

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)



SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2016

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Sunday before the Nativity. Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his companions: Martyrs Nicostratus, Zoë, Castorius, Tranquillinus, Marcellinus, Mark, Claudius, Symphorian, Victorinus, Tiburtius, and Castulus. Ven. Sebastian, Abbot of Pshekhónsk Monastery. Righteous Simeon, Wonderworker of Verkhotúr'ye. St. Modestus, Archbishop of Jerusalem. St. Florus, Bishop of Amisus. St. Michael the Confessor at Constantinople.

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

Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-25

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Dec 18, Sun:** **M. SEBASTIAN & COMPANIONS.** *Hours -8:50am; Chrismation -9:15am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am;* Church School, "O" Club Cookie Sale & Fellowship – following; **Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Concert - 5pm @ St. Nicholas, Oberlin**
Readers: 3rd Hour: Leavitt Keener • 6th Hour: Chris Dupkanick
Epistle: **Manny Lopez** • Post-Communion: **Jim Kushlan**
- Dec 19, Mon:** **Pan-Orthodox Hierarchical Divine Liturgy -10am (Matins 9am) @ St. Nicholas, Oberlin;** Fellowship –following
- Dec 20, Tue:** **Compline & Confession -6:30pm**
- Dec 21, Wed:** Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; **Vespers & Confession -6:30pm;** Choir Rehearsal –following
- Dec 22, Thu:** **GM ANASTASIA & HER COMPANIONS. Compline & Confession -6:30pm;**
- Dec 23, Fri:** **Royal Hours of Nativity - 6:30pm**
- Dec 24, Sat:** **EVE OF NATIVITY. Vespertal Divine Liturgy - 9am; Great Compline & Matins -7pm**
- Dec 25, Sun:** **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Divine Liturgy - 10am**
Readers: 3rd Hour: Heidi Kushlan • 6th Hour: Jim Kushlan
Epistle: **Rdr. Peter Staller** • Post-Communion: **Vladimir Kellachow**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Please join us for fellowship in the **parish hall** after the service. Interested in becoming a part of our community? Please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen Vernak.

Important Note Regarding Communion: 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 at least 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: Ruth Mazurek (Moe's wife); Irene Popp (Janice Zuro & Garnice Leer's mother); Mary Frances McAndrews (Chet Lubecki's co-worker); Fern Staller (Scott's mother); Burl Hansbury (friend of the Cains); Patrick French (friend of Greg Ressetar); Ap. John Reeves; M. Mary Perez; James Schware (Jamie's father); Kim Long (friend of Larry Smith); Larry Mosser (Eric's father); Paul Miller, Lydia Klecor, Marilyn Schawk, (family & friends of the Kushlans); Martha Rapso (cousin of M. Theodora); Robert Rosso (nephew of Bill Kuchta); Marcia Brickner, Olga Zuzulock, & Ron Hassinger (family & friend of Kathy Pankiw); John Line, Sally Sauserman (family of Jean Dotsey); Annette Moyer, Gladys Barns, Jim Walters & David Roberts (family & friends of John R. Barns); Karen Osuch (John's sister-in-law); Rita Demopoulos, Ed Cales (family of the Lopez's); Raymond & Evelyn Anderson, Kerry Snell & Families (Debbie Hisiro's family & friends); Luke Spaseff; Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's family); John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas brother); Joseph & Steven Demchak, (Suzanne's brothers);

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: Victims of Terror, War, & Strife both here and throughout the world; Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; PARISHIONERS: Cathy Bucharew (mission trip); John & Mary Ellen Osuch; George (Leavitt) Keener; Kathryn Kellachow; Andy Fedetz; Sue Wolfe; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas. HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES: Yohannes Tesfai; Olga Angelo; Betty Danko; Nicholas Demopoulos (Sam's cousin); Nicholas Essis; Pauline Fecho; Kevin Herman; Janet Kuzupas; Katharine Macut; Adam Mallick; Gloria Maliniak; Millicent Russell; June Taleff EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Wessam Botros; Elizabeth Hake; Kara Henry; Irina Jurewicz; M. Laura (Hadginske) Schmidt; Meghan (McGinnes) Vickers and the children to be born of them; COLLEGE STUDENTS: Yerusalem Arefe, Masha Cameron, Amelia Demopoulos; George Hatalowich, Wade Hisiro, Shreya Jacob; Sophia Kellachow; Cathi Kemp; Madeleine Kushlan; Drake Lamb; Christina & Joseph Martin, Evan & Johnna McGreevy, Timothy Monko; Andrew Norato; Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica Shingara, Sharon Shingara; Nicole Staller, Stephanie Stine, Melissa Zuro MILITARY: Dimitrios; Evangelos; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; FAMILY & FRIENDS: Tim Marasco; Tanya Rice (Sam Lopez's friend); Christine Kantner (Michele Gopinath's aunt); Fred Polli (family of the Osuch's); Natalie Reba (E. Hermans family); Timothy Long; Paul & Kay Maliniak (family of Gloria); Fr. John Nightingale; Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); Nathan Weaver; Ronald Keck; Marney Donak; David Roberts, 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); Chuck Martin; Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's friend & cousin); SEMINARY FAMILY: Moses & Christy Locke (and the child to be born of her) – Elias & Seraphim CATECHUMENS: Matthew & Rachel Brubaker – Anastasia; Shine Gopinath; Bette Keener; Kaylee Schofield; Nathan Zaccarelli; Colette Guiseppe (newborn)

