

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!** (Joshua 24:15)

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Sunday of the Forefathers. Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misael. Ven. Daniel the Confessor, in schema Stephen, of Spain and Egypt.

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Dec 17, Sun: **PROPHET DANIEL (Fish Day) Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy (ordinations) - 9:30am**  
w/Archbishop MARK Church School, Fellowship, & Cookie Sale –following  
Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Lydia Mantle** 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Manny Lopez**  
Epistle: **Rdr. James Kushlan** • Post-Communion: **Rdr. Matthew Lubecki**
- Dec 19, Tue: **Divine Liturgy -8am; Compline -6:30pm;** Adult Ed Series –following
- Dec 20, Wed: **Divine Liturgy -8am;** Bible Study (33 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St)- noon; **Vespers -6:30pm;** Confession & Choir Rehearsal –following
- Dec 21, Thu: **VIRGIN MARTYR JULIANA. Divine Liturgy -8am;** Parish Council Meeting -7pm
- Dec 22, Fri: **Royal Hours of Nativity -6:30pm;** Confession –following
- Dec 23, Sat: **Vespers -5pm;** Confession & Choir Rehearsal –following
- Dec 24, Sun: **EVE OF NATIVITY. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Church School & Fellowship –following; **Nativity Vigil, Great Compline & Matins -7:30pm**  
Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: **Rdr. Leo Leer** 6<sup>th</sup> Hour: **Eleanor Herman**  
Epistle: **Vladimir Kellachow** • Post-Communion: **Sbdn. John Shingara**

**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, our pastor.

- **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.*

**NEWLY DEPARTED [40<sup>TH</sup> DAY]:** Eli Setlock - Dec 5 [1/13]; Anna Shoop (Pat Drebot's sister) - Dec 6 [1/14]; Joanne Prisley (M. Theodora's sister-in-law) - Dec 3 [1/11]; Katharine Macut - Nov 10[12/19];

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Michael Kundrat, brother of John, Dec 17 -15<sup>th</sup> Michael Sandovich, grandson of Martyr Fr. Maksym, cousin of Fr. Dan, Dec 17 -14<sup>th</sup>; Herbert C. Caldwell III, son of Olga, Dec 17 -13<sup>th</sup>; Archbishop JOB (Diocese of Chicago and Midwest), Dec 18 -8<sup>th</sup>; Marilee Pellegrini, Candi Ressetar's aunt, Dec 19- 5<sup>th</sup>; Kathryn Sultzbaugh, sister of +Russell Sass, Dec 19 -29<sup>th</sup>;Yohannes Tesfai - Dec 19 -1<sup>st</sup>; Todorka Mioff, mother of Eli, Dec 21 -29<sup>th</sup>; Nadya Snow, sister of Gloria Maliniak, Dec 21 -16<sup>th</sup>; Peter Krempasky Jr., +George's brother, Dec 22 - 11<sup>th</sup>; Sophia Smetanick, mother of Vicki Henry, Dec 23 -25<sup>th</sup>; Dorothy Whitesel, aunt of John R. Barns, Dec 23 -15<sup>th</sup>; Marie Broskey, sister of Libby Hancher, Dec 23 -8<sup>th</sup>; Anastasia (Nell) Mason, aunt of Fr. Dan, Dec 23 -4<sup>th</sup>; Gladys Barns, mother of John, Dec 23 -1<sup>st</sup>;

**AILING: PARISHIONERS:** Janet Kuzupas; Joseph (Moe) Mazurek; Maria Vasilca; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Rena (friend of Cathi Kemp); Gail (friend of the Coles); Drew (Yorusalem's friend); Ellen (former parishioner); Carrie (Amanda Schillings sister); Abraham (AJ) (George Botros's nephew); Lonnie & Fred (John Osuch's family); Marianne; infant Theodore (Alice Mallick's great grandson); M. Myra (Natalia Seewald's mother); Daniel (Fred Leer's cousin); Robert & Barbara (friends of Larry Smith); Jennifer, Joan, Paul, Lydia, Marilyn (family & friends of the Kushlans); Martha (family of M. Theodora); Victor, Marie, Robert, & Roger (family & friend of the Kuchtas); Marcia, Olga & Ron (family & friend of Kathy Pankiw); Fred & John (family of Jean Dotsey); Geoffrey & Seraphima (friends of John R. Barns); Rita & Ed (Lopez family); Evelyn, Kerry & Family (Deb Hisiro's family & friends); John (Janet Kuzupas brother); Mike, Joseph & Steven (Suzanne's brothers);

