

# 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 JANUARY 1, 2017

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Sunday before Theophany. Martyr Basil of Ancyra.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Jan 1, Sun:** ST. BASIL'S DAY, CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST, NEW YEAR'S DAY. *Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am w/Blessing of the Vasilopita; Fellowship -following*  
*Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: Sophia Katerman • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: Vladimir Kellachow*  
Epistle: Rdr Matthew Lubecki • Post-Communion: Larry Smith
- Jan 2, Mon:** VEN. SERAPHIM OF SAROV
- Jan 4, Wed:** Bible Study (33 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St) –noon; *Royal Hours -6:30pm; Choir Rehearsal –following*
- Jan 5, Thu:** EVE OF THEOPHANY. *Strict Fast. Vespertal Divine Liturgy -9am w/Archbishop MARK; Great Compline & Blessing of Water -6:30pm*
- Jan 6, Fri:** THEOPHANY. *Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Pot luck –following; Vespers -6:30pm (St. John)*
- Jan 7, Sat:** SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. *Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Pot luck –following; Vespers & Confession -5pm*
- Jan 8, Sun:** SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. *Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School & Fellowship –following; Orthodoxy 101 -12:30pm*  
*Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: Manny Lopez • 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: Leavitt Keener*  
Epistle: Jim Kushlan • Post-Communion: Rdr Matthew Lubecki

**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:** Rich Sweger (friend of Lorie DiClemente); Ruth Mazurek (Moe's wife); 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, 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:** Olga Angelo; Betty Danko; Nicholas Demopoulos (Sam's cousin); Nicholas Essis; Pauline Fecho; Kevin Herman; 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:** George Cvijic, Jr; Tim Marasco; 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; Shine Gopinath; Bette Keener; Kaylee Schofield; Nathan Zaccarelli; Colette Guisseppe (newborn)

**NEWLY DEPARTED** [40<sup>TH</sup> DAY]: Hymanot Dessalegn (sister of Tigist) –Dec 26 [2/3]; Gladys Barns (mother of John) – Dec 23 [1/31]; Yohannes Tesfai –Dec 19 [1/27]; Felicia Vasilca –Dec 9 [1/17]; Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis – Dec 8 [1/16]; Ronald Hancher Sr. – Nov 30 [1/8]; Eugene Minarich – Nov 25 [1/3]

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** John Leer, father of Fred, Jan 1 – 8<sup>th</sup>; Archpriest Michael Romanchak, Jan 1 – 5<sup>th</sup>; Helen Evans, grandmother of M. Theodora, Jan 1- 84<sup>th</sup>; Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, brother of Andy, Jan 1 – 12<sup>th</sup>; Elsie Ruth, adopted grandmother of Nora Lubecki, Jan 1 - George Krempasky, Jan 2 – 1<sup>st</sup>, Helen Bushko, sister of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 2 -18<sup>th</sup>; Loretta Lennon, niece of Katharine Newhouse, Jan 3 – 11<sup>th</sup>; Howard Holt, step-father of Joanne Wevodau, Jan 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Marlene Demchak, Suzanne's sister-in-law, – Jan 4 – 9<sup>th</sup>; Eleanor Thomas, mother of Eleanor Herman, Jan 4 –13<sup>th</sup>; Agnes Gula, Pelegia Adams grandmother, Jan 4 -4<sup>th</sup>; Watson Edward Ealy, Jan 5 -18<sup>th</sup>; Helen Zuzulock, mother of Kathleen Pankiw, Jan 5 -17<sup>th</sup>; Vladimer Kellachow Jr., father of Kathryn & Vladimer, Jan 6 – 17<sup>th</sup>; Samuel Evans, Jan 6 -76<sup>th</sup>; Andrew Matyuf, brother of Dorothy Fedetz, Jan 6 -14<sup>th</sup>; John Popp, father of Janice Zuro & Garnice Leer, Jan 7 -12<sup>th</sup>; Tecla "Tessie" Kuchta, mother of Bill, Jan 7 -11t; Pelegia Szewczyk, mother of Anna Kuchta Jan 7 -3<sup>rd</sup>;

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



**MANY YEARS:** Please submit to [mailto: office@ctshbg.org](mailto:office@ctshbg.org) by the preceding Wednesday.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** George & Shirley Charlock –Jan 4;

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kesete Embaye –Jan 1; Basil Kuchta - Jan 7; Nicholas Hojnicky – Jan 7

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Notes from Parish Council:** To keep you informed. If any parish youth (ages 13 +) would like to serve on Youth Vestry, please see one of the vestrymen or Joanne Wevodau – email [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net). Our tithes for December were donated to Orthodox Seminaries, Monasteries and charities, as well as local charities. We are blessed to have Fr Theodore return June 12 to July 2 2017 to continue with our Iconography project.

**2016 Financial Offerings:** Please have all of your financial offerings/tithes to the church office no later than **Sunday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**With Gratitude:** The family of Ronald Hancher, Sr. *Thank you* for all of the prayers, cards, kind words of comfort and just being there for us. God Bless our Church Family! With Love & Peace.

**Special Parish Luncheon:** Sponsored by the Men's Club will be held on **Sunday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>** following Divine Liturgy. The lunch will be Soup & Subs for \$7.00 and children under 12 FREE.

**SAVE the DATE:** The *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pan-Orthodox Blessing of the Susquehanna River* will be held on **Sunday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The faithful will gather at the Arcade at **2pm**. Following the blessing there will be a reception at Agia Sophia plus a Soup/Chili "Cook-off". To enter the "cook-off" please visit [www.AgiaSophiaHarrisburg.com](http://www.AgiaSophiaHarrisburg.com). Dress warmly & bring a friend!

**Items for 2017:** St. Tikhon's Wall calendars (one per family) are on the umbrella rack; *also* - 7 Day Candle *reservations* can be made by signing up on the sheet in the vestibule

**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 9<sup>th</sup>). If you can help, please contact Debbie Hisiro at 717-903-8604 or [dhisiro@verizon.net](mailto:dhisiro@verizon.net). *Thank you in advance!*

**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](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net)

<b>Jan 1:</b>	<b>Brandon Hancher</b>	
Jan 8:	TBD	
Jan 15:	Edan Araya	Tsedey Afrassa

**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

<b>Jan 1:</b>	<b>Jean Dotsey</b>	<b>Dave Martin</b>	<b>John Dotsey</b>
Jan 8	Dotty Fedetz	Lydia Mantle	Deb McGinnes
Jan 15:	Sue Dotsey	Larry Smith	Dottie Dimoff

**LAST SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY: 165**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

**80th Novogodny Ball:** Will take place on **Sunday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net)