

# 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 28, 2014

**29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Nativity. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.** The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, including: Glycerius, Zeno, Theophilus, Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonius, Indes, Gorgonius, Peter, Euthymius, and the Virgins: Agape, Domna and Theophila. Ven. Ignatii of Lomsk. Apostle Nicanor the Deacon. Ven. Simeon the Myrrhusher, of Mt. Athos.

**Epistle:** Galatians 1:11-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-23

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**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**

**Dec 31, Wed: NEW YEARS EVE. Vespertal Divine Liturgy -6:30pm** followed by *Festive Pot-luck & Blessing of the Vasilopita*

**Jan 1, Thu: ST. BASIL'S DAY & NEW YEARS DAY.**

**Jan 3, Sat: Vespers & Confession -5pm,** Choir Rehearsal *following*

**Jan 4, Sun: SYNAXIS OF THE 70 APOSTLES.** Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School & Fellowship – *following*

*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **John Shingara** • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Manny Lopez**

*Epistle:* **Chris Dupkanick** *Post-Communion:* **Sunday School Teens**

**Jan 5, Mon: THEOPHANY EVE. Royal Hours -8am; Vespertal Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Parish Pot-luck -4:30pm; **Great Compline & Blessing of Water -6:30pm**

**Jan 6, Tue: THEOPHANY. Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Vespers (St. John) -6:30pm**

● **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 and the child to be born of her; **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, 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:** Michael Bell (Michelle Gopinath's father) Teklu Ogbamichael (Freweini's brother); George Hatalowich (George's father); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); Fr. Christopher Rocknagel; 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:** Keith A. Young (friend of Larry Smith) – Dec 18; 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:** Sophie Mehalko, Dec 29 -12<sup>th</sup>; Dean Lebo, Dec 29 -9<sup>th</sup>; Steven Bortniak, Dec 30 -22<sup>nd</sup>; Julia Lubecki, mother of Chet, Dec 30 -20<sup>th</sup>; Walt O'Shinski, Dotty Fedetz brother-in-law, Dec 30 -4<sup>th</sup>; Archpriest Michael Romanchak, Jan 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Helen Evans, grandmother of M. Theodora, Jan 1- 81<sup>st</sup>; Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, brother of Andy, Jan 1 – 10<sup>th</sup>; Elsie Ruth, adopted grandmother of Nora Lubecki, Jan 1; Helen Bushko, sister of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 2 -17<sup>th</sup>; Loretta Lennon, niece of Katharine Newhouse, Jan 3 -9<sup>th</sup>; Okube Zera, mother of Yorusalem Tesfazion

**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 Michael Demchak**, from Suzanna

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** George & Shirley Charlock –Jan 4

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jacob Fedetz – Dec 25; Bana Habtay –Dec 30; Samantha Lopez –Dec 30; Greg Sirb – Dec 31; Kesete Embaye –Jan 1

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Birth Announcement** Matushka Laura (Hadginske) Schmidt & Fr. Leonid have welcomed their daughter **Eva Mary** on December 23<sup>rd</sup>! She "weighed in" at 5lb and 11oz., 20 inches. We offer our congratulations to Fr. Leonid and M. Laura, as well as to proud grandparents Paul & Maryanne Hadginske and their whole family! May God grant them all many blessed years!

**Parish Family Nativity Open House:** will be held on TODAY. Social hour begins at 5pm with a complimentary dinner at 6pm. *A special thanks to the Men's Club for sponsoring this holiday treat for our parish family and friends!*

**New Years Eve:** Start your New Years Eve Celebrations with the Church, *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* at 6:30pm followed by a Festive Pot-luck and blessing of the Vasilopita (*St. Basil's Bread*)

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

**SAVE the DATE:** **The 7th Annual Blessing of the Susquehanna** this Pan Orthodox event will be held on **Sunday, January 18th 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 contact **Gary Kneiss or Tim McMahon** at [cookoff@agiasophiaharrisburg.com](mailto:cookoff@agiasophiaharrisburg.com) Dress warmly & bring a friend!

**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.

**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 **Franqipani 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

<b>Jan 4:</b>	<b>Libby Hancher</b>	<b>Ekaterina Hancher</b>	<b>Dave Martin</b>
Jan 11:	Joan Dupkanick	Chris Dupkanick	Greg Resselar
Jan 18:		Men's Club Lunch	

**LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 50 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 192**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

**Winter Teen Retreat:** Will be held **Feb 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>** at Trout Lake Retreat Center in Stroudsburg, PA. This retreat is for students in Grade 7 – 12. The non-fundable tuition fee is \$150.00 per person forms and more information is available online at [www.ocayouth.org/treat](http://www.ocayouth.org/treat). For ore information please see the flyer in the candle stand or you may also contact them via phone or email at 610-554-1079 or [retreat@ocayouth.org](mailto:retreat@ocayouth.org). The deadline if **Sunday, Jan 17, 2015**.

**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)