

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 21, 2014

**28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday before the Nativity.** Virgin Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 50 men and 130 women. Repose of St. Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia. St. Juliana, Princess of Vyaz'ma. Repose of Bl. Procopii (Procopius) of Vyatka, Fool-for-Christ. Martyr Themístocles of Myra in Lycia.

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Dec 21, Sun:** **VIRGIN MARTYR JULIANA.** Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School & Fellowship –*following*. “Angel Tree” & “Adopt-a-Nun” Gifts DUE  
*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Manny Lopez** · 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Eleanor Herman**  
Epistle: **Larry Smith** · Post-Communion: **Rdr. Matthew (Chet) Lubecki**
- Dec 22, Mon:** **Compline & Confession -6:30pm**
- Dec 23, Tue:** **Compline & Confession -6:30pm**
- Dec 24, Wed:** **EVE OF THE NATIVITY. Royal Hours -8am; Vespertal Divine Liturgy -9am; Great Compline & Matins -7:30pm**
- Dec 25, Thu:** **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Divine Liturgy -10am**
- Dec 26, Fri:** **SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS. Divine Liturgy -9:30am**
- Dec 27, Sat:** **PROTO-MARTYR STEPHEN. Diocesan Divine Liturgy @ St. Stephen Cathedra, Phila -9:30am; Vespers & Confession -5pm**
- Dec 28, Sun:** **SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY. Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Fellowship –*following*. Parish Open House- 5pm social; 6pm dinner  
*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Lydia Mantle** · 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Rdr. Matthew (Chet) Lubecki**  
Epistle: **Rdr. Peter (Scott) Staller** Post-Communion: **Rdr. Peter (Scott) Staller**

● **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:** Gloria Skirpan; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Mark Peters; Christopher Mitchell (friend of Bob Drozd); David Bacha (brother of Cathi Kemp & Lydia Mantle); Luke Spaseff; Evelyn Anderson, (Debbie Hisiro's mother); Emily Campbell (Jerry Cole's cousin); Joan Conte & Marion Shortall (Cindy's mother & mother-in-law); Andrea Faber (cousin of Jean Dotsey); Peter Yastishak (cousin of Gloria Maliniak); Jason Nesbit, (friend of the Cain's); Marsha Himic (Dana Watts mother); Paul Evans & Michalene Scheponik (Rapso), (M. Theodora godson & family); Mary & Frank Tonart (Sophia Kellachow's parents); Diane Chambers & Helen Lanwehr (Anna Doray's family); Carrie Faust (Cole's friend); Keturah Faust (J. Barns & L. Shuga's friend); John Fatich (Kuzupas family); Joseph & Steven Demchak, (Suzanne's brothers);

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** Suffering Christians throughout the world, especially, the people of Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Israel; Egypt, & Ukraine; and Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** Sophia Kellachow-Katerman; Nicholas Somple; Ron Hancher, Jr.; Jason Zeppuhar; Gloria Maliniak; 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:** Kathryn Kellachow; M. Laura (Hadginske) Schmidt and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** David Ambartsumian, Yerusalem Arefe, Thomas Asfaha, Masha Cameron, Jessica Drebot, Matthew Hadginske, Shreya Jacob, Cathi Kemp; Zachary Koss, Christina Martin, Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica Shingara, Matthew Shortall; Shane Staller, MaryAnn Wood. **MILITARY:** Michael Egan; Jeremy Fetsko; Steven Heberle; Evangelos Kanellakos; Stephanie King; Matthew Pylypciw; David Riesberg; Thomas Shingara; Michael Somple **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Teklu Ogbamichael (Freweini's brother); George Hatalowich (George's father); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); Fr. Christopher Rocknage; Christine Gardner (friend of Cathi Kemp); Shenia Dubiaha (sister of Nadzia Schilling); Albert, Cathy, Seraphima Mattile & John Branht (friends of John R. Barns); child Maksim Sysak; William Schaeffer (John R. Barns brother in law); Faye Hake (Jesse's mother); Brian Yerby, Jr. (Christine Tartamella's godson); Linda Shue (Sharon Shingara's mother); Nancy Coles (John & Chris' mother); Ginny Ranck & Mike Frizzi (Keener friends); Timothy Cooney (Anna Doray's nephew); Fr. John & M. Stephanie Onofrey; Ben Morgan (Sally Marasco's son); Marie Cini (Bob's mother); Christine Kihm, Charles Kline, Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's family); Willard Brown. **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Joseph & Rachel Frangipani - **Anthony CATECHUMENS:** Jesse Hake; Matthew & Rachel Brubaker – Anastasia; Michael Loar; Bette Keener; Christine Lamb

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** Petro Hodowanec, (friend of Chet Lubecki) – Dec 2; Louis Zang (cousin of M. Theodora) – Dec 9; M. Irene Borick – Nov 19; Ruth Philips (friend of John R. Barns); Helen Katerman (Andrew's mother) – Nov 15;

