

## CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**OUR "WHY"** - To experience and share Christ's love so that everyone we encounter finds healing, purpose, and eternal life.



And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. *Hebrews 10:24* 

# SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2024

**35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** — TONE 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Ven. Isidore of Pelusium. Rt. Blv. George, Great Prince of Vladimir. Ven. Kirill the Wonderworker, Abbot of Novoezérsk. Ven. Abraham & Coprius, of Pechenga. Martyr Jadorus. Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria. Ven. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion.

SCHEDULE: *Hours – 9:10am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;* Church School & <u>Annual Parish Meeting</u> w/Fellowship;

3rd Hour: Kenneth Snyder ● 6th Hour: Angie D. w/Ava Pankiw Epistle: John Dotsey ● Post-Communion: Marie Reba

# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Interested in learning more?

Contact our pastor, Fr. Stephen Vernak

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#### HYMNS & READINGS

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone II** — When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,/ Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead./ And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,/ all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

**Troparion of the Meeting of the Lord, Tone I** — Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!/ From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/ enlightening those who sat in darkness./ Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,/ thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls,// Who grants us the Resurrection!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone II** — <u>Hell</u> became afraid, O almighty <u>Sav</u>ior,/ seeing the miracle of Thy Resur<u>rec</u>tion from the tomb!/ The <u>dead</u> arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,// and the world, my Savior, praises <u>Thee</u> for<u>ev</u>er.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord, Tone I — By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb/ and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God./ Now Thou hast come and saved us through love./ Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,// O only Lover of Man!

**PROKEIMENON** - **Tone II:** The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (*Resurrection*)

V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

**PROKEIMENON** - **Tone III:** My magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**EPISTLE:** *(Colossians 3:12-16)* Brethren, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**ALLELUIA VERSES:** May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! • Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! • Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 25:14-30) Jesus told this parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. <sup>15</sup> And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. <sup>16</sup>Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup> And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them 20"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' <sup>22</sup>He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> "But his lord answered and said to him, You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. <sup>27</sup> So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. <sup>29</sup> 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**INSTEAD OF "TT IS TRULY MEET":** O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,/ protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee! • In the shadow and letter of the Law,/ let us the faithful discern a figure:/ every male [child] that opens the womb/ is holy to God./ Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning,// the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! • I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!* 

### **UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

Feb 5, Mon: Altar Guild Meeting –7pm

Feb 7, Wed: Bible Study (Zoom) -12pm; *Service of Healing - 6:30pm*; Confession & Choir Rehearsal

Feb 8, Thu: "O" Club Meeting –6pm

*Fr. Stephen at OYM Board Meeting Feb 8th—Feb 10th Houston, TX* **Feb 10, Sat:** Bethesda Mission Outreach –11am; **Vespers – 5pm;** Confession **Feb 11, Sun:** *Hours – 9:10am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;* Church School & Fellowship; Parish Super Bowl Party –5pm

3rd Hour: Lydia Mantle • 6th Hour: Zoe Vernak Epistle: John Constantine • Post-Communion: Mary White

#### PARISH NEWS

<u>Annual Parish Meeting</u>: Will be held **TODAY** during fellowship. Copies of the reports are in the vestibule with addendums.

2024 Wall Calendar Update: Arrived!!! One per family please!

<u>2023 Tax Statements:</u> Were mailed out on **Mon, Jan 29.** If you have any questions regarding your statement please email the office or Bethann.

**Parish Super Bowl Party:** Will be held **Sun, Feb 11** with appetizers at 5pm & Dinner at 6pm. The cost is \$15.00 & includes food & drinks. Please see either Bob Drozd, Josh DiFlorio or Dave Martin to sign up.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** CTS will be collecting funds for THON Childhood Cancer Research on Sun, Feb 11th.

**Calendar Update:** The Men's Club Mtg will be held **Mon, Feb 12** at 7pm

<u>2024 Club Dues Reminder</u>: Dues for the Men's Club, "O" Club & your donation to the Altar Guild are due now & should be paid in full by **Sun**, **Feb 11**<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Please contact your club president.

<u>Pierogi Workshop:</u> Sat, Feb 17 starting at 8:30am. All are invited to help with the Pierogi making & on-the-site training is provided; if you can help see Mike Mallick. <u>SAVE the DATE:</u> The Annual Pierogi Luncheon will be held on Meatfare Sunday, March 10.

