



# Christ <sup>the</sup> Saviour Orthodox Church

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**B**ut the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

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## Sunday December 12, 2021

**25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Sunday of the Forefathers.**

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus. Ven. Ferapönt (Therapont), Abbot of Monza. Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Jerusalem. Martyr Synthesis (Razumnik) of Rome.

Schedule: ∞ **Hours - 9:10am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;** Fellowship & Annual Nativity Play, following;

**Readers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Rdr. James Kushlan** 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Rdr. Matthew Lubecki**

**Epistle: Manny Lopez • Post-Communion: Rdr. Leo Leer**

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## **W**elcome to our Visitors!

**Interested in learning more?** Please visit our parish website and email our priest, **Fr. Stephen Vernak**

## Hymns & Readings

### **Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone VIII —**

Thou didst descend from on high, O merciful One; Thou didst endure the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings; O Lord, our life, and resurrection, glory to Thee.

### **Troparion, Tone II —**

Through faith, Thou hast justified the fore-fathers, betrothing, through them, the Church of the gentiles: these saints exult in glory; for, from their seed, came forth a glorious fruit, she that bare Thee without seed; so, by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

### **Kontakion, Tone VI —**

Ye worshipped not the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones; but, armed with the immaterial essence of God, ye were glorified in a trial by fire: from the midst of unbearable flames, ye called on God, crying: 'Hasten, O compassionate One; speedily come to our aid; for Thou art merciful, and able to do as Thou wilt'.



### **Prokeimenon & Readings:**

**Tone 4:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (*Song of the Three Holy Children*)

*verse: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!*

**E**pistle: (*Colossians 3:4-11*) *Brethren*, Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. <sup>8</sup>But now

you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, <sup>11</sup> where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

***Alleluia Verses:***

*Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.*

*They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

**Gospel:** (Luke 14:16-24) *At that time, Jesus told this parable, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, <sup>17</sup> and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ <sup>19</sup> And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ <sup>20</sup> Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ <sup>21</sup> So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.’ <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ <sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”*

## Upcoming Services & Events

**Dec 13, Mon:** ☩ **ST. HERMAN.** Clergy Peer Group –9:30am (Newtown, PA)

**Dec 14, Tue:** OCA Virtual Clergy Synaxis –2pm; Adult Advent Ed.-7pm

**Dec 15, Wed:** Bible Study –noon; **Vespers – 6:30pm;** Choir Rehearsal, *following*

**Dec 16, Thu:** Parish Council Meeting –6:30pm

**Dec 18, Sat:** ☩ **Vespers - 5pm;** Confession, *following*

**Dec 19, Sun: SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY. Hours - 9:10am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; 1st Year Memorial (+Leavitt Keener) -11:30am;** Fellowship & Church School (Mark & John), *following*; Orthodoxy 101 – 12:15pm;

Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Michelle Gopinath** 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **M. Hilarene Staller**

Epistle: **Adam Priestly** • Post-Communion: **Janice Zuro**

## Parish News.

**Annual Nativity Play:** Will be held today following Divine Liturgy. The play is written by Fr. Dan Kovalak entitle *“It’s Jesus Birthday”* & will be performed by our church school students.

**Decorated Candles & Poinsettia’s:** The sign-up lists are in the vestibule to donate a decorated candle (\$12ea.) or a Poinsettia (\$10ea.) for the *Nativity & Theophany season*. You may also email the office your request to [office@CTSHBG.org](mailto:office@CTSHBG.org).

**Angel Tree:** All the Angel’s were taken! Please remember to bring all wrapped gifts, **with the Angel Tag attached (firmly)** to the church no later than **Sunday, Dec 19th**.

**Adult Ed for the Nativity Fast:** *“Finding Christ in Christmas”*: JESUS *“the Eternal God born as a Little Child”*. Will conclude on **Tue. Dec 14 @7pm**.

**Lunch Bunch:** **Thu. Dec 30<sup>th</sup> @12:30pm** at *Tatiana’s Restaurant 4601 Gettysburg Rd Mechanicsburg*. All are welcome! RSVP to **Kathy Pankiw** via call, text, or email @717-579-6449 or [kzpankiw@aol.com](mailto:kzpankiw@aol.com) by **Mon, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you need a ride, give a ride, or meet up with someone in the church parking lot to follow please let Kathy know when you RSVP.

