

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2014

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Sunday of the Forefathers. Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Callinicus of Apollonia. Martyrs Apolonius, Philemon, Arianus and Theoctychus, of Alexandria.

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:4-11

**Gospel:** Luke 14:16-24

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Dec 14, Sun:** HOLY FOREFATHERS. Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Nativity Program, Cookie sale & Fellowship –following  
*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Leavitt Keener** · 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Chris Dupkanick**  
Epistle: **Vladimir Kellachow** · Post-Communion: **Larry Smith**
- Dec 15, Mon:** **Compline & Confession -6:30pm**
- Dec 17, Wed:** Bible Study (33 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St)-noon; **Vespers & Confession -6:30pm;** Choir Rehearsal –following
- Dec 18, Thu:** MARTYR SEBASTIAN. **Matins -9am;** Bible Study -9:30am; Parish Council Meeting - 7pm
- Dec 19, Fri:** 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Burg @ Agia Sophia - 6pm
- Dec 20, Sat:** **Vespers & Confession -5pm;** Choir Rehearsal –following
- Dec 21, Sun:** VIRGIN MARTYR JULIANA. Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School & Fellowship –following. “Angel Tree” & “Adopt-a-Nun” Gifts DUE  
*Readers:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Manny Lopez** · 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Eleanor Herman**  
Epistle: **Larry Smith** · Post-Communion: **Rdr. Matthew (Chet) Lubecki**

- [ANCIENTFAITHRADIO.COM](http://ANCIENTFAITHRADIO.COM) - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio
- [OrthodoxyinAmerica.org](http://OrthodoxyinAmerica.org) (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) **check it out!**

**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:** Gloria Skirpan; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Mark Peters; Christopher Mitchell (friend of Bob Drozd); David Bacha (brother of Cathi Kemp & Lydia Mantle); Luke Spaseff; Evelyn Anderson, (Debbie Hisiro's mother); Emily Campbell (Jerry Cole's cousin); Joan Conte & Marion Shortall (Cindy's mother & mother-in-law); Andrea Faber (cousin of Jean Dotsey); Peter Yastishak (cousin of Gloria Maliniak); Jason Nesbit, (friend of the Cain's); Marsha Himic (Dana Watts mother); Paul Evans & Michalene Scheponik (Rapso), (M. Theodora godson & family); Mary & Frank Tonart (Sophia Kellachow's parents); Diane Chambers & Helen Lanwehr (Anna Doray's family); Carrie Faust (Cole's friend); Keturah Faust (J. Barns & L. Shuga's friend); John Fatich (Kuzupas family); Joseph & Steven Demchak, (Suzanne's brothers);

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** Suffering Christians throughout the world, especially, the people of Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Israel; Egypt, & Ukraine; and Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** Sophia Kellachow-Katerman; Nicholas Somple; Ron Hancher, Jr.; Jason Zeppuhar; Gloria Maliniak; Sue Wolfe; Saba Ghebresalassie; Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Nicholas Essis; Ann Pusey; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Salwa Shunnara; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Kathryn Kellachow; M. Laura (Hadjinske) Schmidt and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** David Ambartsumian, Yerusalem Arefe, Thomas Asfaha, Masha Cameron, Jessica Drebot, Matthew Hadginske, Shreya Jacob, Cathi Kemp; Zachary Koss, Christina Martin, Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Resselar, Jessica Shingara, Matthew Shortall; Shane Staller, MaryAnn Wood. **MILITARY:** Michael Egan; Jeremy Fetsko; Steven Heberle; Evangelos Kanellakos; Stephanie King; Matthew Pylypciw; David Riesberg; Thomas Shingara; Sean Slaughter; Michael Somple **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Teklu Ogbamichael (Freweini's brother); Kieka & Samantha (daughters of Natalia Weiss); George Hatalowich (George's father); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); Fr. Christopher Rocknage; Christine Gardner (friend of Cathi Kemp); Sheniah Dubiaha (sister of Nadzia Schilling); Albert, Cathy, Seraphima Mattile & John Branht (friends of John R Barns) ; child Maksim Sysak; William Schaeffer (John R. Barns brother in law); Faye Hake (Jesse's mother); Brian Yerby, Jr. (Christine Tartamella's godson); Linda Shue (Sharon Shingara's mother); Nancy Coles (John & Chris' mother); Ginny Ranck & Mike Frizzi (Keener friends); Timothy Cooney (Anna Doray's nephew); Fr. John & M. Stephanie Onofrey; Ben Morgan (Sally Marasco's son); Marie Cini (Bob's mother); Christine Kihm, Charles Klein, Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's family); Willard Brown. **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Joseph & Rachel Frangipani - **ANTHONY CATECHUMENS:** Jesse Hake; Matthew & Rachel Brubaker - Anastasia; Michael Loar; Bette Keener; Christine Lamb

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** Louis Zang (cousin of M. Theodora) -Dec 9; M. Irene Borick - Nov 19; Ruth Philips (friend of John R Barns); Helen Katerman (Andrew's mother) - Nov 15; Catherine Siemons - Nov 9;

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** James Reedy, Dec 14 -42<sup>nd</sup>; Leavitt Keener, Sr. Leavitt's father, Dec 14 -3<sup>rd</sup>; John O. Vartan, Dec 15 -10<sup>th</sup>; Pani Suan Mesaros, wife of Fr. Frank, Dec 16 -12<sup>th</sup>; Michael Kundrat, brother of John, Dec 17 -12<sup>th</sup>; Michael Sandovich, grandson of Martyr Fr. Maksym, cousin of Fr. Dan, Dec 17 -11<sup>th</sup>; Herbert C. Caldwell III, son of Olga, Dec 17 -10<sup>th</sup>; Archbishop JOB (Diocese of Chicago and Midwest), Dec 18 -5<sup>th</sup>; Marilee Pellegrini, Candi Resselar's Aunt, Dec 19- 2<sup>nd</sup>; Kathryn Sultzbaugh, sister of +Russell Sass, Dec 19 -26<sup>th</sup>;

**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 in Health & Wellbeing of Alexander Resselar, from the Resselar family*

**MANY YEARS:** Please submit to [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) by the preceding Wednesday.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Alexander Resselar - Dec 14; Joe Baggio -Dec 15; Jonathan Dunnavent - Dec 16; Angela DiFlorio - Dec 18

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Nativity Program:** Will be held TODAY following *Divine Liturgy*. Come & see what a delightful program the children of the parish will be performing us today! A special Thanks to the teachers & parents who help with this program.

