

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dn. Peter (Scott) Staller, Attached

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2017

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Leavetaking of the Nativity. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Ven. Melania the Younger of Rome. Ven. Chiriacos (Kyriakis) of Bisericani. Ven. Chiriacos (Kyriakis) of Tazlau.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Dec 31, Sun: VEN. MELANIA OF ROME, NEW YEARS EVE. *Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am w/Vasilopita Prayers; Church School & Fellowship -following*
Readers: 3rd Hour: Manny Lopez 6th Hour: Eleanor Herman
Epistle: Rdr. Matthew Lubecki • Post-Communion: Janice Zuro
- Jan 1, Mon: CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST, ST. BASIL'S DAY, & NEW YEARS DAY. *Divine Liturgy - 9:30am @ Holy Apostles; Potluck Luncheon in honor of Fr. Seraphim Reynolds -following*
- Jan 2, Tue: VEN. SERAPHIM OF SAROV.
- Jan 3, Wed: Fast Free Day; Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) —noon; *Vespers -6:30pm*; Choir Rehearsal —*following*
- Jan 4, Thu: SYNAXIS OF THE 70 APOSTLES, VEN. THEOCTISTUS. *Royal Hours -6:30pm*
- Jan 5, Fri: Strict Fast. EVE OF THEOPHANY. *Vespertal Liturgy -9am; Theophany Vigil -6:30pm w/Great Compline & Blessing of Water*
- Jan 6, Sat: THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. *Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Potluck -following; Vespers -5pm; Note: Fr. Stephen will not be available for Confessions*
- Jan 7, Sun: SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. *Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School & Fellowship -following; Orthodoxy 101 -12:30pm*
Readers: 3rd Hour: Lydia Mantle 6th Hour: Rdr. Matthew Lubecki
Epistle: Manny Lopez • Post-Communion: Rdr. James Kushlan

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 [40TH DAY]: Rick Rice (friend of the Lopez's) – Dec 27 [2/5]; 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: John Leer, father of Fred, Jan 1 – 9th; Archpriest Michael Romanchak, Jan 1 – 6th; Helen Evans, grandmother of M. Theodora, Jan 1 – 85th; Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, brother of Andy, Jan 1 – 13th; Elsie Ruth, adopted grandmother of Nora Lubecki, Jan 1 - George Krempasky, Jan 2 -2nd; Helen Bushko, sister of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 2 -20th; Loretta Lennon, niece of Katharine Newhouse, Jan 3 -12th; Howard Holt, step-father of Joanne Wevodau, Jan 3 -3rd; Margaret Rodak Walsh, aunt of Barbara Norato, Jan 4 -1st; Marlene Demchak, Suzanne's sister-in-law, – Jan 4 – 10th; Eleanor Thomas, mother of Eleanor Herman, Jan 4 -14th; Agnes Gula, Pelegia Adams grandmother, Jan 4; Watson Edward Ealy, Jan 5 -19th; Helen Zuzulock, mother of Kathleen Pankiw, Jan 5 -18th; Okube Zere, mother of Yorusalem Tesfazion, Jan 5 – 21st; Vladimer Kellachow Jr., father of Kathryn & Vladimir, Jan 6 – 18th; Samuel Evans, Jan 6 -77th; Andrew Matyuf, brother of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 6 -15th;

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); 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); Tanya, Rita & Ed (Lopez friend & 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

CATECHUMENS: 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 Health of Michael Demchak, brother of Suzanne

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas & Jennifer Shingara – Dec 31; George & Shirley Charlock –Jan 4;

BIRTHDAYS: Kesete Embaye –Jan 1;

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome: His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, who is visiting with us today. *Eis polla eti Dhespota!*

Notes from Parish Council: December donations were made to St. Tikhon's Seminary, St. Vladimir Seminary, Holy Transfiguration Monastery, St. Herman Seminary, Diocese of Eastern PA for Seminarians, Christian Churches United, Orthodox Prison Ministry, Zoe for Life, & Bethesda Mission. • If you have Parish events that you would like to see on the TV during Fellowship, please contact **Jim Kushlan** with the information. • Mark your calendar – *Orthodox Movie Night* – February 2nd. • Fr. Theodore will be joining us in May to continue beautifying our church as part of our Icon project.

Lunch Bunch: The January gathering of the Lunch Bunch will be **Tue., January 23rd @ 11:30 am**. We will dine at The Crave, 4010 Jonestown Rd Harrisburg, PA 17109. Lunch Bunch is open to all! Please RSVP to Joanne @ jwevodau@verizon.net by Sunday, Jan 21st.

SAVE the DATE: The 10th Annual Pan-Orthodox Great Blessing of the Susquehanna River will be held **Sun, Jan 21st @ 2pm** (Meeting at the Arcade). A reception will follow at Agia Sophia. Dress warm & bring a friend!

Annual Soup & Chili Cook Off: Will be held following the River Blessing on **Sun, Jan 21st @ 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

Save the Date: St. Jerome Book Club will meet on **Sun, Jan 14th @ 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.

Hershey Bears Hockey Game: Wednesday evening, **January 10th 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.

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

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

Dec 31:	Brandon Hancher	Cassandra Zart
Jan 7:	Semhar Zerezgi	Ariam Zerezgi
Jan 14:	Eden Araya	Tsedey Afrassa

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

Dec 31:	Heidi Kushlan	Denny Bupp	Lydia Mantle
Jan 7:	Joan Dupkanick	Chris Dupkanick	Greg Ressetar
Jan 14:		"O" Club	

LAST SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY: 167

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, Jan 14th for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email 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) 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 or 717-580-4833