

### **Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church**

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# Sunday, October 21, 2007

**21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (5th of Luke) - Tone 4. Ven. Hilarion the Great** (371-2). Translation of the Relics of St. Hilarion, Bishop of Meglin in Bulgaria (1206). Ven. Hilarion, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves 13th-14th c.). Ven. Hilarion, Abbot, of Pskovoezersk (Gdovsk). Ven. Theophil and Jacob (James), Abbots of Omutch (Pskov ca. 1412). Martyr Dasius, Gaius, and Zoticus, at Nicomedia (303). Ven. Philotheus of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos 1610). Ven. Visarion (Bessarion) Sarai and Sophronie, of Ciorara, Confessors, and Martyr Oprea of Salistie, in Romania (1776).

#### **Upcoming Services and Events:**

Oct 21, Sun: Panakhida (Skirpan family and Salem Essis) and Fellowship – 12pm; CROP Walk (City Island) – leave church

parking lot at 12:30 pm; Men's Club Meeting, dinner, and football game - 6pm

Oct 23, Tue: Parish Council Meeting – 7pm; Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm

Oct 25, Thur: Altar Guild Meeting – 6:30pm

Oct 27, Sat: Maintenance Saturday – 9am; Vespers and Confession – 7pm

Oct 28, Sun: Church School/ Adult Education – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10am; Fellowship – 12pm

Oct 30, Tue: Akathist to St. John of Chicago – 7pm

- **Inquirers Class** every Wednesday at 6pm;
- Pan-Orthodox Bible-Study every Thursday at 7pm Holy Trinity Cathedral (Camp Hill)
- Orthodox Radio on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am
- www.AncientFaithRadio.com for 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio

Welcome to all those who are visiting!!! Please join us for fellowship in the Church Hall following the Divine Liturgy and be sure to sign our guest registry in the vestibule before you exit the church. Please note: Only those guests who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and confession may approach to receive the Eucharist.

**Prayer List:** Please remember the following persons during your daily morning and evening prayers. A complete listing of names is included in the quarterly mailing. **Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless otherwise requested.** Submit names to the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

<u>Those Ailing</u>: Jennie Sysak (Harry's sister-in-law); Olga Angelo (Libby Hancher's sister); Archimandrite Jerome (Newville); Anne Waytowich (new parishioner, Larry Smith's friend); Betty Pellegrini; Sbdn. Richard Hathaway (former parishioner); Dr. Alexander Kalenak (Anna Doray's brother); Yolanda Lauria (Kristen Seitz's mother); Wassil Boyko (Fr. Dan's brother-in-law); Robert Stadulis (Pellegrini family relative); Theodore Bacha (Lydia Mantle's brother); Daniel Pankiw (Kathy's father-in-law)

<u>Health and well-being of</u>: Melanie and infant Savannah (Newhouse family friends); Evelyn Anderson (Debbie Hisiro's mother); Mary Hoffman (Mary Ann Hadginske's mother); [IN IRAQ]: Travis Holtzman (Bricker family friend); SFC Bill Donner (Libby Hancher's Nephew); Michael Egan (Anna Doray's son-in-law); Nicholas Serio; Steven Hampson (Krempasky family friend)

<u>Newly Departed from This Life:</u> Nita Nicoloff (June Taleff's friend) – Oct 7; George Sass (brother of +Russ Sass) – Oct 6; **Joan Szysh** (Sysak family friend) – Oct 6; **Eva Kasavich** (Bill Kantor's sister) – Oct 5; **Catherine Pierce** (wife of Ellis); **V. Rev. Michael Hutnyan** – Sept 22; **Lilly Novak** (Gloria Skirpan's sister) – Sept 13;

#### **Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:**

**Metro Dorosh**, October  $21-39^{th}$ ; **Walter Sebasovich**, father of Marie Intrieri, October  $21-3^{rd}$ ; **Frank Schneider**, grandfather of Jim Mitnik, October  $25-42^{nd}$ ; **Edith Schneider**, grandmother of Jim Mitnik, October  $25-42^{nd}$ ; **Michael Motovilov**, father of Ellen Miller, October  $26-22^{nd}$ .

<u>Candle Offerings:</u> For information on how to purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen.

