

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!** (Joshua 24:15)

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2017

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Eve of the Nativity of Christ . Sunday before the Nativity. Nun-martyr Eugenia of Rome, and with her Martyrs Philip, her father, Protus, Hyacinth, Basilla, and Claudia. Ven. Nicholas the Monk, of Bulgaria.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Dec 24, Sun: EVE OF NATIVITY. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School & Fellowship – following; Nativity Vigil (Great Compline & Matins) -7:30pm

Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: Rdr. Leo Leer 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: Eleanor Herman

Epistle: Vladimir Kellachow • Post-Communion: Sbdn. John Shingara

Dec 25, Mon: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Hours - 9:40am; Divine Liturgy - 10am

**CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: Heidi Kushlan 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: Rdr. James Kushlan

Epistle: Sbdn. John Shingara • Post-Communion: Jennifer Lewis

Dec 26, Tue: SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS. Fast Free Week. Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Pot luck –following

Dec 27, Wed: PROTOMARTYR STEPHEN. No Bible Study; Diocesan Divine Liturgy -10am @St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia; Update: No Vespers or Choir Rehearsal

Dec 28, Thu: 20,000 MARTYRS OF NICOMEDIA

Dec 29, Fri: Annual Parish Nativity Open House; Social - 5pm; Dinner - 6:30pm

Dec 30, Sat: Vespers -5pm; Confession – following

Dec 31, Sun: VEN. MELANIA OF ROM, NEW YEARS EVE. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am

w/Vasilopita Prayers; Church School & Fellowship –following

Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: Manny Lopez 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: Eleanor Herman

Epistle: Rdr. Matthew Lubecki • Post-Communion: Janice Zuro

**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, our pastor.

- **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.*

**NEWLY DEPARTED [40<sup>TH</sup> DAY]:** Pete Gschweng (friend of the White's) – Dec 21 [1/29]; John Burbules – Dec 14; [1/22]; Ann Dahulich – Dec 6 [1/14]; Eli Setlock - Dec 5 [1/13]; Anna Shoop (Pat Drebot's sister) - Dec 6 [1/14]; Joanne Prisley (M. Theodora's sister-in-law) –Dec 3 [1/11];

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Olga Evans, Dec 25 -24<sup>th</sup>; Betty Rodak, aunt of Barbara Norato, Dec 25 -3<sup>rd</sup>; John Solovey, Dec 26 -49<sup>th</sup>; Jean Anderson, aunt of Debbie Hisiro, Dec 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Dr. Michael Ressetar, Dec 26 – 18<sup>th</sup>; John Carter, M. Anna's grandfather, Dec 26 – 12<sup>th</sup>; MaryAnn English, Dec 26 – 10<sup>th</sup>; Margaret Spaseff, Dec 26 – 10<sup>th</sup>; Vida Kodi, Bishop Mitrophan's mother, Dec 26 -12<sup>th</sup>; Hiymanot Dessalegn, sister of Tigist, Dec 26 – 1<sup>st</sup>; Olga Hudebenko Peck, cousin of Mat. Theodora, Dec 27 -7<sup>th</sup>; Herbert H. Bent, Sue Mioff's father, Dec 27-33<sup>rd</sup>; Tsgay Andemichael, brother of Sebhatu Andemichael, Dec 27 – 13<sup>th</sup>; Stanley Wilga, uncle of Bob Drozd, Dec 27 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Sophie Mehalko, Dec 29 -15<sup>th</sup>; Dean Lebo, Dec 29 -12<sup>th</sup>; Steven Bortniak, Dec 30 -25<sup>th</sup>; Julia Lubecki, mother of Chet, Dec 30 -23<sup>rd</sup>; Walt O'Shinski, Dotty Fedet's brother-in-law, Dec 30 -7<sup>th</sup>;

