



Christ ^{the} Saviour Orthodox Church

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Our "Why" - To experience and share Christ's love so that everyone we encounter finds healing, purpose, and eternal life.

If it is possible, as much as depends on you,
live peaceably with all men. *Romans 12:18*

Sunday December 18, 2022

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Sunday before the Nativity.
Martyr Sebastian at Rome & his companions. Ven. Sebastian, Abbot of Pshekhónsk Monastery. Righteous Simeon, Wonderworker of Verkhótúr'ye. St. Modestus, Archbishop of Jerusalem. St. Florus, Bishop of Amisus. St. Michael the Confessor at Constantinople.

Schedule: ∞ **Hours - 9:10am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am** Welcome Dn.

Nathan Clausson and family. Church School, Fellowship & "O" Club Cookie Sale; Christmas Concert – 3pm

Readers: 3rd Hour: **Rieck/Lubecki** • 6th Hour: **Jennifer Lewis**

Epistle: **Manny Lopez** • *Post-Communion:* **Rdr. James Kushlan**

Welcome 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 II —

When Thou didst descend to death, O life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendour of Thy Godhead; and, when, from the depths, Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: 'O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee'.

Troparion, Tone II —

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest: and the prophet Daniel appeared, a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep; so, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

*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! (*Holy Fathers*)

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

Epistle: (*Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40*) Brethren, by faith Abraham dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and

scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Alleluia Verses:

We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us.

For Thou hast saved us from them that oppose us, and hast put to shame them that hate us.

Gospel: (Matthew 1:1-15) *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.*

Upcoming Services & Events

Dec 19, Mon: (OC St. Nicholas) Div. Liturgy - 9:30am at St. Nicholas Oberlin;
Dec 21, Wed: Bible Study – noon; **Vespers – 6:30pm;** Confession & Choir Rehearsal, *following*
Dec 23, Fri: Royal Hours of the Nativity – 6:30pm
Dec 24, Sat: NATIVITY EVE. Strict Fast. Divine Liturgy – 8am; Nativity Compline & Matins – 7:30pm
Dec 25, Sun: NATIVITY. Hours - 9:40am; Divine Liturgy – 10am
Readers: 3rd Hour: **Manny Lopez** • 6th Hour: **Rdr. Matthew Lubecki**
Epistle: **Rdr. Vladimir Kellachow** • Post-Communion: **Rdr. Leo Leer**

Parish News

Notes from parish council: Financial Results on back page; Approved donations to St. Tikhon, St. Vladimir & St. Herman Seminaries; St. Tikhon & Holy Transfiguration Monasteries; St. Innocent Orphanage; as well as ongoing donations for Missionary Jesse Brandow & OCMC Support a Mission Priest program; Update: water line is now scheduled to be repaired Dec. 27-28; If you are interested in serving on Parish Council please see Mark Yerke or Fr. Stephen. Save the Date - Annual Parish Meeting, Sun, Feb 12 (2023); 60th anniversary of CTS will be celebrated on Sat, Oct. 28 (2023).

Christmas Concert: Today @3pm, Free event. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall following. **Invite your friends & family!**

Annual Christmas Cookie Sale: Today during fellowship, the “O’ Club will hold its Annual Christmas Cookie Sale. Boxes of 1 ½ dz. of assorted home-made cookies are \$8.00 each & will be available on a first come – first served basis. *Enjoy some tasty treats!*

Angel Tree Tags: Are due TODAY, all wrapped gifts with the Angel Tag attached should be placed in the vestibule.

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*, or email the office - office@CTSHBG.org

Annual Parish Nativity Open House: Will be held on **Fri, Dec 30th** with a social @5pm & Dinner @6pm. All are welcome to this free event sponsored by the Men’s Club!

Lunch Bunch: Will meet on **Thu, Dec 29 @12:30pm** @Leeds (Eisenhower Blvd). Let Kathy Pankiw know if you will be joining us & if you need a ride or can give a ride

7-Day Votive: The 2023 list is currently available in the office, it is a first come/serve & the votive is \$10.00

Parish Cookbooks V2: Are currently available in the gift shop with many other great items for Christmas. Please stop by & check us out!

Church School Parents/Students: Grades K-12 will be participating in “At Jar From Afar” where they will collect change to help a family in need this season. Bring your jars each week to be emptied.

Hershey Bears Hockey Outing: Sun, Jan 8th @5pm, tickets are \$32ea & includes a FREE Hershey Park pass. Please see **John Dotsey** for your ticket.

Trivia Night: Will be held on Tue, Jan 10th with a social at 6:30pm & trivia at 7pm. Any questions see or call

St. Jerome Book Club: Will meet Sun, Jan 15th @1:30pm to discuss “The Cross Stands While the World Turns: Homilies for the Cycles of the Year” by John Behr & currently available in the parish bookstore.

March for Life 2023: Will be held on Fri, Jan 20th in Washington, DC. For more info please visit oclife.org/march.

