

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)



SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2016

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Sunday of the Forefathers. Ven. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople. Ven. Nikon the Dry of the Kiev Caves. Martyrs Mirax, Acepisus and Aithalas, of Egypt. Ven. Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon.

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Dec 11, Sun: HOLY FOREFATHERS. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School Nativity Program & Fellowship –following; Holy Apostles Concert & Open House -3pm (Mechanicsburg)

Readers: 3rd Hour: **Lydia Mantle** • 6th Hour: **Eleanor Herman**

Epistle: Vladimir Kellachow • **Post-Communion: Sophia Kellachow**

Dec 12, Mon: ST. SPYRIDON. Vespers & Litya -6:30pm (St. Herman)

Dec 13, Tue: ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA. Divine Liturgy - 9:00am @ Holy Apostles, (Mechanicsburg) Pot Luck – following. Adult Ed Series "God is with Us" - 7pm

Dec 14, Wed: Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) - noon; Prospora Baking -4pm; Vespers & Confession -6:30pm; Choir Rehearsal –following

Dec 15, Thu: HM ELEUTHERIUS. Parish Council Meeting -7pm

Dec 16, Fri: Compline & Confession-6:30pm

Dec 17, Sat: PROPHET DANIEL. "O" Club Cookie Project -10am; Youth Group Outing (Agia Sophia & Concert at Strawberry Square) – 11am. Vespers & Confession -5pm

Dec 18, Sun: M. SEBASTIAN & COMPANIONS. Hours -8:50am; Chrismation -9:15am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School, "O" Club Cookie Sale & Fellowship – following; Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Concert -5pm @ St. Nicholas, Oberlin

Readers: 3rd Hour: **Leavitt Keener** • 6th Hour: **Chris Dupkanick**

Epistle: Manny Lopez • **Post-Communion: Jim Kushlan**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Please join us for fellowship in the **parish hall** after the service. Interested in becoming a part of our community? Please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen Vernak.

Important Note Regarding Communion: 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 at least 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: FAMILY & FRIENDS: Irene Popp (Janice Zuro & Garnice Leer's mother); Mary Frances McAndrews (Chet Lubecki's co-worker); Fern Staller (Scott's mother); Burl Hansbury (friend of the Cains); Patrick French (friend of Greg Ressetar); Ap. John Reeves; M. Mary Perez; James Schware (Jamie's father); Kim Long (friend of Larry Smith); Larry Mosser (Eric's father); Paul Miller, Lydia Klecor, Marilyn Schawk, (family & friends of the Kushlans); Martha Rapso (cousin of M. Theodora); Robert Rosso (nephew of Bill Kuchta); Marcia Brickner, Olga Zuzulock, & Ron Hassinger (family & friend of Kathy Pankiw); John Line, Sally Sauserman (family of Jean Dotsey); Annette Moyer, Gladys Barns, Jim Walters & David Roberts (family & friends of John R. Barns); Karen Osuch (John's sister-in-law); Rita Demopoulos, Ed Cales (family of the Lopez's); Raymond & Evelyn Anderson, Kerry Snell & Families (Debbie Hisiro's family & friends); Luke Spaseff; Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's family); John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas brother); Joseph & Steven Demchak, (Suzanne's brothers);

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: Victims of Terror, War, & Strife both here and throughout the world; Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** Cathy Bucharew (mission trip); John & Mary Ellen Osuch; George (Leavitt) Keener; Kathryn Kellachow; Andy Fedetz; Sue Wolfe; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas. **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Yohannes Tesfai; Olga Angelo; Betty Danko; Nicholas Demopoulos (Sam's cousin); Nicholas Essis; Pauline Fecho; Janet Kuzupas; Katharine Macut; Adam Mallick; Gloria Maliniak; Millicent Russell; June Taleff **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Wessam Botros; Elizabeth Hake; Kara Henry; Irina Jurewicz; M. Laura (Hadginske) Schmidt; Meghan (McGinnes) Vickers and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Yerusalem Arefe, Masha Cameron, Amelia Demopoulos; George Hatalowich, Wade Hisiro, Shreya Jacob; Sophia Kellachow; Cathi Kemp; Madeleine Kushlan; Drake Lamb; Christina & Joseph Martin, Evan & Johnna McGreevy, Timothy Monko; Andrew Norato; Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica Shingara, Sharon Shingara; Nicole Staller, Stephanie Stine, Melissa Zuro **MILITARY:** Dimitrios; Evangelos; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Kay Himes (Keith Leader's aunt); John & Jan Pellegrini; Tanya Rice (Sam Lopez's friend); Christine Kantner (Michele Gopinath's aunt); Fred Polli (family of the Osuch's); Natalie Reba (E. Hermans family); Timothy Long; Paul & Kay Maliniak (family of Gloria); Fr. John Nightingale; Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); Nathan Weaver; Ronald Keck; Marney Donak; David Roberts, William Schaeffer, Shirley Glade & Nancy Sheaffer (family & friends of John R. Barns); Linda Shue (Sharon Shingara's mother); Nancy Coles (John & Chris' mother); Ben Morgan (Sally Marasco's son); Chuck Martin; Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's friend & cousin); **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Moses & Christy Locke (and the child to be born of her) – **Elias & Seraphim CATECHUMENS:** Matthew & Rachel Brubaker – *Anastasia*; Dennis Bupp; Shine Gopinath; Bette Keener; Kaylee Schofield; Nathan Zaccarelli; Colette Guiseppe (newborn)

