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“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2014

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Siya. Ven. Nilus of Stolobénsk. Ven. John the Faster, of the Kiev Caves. Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia. Ven. Paul the Obedient. St. Philothea of Thrace, Protectress of Romania. Ven. Gregory, Founder of Grigoriou Monastery.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Dec 7, Sun:** Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School and Fellowship - following Orthodoxy 101 – noon
Readers: 3rd Hour: **Rdr. Peter (Scott) Staller** · 6th Hour: **John Shingara**
Epistle: **Chris Dupkanick** · Post-Communion: **Sunday School Teens**
- Dec 8, Mon:** Nut Roll Prep-work -8am
- Dec 9, Tue:** **CONCEPTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.** Nut Roll Baking -8am; Bagging -6pm
- Dec 10, Wed:** Nut Roll Baking -8am; Bible Study (33 N 2nd St)-noon; Prospora Baking -4pm; Nut Roll bagging -5pm; **Vespers -6:30pm;** Choir Rehearsal –following
- Dec 11, Thu:** **VEN. DANIEL, THE STYLITE. Matins -9am;** Bible Study -9:30am
- Dec 12, Fri:** **Vesperal Liturgy (St. Herman) -6:30pm @ Holy Apostles Mechanicsburg**
- Dec 13, Sat:** **ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA.** Nut Roll pick-up -9am to noon; Play Rehearsal -3pm to 5pm; **Vespers & Confession -5pm;** Choir Rehearsal –following
- Dec 14, Sun:** **HOLY FOREFATHERS.** Adult Ed -8:30am; **Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Nativity Program, Cookie sale & Fellowship –following
Readers: 3rd Hour: **Leavitt Keener** · 6th Hour: **Chris Dupkanick**
Epistle: **Vladimir Kellachow** · Post-Communion: **Larry Smith**

- ANCIENTFAITHRADIO.COM - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio
- OrthodoxyinAmerica.org (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) **check it out!**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Please join us for fellowship in the **church hall** following the service. If you are interested in becoming a part of our community please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen Vernak. Please note: 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 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.

AILING: PARISHIONERS: Gloria Skirpan; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Christopher Mitchell (friend of Bob Drozd); David Bacha (brother of Cathi Kemp & Lydia Mantle); Luke Spaseff; Evelyn Anderson, (Debbie Hisiro's mother); Emily Campbell (Jerry Cole's cousin); Joan Conte & Marion Shortall (Cindy's mother & mother-in-law); Andrea Faber (cousin of Jean Dotsey); Peter Yastishak (cousin of Gloria Maliniak); Jason Nesbit, (friend of the Cain's); Marsha Himic (Dana Watts mother); Paul Evans, Louis Zang & Michalene Scheponik (Rapso), (M. Theodora godson & family); Mary & Frank Tonart (Sophia Kellachow's parents); Diane Chambers & Helen Lanwehr (Anna Doray's family); Carrie Faust (Cole's friend); Keturah Faust (J. Barns & L. Shuga's friend); John Fatich (Kuzupas family); Joseph & Steven Demchak, (Suzanne's brothers);

