

# 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 MARCH 1, 2015

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. Sunday of Orthodoxy.** Martyr Eudoxia of Heliopolis. Ven. Martyrii (Martyrius) of Zelenétsk. Martyrs Nestor and Tribimius. Martyr Antonina of Nicæa in Bithynia. Martyrs Marcellus and Anthony. Virgin Domnina of Syria. Ven. Agapius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos).

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

**Gospel:** John 1:43-51

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Mar 1, Sun:** **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY.** Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Memorial Litya for Saba Ghebresalassie; Church School & Fellowship –following; Orthodoxy 101 –noon  
*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour **Leavitt Keener**; · 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Christopher Dupkanick**  
Epistle: **Rdr. Matthew (Chet) Lubecki** Post-Communion: **Sunday School Teens**
- Mar 2, Mon:** **Compline -6:30pm;** Altar Guild Meeting -7pm
- Mar 3, Tue:** **Compline -6:30pm;** Choir Rehearsal –following
- Mar 4, Wed:** Bible Study (33 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St) –noon; **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy -6:30pm;** Potluck-following
- Mar 5, Thu:** **MARTYR CONON OF ISAURIA. Matins -9am;** Bible Study -9:30am; **Compline -6:30pm**
- Mar 6, Fri:** **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy -6:30pm;** Potluck-following
- Mar 7, Sat:** **MEMORIAL SATURDAY. General Panakhida -4:30PM; Vespers & Confession -5pm;** Choir Rehearsal –following
- Mar 8, Sun:** **ST. GREGORY PALAMAS.** Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School & Fellowship –following; Orthodoxy 101 –noon; **Mission Vespers -4pm** @ Holy Ascension, Frackville  
*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour **Rdr. Peter (Scott) Staller**; · 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **John Shingara**  
Epistle: **Nicholas Zuro** 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:** child Mitchell Monnerat (nephew of Meghan & Jason Vickers); Gladys Barns (John's mother); child Tori Brackbill & parents; Edward Coles (Manny Lopez's cousin); Kay Himes (Keith Leader's aunt); Jim Tessier (family of Gloria Maliniak); Spencer Moros, Peggy Walker & Margaret Pellack (Kathy Pankiw's family); David Bacha (brother of Cathi Kemp & Lydia Mantle); Luke Spaseff; Emily Campbell & Carrie Faust (Jery Cole's cousin & friend); Joan Conte & Marion Shortall (Cindy's mother & mother-in-law); Andrea Faber (cousin of Jean Dotsey); 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); 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:** June Taleff; Helen Yannone; Nicholas Somple; Gloria Maliniak; Sue Wolfe; Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Nicholas Demopoulos (Sam's cousin); Jonathan "Lazarus" Dunnavent; Nicholas Essis; Ann Pusey; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Salwa Shunnara; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Meghan (McGinnes) Vickers; Kristen Iwancio, Kathryn Kellachow 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, Shane Staller, MaryAnn Wood. **MILITARY:** Michael Egan; Jeremy Fetsko; Evangelos Kanellakos; Stephanie King; Matthew Pylypciw; David Riesberg; Thomas Shingara; Michael Somple **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Katie McGarrity (friend of the Lenker's & Zart's); Michael Bell (Michelle Gopinath's father); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); William Schaeffer, Leonard Morris, Albert, Cathy, Seraphima Mattile & John Branht (family and friends of John R Barns); child Maksim Sysak; 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:** Brenda Maher (friend of Nick Somple); - Feb 27; **21 new-martyrs of Christ** (Libya) – Feb 13; Nan Harrington (family friend of Rdr. James Latimer) – Feb 16; Mark Peters (friend of the Lenker's & Zart's) – Feb 18; Saba Ghebresalassie – Feb 14; Martin Hudebenko (cousin of Mat. Theodora) – Feb 2; David Dumit – Jan 29; Eleanor Whitney (sister of Barbara Norato) – Jan 26; Donald Branoff (relative of Angie DiFlorio & Joanne Wevodau) – Jan 21;

