

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR

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#### ARCHBISHOP MARK (Maymon)

V. Rev. Stephen Vernak, Pastor Rt. Rev. Daniel Kovalak, Attached Dn. John Shingara, Attached Rdr. James Kushlan, *Choir Director (interim)* Dr. David Pawlush, *Parish Council President* John Dotsey, *Treasurer* 

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

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

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# SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — TONE 6. Martyr Eutropius of Amasea, and with him Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus (ca. 308). Saint Piamoun (337). Ss. Zenon and Zoilus.

**Schedule:** *Hours – 9:10am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;* Church School & Fellowship; Last Day to order Pascha Breads!

3rd Hour: Ray Rieck ● 6th Hour: Eleanor Herman Epistle: Adam Priestly ● Post-Communion: Janice Zuro

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#### **HYMNS & READINGS**

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone VI — The Angelic <u>Powers</u> were at Thy tomb;/ the guards became as <u>dead</u> men./ Mary <u>stood</u> by Thy grave,/ seeking Thy most pure <u>body</u>./ Thou didst capture hell not being <u>tempted</u> by it./ Thou didst come to the Virgin, <u>granting</u> life./ O Lord, Who didst <u>rise</u> from the dead,//<u>glory</u> to Thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Tone III — Foolishly have I run away from Thy glory, O Father,/ wasting in sin the wealth that Thou gavest me./ Therefore with the words of the Prodigal I cry unto Thee:/ I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father./ Accept me in repentance/ and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

**PROKEIMENON – Tone VI:** O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! (*Resurrection*)

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

**EPISTLE:** (1 Corinthians 6:12-20) Brethren: all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. <sup>18</sup> Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

ALLELUIA VERSES: He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. ● He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

GOSPEL: (Luke 15:11-32) Jesus told this parable: "A certain man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. <sup>14</sup> But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. <sup>16</sup> And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, <sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." ' 20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22"But the father said to his servants, Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; <sup>24</sup> for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. <sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' 28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' <sup>31</sup> "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found."

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!* 

### **UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

March 4th & 5th Fr. Stephen @Clergy Peer Group, Ellwood City

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

Mar 7, Thu: Lunch Bunch –12:30pm @Gilligan's Eisenhower Blvd; Embracing Life Banquet –6pm @Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, PA

Mar 9, Sat: Memorial Sat. Bethesda Mission Outreach –11am; Orthodoxy 101 – 3:30pm; 1st Confession Class – 4pm; *Panikhida–4:15pm*; Vespers – 5pm; Confession

Mar 10, Sun: MEATFARE SUNDAY, LAST JUDGMENT. *Hours – 9:10am*; *Divine Liturgy – 9:30am*; Church School & 59th Annual Piergoi Luncheon; Pascha Bread Pick up; Youth Group –12pm

3rd Hour: Larry Smith ● 6th Hour: Zoe Vernak Epistle: Manny Lopez ● Post-Communion: Marie Reba

#### PARISH NEWS

**Spring Forward March 10th:** Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour and change the batteries in your smoke/radon detectors!

<u>Great Lent Prayer Buddy:</u> Please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule to request a prayer buddy. Please see **Nora Lubecki** for more info!

<u>Transportation Ministry</u>: As part of the Welcoming & Outreach strategic planning mission, we are looking for volunteers to participate in our transportation ministry. This would involve picking up & dropping off people that want to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy, & possibly other Church Services. If you are interested, please call or text **Lydia Mantle** 

<u>2024 Parish Directory Updates:</u> Send updates *i.e.* email, address, cell # or photo to <u>office@ctshbg.org</u>, If you are new to the parish, please go to <u>www.CTSHBG.org</u>, Parish Resources tab & then Directory Questionnaire to submit your info. Deadline - <u>Sun, March 17</u>.

<u>First Confession Class</u>: Will begin on **Sat, March 9th, at 4 pm** in the church basement & will continue on March 23<sup>rd</sup> & April 6<sup>th</sup>, with the Sacrament of Confession on April 20th. If your child has not received first confession and is at least 8 years old, please contact **Sophia Kellachow** if you are interested in joining the class.

Souper Bowl of Caring Update: Thank you to all members of our parish community for supporting the efforts to raise money for children with pediatric cancer (THON). Our efforts raised \$2000. We are humbled by your generosity - Arun & members of the Youth Group

With Gratitude: I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, meals, visits & cards during my recent recovery from surgery. It's wonderful to have such support from our Church community. God Bless, Jerry Cole

<u>Pascha Bread Sale (Parishioner ONLY):</u> \$6 for plain & \$7 for raisin. Contact John Dotsey to order by **Sun, Mar 3**. Pick up date is following Liturgy on **Sun, Mar 10**.

Easter Nut Roll Sale (Parishioner ONLY): Nut, poppy, & apricot rolls - \$15.00 each. Deadline: Sun, Mar 17th. Pick-up - Wed, Mar 27 or Sun, Mar 31. Contact Debbie Hisiro at

<u>Lunch Bunch:</u> All are welcome to March Lunch Bunch at 12:30pm, **Thu, March 7**, 12:30pm at Gilligans on Eisenhower Blvd. Call or text Kathy Pankiw at if you can come!

