

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 27, 2015

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Third Day of the Feast of the Nativity. Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Ven. Theodore Graptus ("the Branded"), Confessor and brother of St. Theophanes the Hymnographer. St. Theodore, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Dec 27, Sun: PROTO-MARTYR 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**

Dec 29, Tue: Christmas Caroling – 6pm, *meet in church parking lot*

Dec 30, Wed: Note: No Bible Study; **Vespers -6:30pm**

Dec 31, Thu: NEW YEARS EVE. **Vesperal Divine Liturgy -6:30pm** w. blessing of Vasilopita and Festive Parish Family Pot-luck

Jan 1, Fri: CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST. ST. BASIL THE GREAT. Note: All services held 12/31

Jan 2, Sat: VEN. SERAPHIM OF SAROV. **Vespers & Confession -5pm**

Jan 3, Sun: SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY. **Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School & Fellowship –following

Readers: 3rd Hour: **Sophia Kellachow** · 6th Hour: **Vladimir Kellachow**

Epistle: **Nicholas Zuro** · Post-Communion: **TBD**

Jan 4, Mon: **Royal Hours -6:30pm**

Jan 5, Tue: THEOPHANY EVE Strict Fast. **Vesperal Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Great Compline & Blessing of Water -6:30pm;** Please bring a container to take home Blessed Water

Jan 6, Wed: THEOPHANY. **Divine Liturgy -9:30am** followed by potluck fellowship. Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; **Vespers (St. John) -6:30pm;** Choir Rehearsal –following

Jan 7, Thu: SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN. **Divine Liturgy -9:30am** followed by potluck fellowship.

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: Karen Osuch (John's sister-in-law); 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 Drebot'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 Keecheril; 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 Drebot, Matthew Hadginske, Shreya Jacob, Bahlily 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; 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: Ginger McNally (Fedetz family friend) - Dec 17; Christopher Burgan - Dec 16; Dorothy Zera - Dec 15; 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: Olga Hudebenko Peck, cousin of Mat. Theodora, Dec 27 -5th; Herbert H. Bent, Sue Mioff's father, Dec 27-31st; Tsgay Andemichael, brother of Sebhatu Andemichael, Dec 27 - 11th; Sophie Mehalko, Dec 29 -13th; Dean Lebo, Dec 29 -10th; Steven Bortniak, Dec 30 -23rd; Julia Lubecki, mother of Chet, Dec 30 -21st; Walt O'Shinski, Dotty Fedetz's brother-in-law, Dec 30 -5th; Archpriest Michael Romanchak, Jan 1 - 4th; Helen Evans, grandmother of M. Theodora, Jan 1 - 83rd; Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, brother of Andy, Jan 1 - 11th; Elsie Ruth, adopted grandmother of Nora Lubecki, Jan 1; Helen Bushko, sister of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 2 -18th;

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 **Mike Demchak**, brother of Suzanne

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

BIRTHDAYS: Dorothy Braun - Dec 21; Grace Firestine - Dec 27; Meera Gopinath - Dec 27; Bana Habtay - Dec 30; Samantha Lopez - Dec 30; Greg Sirb - Dec 31; Kesete Embaye - Jan 1

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: Our **Annual Parish Family Nativity Open House**, provided **FREE** by the Men's Club: Social is at 5pm and the Dinner at 6pm.

Seven Day Votive: The 2016 Seven Day Votive candle request form is available in the vestibule. Candles are reserved on a first-come, first serve basis and they are \$10.00 each

Thank You – Nut Roll Baking: On behalf of the **St. Mary's Altar Guild**, I would like to thank all of our parishioners who helped during our parish's Christmas Nut Roll baking project. Whether you helped to prepare for baking came to bake or to bag the rolls, or washed pans and racks, your help was greatly appreciated. Your efforts resulted in another successful nut roll sale for our parish!
Sincerely, Jean Dotsey.

Wedding Banns: *Mr. George Botros & Ms. Wessam Daoud* will partake in the Sacrament of Holy Marriage on **Sunday, January 10th**.

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.

8th Annual Pan-Orthodox Blessing of the Susquehanna River: Will be held on **Sunday, January 17th**. *His Eminence, Archbishop MARK* will be with our parish for **Divine Liturgy** at **9:30am** and there will be a Special Parish Luncheon (Soups & Subs, children under 12 FREE) *following* Liturgy. The **Great Blessing** will be at **2pm** at the City Island Park.

❖ A reception will follow at **Agia Sophia** along with the Soup/Chili "Cook-Off"

Parish Lending Library: Hundreds of books are available for borrowing. Please also remember to return the books within a month so others can enjoy! See **Cindy Shortall** (our librarian) 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

Jan 3:	Joan Dupkanick	Chris Dupkanick	Greg Rissetar
Jan 10:	Samantha Lopez	Christine Lamb	Christine Tartemella
Jan 17:	<i>Parish Luncheon of Soup & Subs</i>		

LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 38 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 176

EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Winter Dinner Dance: *St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church* is hosting a Winter Dinner Dance on **Saturday, Jan 23rd** doors open at 6pm, dinner is at 7pm and the dance is at 8pm. Dinner & Dance tickets are \$25 for ages 16 & above and \$10 for ages 6-15 and under age of 5 is Free. Dance only after 9pm is \$10 per person. RSVPs for the dinner & dance are due **January 20th**. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the hall or contact Popadija Andreja @ 717-939-0251 or Borjan at 717-333-6258.

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