Lunch Bunch: All are welcome to February Lunch Bunch at 12:30pm, Thu, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at JoJo's on Rt 22. Call or text Kathy Pankiw at

**Donation Opportunity:** The CTS Trivia Night winning team has selected the **Fr. Daniel Ressetar Memorial Bell Project** as its charity. Consider making a generous cash donation to honor our beloved Fr. Dan to the donation box on the trivia cart, located next to the hall kitchen at fellowship.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** The "O" Club invites you to see *Sight & Sound's Joseph* in our parish hall following Vespers on **Sat, Feb 17**. Admission is free & refreshments will be available to purchase before the show or during intermission. The movie will conclude before 9pm.

Women's Retreat "*The Gift of Compassion, from God to Us – Through* <u>Us, to others</u>": Will be held on **Sat, March 2** at Holy Trinity Church in Stroudsburg. Open to all women of our Diocese & beyond. No charge, lunch & snacks provided. RSVP to Sara Rusk - rusksara21@gmail.com by Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Fellowship Hour</u>: All parishioners are encouraged to host a week. Coordinating with other families to decide on a menu. *Plan on approximately* <u>150 people</u>. Look for email reminders for any updates to the schedule. Contact Christine Velott with any questions

- Feb 4: Special Luncheon, Annual Parish Meeting
- Feb 11: Schilling, Murphy, Dimoff, & Kormushoff families
- Feb 18: Firestine, Pankiw, Lopez, & McClure families

#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.

NEWLY DEPARTED [40<sup>TH</sup> DAY]: Ruth Robinson (friend of Dotty Fedetz); Stanley J. Zbicki Jr. (family of Libby Hancher) - Jan 18 [2/26]; George Kaznowsky - Jan 14 [2/22]; Ap. Moses Berry - Jan 12 [2/20]; Elona "Mona" Meyer (cousin of Mike Mallick & Andrea Yanonne) - Jan 10 [2/18]; Laura Briggs - Jan 7 [2/15]; James Briggs - Jan 6 [2/14]; Mother Elizabeth (Lutz) -Jan 6 [2/14]; Glenn Gockley (Sean Firestine's Uncle) - Dec 30 [2/7];

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Nancy E. Pilc, sister of Mary White, Feb 4 -25<sup>th</sup>; Mary (Mamie) Hancher, +Ron's sister, Feb 4 – 29<sup>th</sup>; Bronko Nickliss, Feb 4 – 19<sup>th</sup>; Paul Bradl Jr., Feb 4 – 23<sup>rd</sup>; Proteasa Isolde Dobrin, Feb 5- 14<sup>th</sup>; John Caba Sr., father of + Dottie Barbu, Feb 5 – 61<sup>st</sup>; George Moshos, Feb 5 – 19<sup>th</sup>; Kerry Casner, friend of Angie DiFlorio, Feb 6- 18<sup>th</sup>; John W. Kushlan, Rdr. James father, Feb 6- 18<sup>th</sup>; Thomas (Foma) Bushallow, friend of +Fr Dan R.; Feb 7 – 15<sup>th</sup>; Elizabeth "Betty" Middlesworth, Feb 7 - 13<sup>th</sup>; Wilbert C. Hand, Feb 8 – 30<sup>th</sup>; Mary Krempasky, +George's sister in law, Feb 8 – 16<sup>th</sup>; Diane Benson, Kathy Pankiw's cousin, Feb 8 - 13<sup>th</sup>; Paul Rice, uncle of Sandy Wood, Feb 10- 6<sup>th</sup>; Richard Altieri, nephew of Dotty Fedetz, Feb 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup>;