**Seven Day Vigil** is offered in memory of **Nicholas Mischak** and **Alexander Sysak** by their children, Harry and Dorothy Sysak.

Many Years: Names will be accepted for each week. Please submit to ctsocahbg@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

**Wedding Anniversaries: Tom and Kathy Drebot -** Oct 21; **Dan and Donna Bretz** – 13<sup>th</sup> on Oct 22 **Birthdays: Betty Middlesworth** - Oct 24; **Janice Zuro** - Oct 26.

**New Candle Stands:** We would like to extend our appreciation to **Janet Kazupas** for the new candle stands located behind the center table, which were donated in memory of her late husband, **Alex Kazupas**. May Alex's memory be eternal, and may God grant Janet and her family, many blessed years!



<u>WEDDING BANNS</u>: **John Schilling, Jr.**, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Schilling, Sr. and **Amanda Wojcik**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wojcik, announce their intention to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, the Rite of Crowning, on **November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m.** at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church.

## Today's News

**TODAY, Sun., Oct 21<sup>st</sup>:** Immediately following the final blessing we will serve a memorial for the **Skirpan family**, especially the newly departed **Lilly**, as well as a six-month memorial for **Salem Essis**. May their memories be eternal!

**TODAY, Sun., Oct 21<sup>st</sup>: 2007 Harrisburg Area CROP Walk** will begin at City Island Pavilion at 1:30pm. Please note: We will have a special second collection to support *our walkers* at the end of Divine Liturgy today.

**TODAY, Sun., Oct 21<sup>st</sup>: The Men's Club** will be holding their monthly meeting at 6pm, followed by dinner and the Steelers game at the parish hall.

#### **Other News**



**Living and Departed Lists:** Please take and complete the yellow form entitled "Diptychs: Living/Departed" or if you are compute savvy, email your lists to Fr. Stephen at <a href="mailto:svernak@hotmail.com">svernak@hotmail.com</a>. Be sure to indicate the family name you would like the names to be remembered under. FYI - Diptych is only a fancy word for list ©

**Parish Council Nominations:** Parishioners interested in serving the Church as a member of the Parish Council are asked to see John Schilling, Nominating Chairperson, after Church on Sunday. John can also be reached at 652-2759 (home) or 561-1940 (x1127) (work) or emailed at johnlschilling@msn.com.

**Fellowship Hour Schedule (4wks)**: Parishioners are asked to help by bringing at least 48 servings of baked goods and to serve them during their assigned fellowship hour. Please check the dates below and mark your calendar accordingly. **The complete list through next May 2008 is available at the parish hall.** If you will not be at church on your scheduled date contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759.

October 28:Deborah HisiroRahil GeguchadzeNovember 4:Salwa ShunnaraLarissa ShugaNovember 11:Libby HancherAndrea ZartNovember 18:Dotty SysakJohn Barns

**Seminary Food Drive: St. Tikhon's Seminary (South Canaan)** is again asking local parishes help by collecting dry goods and canned foods to help defray their operating expenses. Especially needed are items such as coffee, tea, powdered drinks, sugar, flour, salt, pepper, pasta, egg noodles, cake mixes and jell-o, jam, jelly, ketchup, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, and cooking oil. Not to mention canned fruit, juices, vegetables and sauces, as well as paper items and dish detergent. As always, thank you for your kind support.

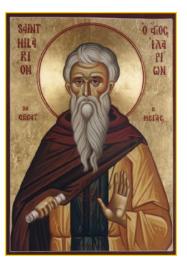
### Save the Date(s):

Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> – Akathist to St. John of Chicago (7 pm) Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> - **Annual Parish Meeting** (12:00 pm)

# **Today we commemorate: Saint Hilarion the Great**

**Saint Hilarion** was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of St Anthony the Great (January 17), Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium.

In the desert the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During prayer St Hilarion heard children crying, women wailing, the roaring of lions and other wild beasts. The monk perceived that it was the demons causing these terrors in order to drive him away from the wilderness. He overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer. Once, robbers fell upon St Hilarion, and he persuaded them to forsake their life of crime through the power of his words.



Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to St Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace he loosed the bonds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale (MT 10:8).

Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone's body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to St Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of St Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life.

About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) St Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.

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