**Cookie Sale:** The Sr. "O" Club is having their annual Christmas cookie sale TODAY. The price is \$7 per box. Enjoy the church school play and pick up some cookies for the holidays.

**Holy Transfiguration Monastery – "Adopt-a-Nun"/Teen Group:** Our Altar Guild and Teen group are coordinating an effort to collect items to be sent as anonymous gifts to the nuns at Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City. There is a decorated collection box in the vestibule. Robbin Staller (teen group advisor) will take the box **after Divine Liturgy on Sunday Dec. 21st** and will send the items collected

- Soft, warm shawls and throws, knee-hi sox – warmer for winter and light weight for summer, knit hats, gloves, slippers (**NOTE: ALL clothing must be black – w/o designs or sparkles** ☺). Bath products & lotions, lightly scented or unscented for those with allergies. Sweet treats such as chocolate or other goodies. Gift cards to Amazon.com (they share a Prime account), Giant Eagle grocery store, CVS & Dollar General. **NOTE:** Alice can order gift cards, except Dollar General - please let her know this Sunday!

**Angel Tree Program:** Please bring the gift in by **Sunday, December 21** with the angel attached.

**Christmas & Decorated Candles:** You can donate a poinsettia to adorn our church during the *Nativity & Theophany* season or donate decorated candles for the *Great Feast of Nativity* in memory of a loved one or for the health and salvation of your family & friends. Please see the sign up lists on the candle desk in the vestibule.



- *Poinsettias* are \$8 ea. and you may take it home after the festive season.
- *Regular Decorated Candles* are \$10 ea.

**UPDATED Gift Cards:** Last Sunday to order gift cards in time for Christmas. Remember, this helps our Parish financially and is a service provided to our parishioners. Order forms are on the Candle Desk in the vestibule. Pick what you need and include a check. Give the forms to Alice Mallick or to John Dotsey.

**Parish Family Nativity Open House:** will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 28th**. Social hour begins at 5pm with a complimentary dinner at 6pm. Please sign the list in the vestibule if you plan to attend. If you wish to bring a dessert please make a notation by your name on the sheet. *A special thanks to the Men's Club for sponsoring this holiday treat for our parish family and their friends!*

**UPDATE Pictorial Directory:** Please mark the following corrections to the directory:

- **Nicholas Somple** address is: 1938 Gramercy Place, Hummelstown, PA 17036.
- **Jane Volscko** address is: 3232 Elmwood Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110

**Seminary Scholarship:** Our parish council has approved a half-scholarship (**\$3,500.00**) for the **Frangipani family** (*Joseph, Rachel, and their child Anthony*) for this academic year at St. Tikhon's. Please consider a donation. Make checks payable to: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church and write "**Seminary Scholarship**" on the memo line. Please also keep the family and all our seminarians in your prayers.

**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

Dec 21*:	<b>Sharon Shingara</b>	<b>Vicky Henry</b>	<b>Dana Watt</b>
Dec 28:	Raissa Merdiuszew	Olga Womer	Natalie Treece
Jan 4:	Libby Hancher	Ekaterina Hancher	Dave Martin

**LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 26 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 152**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

**Save the Date:** The **78<sup>th</sup> Novogodny Ball** will be held on **Sun. Jan 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia - Cherry Hill, NJ. The semi-formal benefits the Married Student Housing at St. Tikhon's and other deserving charities. For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand or contact Paul Fedoronko at (610) 328-6911 or [novogodnyball@verizon.net](mailto:novogodnyball@verizon.net).

**Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles:** Will host a **Happy 2015 Welcome Party** on **Saturday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** with *Vespers at 6pm* and the party is 7pm to midnight. The event will be at *St. Luke's Orthodox Church* in McLean, VA. A DJ will be available and dance lessons plus much more! For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand or contact V. Rev. Gregory Safchuk at 301-320-0739 or [gsafchuk@hotmail.com](mailto:gsafchuk@hotmail.com). RSVPs are DUE **Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** to Diana Haverlack at [dianahav@earthlink.net](mailto:dianahav@earthlink.net).

**Panera Bread Pick-Up Volunteers:** We are looking for families willing to assist with this "Daily Bread" ministry by picking up on Saturday evenings between 10:15-10:30 at the **Hummelstown Panera** (1178 Mae St., Hershey Square). Please contact **Sophia Kellachow at** ([jmkellachow@gmail.com](mailto:jmkellachow@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining a rotation or have any questions.

**Calling all volunteers!** Volunteers are needed to assist at the **Agia Sophia Coffee Shop**. Here is the perfect opportunity to serve your community and witness your faith through this Pan-Orthodox outreach ministry.  
Position needed: **(1)** Dish washers **(2)** Cashiers & taking orders **(3)** Cooks **(4)** Clean up. **In house training will be provided!** Please feel free to contact Joanne Wevodau at **717-580-4833** or e-mail [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net)