AlLING - <u>PARISHIONERS</u>: Effie Spaseff; <u>FAMILY/FRIENDS</u>: Elena (family friend of I. Pototska); Judith & Alfred (grandparents of Julia McGee); Ariadna (Aunt of A. Preciado); Galo (C. Preciado's grandfather) Samantha, Suzanne, & Natalie (friend, family & godchild of E. Herman); Michael (father-in-law of C. Velott); Fadia (W. Botros' mother); Blaise (Nora & Jennifer's brother); Lori (sisterin-law of J. & N. Schilling); David (friend of C. Kemp); Tais (cousin of C Kemp & L Mantle & niece of D. Fedetz); Gregory (brother of K. Kuchwara); Presbytera Marina Lillian Thornburg (Nora's Goddaughter); Lois (mother of J. Dunnevant). Reba (mother of S. Africa & L. Files); Walt & Jerry "David" (friends of B. Keener); Thalia, & Colton, (aunt & cousin of Donna Bretz); Barry (L. Kalenevitch's brother); Brandon (family of J. Koach); Dustin (family of Rdr. Leo); Child Julia; Melvin, & Frank (D. Martins brother & friend); Kay, Richard, & Anya (aunt & friends of K. Leader); Seraphima & John (friend & brother of J. Barn's coworker); Joyce (mother of J. Reba); Bob, Dennis Patrick (nephew of D. Bupp); Louise Bare; ); Edward (Fr. Timothy Hojnicki's father); May (cousin of E. Saraff); Carl (brother of S. Demchak); Isabella; Christine Perrin; Melanie & Alex (friend & uncle of C. Yerke); Alexandra, & Tamara (B. Kuchta's family); Bp. Matthias Moriak; Adley (child of N. Somple's friend); Aiden (nephew of S. Hanna); Robin (son-in-law of E. Files); Fred (cousin of the Kormushoff's); Maria (friend of the Cain's); Grace (D. Fedetz sister-inlaw); Tom (friend of D. Bupp & Kushlans); M. Olga Klembara (Larissa & Anita's aunt); Joan, & Kim (friends of the J. &. A. Cole); Hannes & Anne (family of R. Rieck); Pastor Charles, Mary, Peter, & Edwin, (family & friends of the Leer's); Joanne, Pat, Owen, Paul, Steve, & Barry (Hisiro family & friends); Elle (friend of J. McGreevy); John (brother of J. Krut); Pam, Dan & Nina (friends of D. Bupp); Igumen David (Lewis); Neal (D. Pawlush's brother); James (brother of M. Koviloff); Grace, Karen, Lois, & Rich (J. Mamay's sisters & friends); Joan Therese & Dori (mother & niece of N. Lubecki & J. Lewis); Lynn (Himes daughter-in-law); Deana, Sandy, & Kelly (friends of DiFlorio's); Shirley (L. Pawlush's mother); child Joshua; M. Lisa Weremedic (wife of Fr. James); Janice & Emil []. Zuro & G. Leer's aunt & uncle); child Fynn; Patty (friend of K. Pankiw); Mitchel (Jean Dotsey's nephew); Linda (M. Sharon's mother); Ap. Michael & M. Valeria Hatrak; Jacob (brother of Pat Drebot); Wendy (M. Deamer's mother); Mona (sister of Ab. Mark); Mary (mother of S. Kellachow); Mary & Nicholas (family & friends of the Kuchta's); Victoria, Erin & David (friends of L. Smith); Flora (T. Gault's mother); Vera (Ressetar's family); Bernadine, Lonnie & Fred (Osuch family); Mike, Jessica's & their families; Jonathan, Paul, Adam, Bev, Alynda, Tina, Mark, Jenny, Marilyn, Alicia, Shelby, & Jim (family & friends of the Kushlans); Alexa, Thomas, Alexander, Anastasia, Saulo, Theodore (Lopez friends & family);

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: Those suffering from natural disasters. All victims of Sickness, Terror, War, Violence, Racism, Injustice & Civil Strife; Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists, for the suffering people of Israel, Palestine, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ukraine, Haiti & Afghanistan, especially our citizens & soldiers who are in harms way; PARISHIONERS: Marie Gewiss; Kayli (Kalliopi) Mikita; Tenley Jo Zeppuhar; Ava Brown; Nektaria (Mariana) Cruz; Katherine Kuchwara; Selamawit Ghebremichael; Christopher Preciado; Frank Bifano; Michael Zuro; Bahliby Kidane; John Coles; Rebecca Brown; John Yerke; Elizabeth; Eli Mioff; Ann & Gerald Cole; M. Theodora Ressetar; Charlene Dardaris; Johnna; Terry Drebot; Patricia Drebot; Lazarus (Manny) & Samantha Lopez; ; Gail (Brigit) Goss; Mary Ellen Osuch; Natalie Treece; Evan M.; Tony Onufer; Ita (Stephanie) Snyder; John "Jack" Sweikert; Joseph Sembrot; Birikit & Hannah Zerat; Jeanne Zane; Teklu & Pazion Ogbamichael; Katherine Kudelko; M. Ap. Daniel & M. Myra Kovalak; Joseph (Moe) & Ruth Mazurek; Lazarus (Jonathan) Dunnavent; Kathryn Kellachow; Sue Wolfe; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas; Larry Lewis HOME-BOUND/CARE FACILITIES: Nicholas Demopoulos; Millicent Russell; EXPECTANT MOTHER(S): Karin Smith; Luam Ghebreghiorghis; Cathy Platt; Monica (Jekel) Chilbert; Chicory (Snyder) Biers;