NEWLY DEPARTED [40TH DAY]: Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis – Dec 8 [1/16]; Ronald Hancher Sr. – Nov 30 [1/8]; John Zervoulei (friend Larry Smith) –Nov 21 [12/30]; Lois Strawhecker (family friend of S. Lopez) –Nov 17 [12/26]; Eugene Minarich –Nov 25 [1/3]; Ann Pusey – Nov 21 [12/30]; Keturah Faust – Nov 19 [12/28];

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Archbishop JOB (Diocese of Chicago and Midwest), Dec 18 -7th; Marilee Pellegrini, Candi Ressetar's aunt, Dec 19- 4th; Kathryn Sultzbaugh, sister of +Russell Sass, Dec 19 -28th; Todorka Mioff, mother of Eli, Dec 21 -28th; Nadya Snow, sister of Gloria Maliniak, Dec 21 – 15th; Peter Krempasky Jr., +George's brother, Dec 22 – 10th; Sophia Smetanick, mother of Vicki Henry, Dec 23 – 24th; Dorothy Whitesel, aunt of John R. Barns, Dec 23 – 14th; Marie Broskey, sister of Libby Hancher, Dec 23 -7th; Anastasia (Nell) Mason, aunt of Fr. Dan, Dec 23 – 3rd;

CANDLE OFFERINGS: To purchase please speak with one of the vestrymen. Note: notify the office by Wednesday.



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

ANNIVERSARIES: Doug & Barbara Cain – Dec 24

BIRTHDAYS: Angela DiFlorio – Dec 18; Barbara Norato- Dec 20; Leavitt Keener –Dec 21; Dorothy Braun –Dec 21; Christopher Dupkanick - Dec 22

NEWLY CHRISMATED: Dennis Bupp

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome: To our "adopted" seminary family **Moses & Christy Locke** and their children **Elias & Seraphim**. The Locke's are in their first year at St. Tikhon Seminary.

Central PA FOCA Scholarship's: Will be presented today to **Wade Hisiro & Alex Pankiw**. Congratulations to both of our parish recipients and their parents. May God grant them many years!

Special Collection: To support the ministries of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). This is especially for those who are not able to attend the Vespers and Concert this evening at St. Nicholas, and would like to contribute.

Job Well Done! Many thanks to our church school students, teachers, and their families for another wonderful Nativity Program! May God grant you many blessed years!

Christmas Decorated Candles: Sign-up lists on the candle desk. • *Regular Decorated Candles* are \$10 ea. They can be offered for the "health and salvation" or "in memory" of your loved ones.

Children's Holiday Party: Will be held on **Thursday, Dec 29th** from 1pm to 4pm in the parish hall. For more information or RSVPs please contact **Michele Gopinath** at gopinath.michele@gmail.com

Annual Open House: Please join us for the **Annual Parish Family Nativity Open House** on **Friday, Dec 30th**. All are Welcome and the dinner is FREE (a gift from our Men's Club)! The social starts at 5:30pm and the dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Be sure to put this event on your calendar!

Items for 2017: St. Tikhon's Wall calendars (one per family) are on the umbrella rack; *also* - 7 Day Candle *reservations* can be made by signing up on the sheet in the vestibule

Children's Book "MATUSHKA" by Jane Svitchen (*illustrated by Sheena Hisiro*) will be on sale at coffee hour. Cost: \$20 w/ 10% of the sale of each book goes to the Fr. Srboljub Jockovich Fund for charity.

Church School Request: The Church School is in need of anyone who can sew or alter costumes for the Paschal Play scheduled for Palm Sunday (April 9th). If you can help, please contact Debbie Hisiro at 717-903-8604 or dhisiro@verizon.net. *Thank you in advance!*

Vestry Youth Mentoring Program: Teens will be pairing up with Vestry Members to enrich their church experience (as well as train them for adult roles). If a youth is unable for their assigned Sunday or if you wish to be added to the schedule please see or email **Joanne Wevodau** at jwevodau@verizon.net

Dec 18:	Edan Araya	Tsedey Afrassa
Dec 25:	Nicole Zart	Benjamin Zart
Jan 1:	Brandon Hancher	

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 please contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759

Dec 18*:	Larissa Shuga	Janice Zuro	Mary White
Dec 25:	<i>Nativity of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ</i>		
Jan 1:	Jean Dotsey	Dave Martin	John Dotsey

LAST SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY: 184

EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Pan-Orthodox Annual Christmas Concert & Charity Evening: Will be held on **Sunday, Dec 18th** at St. Nicholas in Oberlin with *Festal Vespers for St. Nicholas @ 5pm* and the concert to follow. This annual event will benefit the IOCC & OCMC. For more information please see the flyer on the church doors.

80th Novogodny Ball: Will take place on **Sunday, Jan 15th** for the benefit of St. Tikhon's Summer Youth Camp & other deserving charities. For info & reservations call Paul Fedoronko at 610-328-6911 or email novogodnyball@verizon.net

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

- **UPDATED - Volunteers needed:** Librarian (sort and categorize books) & Social Media volunteer. Both positions have flexible hour to suit your schedule. Also needed is a volunteer cook on Friday morning - flexible hours. Please contact Joanne Wevodau at 717-580-4833 or jwevodau@verizon.net