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Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. *Mark 5:19*

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 3. Veneration of the Cross. Ven. Nicetas the Confessor, Abbot of Medikion. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre, and Martyr Irene. St. Illyricus of Mt. Myrsinon in the Peloponnesus. Martyrs Elpidephorus, Dius, Bithonius and Galycus. Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos "THE UNFADING BLOOM".

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- April 3, Sun:** **VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS.** *Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am;* Church School & OCF Luncheon *-following;* Orthodoxy 101 *-12:30pm;* **Mission Vespers -4pm** @ Christ the Saviour (We are Hosting!)
Readers: 3rd Hour: **Lydia Mantle** · 6th Hour: **Rdr. Matthew Lubecki**
Epistle: **Nicholas Zuro** · Post-Communion: **Vladimer Kellachow**
- April 4, Mon:** **Compline -6:30pm;** Adult Ed. Ministry *-following;* Note: No Confessions
- April 5, Tue:** OCF Mtg. @ PSU Hbg. *-6pm;* "O" Club Meeting *-7pm*
- April 6, Wed:** Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) *-noon;* **Joint Pre-Sanctified Liturgy -6:30pm;** Pot-luck *-following (parish hall); We welcome the faithful of Holy Apostles Mission!*
- April 7, Thu:** **REPOSE OF ST. TIKHON.** **Compline -6:30pm;** Choir Rehearsal *-following;* OCCGH (Agia Sophia) Board Mtg. *-following;* Note: No Confessions
- April 8, Fri:** **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy -6:30pm;** Pot-luck *-following*
- April 9, Sat:** **Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas (Oberlin) -10am; Vespers & Confession -5pm**
- April 10, Sun:** **ST. JOHN CLIMACUS.** *Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am;* Church School & Fellowship *-following;* Orthodoxy 101 *-12:30pm;* **Mission Vespers -4pm** @ St. Michael's, Mount Carmel, PA
Readers: 3rd Hour: **Larry Smith** · 6th Hour: **Chris Dupkanick**
Epistle: **Manny Lopez** · Post-Communion: **Rdr. Matthew Lubecki**

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: FAMILY & FRIENDS: Olga Angelo (sister of Libby); William Harter, Avi Das & Ron Hassinger (family & friend of Kathy Pankiw); Sally Sauserman (aunt of Jean Dotsey); Milt Lambertson; Fred & Joan Rice, Rick & Tanya Rice (friends of Samantha Lopez); Jonathan Hicks; Jim Walters & David Roberts (friends of John R. Barns); Katie McGarrity (friend of the Lenker's & Zart's); Paul Semanco (cousin of M. Mallick); Harry & Rita Demopoulos (family of Sam Lopez); Elaine Callihan (friend of Bob Drozd); Karen Osuch (John's sister-in-law); Taras Bodnarczuk (friend of V. Bucharew); Irene (Tom Drobot's mother-in-law); Kathy Fedetz (Craig's wife); Ed Cales (friend of the Lopez's); Raymond & Evelyn Anderson, Paul Anderson, Amanda Somerville, Kerry Snell & Family (Debbie Hisiro's family & friends); Gladys Barns (John's mother); child Tori Brackbill & parents; Jim Tessier (family of Gloria Maliniak); Luke Spaseff; Emily Campbell & Natalie Coles (Jerry's cousins); Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's family); Keturah Faust (J. Barns & L. Shuga's friend); John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas brother); Joseph & Steven Demchak, (Suzanne's brothers);

