



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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*

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.



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*



SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — TONE 7. Ven. Patapius of Thebes. Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Chelmogorsk. Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar, & Onesiphorus. Martyr Anthusa, at Rome.

Schedule: Hours – 9:15am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Fellowship & Annual Nativity Play

3rd Hour: Anthony Gault • 6th Hour: Zoe Vernak

Epistle: Larry Smith • Post-Communion: Ray Rieck

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HYMNS & READINGS

TROPARION, RESURRECTION, TONE VII – By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death./ To the thief Thou didst open Paradise./ For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,/ and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,/ to proclaim that Thou art risen,//granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION, VEN. PATAPIUS, TONE VIII – The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father,/ for you took up the Cross and followed Christ./ By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;/ but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.// Therefore your spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the angels.

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

KONTAKION, VEN. PATAPIUS, TONE III – Your temple is found to be a source of healing,/ and the people flock to it eagerly, O saint./ They seek the healing of their diseases/ and the forgiveness of their sins,//for you are a protector for all those in need, ven'erable Patapius.

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

KONTAKION, RESURRECTION, TONE VII – The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,/ for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers./ Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:/ “The Savior has come to those in faith;//enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

PROKEIMENON, TONE VII – The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

EPISTLE (*Ephesians 2:14-22*) – *Brethren:* Christ Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

ALLELUIA VERSES – *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. ▪ To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.*

GOSPEL (*Luke 17:12-19*) – *At that time:* As Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? ¹⁹ And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

COMMUNION HYMNS – Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Tue, Dec 10: Egg Separating –9am; Clergy Peer Group –10am; St. Ita Home School Co-op –10am; **Small Compline – 6:30pm;** Adult Ed –7pm

Wed, Dec 11: Nut Roll Baking –8:30am; Bible Study (zoom) -12pm; Nut Roll Bagging –5pm; **Vespers – 6:30pm;** Confession & Choir Rehearsal

Thu, Dec 12: Nut Roll Baking –8:30am; Nut Roll Bagging Clean-up –5pm

Fri, Dec 13: ∞ **ST. HERMAN. Divine Liturgy – 9am** at St. Herman in *Shillington*

Sat, Dec 14: ∞ Bethesda Mission–10am; **Vespers – 5pm;** Confession

Sun, Dec 15: ∞ **FOREFATHERS. Hours – 9:15am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;** Fellowship & Church School; Nut Roll Pick-up; **Christmas Concert – 3pm;** Refreshments following

3rd Hour: Jennifer Howanetz • 6th Hour: Eleanor Herman

Epistle: Adam Priestley • Post-Communion: Mary White

PARISH NEWS

Annual Nativity Play: Will be held today following Liturgy, come & see how our students & teachers will delight us this year!

Angel Tree Project: Take an angel tag (located in the vestibule) to purchase and wrap an age & gender appropriate gift. *Suggested gift value: \$25/\$30.*

Be sure to securely tape the tag to the wrapped present, and return to the church by Sat, December 21.

Thank you: To all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Their efforts helped to complete the decorations in record breaking time!

2025 Lectionary Wall Calendars: Are here located in the vestibule, please take one per family at this time. *Thank you*

Calendar Updates: There is no “O” Club meeting this month; New Years services (12/31) will be at Holy Apostles at 5:30pm.

Nativity Decorated Candles/Poinsettia's: Please see the sign up sheets in the vestibule to donate a candle **(\$12ea)** or poinsettia **(\$10ea)** for the Nativity & the Theophany Holy Days. The last day is **Sun, Dec 22nd**.

Help Needed for Nut Roll Baking: *Schedule* **Tue, Dec. 10** – Separate eggs at 9:00am; **Wed, Dec, 11** – Baking at 8:30am – Bagging 5:00pm; **Thu, Dec. 12** – Baking at 8:30am – Bagging & Clean-up 5:00pm

Christmas Concert: Will be held at CTS on **Sun, Dec 15th @3pm**, refreshments to following, please invite your friends & family!