Save the Date: FOCA Sponsored *Pilgrimage to the Holy Land* from **October 16-28, 2023**. The cost is \$3,150 pp (does not include Airfare). For more information please contact

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*. Please follow email reminders for any updates to the schedule, & contact Christine with any questions. *Please refer to emails for the up to date schedule.*

Dec 18: Leer, Zuro, Mantle, & Slivka families
Dec 25: Nativity
Jan 1: Altar Guild

Parish Prayer List

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.

NEWLY DEPARTED [40TH DAY]: **M. Emily Shuga** (Larissa & Anita’s Aunt) - Dec 7 [1/15]; **Svitlana Lytvyn** (Iryna Pototska’s grandmother) - Dec 3 [1/11]; **Malinda** (Kushlan family friend) - Dec 2 [1/10]; **Daniel C. Leer** (cousin of Rdr. Leo) – Nov 28 [1/6]; **Tatiana Pylypciw** (John’s mother & Molly’s grandmother) - Nov 15 [12/24]; **Thomas Kessler** (M. Tatiana’s grandfather) - Nov 12 [12/21]; **Omar Gomez Ray** (friend of Samantha Lopez) – Nov 10 [12/19];

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: **Archbishop JOB** (Diocese of Chicago and Midwest), Dec 18 -13th; **Nancy Sheaffer**, sister of John Barns, Dec 18 – 4th; **Marilee Pellegrini**, Candi Ressetar’s aunt, Dec 19- 10th; **Kathryn Sultzbaugh**, sister of +Russell Sass, Dec 19 -34th; **Yohannes Tesfai** – Dec 19 -6th; **Elijah Klipa**, grandfather of the Klipa’s, Dec 21 – 59th; **Todorka Mioff**, mother of Eli, Dec 21 -34th; **Nadya Snow**, sister of +Gloria Maliniak, Dec 21 -21st; **Peter Krempasky Jr.**, +George’s brother, Dec 22 – 16th; **Sophia Smetanick**, mother of Vicki Henry, Dec 23 -30th; **Dorothy Whitesel**, aunt of John R. Barns, Dec 23 -20th; **Marie Broskey**, sister of Libby Hancher, Dec 23 -13th; **Anastasia (Nell) Mason**, aunt of +Fr. Dan R., Dec 23 -9th; **Gladys Barns**, mother of John, Dec 23 – 6th;

AILING: PARISHIONERS: David (Cyril) Goss; Millicent Russell; **FAMILY/FRIENDS:** Joe Tosca; Daniel (brother of C. Neumann); Roger (friend of C. Kemp & B. Cain); Kyle (friend of Lenker's); Alta Louise (L. Watkins mother in law); Bp. Matthias Moriak; Adley (child of N. Somple's friend); Monk Nikodemus; Maggie & Dick (friends of the Klipa's); Aiden (nephew of S. Hanna); Robin (son-in-law of E. Files); Fred (cousin of the Kormushoff's); Jerry "David" & Dennie (friend & stepson of B. Keener); Maria (friend of the Cain's); Grace (D. Fedetz sister-in-law); Tom (friend of D. Bupp & Kushlans); Tanya (niece of K. Kuchwara); M. Olga Klembara (Larissa & Anita's aunt); Carolyn (friend of C. Kemp); Charles, Sophia, & Ana (family & friends of C. Dardaris); Joan, Kim, & Gary (friends of the J. & A. Cole); Daria (friend of the Dotsey & Klipa families); Hannes & Anne (family of R. Rieck); Andrea (I. Arahavos's mother); Elaine (sister of S. Africa); Pastor Charles, Mary, Peter, Edwin, & Connie (family & friends of the Leer's); Steve, Barry, Trish, Pam, Danielle, & Morgan (Hisiro family & friends); Elle (friend of J. McGreevy); John (brother of J. Krut); Pam, Dan & Nina (friends of D. Bupp); Colton & Gary (cousin's of Donna Bretz); Alexsya & Cassie (family & friend of E. Herman); Igumen David (Lewis); Neal (D. Pawlush's brother); James (brother of M. Koviloff); Grace, Karen, Betty & Bill (J. Mamay's sisters & friends); Joan Therese & Dori (mother & niece of N. Lubecki & J. Lewis); Alex (uncle of C. Yerke); Lynn (Himes daughter-in-law); Fern, Kristin & Abe (family & friend of Dn. Peter); Shirley (L. Pawlush's mother); Sandy, Hailey, & Kelly (friends of DiFlorio's); child Joshua; 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; Jacob (brother of Pat Drebot); Connie, Charlie, & Shirley (family & friends of Mallick's); Wendy (M. Deamer's mother);); Kim & Mona (sisters of Ab. Mark); Mary (mother of S. Kellachow); Mary & Nicholas (family & friends of the Kuchta's); Victoria, Erin & David (friends of L. Smith); Flora (T. Gault's mother); Vera (Ressetar's family); Bernadine, Lonnie & Fred (Osuch family); Mike, Jessica's & their families; Jon, Paul, Adam, Bev, Alynda, Tina, Jenny, Marilyn, Alicia, Shelby, & Jim (family & friends of the Kushlans); Seraphima (friend of J. Barns); James, his father, Thelma, Shari, Darrell, Justo, Alexa, Thomas, Leida, Jesus, Marsha, Alexander, Anastasia, John, Brian, Timothy, Jessica, Saulo, Theodore, & Tanya, (Lopez friends & family);