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Todorka Mioff, mother of Eli, Dec 21 -26<sup>th</sup>; Nadya Snow, sister of Gloria Maliniak, Dec 21 -13<sup>th</sup>; Peter Krempasky Jr., George's brother, Dec 22 – 8<sup>th</sup>; Sophia Smetanick, mother of Vicki Henry, Dec 23 -22<sup>nd</sup>; Dorothy Whitesel, aunt of John R. Barns, Dec 23 -12<sup>th</sup>; Marie Broskey, sister of Libby Hancher, Dec 23 -5<sup>th</sup>; Anastasia (Nell) Mason, aunt of Fr. Dan, Dec 23 -1<sup>st</sup>; Olga Evans, Dec 25 -21<sup>st</sup>; John Solovey, Dec 26 -46<sup>th</sup>; Dr. Michael Ressetar, Dec 26 -15<sup>th</sup>; John Carter, M. Anna's grandfather, Dec 26 – 9<sup>th</sup>; MaryAnn English, Dec 26 – 7<sup>th</sup>; Margaret Spaseff, Dec 26 – 7<sup>th</sup>; Vida Kodi, Bishop Mitrophan's Mother, Dec 26 -9<sup>th</sup>; Olga Hudebenko Peck, cousin of Mat. Theodora, Dec 27 -4<sup>th</sup>; Herbert H. Bent, Sue Mioff's father, Dec 27-30<sup>th</sup>; Tsgay Andemichael, brother of Sebhatu Andemichael, Dec 27 – 10<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 Vladimer Kellachow, Jr.**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Doug & Barbara Cain – Dec 24

**BIRTHDAYS:** Barbara Norato- Dec 20; Leavitt Keener –Dec 21; Christopher Dupkanick - Dec 22; Grace Firestine – Dec 27; Meera Gopinath - Dec 27

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

## **Thank you!**

- To all who donated items for the **Angel Tree** and **"Adopt-a-Nun"** collections. Your generosity is a great blessing to our community and to those who will receive them! God bless you!
- To our Church School teachers, assistants, students, and parents for a wonderful Nativity Program this past Sunday. For a photo gallery visit our parish website and/or Facebook page.

**Christmas & Decorated Candles:** You can donate decorated candles for the *Great Feast of Nativity* in memory of a loved one or for the health and salvation of your family & friends. Please see the sign up lists on the candle desk in the vestibule. *Regular Decorated Candles* are \$10 ea.

**REMINDER:** **Giant Foods Gift Cards** as well as **Agia Sophia Coffee House Gift Cards** are available in the church office on an ongoing basis. Please remember to check there for cards and help the parish financially.

**Parish Family Nativity Open House:** will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 28th**. Social hour begins at 5pm with a complimentary dinner at 6pm. Please sign the list in the vestibule if you plan to attend. If you wish to bring a dessert please make a notation by your name on the sheet. *A special thanks to the Men's Club for sponsoring this holiday treat for our parish family and friends!*

**UPDATE Pictorial Directory:** Please mark the following corrections to the directory:

- **Nicholas Somple** address is: 1938 Gramercy Place, Hummelstown, PA 17036.
- **Jane Volscko** address is: 3232 Elmwood Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **PHOTOS NEEDED** – if we don't have your photo please send one to office ASAP. Thank you!

**Seminary Scholarship:** Our parish council has approved a half-scholarship (**\$3,500.00**) for the **Francipani family** (*Joseph, Rachel, and their child Anthony*) for this academic year at St. Tikhon's. Please consider a donation. Make checks payable to: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church and write **"Seminary Scholarship"** on the memo line. Please also keep the family and all our seminarians in your prayers.

**Annual Club Dues:** Your annual dues to the Men's Club, St Mary's Altar Guild and the Harrisburg "O" Club are all due in January. Please plan now to pay them before the **end January 2015**.

- Men's Club - \$24: Can be given to John Dotsey
- St Mary's Altar Guild - \$10: Can be given to Jean Dotsey
- Harrisburg "O" Club - \$36: Can be given to John Dotsey

**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

**Dec 28:**

Jan 4:

Jan 11:

**Raissa Merdziuszew**

Libby Hancher

Joan Dupkanick

**Olga Womer**

Ekaterina Hancher

Chris Dupkanick

**Natalie Treece**

Dave Martin

Greg Resselar

**LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 55 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 210**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

**Save the Date:** The **78<sup>th</sup> Novogodny Ball** will be held on **Sun. Jan 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia - Cherry Hill, NJ. The semi-formal benefits the Married Student Housing at St. Tikhon's and other deserving charities. For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand or contact Paul Fedoronko at (610) 328-6911 or [novogodnyball@verizon.net](mailto:novogodnyball@verizon.net).

**Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles:** Will host a **Happy 2015 Welcome Party** on **Saturday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** with *Vespers at 6pm* and the party is 7pm to midnight. The event will be at *St. Luke's Orthodox Church* in McLean, VA. A DJ will be available and dance lessons plus much more! For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand or contact V. Rev. Gregory Safchuk at 301-320-0739 or [gsafchuk@hotmail.com](mailto:gsafchuk@hotmail.com). RSVPs are DUE **Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** to Diana Haverlack at [dianahav@earthlink.net](mailto:dianahav@earthlink.net).

**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 at** ([jmkellachow@gmail.com](mailto:jmkellachow@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining a rotation or have any questions.

**Calling all volunteers!** Volunteers are needed to assist at the **Agia Sophia Coffee Shop**. Here is the perfect opportunity to serve your community and witness your faith through this Pan-Orthodox outreach ministry.  
Position needed: **(1)** Dish washers **(2)** Cashiers & taking orders **(3)** Cooks **(4)** Clean up. **In house training will be provided!** Please feel free to contact Joanne Wevodau at **717-580-4833** or e-mail [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net)