NEWLY DEPARTED [40TH DAY]: Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis – Dec 8 [1/16]; Ronald Hancher Sr. – Nov 30 [1/8]; John Zervoulei (friend Larry Smith) – Nov 21 [12/30]; Lois Strawhecker (family friend of S. Lopez) – Nov 17 [12/26]; Eugene Minarich – Nov 25 [1/3]; Ann Pusey – Nov 21 [12/30]; Keturah Faust – Nov 19 [12/28];

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: John Sullivan, brother-in-law of Joe & Barbara Norato, Dec 11 -41st; Mary Hoffman, Mary Ann Hadginske's mother, Dec 11 – 9th; Goitom Kidane, Dec 12 – 11th; Peter Harahus, Father of Sandy Wood, Dec 12 -16th; Andrew Latanishen, grandfather of Bill Kuchta, Dec 13 -50th; Anna Hatalowich, grandmother of George Hatalowich, Dec 13 -41st; Inez Leonard, cousin of John R. Barns, Dec 13 -12th; George L. White, brother of Gerald, Dec 13 -53rd; James Reedy, Dec 14 -44th; Leavitt Keener, Sr. Leavitt's father, Dec 14 -5th; John O. Vartan, Dec 15 -12th; Pani Suan Mesaros, wife of Fr. Frank, Dec 16 -14th; Christopher Burgan, Dec 16 – 1st; Michael Kundrat, brother of John, Dec 17 -14th; Michael Sandovich, grandson of Martyr Fr. Maksym, cousin of Fr. Dan, Dec 17 -13th; Herbert C. Caldwell III, son of Olga, Dec 17 -12th;

CANDLE OFFERINGS: To purchase please speak with one of the vestrymen. *Note: notify the office by Wednesday.*

❖ **Seven Day Votive** in Memory of Leavitt Keener Sr.

MANY YEARS: Please submit to <mailto:office@ctshbg.org> by the preceding Wednesday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Andrea & Steve Worley – Dec 12;

BIRTHDAYS: Deb McGinnes – Dec 11; Evan McGreevy – Dec 13; Alexander Ressetar – Dec 14; Jonathan Dunnavent – Dec 16

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Church School Nativity Program: Will be held TODAY following *Divine Liturgy*. The parish can't wait to see how the students & their teachers will awe & amaze us this year!

Parish 'Missionary': Cathy Bucharew will be leaving Dec 20th for the Ukraine on a mission trip. She will be sharing in the Love of Christ, and providing care to the children of Znamyanka orphanage (South East of Kiev). Please keep Cathy in your prayers!

Christmas Angels Due: Sunday, Dec 18th, please have your angel attached to your wrapped gift.

Final Adult Learning Program for the Nativity Fast: Will be held this **Tuesday, Dec 13th at 7pm**. NOTE: Previous lectures are available via our parish website (www.CTSHBG.org)

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.

Church School Request: The Church School is in need of anyone who can sew or alter costumes for the Paschal Play scheduled for Palm Sunday (April 9th). If you can help, please contact Debbie Hisiro at 717-903-8604 or dhisiro@verizon.net. *Thank you in advance!*

Donation Opportunity: for a **new coffee brewing system** to replace the urns we currently use. If you want to know more, please contact Fr. Stephen (pastor@ctshbg.org). Donations can be made payable to our parish, with "Coffee Brewer" on the memo line. \$1300 raised thus far! Thank you!

HERSHEY BEARS HOCKEY TICKETS: Tickets are available (*first come/paid*) for the game on **January 18th** which offers a free HERSHEY PARK pass given to every person attending! Email John Dotsey (JohnandJeanDotsey@verizon.net) or Alice Mallick (MrsMallick@verizon.net) to reserve your tickets. Cost is **\$20.00** - Tickets must be paid when reserving them, *thank you*.

Vestry Youth Mentoring Program: Teens will be pairing up with Vestry Members to enrich their church experience (as well as train them for adult roles). If a youth is unable for their assigned Sunday or if you wish to be added to the schedule please see or email **Joanne Wevodau** at jwevodau@verizon.net

Dec 11:	Saline Kidane	Sam Kidane
Dec 18:	Edan Araya	Tsedey Afrassa
Dec 25:	Nicole Zart	Benjamin Zart

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 please contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759

Dec 11*:	Joanne Wevodau	John Barns	
Dec 18*:	Larissa Shuga	Janice Zuro	Mary White
Dec 25:	<i>Nativity of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ</i>		

LAST SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY: 154

EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Open House/Choral Program: The Holy Apostles Church is hosting an *Open House & Choral Program* on **Sun, Dec 11th @ 3pm**. Come enjoy the Nativity Hymns and see their new church. Refreshments will follow the program. For more information please see the poster on the church doors.

Pan-Orthodox Annual Christmas Concert & Charity Evening: Will be held on **Sunday, Dec 18th** at St. Nicholas in Oberlin with *Festal Vespers for St. Nicholas @ 5pm* and the concert to follow. This annual event will benefit the IOCC & OCMC. For more information please see the flyer on the church doors.

80th Novogodny Ball: Will take place on **Sunday, Jan 15th** for the benefit of St. Tikhon's Summer Youth Camp & other deserving charities. For info & reservations call Paul Fedoronko at 610-328-6911 or email novogodnyball@verizon.net

Panera Bread Pick-Up Volunteers: 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.

Agia Sophia Coffeehouse & Bookstore

- **UPDATED - Volunteers needed:** Librarian (sort and categorize books) & Social Media volunteer. Both positions have flexible hour to suit your schedule. Also needed is a volunteer cook on Friday morning - flexible hours. Please contact Joanne Wevodau at 717-580-4833 or jwevodau@verizon.net