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: Victims of Terror, War, and Strife throughout the world. Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; PARISHIONERS: John Shingara; June Taleff; Terry Drobot; Suzanne Demchak; George (Leavitt) Keener; Joseph (Moe) Mazurek; Kathryn Kellachow; Andy Fedetz; Gloria Maliniak; Sue Wolfe; Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas. **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Nicholas Demopoulos (Sam's cousin); Nicholas Essis; Katharine Macut; Adam Mallick; Ann Pusey; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** M. Anastasia Hojnicky; Kyra Lentz; Elaine Wyborski; Elizabeth (Alison) Latimer; Danielle Zuro and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Yerusalem Arefe, Thomas Asfaha, Masha Cameron, Jessica Drobot, Matthew Hadginske, Shreya Jacob, Bahliby Kidane, Cathi Kemp; Madeleine Kushlan; Christina Martin, Evan McGreevy, Timothy Monko; Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica Shingara, Stephanie Stine **MILITARY:** Evangelos; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Thomas; Michael; PJ & Peter **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Fr. John Nightingale; Pauline Fecho (sister of Ron Hancher, Sr.); Michael Bell (Michele Gopinath's father); Michael Demchak; Jan Smith (Larry's wife); Walter & Gloria Onufrak; Nese Family (friends of the Zeppuhars); Willard Brown; Cindy Stewart (friend of Debbie Hisiro); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); 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); Marie Cini; Christine Kihm, Charles Kline, Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's cousin); **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Joseph & Rachel Frangipani - **Anthony CATECHUMENS:** Matthew & Rachel Brubaker - Anastasia; Bette Keener; James & Heidi Kushlan; Timothy Monko; Ronald Miller; Katherine Sager; Stephanie Stine

NEWLY DEPARTED [40TH DAY]: Gebrekristos (Gabe) Gebre - Mar 23 [5/1]; John Greenwood (friends of the Kushlan's) - Mar 16 [4/25]; Ann Hribovski - Mar 16 [4/25]; Audrey Harrington (cousin of Fr. Dan) - Mar 11 [4/20]; Joseph Bell (Michele Gopinath's uncle) - Mar 8 [4/17]; Dn. Robert "Bob" Kuchta (Eleanor Herman & Bill Kuchta's uncle) - Mar 5 [4/14]; Thelma Wright - Mar 5 [4/14]; Helen Umphred (Larissa Shuga & Anita Spaits grandmother) - Mar 2 [4/11]; Dorothy Vernak - Feb 28 [4/7]; Janet Fogle (Fred Leer's aunt) - Feb 28 [4/7]; Julia Sincebaugh (aunt of Barbara Norato) - Feb 24 [4/3]; Marian Borch - Feb 24 [4/3];

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Peter Krempasky, +George's father, Apr 3 - 55th; Thomas White, Gerald's brother Apr 3 - 8th; Samuel Sumple, father of Basil, Apr 5 - 32nd; Avis Wagner, grandmother of Kathy Drobot, Apr 6 - 15th; Alexander Prisley, brother of Mat. Theodora, Apr 7 - 11th; Eva Paraschak, sister of Dotty Fedetz, Apr 8 - 3rd; Betty Rudd, Aunt of Barbara Norato, Apr 8 - 10th; Alice Cameron, Sean's grandmother, Apr 8 - 7th; Protodeacon Basil Hubiak, brother of +M. Olga Kovach, Apr 9 - 14th;

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 & Salvation of Adam Mallick, from Mike & Alice

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Temesgen & Hirut Tegegn - Apr 3; Jim & Linda Krut - Apr 7; Dan & Kristen Seitz - Apr 8

BIRTHDAYS: Hannah Zerath - Apr 7

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OCF Spaghetti Luncheon: TODAY the **Penn State Harrisburg OCF** will be offering a spaghetti luncheon following Liturgy. There will be a **free-will offering** – please be generous!

Lenten Retreat: St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Oberlin, PA is hosting a FREE retreat on **Saturday, April 9th** from 10am to *Vespers* @ 5pm. Lunch will be provided and RSVPs are due **Wed, April 6th** at Fr.Chris@StNicholassteelton.org or 717-939-0251. See the flyers in the church and hall

Church School Lenten Retreat: Will be held on **Sat. April 9th** from Noon to 2pm. Lunch will be provided for the middle & high school students and they will meet in the hall. Please RSVP by **Wed, April 6th** to either **Robbin Staller** or **Andrea Zart**.