#### **SAVE the DATES:**

- Annual Pierogi Luncheon Meat-fare Sunday, March 10.
- Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers Sat, March 23 at 5pm in Reading, PA
- St. Tikhon Mission Choir Sun, April 7 to sing the Divine Liturgy.
- St. Jerome's Book Club Sun, April 21 at 1pm Book: "The Lenten Spring" by Thomas Hopko.
- OCCGH Golf Tournament Sat, July 13 at Eagles Crossing Golf Course in Carlisle. See Carl Hisiro and parish email for details.

<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

Mar 3: McMahon, Kenny, Choma, & Rieck families
Mar 10: Meatfare Sunday (Annual Pierogi Luncheon)
Mar 17: Africa, Bupp, Mamay, & Snyder families

#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.

NEWLY DEPARTED [40<sup>TH</sup> DAY]: Faniel Tesfit (nephew of Merhawi Tewoldemedhin) - Feb 19 [3/29]; Joseph Myers (Gregory Spears nephew) - Feb 20[3/30]; Joseph "Moe" Mazurek, Feb 11 [3/21]' Carl Demchak, (brother of S.uzanne) - Feb 6 [3/16]; Pat Kochenderfer (friend of Debbie Hisiro) – Feb 5 [3/15]; Michael Harahus (uncle of Sandy Wood') - Feb 5 [3/15];

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Mary Book, Joanne Coles mother, Mar 3 – 13th; Jack Dakas, Mike Zuro's uncle, Mar 3 – 16th; Jane Boddorf, aunt of Deb Hisiro, Mar 4 – 5th; Najib Ayoub, Haitham's father, Mar 4- 13th; Dr. Alexander Pianovich, Mar 3 -14th; Frankie Fitzpatrick Herrera, Rdr James birth mother, Mar 4 – 5th; Josefina Alicea Rivera, mother of Mariana Cruz, Mar 4 – 6th; Diane Tahansky, Mariah Schware Leader's mother, Mar 5 – 14th; Jifna Creznic, Mar 5 – 43rd; Dn. Robert "Bob" Kuchta, Mar 5 – 8th; Julia Brelinsky, Sonya Miele's mother, March 6 – 14th; Catherin Martins, Mar 6 – 28th; Eva Kessock, aunt of Elizabeth Howe, Mar 6 – 22nd; Joseph Martin, father of Dave, Mar 6 – 21st; Mary Kasabo Kalenevitch, mother of Elaine, Mar 7 – 20th; Doyle Mantle, Lydia's father-in-law, Mar 7 – 4th; M. Olga Kovach, Mar 8 – 13th; Sonia Mioff, mother of Angie DiFlorio Mar 8 – 23rd; Joseph Bell, Michelle Gopinath's uncle, Mar 8 –8th; Peter King, brother-in-law of +Carl Polansky, Mar 9 –17th; Vesanka Andric, wife of +Fr. Srboljub Jockovich, Mar 9 – 18th; Myra McManus, mother of Una, Mar 9 – 9th;

AILING - PARISHIONERS: Lazarus (Manny) Lopez FAMILY/FRIENDS: 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 (sister-in-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, & Bonnie, (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); 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-in-law); **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, 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 (J. 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: Elizabeth Kellachow; Jason Zeppuhar; Effie Spaseff; Kristen Hertzler; Kayli (Kalliopi) Mikita; Tenley Jo Zeppuhar; Ava Brown; Nektaria (Mariana) Cruz; Katherine Kuchwara; 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; 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; Katherine Kudelko; M. Ap. Daniel & M. Myra Kovalak; Lazarus (Jonathan) Dunnavent; Kathryn Kellachow; Sue Wolfe; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas; Larry Lewis HOME-BOUND/CARE FA-CILITIES: Nicholas Demopoulos; Millicent Russell; EXPECTANT MOTHER(S); Karin Smith; Luam Ghebreghiorghis; Cathy Platt; Monica (Jekel) Chilbert; Chicory (Snyder) Biers; Brittany Kemp; and the children to be born of them; M. Tatiana Rutz; Elva Lubecki and the children born of them 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: Jeanne, Michael, John, & James (family of G. Spears); Noelle (daughter of J. Zane); 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); Colton & Ron (cousins 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, Iacob & 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: Fr. 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

## MANY YEARS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Kesete Embaye & Luula Ghebrendias – Mar 3; Richard & Corina Hall – Mar 3; Ken & Stephanie Snyder – Mar 7

BIRTHDAYS: Azmera Negash –Mar 3; Kevin Herman Sr. – Mar 3; Effie Spaseff – Mar 5; Natalie Kormushoff – Mar 5; Nicholas Ressetar – Mar 7; Wessam Botros –Mar 9; Marie Reba –Mar 9;

## CANDLE OFFERINGS

To donate, please see a vestryperson

**T** Day Votive is offered in Memory of Joseph Bell, uncle of Michelle Gopinath