December Lunch Bunch: All are welcome to come to Peachtree Restaurant (251 N. Progress Ave.) on **Tuesday, Dec 17** at 12:30pm. Please let Kathy Pankiw know if you are coming via phone/text at 717-579-6449 or email at kzpankiw@aol.com. We hope to see you there.

Nativity Adult Ed. Series: Will conclude on Tue Dec 10 at **7pm** with **Compline** at 6:30pm – *Serbian Saints of N. America w. Fr. Chris Rocknage.*

St. Jerome Book Club: Will meet on **Sun, Jan 26** (TBD) to discuss “*Lost Histories*” by Matthew Namee. Questions? See Joe McClure

November Trivia Night Donation: The winners have chosen **The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration** in Ellwood City, PA as their charity. Cash donation can be received at the cart next to the bookstore.

Dinner/Dance: St. Stephen’s FOCA invites you to the semi-formal 86th Novogodny (New Year’s) Ball featuring the Kauriga Orchestra in Philadelphia/Bensalem, PA on **Sun, Jan 19th** (MLK Weekend). Information: ask Dimitri Ressetar or see novogodnyball.com

3rd Annual A Jar From Afar: The church school students will collect change & put it in a jar to help a family in need this Christmas Season. Please remember to bring them each week & they are due **Dec 22nd**.

Meal Train Ministry: If you are interested in being included on an email list to be notified whenever a "meal train" has been created for a family in our parish (*due to a new baby, or other health needs*), contact Natalie Kennedy.

Fellowship Hour Sign-Up List: Visit the “Parish Resources” tab on our website (www.CTSHBG.org) or scan the QR code. *Build a team (4 families) before you sign up. Dates added through 9/29/25*



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.

NEWLY DEPARTED [40TH DAY]: **Eva Benda** (friend of the Ressetar’s)– Nov 24 [1/2]; **Monk Michael (Juk)** - Nov 20 [12/29]; **Michael Petak** - Nov 17 [12/26]; **Ethel Wade** (relative of Cathi Kemp) – Nov 14 [12/23]; **Ap. Michael Evans** - Nov 14 [12/23]; **Thomas Labosky** (cousin of Garnice & Janice) – Nov 10 [12/19]; **Mona Lewen** (Ab. Marks sister) - Nov 6 [12/15]; **Colleen Burkholder** (Bette Keener’s sister) - Oct 31 [12/9];

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: **Vladimir Kantor**, brother of +Bill, Dec 8 – 9th; **Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis**, Dec 8 – 8th; **Louis Zang**, cousin of M. Theodora, Dec 9- 10th; **Nicholas Sutovich**, Dec 9 – 4th; **Michael Ivanoff**, Dec 9 – 4th; **Ap. Michael Mihalik**, Dec 10- 12th; **Susan Elmer**, Larry Smith’s brother-in-laws wife, Dec 10- 15th; **Walter Strank**, cousin of +George Krempasky Dec 10 – 14th; **Dr. John R. Essock**, Mary’s son, Dec 10 – 20th; **Stephen Fecho Jr.**, cousin of the Hancher’s, Dec 10 – 4th; **John Sullivan**, brother-in-law of +Barbara Norato, Dec 11 – 49th; **Mary Hoffman**, Mary Ann Hadginske’s mother, Dec 11 – 17th; **Goitom Kidane**, Dec 12 – 19th; **Peter Harahus**, father of Sandy Wood, Dec 12 – 4th; **Peter Zuzulock**, Dec 12 – 16th; **Andrew Latanishen**, grandfather of Bill Kuchta, Dec 13 – 58th; **Anna Hatalowich**, grandmother of George, Dec 13 – 19th; **Inez Leonard**, cousin of John R. Barns, Dec 13 – 20th; **George L. White**, brother of Gerald, Dec 13 – 61st; **John (Barry) Hart**, Dec 13 – 5th; **Fr. Alexander Schmemann** - Dec 13 – 41st; **Leavitt Keener**, Dec 14 – 13th; **Leavitt George Keener**, Dec 14 – 4th; **James Reedy**, Dec 14 – 52nd;

