



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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ARCHBISHOP MARK (Maymon)

V. Rev. Stephen Vernak, *Pastor*

Rt. Rev. Daniel Kovalak, *Attached*

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Rdr. James Kushlan, *Choir Director*

Dr. David Pawlush, *Parish Council President*

John Dotsey, *Treasurer*

OUR ”WHY” - To experience and share Christ's love so that everyone we encounter finds healing, purpose, and eternal life.



And let us consider one another in order
to stir up love and good works. *Hebrews 10:24*



SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — TONE 5. St Mary of Egypt. Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, & his companions at Pozzuoli. Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, & Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, & Dionysius. Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, & Quadratus, of Nicomedia. St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Schedule: Hours – 9:10am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Church School & Fellowship; St. Jerome Book Club –1pm; Lenten Vespers – 5pm *at Holy Apostles Orthodox Church, Mechanicsburg, PA*

3rd Hour: **Kenneth Snyder** • 6th Hour: **Zoe Vernak**

Epistle: **John Constantine** • Post-Communion: **Mary White**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Interested in learning more?

Contact our pastor, **Fr. Stephen Vernak**

Email: pastor “at” ctshbg.org

or: www.ctshbg.org/visitors



HYMNS & READINGS

Troparion, Resurrection, Tone V — Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,/ co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,/ born for our salvation from the Virgin;/ for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,/ to endure death,/ and to raise the dead//by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion, St. Mary of Egypt, Tone VIII — The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,/ for you took up the Cross and followed Christ./ By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;/ but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.// Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, St. Mary of Egypt, Tone III — Having been a sinful woman,/ you became through repentance a bride of Christ./ Having attained angelic life,/ you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross.//Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion, Resurrection, Tone V — Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,/ shattering its gates as Almighty,/ resurrecting the dead as Creator,/ and destroying the sting of death./ Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

PROKEIMENON – Tone V (Resurrection): Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

PROKEIMENON – Tone IV (St. Mary of Egypt): God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel.

EPISTLE: (Hebrews 9:11-14) Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

ALLELUIA VERSES: ALLELUIA VERSES: *I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. ▪ For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. ▪ I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication.*

GOSPEL: *(Mark 10:32-45) At that time: Jesus and His disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: ³³ “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; ³⁴ and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” ³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶ And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” ³⁷ They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.” ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. ⁴² But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

INSTEAD OF “IT IS TRULY MEET”: *In thee, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices;/ the assembly of angels and the race of men./ O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,/ the glory of virgins,/ from whom God was incarnate/ and became a Child:/ our God before the ages./ He made thy body into a throne,/ and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens./ In thee, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices://glory to thee!*

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! ▪ The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

April 24, Wed: Bible Study (*Zoom*) - 12pm; **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** – 6:30pm; Pot Luck

April 26, Fri: Matins – 6:30pm (*Lazarus Sat.*); Confession

April 27, Sat: LAZARUS SAT. Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Pot luck & Parish Work Day, *following*, **Vespers & Litiya**- 5pm (*Palm Sunday*); Confession & Choir Rehearsal.

April 28, Sun: PALM SUNDAY - *Welcome Archbishop Mark. Hours* – 8:50am; **Chrismations** – 9:10am; **Divine Liturgy** – 9:30am w/**Blessing of Palms & Procession**; Church School & Fellowship; **Bridegroom Matins** – 5pm

3rd Hour: **Ray Rieck** • 6th Hour: **Rdr. Matthew Lubecki**

Epistle: **Larry Smith** • Post-Communion: **Janice Zuro**

PARISH NEWS

Notes from parish council: April Donations - \$900 for the Engagement Fund; \$400 to St. Herman Seminary (Alaska); \$350 to St. Vladimer Seminary (New York); \$350 to St. Tikhon Monastery (PA); \$350 to Holy Transfiguration Monastery (PA); \$200 Orthodox Youth Ministries (OYM); \$250 OCF Campus Ministry; \$100 American Red Cross; \$175 Bethesda Mission; \$100 Helping the Harrisburg Family; **Ongoing Donations** - \$75 to Ancient Faith Radio; \$150 to missionaries Jesse and Juanita Brandow; \$50 to Orthodox Christian Mission Center's Support a Mission Priest program; **Announcements:** Parish Workday - Sat, April 27 (after Liturgy); Ab. Mark will be with us Palm Sunday weekend; Seeking a company that does commercial floor cleaning, please let John Dotsey know; New temp sensors and alarm panel installed in the hall; **Approved:** New point of sale system for food fest; New playground equipment

