup>; **Sebastian Bishop**, great grandson of Father Claude, Apr 26 -9<sup>th</sup>; **Helen Neff**, Pat Drebot's sister, Apr 26 -8<sup>th</sup>; **Bishop DANIEL**, April 26 -4<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.

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

❖ **Seven Day Votive** is offered in **Memory of Mary Demchak**, mother of Suzanna

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr. Dan & Mat. Theodora Resselar – Apr 20

**BIRTHDAYS:** George Krempasky – Apr 21; Evan (Ivan) Mosser – Apr 22; George Kaznowsky – Apr 23; Johnna McGreevy – Apr 23; Ygraine Pelegia Adams – Apr 24; Mark Yerke – Apr 24

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Basket Blessing and Fellowship:** Immediately following the Dismissal, please gather next door at the parish hall, where we will bless Pascha baskets and enjoy a time together in fellowship "breaking" the fast.

**Agape Vespers:** Later today, **Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at noon** we will gather again to celebrate the Paschal Vespers. We will have a procession with the reading of the appointed Gospel in at least eight languages (and maybe more). This is the first service of "Renewal Week" – we look forward to continuing our celebration of Holy Pascha with all of you!

**Grave Blessings:** On **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** following Divine Liturgy & parish breakfast Father Stephen will be blessing graves. Please contact him for arrangements, [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) or 652-1825

**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! His Grace Bishop Mark will be with us to celebrate and we will be blessing our newly renovated parish hall. In addition, 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.

**LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 53 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 212**

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup>**. The camp is **July 6 -12** and you can download your forms at [www.sttikhonscamp.org](http://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](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net) with any inquiries.

To learn more about Agia Sophia check out our web page at [www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com](http://www.agiasophiaharrisburg.com)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PASCHA

**EPISTLE** (*Acts 1:1-8*): The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### THE GOSPEL LESSON

**GOSPEL** (*John 1:1-17*): In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. <sup>7</sup> This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup> He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup> That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" <sup>16</sup> And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

# PASCHAL MESSAGE OF HIS GRACE, BISHOP MARK

April 18, 2014

*Christ is risen! Χριστος Воскресе! Χριστός ἀνέστη!*  
*Hristos a înviat! Cristo ha resucitado!*

Beloved and Christ-loving Clergy, and Faithful of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania:

I embrace and greet you with a holy kiss in the Name of our Resurrected Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and, together with you and Orthodox Christians throughout the world, I joyfully proclaim that Christ is risen! Χριστος Воскресе! Χριστός ἀνέστη! Hristos a înviat! Cristo ha resucitado!

May the Lord lead, direct and guide us in fulfilling His call upon our lives and in sharing the Gospel message with all he brings across our path. One does not have to watch much of the news to realize how tragically broken the world around us truly is. Let us open our hearts and our churches to the hurting world around us by being living Epistles and living icons of the Lord in thought, word and deed. The Lord has established His Church as a Hospital to heal the broken hearted and set at liberty them that are held captive by the sinful passions of the flesh. May our Lord continue to look down from heaven, visiting, establishing and perfecting this Holy Vine which He has planted with His own right hand. Asking your God-pleasing prayers, I remain your unworthy father in Christ,

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