**Trivia Night:** Will be held **Tue, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> @7pm** with a social starting at 6:30pm. Theme - *“All you need is Love”*. Questions? See or call **Jay or Sheri Africa** 717-566-3691.

**St. Jerome Book Club:** Will meet for discussion on **Sunday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> @1pm**. The book is *Thinking Orthodox: Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind* & it is now available in the parish bookstore.

**Fellowship Hours:** All parishioners are asked to host a week by providing such items as soup, fresh fruit, veggies, cheese, baked items, etc. & coordinate with the other families to decide on the menu. *Plan on approximately 100 parishioners at Fellowship.* You will receive a reminder a week before you are scheduled. If you can't participate on your date, contact Joanne @ 717-580-4833 or [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net) -

**Dec 12:** J/B Dupkanick, C. Dupkanick, Bare, & Leer Families

**Dec 19:** Dotsey, Baker, Barnes, & Gewiss Families

**Dec 26:** Herman, Mitika, Reba, & Staller Families

## *Parish Prayer List*

*Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.*

**NEWLY DEPARTED [40<sup>TH</sup> DAY]:** M. Anne Pawlush (Dave's mother) Dec 7 [1/15]; Katherine Schuech (aunt of Michael Zart) Dec 6 [1/14]; Billy Koran (Kathy Pankiw's cousin) - Nov 17 [12/26]; James Antonio (Jim's father) - Nov 16 [12/25];

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Goitom Kidane, Dec 12 – 16<sup>th</sup>; Peter Hara-hus, father of Sandy Wood, Dec 12 -21<sup>st</sup>; Peter Zuzulock, Dec 12 – 13<sup>th</sup>; Steve Klipa, uncle of the Klipa's, Dec 13 – 19<sup>th</sup>; Andrew Latanishen, grandfather of Bill Kuchta, Dec 13 -55<sup>th</sup>; Anna Hatalowich, grandmother of George, Dec 13 -46<sup>th</sup>; Inez Leonard, cousin of John R. Barns, Dec 13 -17<sup>th</sup>; George L. White, brother of Gerald, Dec 13 -58<sup>th</sup>; John (Barry) Hart, Dec 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Fr. Alexander Schmemann - Dec 13 – 38<sup>th</sup>; Leavitt Keener, Dec 14 – 1<sup>st</sup>; James Reedy, Dec 14 -49<sup>th</sup>; George Kormushoff, father of Matthew & Jeanne, Dec 15 -29<sup>th</sup>; John O. Vartan, Dec 15 -17<sup>th</sup>; Pani Suan Mesaros, wife of Fr. Frank, Dec 16 -19<sup>th</sup>; Christopher Burgan, Dec 16 – 6<sup>th</sup>; Ap. Stephen Shuga, Dec 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Samuel Klipa, uncle of the Klipa's, Dec 17 – 23<sup>rd</sup>; Michael Kundrat, brother of John, Dec 17 -19<sup>th</sup>; Michael Sandovich, grandson of Martyr Fr. Maksym, cousin of +Fr. Dan, Dec 17 -18<sup>th</sup>; Herbert C. Caldwell III, son of Olga, Dec 17 -17<sup>th</sup>; Archbishop JOB (Diocese of Chicago and Midwest), Dec 18 -12<sup>th</sup>; Nancy Sheaffer, sister of John Barns, Dec 18 – 3<sup>rd</sup>;

**AILING: PARISHIONERS: FAMILY/FRIENDS:** Eugene, Patty, and Frank (family & friends of B. Brown); Elaine (sister of S. Africa); Natalie & Martha (family of J. & A. Cole); Abuti (relative of Kushlan family friend); Barry, Edwin, Philip, Connie, & Daniel (family & friends of the Leer's); Barry, Trish, Pam, Jamie, Danielle, & Morgan (Hisiro family & friends); Elle (friend of J. McGreevy); John (brother of J. Krut); Mildred (cousin of M. Theodora); Pam, Dan & Nina (friends of D. Bupp); Gary & Peggy (cousin & friend of Donna Bretz); Alexsya, Suzanne, Gemma, (E. Herman's niece/godchild, family & friend); Erma (friend of N. Murphy); David & Stephen (brother & friend of C Kemp & L. Mantle); Igumen David (Lewis); Michael (father of B.