AILING - PARISHIONERS: John Schilling; Loretta Ivanoff; Patricia Drebot; Christine Velott; Sue Mioff; **FAMILY/FRIENDS:** *child* Matthias; Russ (friend of Mallick's); Michael (brother of G. Woodbridge); Ann (sister of J. Schilling); Elena (friend of A. Preciado); Gary Lelo (friend of the "O" Club); Ray (father of M. Deamer); Mary, Alexandra, Tamara, & Nicholas (friend & family of B. Kuchta); Kh. Pamela Pier; Leilani (friend of C. Kemp); Aleasia (family of J. Wevodau); Constantine; Adrienne; [Trish, Paul, Jenny, Joanne, & Steve (Hisiro family & friends); Ronda (niece of S. Demchak); Jeff Sr. (father of J. Smith); Melissa & Gregory (friend & brother of K. Kuchwara); Zachary (F. Skirpan's son); Kay (aunt K. Leader); *Infant* Kennedy Ann, Patty, and Doug (friends of K. Pankiw); Donna (friend of M. White); Brenda; Kyle (cousin of S. Africa); Bill, John, Travis, & Bonnie (colleagues & cousins of G. Goss); Dn. Geoffrey LoBalbo; Nancy (friend of B. Keener); Elena (family friend of I. Pototska); Judith & Alfred (grandparents of J. McGee); 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); Presb. Marina Thornburg (Nora's Goddaughter); Lois (mother of J. Dunnevant). Walt & Jerry "David" (friends of B. Keener); Bonnie, (cousin of Donna Bretz); *child* Julia; Melvin, & Frank (D. Martins brother & friend); John (brother of J. Barn's coworker); Bob, Dennis Patrick (nephew of D. Bupp); Isabella; Christine Perrin; Melanie & Alex (friend & uncle of C. Yerke); Adley (child of N. Somple's friend); Aiden (nephew of S. Hanna); Robin (son-in-law of E. Files); 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); John (brother of J. Krut); Pam, Dan & Nina (friends of D. Bupp); Grace, Karen, Lois, & Rich (J. Mamay's sisters & friends); Joan Therese & Dori (mother & niece of N. Lubecki & J. Lewis); Lynn (Himes daughter-in-law); Shirley (L. Pawlush's mother); *child* Joshua; M. Lisa Were-medie (wife of Fr. James); Janice & Emil (J. Zuro & G. Leer's aunt & uncle); Mitchel (Jean Dotsey's nephew); Linda (M. Sharon's mother); Ap. Michael & M. Valeria Hatrak; Wendy (M. Deamer's mother); Mary (mother of S. Kellachow); Victoria, Erin & David (friends of L. Smith); Flora (T. Gault's mother); Vera (Ressetar's family); Bernadine, Lonnie & Fred (Osuch family); Maia, Mike, Jessica's & their families; Jonathan, Paul, Bev, Alynda, Tina, Mark, Jenny, Marilyn, Alicia, Shelby, & Jim (family & friends of the Kushlans); Eileen, Lori, Curt, Vera, Cassi, Mother Karitina, Alexa, 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 Hancher; Mary White; Bahliby K.; Evgeny (*Owen*) & Ludmilla (*Jessica*) Williams; Denny Bupp; M. Theodora; James Henry; Effie Spaseff; Kristen Hertzler; Kayli (*Kalliopi*) Mikita; Tenley Jo Zeppuhar; Nektaria (*Mariana*) Cruz; Katherine Kuchwara; Ann & Gerald Cole; Charlene Dar-