Planning ahead for Holy Week and Pascha:

- **Parish Work Day:** To prepare the building & grounds for are **Sat, April 27 at 12:30pm** (*after Liturgy*). *Thank you to all who helped yesterday!*
- **Egg Dye Sign-up** - we need 12 families to dye 2 doz. eggs each ([sign-up via parish email](#))
- **Holy Week/Pascha Duties:** See sign-up list or Dr. Dave Pawlush.
- **Youth Readings for Holy Saturday Liturgy:** See Andrea Zart or your Sunday School teacher.
- **Grave Watch:** See parish email to sign-up; or Fr. Stephen
- **Decorated Candles for Pascha:** The sign-up list is located in the vestibule; Candles are \$12.00. The last day to sign up is *Sun, April 28th*.
- **NOTICE: Basket Blessing & Fellowship on after the Pascha Liturgy** will all take place in the **hall basement & patio**.
- **Agape Vespers:** Sun, May 5 at 3pm. Contact Fr. Stephen ([email](#)) if you are able to help read the Gospel in another language. Potluck, following.

First Confession Class: Siem Tewolde, Natnael Zeru & Bradley Demopoulos and *catechumens* **Layla and Lyla Baird**. Their teachers are Lydia Mantle & Samantha Lopez. *God grant them Many Years!*

St. Jerome Book Club: Will meet **today at 1pm**, the book is: “*The Lenten Spring*” by Thomas Hopko.

Financial Peace: Have you been looking for a way to finally get on top of your money? Visit <https://www.fpu.com/96353C> to join *Financial Peace University* or see the parish email. Class is starting on **Saturday, May 18**. Question, please see **Fr. Stephen or Dn. John**

Engagement Fund: This summer three of our parish young adults will be engaging their faith, & they need our support: *CrossRoad Summer Institute* - Tressa Hanna & Zoe Vernak; *Project Mexico* - John Romain. You can write a check & put "**Engagement Fund**" on the memo; or you may also donate online, select "**Engagement Fund**" on the dropdown list.

Meals on Wheels: Needs A.M. delivery volunteers to take meals to shut-ins. It takes about one hour mid-morning, For more information contact - Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6130 and ask for Chris.

OCCGH Golf Tournament: Will be held on **Sat, July 13** at Eagles Crossing Golf Course in Carlisle. See Carl Hisiro and parish email for details.

Fellowship Hour: The Men's Club will host their Annual Lenten Soup Sale starting March 24th. All proceeds will go to various & worthy charities.

NEW Fellowship Hour Sign-Up List: Dates available starting May 19 (2024). To sign up see the parish email or visit the "Parish Resources" tab on our website (www.CTSHBG.org). Questions? See Christine Velott.

- Over the next several weeks we will have someone available to help you walk through the sign-up process. Build a team, select a date, and we'll help you get signed up.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.

NEWLY DEPARTED [40TH DAY]: **Lazarus (Manny) Lopez** - April 18 [5/27]; **Edward Hojnicky** (Fr. Timothy's father) - April 4 [5/13]; **Eugenia "Shenia" Dubiaha** (sister of Nadzia Schilling) - April 3 [5/12]; **James McMillen** (Mark Rodak's friend) - March 31 [5/9]; **Ariadna** (aunt of Anastasia Preciado) - Mar 27 [5/5]; **Dustin Leer** (Rdr. Leo's cousin) - Mar 25 [5/3]; **Madeline Minarich** - March 22 [5/1]; **M. Ap. Anthony Karbo** - Mar 19 [4/27]; **Kim Fraser** (family friend of Natalie Kennedy) - Mar 14 [4/22]; **Patriarch Neofit of Bulgaria** - Mar 13 [4/21];

