

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. *Mark 5:19*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2015

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Fore-feast of the Nativity of Christ. Repose of St. John of Kronstadt. Sunday before the Nativity. Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch. Ven. Ignatii (Ignatius), Archimandrite of the Kiev Caves. St. Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch.

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

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Dec 20, Sun: SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am;

Church School, Fellowship & Cookie Sale –following; Orthodoxy 101- noon

Readers: 3rd Hour: Larry Smith · 6th Hour: Leavitt Keener

Epistle: Rdr. Peter · Post-Communion: Rdr. Matthew

Dec 21, Mon: Compline & Confession -6:30pm

Dec 22, Tue: Compline & Confession -6:30pm

Dec 23, Wed: Note: No Bible Study. Royal Hours of Nativity -6:30pm

Dec 24, Thu: Eve of Nativity. Strict Fast. Vespers & Confession -9:30am;

Nativity Great Compline & Matins -7:30pm

Dec 25, Fri: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Nativity Divine Liturgy -10am;

Readers: 3rd Hour: Rdr. Peter · 6th Hour: Manny Lopez

Epistle: John Shingara · Post-Communion: Rdr. Peter

Dec 26, Sat: SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS. Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Vespers & Confession -5pm

Dec 27, Sun: PROTOMARTYR STEPHEN. Fast Free Week. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -

9:30am; Fellowship –following; Parish Open House: Social -5pm; Dinner - 6pm

Readers: 3rd Hour: Lydia Mantle · 6th Hour: Eleanor Herman

Epistle: Rdr. Matthew · Post-Communion: Rdr. James

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: FAMILY & FRIENDS: Bionda, Vera, Vincent (family & friends of A. Levkovich); Richard Hamlet (friend of Larry Smith); Taras Bodnarczuk (friend of Victor Bucharew); Ron Hassinger (Buck Pankiw's friend); Irene (Tom Drobot's mother-in-law); Kathy Fedetz (Craig's wife); Ed Cales (friend of the Lopez's); Max Owens; Raymond & Evelyn Anderson, Paul & Jean Anderson (Debbie Hisiro's friends & family); Gladys Barns (John's mother); child Tori Brackbill & parents; Jim Tessier (family of Gloria Maliniak); Luke Spaseff; Emily Campbell & Natalie Coles (Jerry's cousins); Michael Bertoldi (friend of Jean Dotsey); Diane Chambers (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: Victims of Terror, War, and Strife throughout the world. Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** George Krempasky; Adam Mallick; Jacob Keecher; George (Leavitt) Keener; Joseph (Moe) Mazurek; Kathryn Kellachow; Andy Fedetz; Gloria Maliniak; Sue Wolfe; Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas. **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Nicholas Demopoulos (Sam's cousin); Nicholas Essis; Katharine Macut; Ann Pusey; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** M. Anastasia Hojnicky; Kyra Lentz; Elaine Wyborski ; Elizabeth (Alison) Latimer; Danielle Zuro and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Yerusalem Arefe, Thomas Asfaha, Masha Cameron, Jessica Drobot, Matthew Hadginske, Shreya Jacob, Bahliby Kidane, Cathi Kemp; Christina Martin, Joseph McClure, Evan McGreevy, Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica Shingara, Shane Staller **MILITARY:** Evangelos; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Thomas; Michael; PJ & Peter **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Roman, Connie, Liza, Tania, Lesia (family & friends of A. Levkovich); Jan Smith (Larry's wife); Johnny Cardona & Ali Martinez (family of the Lopez's); Walter & Gloria Onufrak; Nese Family (friends of the Zeppuhars); Willard Brown; Cindy Stewart (friend of Debbie Hisiro); Fr. David Shewczyk; M. Jennifer Franchak; Dorothy Zera; Katie McGarrity (friend of the Lenker's & Zart's); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); William Schaeffer, Shirley Glade & Nancy Sheaffer (family & friends of John R Barns); Linda Shue (Sharon Shingara's mother); Nancy Coles (John & Chris' mother); Ben Morgan (Sally Marasco's son); Marie Cini; Christine Kihm, Charles Kline, Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's cousin); **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Joseph & Rachel Frangipani - **ANTHONY CATECHUMENS:** Matthew & Rachel Brubaker – Anastasia, Bette Keener; Timothy Monko; Ronald Miller