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 Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ukraine, Haiti & Afghanistan, especially our citizens & soldiers who are in harms way; **PARISHIONERS:** Bethann & Ken Lenker [traveling]; Rdr. Christopher Rakowski; Christina Klipa; Nadine Klipa; Gerald Cole; Charlene Dardaris; Johnna; Terry Drebot; Patricia Drebot; Lazarus (Manny) & Samantha Lopez; Frank Bifano; Gail

(Brigit); Mary Ellen Osuch; Glenn & Natalie Treece; Suzanne Demchak; Evan M.; Tony Onufer; Ita (Stephanie) Snyder; M. Theodora Ressetar; John "Jack" Sweikert; Joseph Sembrot; Birikit & Hannah Zerat; Jeanne Zane; Teklu & Pazion 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; Rita; Nicholas Demopoulos; Millicent Russell; **EXPECTANT MOTHER(S):** Jessica Priestley, Brooke Jones, and the children to be born of them; Rachel, Megan & the children born of them; **ECM Cohort:** Emmanuel Maginas (coach) Jaclynn Choma, Symeon Jelkel, Sophia Kellachow, Lydia Mantle, M. Robbin Staller, & Fr. Stephen Vernak; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Tseday Afrassa; Semhar Anghesom, Eden Araya, David, Amelia Demopoulos; Grace & Evelyn Firestine; Jacob Herman; Shawn Jacob; Rdr. Vladimir Kellachow; Megan Kenny; Flimon Kesete; Salina Kidane; Matthew Mikita; Zachary Matthews; Molly Pylypciw; Rachel Reba; John Romain; Ashley; Dave; Peter; Wessam; Jessica Williams **MILITARY:** Alexander; Valery; John; Conrad; Shawn; Benjamin; Rdr. Vladimir; Abel; Jacob; Gabriel; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; Sean; Ian, Zachary; Josiah; Owen **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Kandi (friend of Libby); Tony (K. Hertzler's husband); Ronald; Una; Amy (co-worker of B. Kuchta); Hailey (student of A. Cole); Shawn (friend of Dn. Peter); Jean & Robert (aunt & friend of Rdr. Leo); Joe & Lucy (Deb McGinnes's husband & granddaughter); Stacey (B. Keeners friend); Anne (sister-in-law of R. Rieck); Jesse Hake; Mitchell, Deborah, Michael, Emily, Ezra (S. Kellachow's family); George & Matthew (family of J. Mamay); Ray (friend of M.E. Osuch & C. Kemp); Kalei (family of K. Leader); Steve (friend of Johnna M.); Vicki, Ken, Ron, & Scott (friends of the Pankiw's); Jeanette, Scott, Helen, Ethan, Mitch, Rob, Jody, Jackie, & Bruce, (family & friends of the Mallick's); Leo, Steve, Joseph & Scott, (friends of the Lenker's); M. Natasha Lazor, Cindy, Linda, & Vera, (friends of M. Myra); Rosalie; David & Dawn (cousins of Chet); Alexandra; Masha, Ethan & Wesley (M. Cameron's family/friend); 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); Dorothy, Shirley & family, Nathan; Jeff, Greg, David & William (family & friends of J. Barns); **MISSIONARIES:** Jesse & Juanita Brandow (Guatemala); **SEMINARIANS:** (St. Tikhon's) Dn. Nathan & M. Katharine Clausen - Micaiah, Evangeline, Gideon, Zacharias, Ignatius, & Basil; (St. Vladimir's) Dn. John & M. Alexandra Black Evyn, Lydia, Joshua, & Noah **CATECHUMEN(S):** John Romain; Joseph Middelkoop; Jeanne Kormushoff; Harry Laskowski



Many Years!

Please submit names and dates to office "at" ctshbg.org

Anniversaries: David & Gail Goss – Dec 21; Doug & Barbara Cain – Dec 24;

Birthdays Angela DiFlorio - Dec 18; Mother Christophora - Dec 19; Luam Ghebregiorghis - Dec 21; Ryan Henry - Dec 21; Christopher Dupkanick - Dec 22; Una McManus - Dec 23;

Candle Offering

To donate, please see a vestryperson

7 Day Votive is offered in Memory of **Marie Broskey**, sister of Elizabeth Hancher



Nov 2022 Financial Summary

	Month	Budget	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	YTD Over/ Under Budget
Income	35,967.66	25,475	490,422.15	385,025	105,397.15
Expenses	43,937.74	24,807	456,116.64	386,573	69,543.64
Net	-7,970.08	668	34,305.51	-1,548	35,853.51

Nov 2022 Tithing/Stewardship Summary

	Month	Year
Tithe Income	27,788.94	343,692.29
Operating Expenses, net of Fundraising	37,122.74	381,425.84
Net Surplus/ (Shortfall)	-9,333.80	-38,534.33
Tithe as a % of Operating Expenses	75%	90%

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