**AILING: PARISHIONERS:** Janet Kuzupas; Joseph (Moe) Mazurek; Maria Vasilca; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Robert (family of Deb McGinnes); Rena (friend of Cathi Kemp); Gail (friend of the Coles); Drew (Yorusalem's friend); Ellen (former parishioner); Carrie (Amanda Schillings sister); Abraham (AJ) (George Botros's nephew); Lonnie & Fred (John Osuch's family); Marianne; **infant Theodore** (Alice Mallick's great grandson); M. Myra (Natalia Seewald's mother); Daniel (Fred Leer's cousin); Robert & Barbara (friends of Larry Smith); Jennifer, Joan, Paul, Lydia, Marilyn (family & friends of the Kushlans); Martha (family of M. Theodora); Victor, Marie, Robert, & Roger (family & friend of the Kuchtas); Marcia, Olga & Ron (family & friend of Kathy Pankiw); Fred & John (family of Jean Dotsey); Geoffrey & Seraphima (friends of John R. Barns); Rita & Ed (Lopez family); Evelyn, Kerry & Family (Deb Hisiro's mother & friends); John (Janet Kuzupas brother); Mike, Joseph & Steven (Suzanne's brothers);

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** All victims of Terror, War, & Civil Strife both here and throughout the world; Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** Manny (Lazarus) Lopez; Andrea Ivanoff Worley; Andrew Katerman; James Krut; Natalie Treece; Anna Doray; John & Mary Ellen Osuch; Kathryn Kellachow; Andy Fedetz; Sue Wolfe; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas. **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Olga Angelo; Nicholas Demopoulos; Nicholas Essis; Pauline Fecho; William Kantor; Janet Kuzupas; Gloria Maliniak; Millicent Russell; Jane Volscko **EXPECTANT MOTHER(S):** Jessica (Henry) Lane; Elizabeth (Alison) Latimer; Popadija Andreja Rocknage; Natalie (Schilling) Murphy and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Yerusalem Arefe, Masha Cameron, Amelia Demopoulos; Grace Firestine; George Hatalowich, Paige, Skye, & Wade Hisiro, Shreya & Shawn Jacob; Sophia Kellachow; Bahliby & Sammy Kidane; Madeleine Kushlan; Drake Lamb; Isaac Lampart; Christina & Joseph Martin, Evan & Johnna McGreevy, Timothy Monko; Andrew Norato; Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica & Sharon Shingara; Nicole & Shane Staller, Stephanie Stine, Melissa Zuro; Rdr. John Shingara. **MILITARY:** Casey; Dimitrios; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; Russell, Sean, Ian, Zachary, Josiah; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Michael (nephew of M. Theodora); Ayoub family (former church members); David, Jon, Fara, & Kathy (friends of the Lopez's); Richard, Edward & Catherine (friends of Cathy Kemp); George (Leavitt); Michelle (Libby's niece); Christina & Margie (friends of Bethann); Christine (Michelle Gopinath's aunt); Natalie (Eleanor Hermans family); Paul (family of Gloria Maliniak); Christine (sister of Patti Taleff); Nathan; Marney; David, William, & Nancy (family & friends of John R. Barns); Nancy (John & Chris Cole's mother); Ben & Amanda (Sally Marasco's children); Chuck & Cecilia (Larry Smith's friend & cousin); **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Moses & Christy Locke – Elias, Seraphim, & Symeon; Rdr. James, Elizabeth (Alison) Latimer - Madeleine

**CATECHUMEN:** Una McManus; Anthony (Tony) Gault; Thomas, Jennifer, Madison & Hannah Shingara

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

❖ 7 Day Votive is offered in Memory of Vladimir Kellachow Jr. from Sophia

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Doug & Barbara Cain – Dec 24;

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jacob Fedetz – Dec 25; Grace Firestine – Dec 27; Meera Gopinath - Dec 27; Samuel Girmasion –Dec 28; Larry Lewis –Dec 30; Bana Habtay –Dec 30; Samantha Lopez –Dec 30



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**FOCA Scholarships:** Congratulations to **Wade Hisiro** and **Shreya Jacob**, who were both awarded FOCA Central PA District Scholarships. May God grant them wisdom and grace in their studies.

