We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2016


Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Dec 4, Sun: NEW HIEROMARTYR ALEXANDER. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School & Fellowship –following. Orthodoxy 101- 12:35pm; Ron Hancher, Sr: Viewing 5-8pm. Panakhida – 7pm. Readers: 3rd Hour: John Shingara ● 6th Hour: Rdr. Matthew Lubecki Epistle: Nicholas Zuro ● Post-Communion: Janice Zuro


Dec 6, Tue: ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER. Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Pot luck – following; Adult Ed Series “God is with Us” -7pm
Dec 7, Wed: Nut Roll Baking -8am; Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; Vespers & Confession -6:30pm; Choir Rehearsal & Nut Roll clean up –following
Dec 8, Thu: Nut Roll Baking -8am; Nut Roll Clean up -6pm
Dec 9, Fri: CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS. Young Adult Dinner - 6pm @ Latimer’s
Dec 10, Sat: Nativity Decorations -10am; Nativity Program Rehearsal – see schedule inside; Vespers & Confession -5pm
Dec 11, Sun: HOLY FOREFATHERS. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School Nativity Program & Fellowship –following
Readers: 3rd Hour: Lydia Mantle ● 6th Hour: Eleanor Herman Epistle: Vladimir Kellachow ● Post-Communion: Sophia Katerman

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Please join us for fellowship in the parish hall after the service. Interested in becoming a part of our community? Please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen Vernak.

Important Note Regarding Communion: 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 at least 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: Irene Popp (Janice Zuro & Garnice Leer’s mother); Mary Frances McAndrews (Chet Lubeck’s co-worker); Fern Staller (Scott’s mother); Burl Hansbury (friend of the Cainds); Patrick French (friend of Greg Ressetar); Ap. John Reeves; M. Mary Perez; James Schware (Jamie’s father); Kim Long (friend of Larry Smith); Larry Mosser (Eric’s father); Paul Miller; Lydia Kcleor, Marilyn Schawk, (family & friends of the Kushians); Martha Rapsa (cousin of M. Theodora); Robert Rosso (nephew of Bill Kuchta); Marcia Brickner, Olga Zuzulock, & Ron Hassinger (family & friend of Kathy Pankiw); John Line, Sally Sauserman (family of Jean Dotsey); Annette Moyer, Gladys Barns, Jim Walters & David Roberts (family & friends of John R. Barns); Karen Osuch (John’s sister-in-law); Rita Demopoulos, Ed Cales (family of the Lopez’s); Raymond & Evelyn Anderson, Kerry Snell & Families (Debbie Hisiro’s family & Robert’s family); Luke Spaseff; Diane Chambers (Anna Doray’s family); John Fatic (Janet Kuzupas brother); Joseph & Steven Demchak (Suzanne’s brothers);

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: Victims of Terror, War, & Strife both here and throughout the world; Metropolitan Paul & Archishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** John & Mary Ellen Osuch; George (Leavitt) Keener; Kathryn Kellachow; Andy Fedetz (Jamie’s father); Lydia Klecor, (Jamie’s sister-in-law); Vladimir Kantor, son of Douglas & Barbara, Dec 6 – 8th; Mary Kantor, (friend of Larry Smith); Mary Kantor, brother of Bill, Dec 7 -97th; Daniel Cain, son of Douglas & Barbara, Dec 6 – 8th; Natalia Koselok, Dec 6 -14th; Nellie Stine, John R. Barns aunt, Dec 7 -6th; Wassil Kuchta, grandfather of Bill, Dec 7 -97th; Mary Kantor, sister of Bill, Dec 8 – 9th; Vladimir Kantor, brother of Bill, Dec 8 – 1st; Louis Zang, cousin of M. Theodora, Dec 9- 2nd; Archpriest Michael Mihalik, Dec 10- 4th; Susan Elmer, Larry Smith’s brother-in-laws wife, Dec 10- 7th; Walter Strank, cousin of +George Krempasky Dec 10 -6th; Dr. John R. Essock, Mary’s son, Dec 10 – 12th;

CANDLE OFFERINGS: To purchase please speak with one of the vestrymen. **Note:** notify the office by Wednesday.