daris; Johnna; Terry Drebot; Samantha Lopez; Brigit (*Gail*) 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 FACILITIES: Nicholas Demopoulos; Millicent Russell; EXPECTANT MOTHER(S): Natalie Kennedy; Gabrielle (*Kushlan*) Russin; Susan (*Lenker*) Szabo; *and the children to be born of them*; COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adriel Armstrong; Olivia Drozd; Grace & Evelyn Firestine; Arun Gopinath; Tressa Hanna; Jacob Herman; Shawn Jacob; Sophia Kellachow; Rdr. Vladimer Kellachow; Faniel Kesete; Flimon Kesete; Henry Laskowski; Matthew Mikita; Zachary Matthews; Molly Pylypciw; Rachel Reba; Emma Rjepaj; John Romain; Melat Tesfay; Siem Tesfay; Sophia Vernak; Jessica Williams; Cassandra Zart; Ashley; David, Dave; Noah; Peter; Wessam; MILITARY: Artem; Alexander; Valery; Conrad; Daulton; Shawn; Benjamin; Rdr. Vladimir; Abel; Jacob; Gabriel; Matthew; David; Michael; Patrick; Peter; Sean; Ian; Zachary; Josiah; FAMILY & FRIENDS: Elliette (friend of A. Preciado); Ap. Joseph Fester; Thomas (brother of E. Herman); Thalia, Colton & Ron (aunt & cousins of Donna Bretz); Tom & Monta Lou (family of S. Demchak); Mike (brother of D. Pawlush); David, Jone, John, Laura, Mark & Vera (friends & family of Libby); George (brother of Frank); James, Svitlana, & Andrew (friends of T. Gault); Jeanne, Michael, John, & James (family of G. Spears); Noelle (daughter of J. Zane); Michelle (friend of M. Reba); Maria (friend of M. Theodora); David (brother of Larissa & Anita); 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, Ron, & Scott (friends of the Pankiw's); Jackie, Bruce, Shirley, Connie, Helen, Rob & Jody (family & friends of the Mallick's); Scott, Cindy, Leo, & Kyle, (friends of B. Lenker); M. Natasha Lazor, Cindy, & Linda, (friends of M. Myra); Rosalie; Abby, David & Dawn (cousins of Chet); Alexandra; Masha, Ethan & Wesley (M. Cameron's family/friend); Nancy & family (Snyder's friends); Leida; Willie, Emma, Jeremiah, Eliana, Timothy, Jessica, Georgia, Amelia, Edgar, Landon, Theodore, Sofia, Evangelia, Zoe, Ryan, Stacey, Bryan, Andrew, Priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, Megan, Jacob & family, Georgia, Maria, Blake, Keisha, Dimitrios, child Evangelia, Kyle, Martha, Nicholas, Jack, Samuel, Christian, Steve, Juan, Isaac, Samuel, Faye, Jon, (family/friends of the S. Lopez); OCCM MISSIONARIES: Jesse & Juanita Brandow (*Guatemala*); Michael & Carlyn Pak (*Mexico*) SEMINARIANS: (STS) Rdr. Seraphim & Christina Crossman - *Bridget, Ita, Martha, and Veronica*; (SVS) Rdr. Nathan & Rebecca Jekel - *John, Herman, and Raphael* CATECHUMENS: Rudelle Kerests; Jessica Gaydos; Luke Keiper; Emma Rjepaj; Gregory Woodbridge

MANY YEARS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Shine & Michele Gopinath - Dec 10; Andrea & Steve Worley – Dec 12;

BIRTHDAYS: Annika Kennedy – Dec 8; Lucas Preciado -Dec 8; Lydia Hall – Dec 10; Deb McGinnes –Dec 11; Morgan Rieck – Dec 11; Stephen Lum – Dec 11; Evan McGreevy – Dec 13; Alexander Ressetar – Dec 14;

NEWLY BAPTIZED: William Preciado — Dec 7

CANDLE OFFERINGS

To reserve, please see a vestryperson

1 Decorated Candle is offered in Memory of Nick Sutovich, on the 4th year of falling asleep, from his wife Wilma



Venerable Patapius of Thebes