**Annual Open House:** Please join us at the **Annual Parish Nativity Open House** on **Friday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**. All are Welcome and the dinner is FREE (a gift from our Men's Club)! The social starts at 5:30pm and the dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

**Annual Soup & Chili Cook Off:** Will be held following the River Blessing on **Sun, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>** @ Agia Sophia. We would like to encourage entries for a lively competition as this is a nice fund raiser for the shop. Persons interested in participating can contact [agiasophiaharrisburg@gmail.com](mailto:agiasophiaharrisburg@gmail.com)

**Save the Date:** St. Jerome Book Club will meet on **Sun, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm** to discuss their new book "**Facing East**" by Frederica Matthewes-Green in the Parish hall & *All are Welcome!* Copies of the book are **now available** at the bookstore in the parish hall. Questions? Contact **Joe McClure** at [jmcclure59@yahoo.com](mailto:jmcclure59@yahoo.com).

**Seven Day Votive:** The 2018 Seven Day Votive candle request form is available in the vestibule. Candles are reserved on a first-come, first serve basis and they are \$10.00 each

**Hershey Bears Hockey Game:** Wednesday evening, **January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. The purchase of your ticket includes a **FREE PASS to Hershey Park**. The cost for a ticket is \$25. Please see **John Dotsey** if you are interested in attending.

**SAVE the DATE:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pan-Orthodox Great Blessing of the Susquehanna River will be held **Sun, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2pm** (Meeting at the Arcade). A reception will follow at Agia Sophia.

**Notes from the Parish Council:** For the safety of all, children should be accompanied by a parent when they are in the Church Narthex. ♦ 2017 is coming to an end and new council members will be elected soon. If you are interested in serving on council, the term is a one year commitment, please contact Joanne Wevodau at [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net). ♦ Please have your 2017 tithes to the office by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, anything received after will be added for 2018 unless otherwise noted.

**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](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net)

<b>Dec 24:</b>	<b>Nicole Zart</b>	<b>Benjamin Zart</b>
<b>Dec 31:</b>	<b>Brandon Hancher</b>	<b>Cassandra Zart</b>
<b>Jan 7:</b>	<b>Semhar Zerezgi</b>	<b>Ariam Zerezgi</b>

**St. Mary's Altar Guild Fellowship:** 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 717-652-2759

<b>Dec 24*:</b>		<b>St. Mary's Altar Guild</b>	
<b>Dec 31:</b>	<b>Heidi Kushlan</b>	<b>Denny Bupp</b>	<b>Lydia Mantle</b>
<b>Jan 7:</b>	<b>Joan Dupkanick</b>	<b>Chris Dupkanick</b>	<b>Greg Ressetar</b>

**LAST SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY: 197**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

**St. Tikhon's Cemetery Plots:** Cemetery plots are currently for sale for Orthodox Christians, their spouses, & families. Each plot is currently \$1,350 (2 plots: \$2,700; 3 plots \$4,050; etc). The opening & closing cost is \$1,150 and is subject to change. For more information please see the flyers located in the church hall

**81st Novogodny Ball:** Will take place on Sunday 1/14/18 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email [novogodnyball@gmail.com](mailto:novogodnyball@gmail.com) or call Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.

**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](mailto:jmkellachow@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining a rotation or have any questions.

**Agia Sophia Coffee Shop and Bookstore needs YOU!** Represent your faith while sharing your time and talents by volunteering at the shop. It is a fulfilling summer opportunity for College and High School students as well as teachers.

- Mondays 8am to 11am to serve coffee and take orders. (or whatever day you are available)
- Fridays (flexible hours) to cook soups, etc.
- Year round help is always needed. Any time, any day.

If you can donate time/talents to this ministry, please contact Joanne Wevodau at [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net) or 717-580-4833