◦ Seven Day Votive in Memory of V. Rev. Peter & M. Josephine Felenchak, from the DiFlorio Family

**Parishioners of Antichrist: December 4th;** Michael & Loretta Ivanoff – Dec 10

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sean Firestine – Dec 5; Betty Danko – Dec 6;

**Birthdays:**

- Dec 4 - 12th: Archpriest Michael Mihalik
- Nov 4 - 12th: Ap. Mark’s mother

**Other Parishes:**

- Dec 5 - 12th: John R. Barns
- Dec 5 - 14th: Sara Shue
- Dec 6 - 8th: Brian & Danile Kuchta
- Dec 6 - 13th: John R. Barns
- Dec 6 - 14th: Alvyda & Stanley Kuchta
- Dec 7 - 97th: Mary Kantor
- Dec 9 - 2nd: William Schaeffer
- Dec 10 - 4th: Susan Elmer
- Dec 10 - 6th: Walter Strank
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**MANY YEARS:** Please submit to mailto: office@ctshbg.org by the preceding Wednesday.

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**Nativity Decorating**: Will be held on Saturday, Dec 10th @ 10am. We are looking for volunteers to help adorn the Church for the upcoming Nativity & Theophany season. Please see Kathy Pankiw or Lorrie Pawlush if you have any questions.

**Nativity Program Rehearsal Schedule**: The rehearsal will be held on Sat, Dec 10th. The following is times for each grade; Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten 9:30am-10am, Kindergarten and 1st Grade 9:30am-10:15am, 2nd - 4th Grade 10am-10:30am, and 5th -12th Grade 10:30am- 11am.

**Adult Learning Program for the Nativity Fast**: Will be held on the next two Tuesday’s at 7pm on Dec 6 & Dec 13. Presented by our Three Hierarchs Adult Education Ministry.

**Nut Roll Baking Schedule**: Looking for extra volunteers, especially on Wednesday & Thursday evenings. The baking schedule is: Mon, Dec. 5th - separate eggs @ TBD. Wed, Dec. 7th – baking @ 8:00 am; bagging rolls, following Vespers. Thur., Dec. 8th – baking @ 8:00 am; bagging & clean-up @ 6:00 pm. Thank you in advance for your help in this project!

**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.

**Donation Opportunity**: for a new coffee brewing system to replace the urns we currently use. If you want to know more, please contact Fr. Stephen (pastor@ctshbg.org). Donations can be made payable to our parish, with “Coffee Brewer” on the memo line. Thank you!

**Sales Desk**: The 2017 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints daily devotional have arrived at the sales desk. Please see Christine Tartemella to purchase your copy.

**HERSHEY BEARS HOCKEY TICKETS**: Tickets are available (first come/paid) for the game on January 18th which offers a free HERSHEY PARK pass given to every person attending! Email John Dotsey (JohnandJeanDotsey@verizon.net) or Alice Mallick (MrsMallick@verizon.net) to reserve your tickets. Cost is $20.00 - Tickets must be paid when reserving them, thank you.

**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

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**St. Mary’s Altar Guild 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 please contact Nadzia Schilling at 652-2759

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**LAST SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY: 152**
EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Open House/Choral Program: The Holy Apostles Church is hosting an Open House & Choral Program on Sun, Dec 11th @ 3pm. Come enjoy the Nativity Hymns and see their new church. Refreshments will follow the program. For more information please see the poster on the church doors.

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
• UPDATED - Volunteers needed: Librarian (sort and categorize books) & Social Media volunteer. Both positions have flexible hour to suit your schedule. Also needed is a volunteer cook on Friday morning - flexible hours. Please contact Joanne Wevodau at 717-580-4833 or jwevodau@verizon.net