Drozd); **& Neal** (D. Pawluch's brother); **James** (brother of M. Koviloff); **Betty & Bill** (J. Mamay's friends); **Joan Therese & Dori** (mother & niece of N. Lubecki & J. Lewis); **Lori** (Z. Bares mother); **Alex** (uncle of C. Yerke); **William** (M. Hilarene's brother); **Lynn** (Himes daughter-in-law); **Kristin & Abe** (family & friend of Dn. Peter); **Shirley** (L. Pawluch's mother); **Sandy, Hailey, & Kelly** (friends of DiFlorio's); **Ronald; April & Joseph** (family of L. Hancher); **child Joshua; Sandy, Sue & Doreen** (E. Bare's friend & family); **M. Lisa Weremedic** (wife of Fr. James); **Janice & Emil** (J. Zuro & G. Leer's aunt & uncle); **child Fynn; Kay, Richard, & Anya** (aunt & friends of K. Leader); **Patty** (friend of K. Pankiw); **Mitchel** (Jean Dotsey's nephew); **Linda** (M. Sharon's mother); **Ap. Michael & M. Valeria Hatrak; Jeanette** (daughter of E. Onufer); **Jacob** (brother of Pat Drebot); **Bonnie, Helen, Charlie, Myrna & Shirley** (family & friends of Mallick's); **Wendy** (M. Deamer's mother); **Janet** (friend of D. Fedetz); **Kim & Mona** (sisters of Ab. Mark); **David** (friend of L. DiClemente); **Brandon & Pam** (friends of C. Neumann); **Mary** (mother of S. Kellachow); **Mary, Nicholas, Alissa; Catherine; Andrew, Maureen, Mary, Joanne, Roger, & John** (family & friends of the Kuchta's); **Carole; Fern** (Dn. Peter's mother); **Grace & Karen** (J. Mamay's sisters); **Victoria, Erin & David** (friends of L. Smith); **M. Emily** (Larissa & Anita's aunt); **Karenmay** (friend of L. Mantle); **child Aura** (friend of D. Zullo); **Steven** (J. Hake's father); **child Eva; Lori & Constantine** (Z. Bare's mother & family friend); **Flora** (T. Gault's mother); **Linda, Christine, & Cynthia** (friends of M. Myra); **Grace** (sister-in-law of D. Fedetz); **Vera** (Ressetar's family); **Elizabeth; Cassandra & Peter** (friends of L. Shuga); **Bernadine, Lonnie & Fred** (Osuch family); **Paul, Adam, Bev, Alynda, Tina, Jenny, Marilyn, Jan, Alicia, Shelby, & Malinda** (family & friends of the Kushlans); **Seraphima** (friend of J. Barns); **Thelma, Shari, Norman, Darrell, Justo, Alexa, Thomas, Leida, Jesus, Marsha, Alexander, Anastasia, John, Brian, Timothy, Jessica, Saulo, Theodore, & Tanya**, (Lopez friends & family); **Joseph & Louise** (S. Demchak's brother & sister-in-law);

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** Those suffering from natural disasters. All victims of Sickness, Terror, War, Violence, Racism, Injustice & Civil Strife; Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists, for the suffering people of Haiti and Afghanistan, especially our citizens and soldiers who are in harms way; **PARISHIONERS:** Angie DiFlorio; Eli & Sue Mioff; Gail & David Goss; Rachel Dupkanick; David (Doug) Cain; Mary Ellen Osuch; Natalie Treece; Suzanne Demchak; Evan M.; Tony Onufer; Ita (Stephanie) Snyder; M. Theodora Ressetar; John "Jack" Sweikert; Loretta Ivanoff; Joseph Sembrot; Birikit & Hannah Zerat; Jeanne Zane; Teklu Ogbamichael; Katherine Kudelko; M. Ap. Daniel & M. Myra Kovalak; Joseph (Moe) & Ruth Mazurek; Lazarus (Jonathan) Dunnavent; Kathryn Kellachow; Sue Wolfe; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Michael Drozd; Carol; Rita; Nicholas Demopoulos; Nicholas Essis; Millicent Russell; **EXPECTANT MOTHER(S):** Brooke Jones; Elva Lubecki;