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: **Rev. Dimitri Rachko**, Sandy Wood's uncle, Apr 21 - 11th; **Betty Danko**, Apr 21 - 7th; **Vera Sweda Wasacz**, aunt of M. Myra, Apr 21 - 1st; **Mabel Hummel**, mother of +Shirley Sass, Apr 22 - 23rd; **Sophia Krut**, mother of Jim, Apr 23 - 9th; **William Harter**, cousin of Kathy Pankiw, Apr 23 - 8th; **George M. White**, father of Gerald, Apr 24 - 36th; **Mary Carter**, M. Anna's grandmother, Apr 24 - 4th; **Tewolde Asfaha**, Selemawi Gebre's father, Apr 25 - 9th; **Louise Henry**, mother of Jim, Apr 25 - 12th; **M. Irene Rachko**, Sandy Wood's aunt, Apr 26 - 4th; **Mary Demchak**, mother of Suzanne, Apr 26 - 55th; **Child Sebastian Bishop**, great grandson of Fr. Claude, Apr 26 - 19th; **Helen Neff**, Pat Drebot's sister, Apr 26 - 18th; **Bishop DANIEL**, April 26 - 14th; **Tewedros Ghebresselasie**, Yordanos Gebre's father, Apr 27 - 10th; **Dr. John S. Thomsen**, uncle of Larry Smith, Apr 27 - 14th; **John Schilling Sr.**, father of John, Apr 27 - 8th; **Irene Speake**, sister of Paul Hadginske, Apr 27 - 1st;