Parish Ministry Faire: Will be held on **Sunday, April 10th**, during fellowship. This event will provide a great opportunity to showcase the good work of each parish ministry and solicit new volunteers. Ministry leaders - Please contact **Sharon Shingara** @ sharonshingara@gmail.com or **Samantha Lopez** @ slopez317@yahoo.com by April 6th to reserve a display table at the faire.

Pascha Bread for Sale: There are additional loaves of Pascha Bread available for sale, plain or with raisins. If you are interested in purchasing Pascha bread, please see Josh DiFlorio or John Dotsey.

Special Request: If you have **pussy-willows**, please cut them, and bring to the lower hall porch for our celebration of Palm Sunday (April 24th).

Notes from Parish Council: **(1)** Tithes to charities for this month were sent to Ancient Faith Radio, New Hope mentoring, Marta Tsikitas (mission trip), and the FOCA National Convention. **(2)** Our maintenance committee is working diligently on preparing the grounds for Pascha. They also made sure we received a super discounted price on a new snow blower. **Don't forget** to mark your calendars for **Sat. April 16**, Maintenance Day at CTS. **(3)** Two youths approached the council with a proposal for a safer place to play basketball. Combining their ideas along with township codes, the council is planning on an improved location for basketball. **(4)** Since our parish funds have been transferred to **Members 1st Credit Union**, any parishioner is now eligible to open an account with them. **(5)** Council approved a gift of an *Icon of the Communion of the Apostles* to Holy Apostles Mission for use on the Altar wall of their new Church building.

UPDATE--Mary Poppins: SOLD OUT. Please give payment to Joan or Bill Dupkanick by April 24. Ticket costs: \$49 for adults; \$26 ages 13-18; and \$22 ages 3-12. Checks made payable to Harrisburg "O" Club.

FOCA Scholarship: The 2016 FOCA Educational Financial Aid Program forms are NOW available on their website (www.OrthodoxFellowship.org). The application must be postmarked by **April 30, 2016**.

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

April 3: **Mark Rodak/ Evelyn Firestine**

April 10: Carl Hisiro/ Nicole Zart

April 17: Jerry White/ Tsedey Afrassa

Paul Hadginske/ Grace Firestine

Mike Zuro/ Johnna McGreevy

Dave Pawlush/ Shawn Jacob

Fellowship Hour & Annual Lenten Soup Sales: **The Men's Club** will host Fellowship hour during lent & also will be providing soup and bread at fellowship starting March 20th. There is a "free will" offering & proceeds will be donated to **The Smile Train** (a nonprofit organization which helps provide cleft lip and cleft palate surgery to children in need). <http://www.smiletrain.org/>

LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 44 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 184

EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp: Registration is now open for "campers"; Camp will be held **July 3rd - 9th**. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.sttikhonscamp.org - deadline is **May 28th**.

St. Tikhon's Seminary Century Association - Hospitality A La Russe VII: Will be held on **Sunday, May 15th** at St. John's Orthodox Cathedral in Mayfield, PA. Tickets \$40.00, children under 12 is \$10.00. RSVP by **Sunday, May 8th**. For more information please see the flyer in the church hall.

Russian American - Alaskan Native Spiritual Legacy: Villanova University is presenting an Alaskan Art Exhibit celebrating the various Native American peoples of Alaska. The exhibit starts **Jan 22nd** and runs thru **May 16th**. Please see the flyer in the hall or visit www.ArtGallery.Villanova.edu.

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

- **Fourth Annual Lenten Book Drive:** Collection bin is in the vestibule. We especially are looking for Bibles and books on Orthodox Theology and Spirituality.
- **Volunteers needed** to cook (flexible hours) on Wednesday and Friday. Also needed are counter volunteers Wednesday mornings 8am to 1 pm. In house Training! Contact Joanne Wevodau at 717-580-4833 or jwevodau@verizon.net