**Chicory (Snyder) Biers; and the children to be born of them; Irini Arahovas; Skye (Hisiro) Deiter; Iryna Pototska; Natalia Seewald and the children born of them** **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Tseday Afrassa; Semhar Anghesom, Eden Araya, David, Amelia Demopoulos; Grace Firestine; Taylor Gladys, George Hatalowich, Jacob Herman; Shawn Jacob; Rdr. Vladimer Kellachow; Flimon Kesete; Matthew Mikita; Sammy & Salina Kidane; Alexander Lamb; Timothy Monko, Molly Pylypciw; Ashley; Dave; Peter; Wessam; **MILITARY:** Rdr. Vladimir; Abel; Jacob; Gabriel; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; Sean; Ian, Zachary; Josiah; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** George & Matthew (family of J. Mamay); **Ap. Victor Gorodenchuk** (doctorate defense); **Ray** (friend of M.E. Osuch & C. Kemp); **Nancy & Paul** (friends of V. Baker); **Kalei** (family of K. Leader); **Steve** (friend of Johnna M.); **Janice** (S. Jekel's mother); **Michael, Emily, Ezra** (S. Kellachow's family); **Vicki, Ken, & Scott** (friends of the Pankiw's); **Dan** (K. Taleff's son-in-law); **Samantha** (Somple's daughter); **Annie & Devon** (daughters of the Africa's); **Deb** (sister of Donna Bretz); **Elaine** (Rdr. Leo & Garnice's daughter); **Ethan, Mitch, Rob, Jody, Jackie, Bruce, & Helen** (family & friends of the Mallick's); **Cindy, Gary & Paul** (friends of the Lenker's); **Iryna** (Snyder family); **M. Natasha Lazor, Cindy, Christine, & Stella "Linda"** (M. Myra's friends); **Mary & Judy** (Rdr. L. Leer's cousins); **Ron** (friend of K. Pankiw); **Vasiliki; Heather** (sister of S. Cameron); **Shenia** (sister of N. Schilling); **Eva & Donna** (friends of the Kuchta's); **Rosalie; David & Dawn** (cousins of Chet); **Alexandra; Masha, Ethan & Wesley** (M. Cameron's family/friend); **Pauline** (friend of E. Bare); **Nancy & family** (Snyder's friends); **Thomas, Andrew, Priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, Megan, Jacob & family, Georgia, Maria, Blake, Keisha, Dimitrios, child Evangelia, Kyle, Martha, Emma, Nicholas, Jack, Samuel, Christian, Theodore, Steve, John, Alexandra, Juan, Isaac, Daniel, Judy, Luke, Johnny, Leticia, Jim, Paul, Samuel, Faye, Jon, child Landon** (family/friends of the Lopez's); **Christine** (M. Gopinath's aunt); **Natalie** (E. Herman's godchild); **Dorothy, Shirley & family, Nathan; Jeff, Greg, David & William** (family & friends of J. Barns); **Nancy** (John & Chris Cole's mother); **Marc & Cecilia** (L. Smith's cousins); **SEMINARIANS:** (St. Vladimir's) **Dn. John & M. Alexandra Black - Evyn, Lydia, Joshua, & Noah** (St. Tikhon's) **Rdr. Thomas & Lydia Given - Magdalena & Dominic; CATECHUMEN(S): John Romain; Joseph Middelkoop; Isaiah Kerstetter**



## Many Years!

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**ANNIVERSARIES:** Andrea & Steve Worley – Dec 12; Dn. Peter Staller (Ordination) – Dec 17;

**BIRTHDAYS:** Evan McGreevy – Dec 13; Alexander Ressetar – Dec 14; Chrissy Klipa – Dec 15; Scott Williams – Dec 15; Jonathan Dunnavent – Dec 16; Ava Brown – Dec 16; Anna Gewiss – Dec 16; Fr. Theodore Jurawicz - Dec 17; Angela DiFlorio – Dec 18;

**NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Nellie Ann Seewald – Dec 11;

## Candle Offering

*To donate, please see a vestryperson*

**7 Day Votive** is offered in Memory of **Leavitt Keener**, from his wife Bette



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