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: Suffering Christians throughout the world, especially, the people of Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Israel; Egypt, & Ukraine; and Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** Sophia Kellachow-Katerman; Nicholas Somple; Ron Hancher, Jr.; Jason Zeppuhar; Gloria Maliniak; Sue Wolfe; Saba Ghebresalassie; Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Nicholas Essis; Ann Pusey; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Salwa Shunnara; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Kathryn Kellachow; M. Laura (Hadginske) Schmidt and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** David Ambartsumian, Yerusalem Arefe, Thomas Asfaha, Masha Cameron, Jessica Drebot, Matthew Hadginske, Shreya Jacob, Cathi Kemp; Zachary Koss, Christina Martin, Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica Shingara, Matthew Shortall; Shane Staller, MaryAnn Wood. **MILITARY:** Michael Egan; Jeremy Fetsko; Steven Heberle; Evangelos Kanellakos; Stephanie King; Matthew Pylypciw; David Riesberg; Thomas Shingara; Sean Slaughter; Michael Somple **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Teklu Ogbamichael (Freweini's brother); Kieka & Samantha (daughters of Natalia Weiss); Aster Menari (aunt of Eden Araya); George Hatalowich (George's father); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); Fr. Christopher Rocknage; Christine Gardner (friend of Cathi Kemp); Shenja Dubiaha (sister of Nadzia Schilling); Seraphima Mattile & John Branht (friends of John R Barns) ; child Maksim Sysak; William Schaeffer (John R. Barns brother in law); Faye Hake (Jesse's mother); Brian Yerby, Jr. (Christine Tartamella's godson); Linda Shue (Sharon Shingara's mother); Nancy Coles (John & Chris' mother); Ginny Ranck & Mike Frizzi (Keener friends); Timothy Cooney (Anna Doray's nephew); Fr. John & M. Stephanie Onofrey; Ben Morgan (Sally Marasco's son); Marie Cini (Bob's mother); Christine Kihm, Charles Klein, Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's family); Willard Brown. **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Joseph & Rachel Frangipani - **Anthony CATECHUMENS:** Jesse Hake; Matthew & Rachel Brubaker - **Anastasia;** Michael Loar; Bette Keener; Christine Lamb

NEWLY DEPARTED: M. Irene Borick – Nov 19; Ruth Philips (friend of John R Barns); Helen Katerman (Andrew's mother) – Nov 15; Catherine Siemons – Nov 9; Wassil Boyko (Fr. Dan's brother-in-law) – Oct 31;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Nellie Stine, John R. Barns aunt, Dec 7 -4th; Wassil Kuchta, grandfather of Bill, Dec 7 -95th; Mary Kantor, sister of Bill Kantor, Dec 8 – 7th; Archpriest Michael Mihalik, Dec 10- 2rd; Susan Elmer, Larry Smith's brother-in-laws wife, Dec 10- 5th; Walter Strank, cousin of George Krempasky Dec 10 -4th; Dr. John R. Essock, Mary's son & G. Krempasky's nephew, Dec 10 – 10th; John Sullivan, brother-in-law of Joe & Barbara Norato, Dec 11 -39th; Mary Hoffman, Mary Ann Hadginske's mother, Dec 11 – 7th; Goitom Kidane, Dec 12 – 9th; Peter Harahus, Father of Sandy Wood, Dec 12 -14th; Andrew Latanishen, grandfather of Bill Kuchta, Dec 13 -48th; Anna Hatalowich, grandmother of George Hatalowich, Dec 13 -39th; Inez Leonard, cousin of John R. Barns, Dec 13 -10th; George L. White, brother of Gerald, Dec 13- 51st; Yuri Mahnach (father of Natalia Weiss);

CANDLE OFFERINGS: To purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen. Please note: offerings must be in the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

❖ **Seven Day Votive is offered in Memory of John & Irene Rodak**, parents of Mark

MANY YEARS: Please submit to ctsocahbq@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Shine & Michele Gopinath - Dec 10;

BIRTHDAYS: Andrey Levkovich – Dec 10; Deb McGinnes – Dec 11; Alyssa Nesko – Dec 11; Evan McGreevy – Dec

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

Christmas Nut Roll Baking Schedule: **Mon., Dec. 8th** Separate eggs; **Tues., Dec. 9th** Baking 8:00am, Bagging 6:00pm; **Wed., Dec. 10th** Baking 8:00am, Bagging 5:00pm. *Volunteers are always welcome, even if you never baked "Rolls", training is available!*

CHURCH/PROPERTY CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Will be held on **Saturday, Dec 13th at 9am**. Please contact **Kathy Pankiw** (kzpankiw@aol.com) if you have any questions, or would like to know how you might help best. **NOTE:** We are especially looking for some folks that are comfortable on our 12 ft ladder to hang the garland over the iconostasis.