NEWLY DEPARTED: Christopher Burgen – Dec 17; Natja Kessler – Dec 8; Vladimir Kantor (Bill's brother) – Dec 8; Theodore Harbilas – Nov 23; Galina Fridrikhova (Andrei Levkovich's grandmother) - Nov 17; Anna Pushcarish, (cousin of Dotty Fedetz) – Nov 14; Julie Kantor (Bill's sister-in-law) – Nov 10;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Todorka Mioff, mother of Eli, Dec 21 -27th; Nadya Snow, sister of Gloria Maliniak, Dec 21 -14th; Peter Krempasky Jr., George's brother, Dec 22 – 9th; Sophia Smetanick, mother of Vicki Henry, Dec 23 -23rd; Dorothy Whitesel, aunt of John R. Barns, Dec 23 -13th; Marie Broskey, sister of Libby Hancher, Dec 23 -6th; Anastasia (Nell) Mason, aunt of Fr. Dan, Dec 23 -2nd; Olga Evans, Dec 25 -22nd; Betty Rodak, aunt of Barbara Norato, Dec 25 -1st; John Solovey, Dec 26 -47th; Dr. Michael Ressetar, Dec 26 -16th; John Carter, M. Anna's grandfather, Dec 26 -10th; MaryAnn English, Dec 26 – 8; Margaret Spaseff, Dec 26 – 8th; Vida Kodi, Bishop Mitrophan's Mother, Dec 26 -10th; Galina, Andrey, Roman, Katerina, Yarek, Bogdan, & Grygory (family & friends of A. Levkovich)

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 Barbara Norato

MANY YEARS: Please submit to office@ctshba.org by the preceding Wednesday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Doug & Barbara Cain – Dec 24

BIRTHDAYS: Barbara Norato- Dec 20; Leavitt Keener – Dec 21; Christopher Dupkanick - Dec 22; Jacob Fedetz - Dec 25

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Arun (Philip) & Meera (Mariamna) Gopinath

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING: Sunday, January 10th following Divine Liturgy. We are seeking approval for funds (\$9,300) to complete the parish hall porch brick work. **NOTE:** This project is included in our proposed 2016 Budget, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we are seeking approval *before* the Feb 21st Annual Meeting. See Fr. Stephen or a council member with questions.

TODAY is the LAST DAY: For **Christmas Poinsettias & Decorated Candles:** See the sign up lists on the candle desk. • *Poinsettias* are \$8 each • Decorated **Candles** are \$10 each;



Job Well Done: Our Church School Children & their teachers did an outstanding job presenting another wonderful Nativity Play! We look forward to next year!

Calendar Update: The services of **Great Compline & Matins** on Christmas Eve will be at **7:30pm** there was an error on the monthly calendar.

NEXT SUNDAY: Our **Annual Parish Family Nativity Open House**, provided **FREE** by the Men's Club, will be held on **Sunday, Dec 27th**. Social is at 5pm and the Dinner at 6pm.

With Gratitude: Alice & Mike Mallick would like to thank everyone for their cards, kind words, prayers and phone calls during the passing of Alice's Dad Ira, Alice's recent illness and Mike's dad's illness. We are so fortunate to be part of a loving and caring parish family. Adam continues to recover and is currently at Frey Village in Middletown for rehab. *All our love and God Bless you all.*

Parish Directory: The 2016 Draft Copy is in the vestibule, please review your information and either correct the copy or send the information to OFFICE@CTSHBG.org; and if you wish an updated picture, please send that in a JPEG format to the office email.

Gift Card Program: The latest copies of the gift card order form is in the vestibule.

Parish Lending Library: A treasure trove of books are available for borrowing. Please also remember to return the books within a month so others can enjoy! See **Cindy Shortall** with any questions.

Update on Special Intention List: Please also remember **Katharine Macut**, her address is: Ecumenical Retirement Community, 624 Wilhelm Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

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

Dec 27:	Libby Hancher	Ekatrina Hancher	Dave Martin
Jan 3:	Joan Dupkanick	Chris Dupkanick	Greg Ressetar
Jan 10:	Samantha Lopez	Christine Lamb	Christine Tartemella

LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 41 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 201

EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

AAA & The Hershey Bears: Buy one ticket, Get one Free for the hockey game on January 24th. Just show your AAA card and photo id

Panera Bread Pick-Up Volunteers: Saturday evenings between 10:15-10:30 at the **Hummelstown Panera** (1178 Mae St., Hershey Square). Please contact **Sophia Kellachow** at (jmkellachow@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining a rotation or have any questions.

Agia Sophia Coffeehouse & Bookstore Volunteers needed to cook (flexible hours) on Wednesday and Friday. Also needed are counter volunteers Wednesday mornings 8am to 1 pm. In house Training! Contact Joanne Wevodau at 717-580-4833 or jwevodau@verizon.net