AILING - PARISHIONERS: FAMILY/FRIENDS: **Brenda** (friend of Jeannie Dotsey); **Kyle** (cousin of S. Africa); **Bill, John, Travis, & Bonnie** (colleagues & cousins of G. Goss); **Dn. Geoffrey LoBalbo**; **Nancy** (friend of B. Keener); **Elena** (family friend of I. Pototska); **Judith & Alfred** (grandparents of J. McGee); **Galo** (C. Preciado's grandfather) **Samantha, Suzanne, & Natalie** (friend, family & godchild of E. Herman); **Michael** (father-in-law of C. Velott); **Fadia** (W. Botros' mother); **Blaise** (Nora & Jennifer's brother); **Lori** (sister-in-law of J. & N. Schilling); **David** (friend of C. Kemp); **Tais** (cousin of C Kemp & L Mantle & niece of D. Fedetz); **Gregory** (brother of K. Kuchwara); **Presbytera Marina Lillian Thornburg** (Nora's Goddaughter); **Lois** (mother of J. Dunnevant). **Reba** (mother of S. Africa & L. Files); **Walt & Jerry "David"** (friends of B. Keener); **Thalia, & Bonnie**, (aunt & cousin of Donna Bretz); **Brandon** (family of J. Koach); **Child Julia; Melvin, & Frank** (D. Martins brother & friend); **Kay, Richard, & Anya** (aunt & friends of K. Leader); **Seraphima & John** (friend & brother of J. Barn's coworker); **Joyce** (mother of J. Reba); **Bob, Dennis Patrick** (nephew of D. Bupp); **May** (cousin of E. Sarraf); **Isabella; Christine Perrin; Melanie & Alex** (friend & uncle of C. Yerke); **Alexandra, & Tamara** (B. Kuchta's family); **Bp. Matthias Moriak; Adley** (child of N. Somple's friend); **Aiden** (nephew of S. Hanna); **Robin** (son-in-law of E. Files); **Fred** (cousin of the Kormushoff's); **Maria** (friend of the Cain's); **Grace** (D. Fedetz sister-in-law); **Tom** (friend of D. Bupp & Kushlans); **M. Olga Klembara** (Larissa & Anita's aunt); **Joan, & Kim** (friends of the J. & A. Cole); **Hannes & Anne** (family of R. Rieck); **Pastor Charles, Mary, Peter, & Edwin**, (family & friends of the Leer's); **Paul, Karen, Jenny, Joanne, & Steve**, (Hisiro family & friends); **John** (brother of J. Krut); **Pam, Dan & Nina** (friends of D. Bupp); **Igumen David (Lewis); Neal** (D. Pawlush's brother); **James** (brother of M. Koviloff); **Grace, Karen, Lois, & Rich** (J. Mamay's sisters & friends); **Joan Therese & Dori** (mother & niece of N. Lubecki & J. Lewis); **Lynn** (Himes daughter-in-law); **Deana & Kelly** (friends of DiFlorio's); **Shirley** (L. Pawlush's mother); **child Joshua; M. Lisa Weremedic** (wife of Fr. James); **Janice & Emil** (J. Zuro & G. Leer's aunt & uncle); **Patty** (friend of K. Pankiw); **Mitchel** (Jean Dotsey's nephew); **Linda** (M. Sharon's mother); **Ap. Michael & M. Valeria Hatrak; Wendy** (M. Deamer's mother); **Mona** (sister of Ab. Mark); **Mary** (mother of S. Kellachow); **Mary & Nicholas** (family & friends of the Kuchta's); **Victoria, Erin & David** (friends of L. Smith); **Flora** (I. Gault's mother); **Vera** (Ressetar's family); **Bernadine, Lonnie & Fred** (Osuch family); **Mike, Jessica's & their families; Jonathan, Paul, Adam, Bev, Alynda, Tina, Mark, Jenny, Marilyn, Alicia, Shelby, & Jim** (family & friends of the Kushlans); **Alexa, Thomas, Alexander, Anastasia, Saulo, Theodore** (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 Israel, Palestine, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ukraine, Haiti & Afghanistan, especially our citizens & soldiers who are in harms way;* **PARISHIONERS:** **Francis "Frank" Bifano; Milan Koviloff; Natalie Murphy; Sue Mioff; Jason Zeppuhar; Effie Spaseff; Kristen Hertzler; Kayli (Kalliopi) Mikita; Tenley Jo Zeppuhar; Ava Brown; Nektaria (Mariana) Cruz; Katherine Kuchwara; Michael Zuro; Bahliby Kidane; John Coles; Rebecca Brown; John Yerke; Elizabeth; Ann & Gerald Cole; M. Theodora Ressetar; Char-**