Nativity Program Practices:

- Saturday, December 13th 3:00 - 5:00pm (Dress Rehearsal)
- **Sunday, December 14th Nativity Program**, following Divine Liturgy

Cookie Sale: The Sr. "O" Club is having their annual Christmas cookie sale after Liturgy on Dec. 14. The price is \$7 per box. Enjoy the church school play and pick up some cookies for the holidays.

Angel Tree Program: The Angel Tree is located in the church vestibule. Pick an angel for a boy or girl and buy a gift appropriate for that age. Please bring the gift in by **Sunday, December 21** with the angel attached.

Christmas & Decorated Candles: You can donate a poinsettia to adorn our church during the *Nativity & Theophany* season or donate decorated candles for the *Great Feast of Nativity* in memory of a loved one or for the health and salvation of your family & friends. Please see the sign up lists on the candle desk in the vestibule.



- *Poinsettias* are \$8 ea. and you may take it home after the festive season.
- *Regular Decorated Candles* are \$10 ea.

Gift Cards: Last two Sundays to order gift cards in time for Christmas. Remember, this helps our Parish financially and is a service provided to our Parishioners. Order forms are on the Candle Desk in the vestibule. Pick what you need and include a check. Give the forms to Alice Mallick or to John Dotsey.

Thank you : Sincere thanks to all who supported us during the decline and repose of + Helen Katerman (Andrew's Mother). Your cards, prayers, and support were such a blessing to us during this time. We are so grateful for our family at Christ the Savior and feel abundantly blessed to be part of a parish who exemplifies what it means to walk together as the body of the True Christ! **In addition** - thank you for all of the love that was poured out upon us earlier this summer as we entered into the sacrament of marriage. We were truly overwhelmed by the amount of people who were physically with us as well as those who let us know they were with us in spirit. The cards, gifts and help at the "falling of the cake" was a tremendous gift. *With Much Love (and gratitude) in Christ, Andrew Katerman and Sophia Kellachow & family*

Seminary Scholarship: Our parish council has approved a half-scholarship (**\$3,500.00**) for the **Frangipani family** (*Joseph, Rachel, and their child Anthony*) for this academic year at St. Tikhon's. Please consider a donation. Make checks payable to: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church and write "**Seminary Scholarship**" on the memo line. Please also keep the family and all our seminarians in your prayers.

St. Mary's Altar Guild Fellowship Hour Schedule: 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 652-2759

Dec 14*:
Dec 21*:
Dec 28:

Larissa Shuga
Sharon Shingara
Raissa Merdziuszew

Janice Zuro
Vicky Henry
Olga Womer

Mary White
Dana Watt
Natalie Treece

LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 44 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 141

EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Advent Spiritual Retreat: The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster, PA is hosting a **Advent Retreat** on **Sat. Dec 13th** from 9am to 1pm. The theme is "*Becoming a Healing Presence*" featuring Dr. Albert Rossi. Cost is \$10.00 and for more information please see the flyer on the candle stand.

Save the Date: The **78th Novogodny Ball** will be held on **Sun. Jan 18th** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia - Cherry Hill, NJ. The semi-formal benefits the Married Student Housing at St. Tikhon's and other deserving charities. For more information please see the flyer in the candle stand or contact Paul Fedoronko at (610) 328-6911 or novogodnyball@verizon.net.

Panera Bread Pick-Up Volunteers: We are looking for families willing to assist with this "Daily Bread" ministry by picking up on 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.

Calling all volunteers! Volunteers are needed to assist at the **Agia Sophia Coffee Shop**. Here is the perfect opportunity to serve your community and witness your faith through this Pan-Orthodox outreach ministry.
Position needed: **(1)** Dish washers **(2)** Cashiers & taking orders **(3)** Cooks **(4)** Clean up. **In house training will be provided!** Please feel free to contact Joanne Wevodau at **717-580-4833** or e-mail jwevodau@verizon.net