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Fr. Mark Kosev, Mar 1 – 4<sup>th</sup>; Cynthia Ann Mihut, Mar 1 -18<sup>th</sup>; Mary Book, Joanne Coles mother, Mar 3 -4<sup>th</sup>; Jack Dakas, Mike Zuro's uncle, Mar 3 -7<sup>th</sup>; Najib Ayoub, Haitham's father, Mar 4-4<sup>th</sup>; Dr. Alexander Pianovich, Mar 3 -5<sup>th</sup>; Diane Tahansky, Mariah Schware Leader's mother, March 5 -5<sup>th</sup>; Jifna Creznic, Mar 5 – 34<sup>th</sup>; Julia Brelinsky, Sonya Miele's mother, March 6 -5<sup>th</sup>; Catherin Martins, Mar 6 -19<sup>th</sup>; Eva Kessock, aunt of Elizabeth Howe, Mar 6 – 13<sup>th</sup>; Joseph Martin, father of Dave, Mar 6 – 12<sup>th</sup>; Mary Kasabo Kalenevitch, mother of Elaine, Mar 7 – 11<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** in Memory of **Very Rev. Alexander Atty**, by Eleanor Herman

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kesete & Luula Embaye –Mar 3

**BIRTHDAYS:** Constantine Lentz –Mar 1; Noah Lentz – Mar 2; M. Laura Schmidt – Mar 2; Agnes Risser – Mar 3; Mariah Schware Leader – Mar 4; Effie Spaseff – Mar 5; Nicholas Ressetar – Mar 7

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:



**Daylight Saving Time begins:** Next **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to turn your clocks one hour ahead and change your batteries in your smoke detectors!

**3rd 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. For any questions please contact **Frank Bifano**, OCCGH President (713) 542-7496 or [bifano2@yahoo.com](mailto:bifano2@yahoo.com)

**Pascha Nut Roll Sale:** Orders are now being taking for nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls. The price is \$ 13.00 ea. All orders due by **Mon., March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Rolls will be ready for pick up on Sat., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00, or Sun., Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> after liturgy. To order, call **Jean Dotsey** at 566-0395.

**Gertrude Hawk Candy:** Orders forms are available for Pascha. **Orders due March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions please **see Dave Martin**.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- **St. Tikhon Mission Choir Visit** - Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> w/ Parish Pasta Luncheon
- **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy w. His Grace, Bishop MARK** - Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

**2015 Mission Lenten Schedule:** Please note - All *Vespers* start at **4pm**

- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** @ Holy Ascension, Frackville; **Homily:** Fr. Timothy Hojnicky
- **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Herman, Shillington; **Homily:** Fr. Deacon Seraphim Reynolds
- **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** @ St. Mary's, Coaldale; **Homily:** Fr. John Onofrey
- **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** @ Holy Apostles, Mechanicsburg; **Homily:** Fr. Ignatius Gauvain

**Candle Requests:** Please remember there will be no decorated candle request taken during Lent.

**Attention High School Seniors & Teen Titan Members:** FOCA is currently accepting applications for their **2015 Scholarship**. The deadline is **April 30, 2015**. Please visit the FOCA website for forms at [www.orthodoxfellowship.org](http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org) – search under Junior Scholarship.

**Seminary Scholarship:** Our parish council has approved a half-scholarship (**\$3,500.00**) for the **Frangipani 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.

**Fellowship Hour & Annual Lenten Soup Sales:** **The Men's Club** will host Fellowship hour during lent & also will be providing soup and bread at fellowship starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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). <http://www.smiletrain.org/>

**LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 12 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 110**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

**Lenten Retreat *Do You Believe in Miracles?*:** On **Sat. March 14<sup>th</sup>** St. George's Orthodox Church in Talyor, PA will host a retreat from 9am to 3:30pm. The fee is \$30.00 (before March 2<sup>nd</sup>) or \$35.00 (after March 3<sup>rd</sup>) which includes a continental breakfast & luncheon. The *V. Rev. Protopresbyter Rev. Mark Leasure* will be the retreat master. For more information please visit [www.goannun.org](http://www.goannun.org) and click on "2015 Retreat"

**Prayer Retreat:** St. Matthew's Greek Orthodox Church in Blandon, PA will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Into the Heart of Christ, Prayer Retreat* on **Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9am to 4pm. The retreat will be held at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville, PA. Registration is \$40.00 which includes a meal. RSVPs are due **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. For more information please visit [www.SaintMatts.org](http://www.SaintMatts.org) or see the flyer in the candle stand.

**St. Tikhon's Summer Camp:** Is now taking registration up to **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. The camp is **July 5 -11** 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. If you wish to apply to become a counselor please email [info@sttikhonscamp.org](mailto:info@sttikhonscamp.org) or call 570-493-0108, counselor's info needs to be in by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**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**. We are looking for Monday morning and Friday morning especially! **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)