lene Dardaris; Johnna; Terry Drebot; Samantha Lopez; Gail (Brigit) Goss; Mary Ellen Osuch; Natalie Treece; Evan M.; Tony Onufer; Ita (Stephanie) Snyder; John "Jack" Sweikert; Joseph Sembrot; Birikit & Hannah Zerat; Jeanne Zane; Katherine Kudelko; M. Ap. Daniel & M. Myra Kovalak; Lazarus (Jonathan) Dunnavent; Kathryn Kellachow; Sue Wolfe; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas; Larry Lewis HOME-BOUND/CARE FACILITIES: Nicholas Demopoulos; Millicent Russell; EXPECTANT MOTHER(S): Susan; Anastasia Preciado; Karin Smith; Luam Ghebreghiorghis; Cathy Platt; Monica (Jekel) Chilbert; Chicory (Snyder) Biers; Brittany Kemp; *and the children to be born of them*; COLLEGE STUDENTS: Tseday Afrassa; Eden Araya; Adriel Armstrong; Olivia Drozd; Grace & Evelyn Firestine; Jacob Herman; Shawn Jacob; Sophia Kellachow; Rdr. Vladimir Kellachow; Faniel Kesete; Flimon Kesete; Matthew Mikita; Zachary Matthews; Otilia Murariu; Molly Pylypciw; Rachel Reba; John Romain; Melat Tesfay; Siem Tesfay; Sophia Vernak; Jessica Williams; Cassandra Zart; Ashley; David, Dave; Peter; Wessam; MILITARY: Artem; Alexander; Valery; Conrad; Shawn; Benjamin; Rdr. Vladimir; Abel; Jacob; Gabriel; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; Sean; Ian, Zachary; Josiah; Evgeny (Owen) FAMILY & FRIENDS: Mark, Melanie, & Vera (family of Libby); George (brother of Frank); James, Svitlana, & Andrew (friends of T. Gault); Jeanne, Michael, John, & James (family of G. Spears); Noelle (daughter of J. Zane); Michelle (friend of M. Reba); Maria (friend of M. Theodora); David (brother of Larissa & Anita); Colton & Ron (cousins of Donna Bretz); Bill (C. Yerke's father); Jesse & Amelia (grandchildren of C. Dardaris); Christine (sister in law of the DiFlorio's); Steve G. (friend of J. McGreevy); Stacy & Mia (B. Keener's friends); Tony (K. Hertzler's husband); Ronald; Una; Jean & Robert (aunt & friend of Rdr. Leo); Anne (sister-in-law of R. Rieck); Mitchell, Deborah, Michael, Emily, Ezra (S. Kellachow's family); George, Matthew, Ed, George, & Terry (family & friends of J. Mamay); Kalei (family of K. Leader); Vicki, Ken, Ron, & Scott (friends of the Pankiw's); Jackie, Bruce, Shirley, Connie, Helen, Rob & Jody (family & friends of the Mallick's); Kane Anthony, Cindy, Michael, & Kyle, (grandson & friends of B. Lenker); M. Natasha Lazor, Cindy, & Linda, (friends of M. Myra); Rosalie; David & Dawn (cousins of Chet); Alexandra; Masha, Ethan & Wesley (M. Cameron's family/friend); Nancy & family (Snyder's friends); Emma, Jeremiah, Elliana, Timothy, Jessica, Noah, Georgia, Amelia, Edgar, Landon, Theodore, Sofia, Evangelia, Zoe, Ryan, Stacey, Bryan, Curt, Thomas, Andrew, Priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, Megan, Jacob & family, Georgia, Maria, Blake, Keisha, Dimitrios, child Evangelia, Kyle, Martha, Nicholas, Jack, Samuel, Christian, Theodore, Steve, Juan, Isaac, Samuel, Faye, Jon, (family/friends of the Lopez's); MISSIONARIES: Jesse & Juanita Brandow (Guatemala); SEMINARIANS: Fr. Kyrill & M. Olivia (STS); Fr. Seraphim & M. Elena Robertson *and* family (STS); Rdr. Nathan & Rebecca Jekel *and* family (SVS) CATECHUMEN(S): John Romain; Joseph Middelkoop; Rudelle Kerests; Daniel Nuemann; Chris Baird - Layla & Lyla Baird; Jeff & Karin Smith

MANY YEARS!

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

BIRTHDAYS: Amanuel Ghide – Apr 21; Evan Mosser – Apr 22; Johnna McGreevy – Apr 23; Owen Kenny –Apr 23; Mark Yerke – Apr 24; Kidane Ghebremichael – Apr 24; Rebecca Jekel – Apr 26; Mary Kate Kenny – Apr 27;

CANDLE OFFERINGS

To donate, please see a vestryperson

7 Day Votive is offered for the Health & Salvation of **Reba Files**, in the honor of her 100th birthday, mother of Sheri Africa



MARCH 2024 - FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	MONTH		YEAR		YTD OVER/ UNDER BUDGET
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	
Income	45,360.96	36,755.00	143,228.19	126,315.00	16,913.19
Expenses	66,006.07	55,329.00	144,127.99	120,807.00	23,320.99
Net	(20,645.11)	(18,574.00)	(899.80)	5,508.00	(6,407.80)

MARCH 2024 - STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

	MONTH	YEAR
Tithes/Stewardship	33,649.03	117,772.59
Operating Expenses <i>(excl. fundraising)</i>	55,279.07	124,230.62
Net	(21,630.04)	(6,458.03)
Tithe as a % of Operating Expenses	61%	95%

RESSETAR MEMORIAL BELL FUND

Current: \$33,000

Goal: \$66,000