Brittany Kemp; M. Tatiana Rutz; and the children to be born of them; Elva Lubecki and the child born of her COLLEGE STUDENTS: Tseday Afrassa; Eden Araya; Adriel Armstrong; Olivia Drozd; Grace & Evelyn Firestine; Jacob Herman; Shawn Jacob; Sophia Kellachow; Rdr. Vladimer Kellachow; Faniel Kesete; Flimon Kesete; Matthew Mikita; Zachary Matthews; Otilia Murariu; Molly Pylypciw; Rachel Reba; John Romain; Melat Tesfay; Siem Tesfay; Sophia Vernak; Jessica Williams; Cassandra Zart; Ashley; David, Dave; Peter; Wessam; MILITARY: Alexander; Valery; Conrad; Shawn; Benjamin; Rdr. Vladimir; Abel; Jacob; Gabriel; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; Sean; Ian, Zachary; Josiah; Evgeny (Owen) FAMILY & FRIENDS: Robert, Patricia & George (husband & parents of V. Baker); Michelle (friend of M. Reba); Maria (friend of M. Theodora); David (brother of Larissa & Anita); John, Vera, Joe & Kandi (family & friend of Libby); Shenia (sister of N. Schilling); Ron (cousin of Donna Bretz); Bill (C. Yerke's father); Jesse & Amelia (grandchildren of C. Dardaris); Christine (sister in law of the DiFlorio's); Steve G. (friend of J. McGreevy); Stacy & Mia (B. Keener's friends); Tony (K. Hertzler's husband); Ronald; Una; Jean & Robert (aunt & friend of Rdr. Leo); Anne (sister-in-law of R. Rieck); Mitchell, Deborah, Michael, Emily, Ezra (S. Kellachow's family); George, Matthew, Ed, George, & Terry (family & friends of J. Mamay); Kalei (family of K. Leader); Vicki, Ken, Ron, & Scott (friends of the Pankiw's); Jackie, Bruce, Shirley, Charlie, Connie, Helen, Rob & Jody (family & friends of the Mallick's); Cindy, Michael, & Kyle, (friends of B. Lenker); M. Natasha Lazor, Cindy, & Linda, (friends of M. Myra); Rosalie; David & Dawn (cousins of Chet); Alexandra; Masha, Ethan & Wesley (M. Cameron's family/friend); Nancy & family (Snyder's friends); Emma, Jeremiah, Elliana, Timothy, Jessica, Noah, Georgia, Amelia, Edgar, Landon, Theodore, Sofia, Evangelia, Zoe, Ryan, Stacey, Bryan, Curt, Thomas, Andrew, Priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, Megan, Jacob & family, Georgia, Maria, Blake, Keisha, Dimitrios, child Evangelia, Kyle, Martha, Nicholas, Jack, Samuel, Christian, Theodore, Steve, Juan, Isaac, Samuel, Faye, Jon, (family/friends of the Lopez's); MISSIONARIES: Jesse & Juanita Brandow (Guatemala); SEMINARIANS: Dn. Kyril & M. Olivia (STS); Fr. Seraphim & M. Elena Robertson and family (STS); Rdr. Nathan & Rebecca Jekel and family (SVS) CATECHUMEN(S): John Romain; Joseph Middelkoop; Rudelle Kerests; Daniel Nuemann; Chris Baird - Layla & Lyla Baird; Jeff & Karin Smith.



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Please submit names and dates to office "at" ctshbg.org

ANNIVERSARIES: John & Judith Sweikert – Feb 4;

BIRTHDAYS: Tatiana Drebot – Feb 4; Christopher Preciado - Feb 4; Anthony Bupp – Feb 5; Judith Sweikert – Feb 6; Maren Rieck – Feb 7; David Hancher – Feb 8; Procopi Gewiss- Feb 9; Theodosius Leer – Feb 10;

NEW CATECHUMENS: Jeff & Karin Smith

#### CANDLE OFFERINGS

To donate, please see a vestryperson

**7** Day Votive is offered in Memory of Helen Yannone, Godmother of Mike Mallick