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** All victims of Terror, War, & Civil Strife both here and throughout the world; Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** Manny (Lazarus) Lopez; Andrea Ivanoff Worley; Andrew Katerman; James Krut; Natalie Treece; Anna Doray; John & Mary Ellen Osuch; Kathryn Kellachow; Andy Fedetz; Sue Wolfe; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas. **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Olga Angelo; Nicholas Demopoulos; Nicholas Essis; Pauline Fecho; William Kantor; Janet Kuzupas; Gloria Maliniak; Millicent Russell; Jane Volscko **EXPECTANT MOTHER(S):** Jessica (Henry) Lane; Elizabeth (Alison) Latimer; Popadija Andreja Rocknage; Natalie (Schilling) Murphy and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Yerusalem Arefe, Masha Cameron, Amelia Demopoulos; Grace Firestine; George Hatalowich, Paige, Skye, & Wade Hisiro, Shreya & Shawn Jacob; Sophia Kellachow; Bahliby & Sammy Kidane; Madeleine Kushlan; Drake Lamb; Isaac Lampart; Christina & Joseph Martin, Evan & Johnna McGreevy, Timothy Monko; Andrew Norato; Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica & Sharon Shingara; Nicole & Shane Staller, Stephanie Stine, Melissa Zuro; Rdr. John Shingara. **MILITARY:** Casey; Dimitrios; Evangelos; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; Russell, Sean, Ian, Zachary, Josiah; **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Michael (nephew of M. Theodora); Ayoub family (former church members); David, Jon, Fara, & Kathy (friends of the Lopez's); Richard, Edward & Catherine (friends of Cathy Kemp); George (Leavitt); Michelle (Libby's niece); Christina & Margie (friends of Bethann); Christine (Michelle Gopinath's aunt); Natalie (Eleanor Hermans family); Paul (family of Gloria Maliniak); Christine (sister of Patti Taleff); Nathan; Marney; David, William, & Nancy (family & friends of John R. Barns); Nancy (John & Chris Cole's mother); Ben & Amanda (Sally Marasco's children); Chuck & Cecilia (Larry Smith's friend & cousin); **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Moses & Christy Locke - Elias, Seraphim, & Symeon; Rdr. James, Elizabeth (Alison) Latimer - Madeleine

**CATECHUMEN:** Una McManus; Anthony (Tony) Gault; Thomas, Jennifer, Madison & Hannah Shingara

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

❖ 7 Day Votive is offered in Memory of Marie Broskey, family of the Hancher's

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Angela DiFlorio - Dec 18; Barbara Norato- Dec 20; Ryan Henry -Dec 21; Dorothy Braun -Dec 21; Christopher Dupkanick - Dec 22; Una McManus - Dec 23;



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Notes from the Parish Council:** For the safety of all, children should be accompanied by a parent when they are in the Church Narthex. ♦ Many thanks to the Sunday School Students, teachers and helpers for the outstanding job of presenting the Nativity Play. A special thanks to our very own St. Nicholas! ♦ 2017 is coming to an end and new council members will be elected soon. If you are interested in serving on council, the term is a one year commitment, please contact Joanne Wevodau at [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net). ♦ Please have your 2017 tithes to the office by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, anything received after will be added for 2018 unless otherwise noted.

**"Blessing Bags":** Are due TODAY. If you have questions please contact **Kristen Iwancio** or **Christina Yerke**.

**Christmas Angels:** The "Angles" are due TODAY; please have your angel *attached* to your wrapped gift.

**LAST DAY TO ORDER - Poinsettias & Decorated Candles:** 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.

**Save the Date:** St. Jerome Book Club will meet on **Sun, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm** to discuss their new book "*Facing East*" by Frederica Matthewes-Green in the Parish hall & *All are Welcome!* Copies of the book are **now available** at the bookstore in the parish hall. Questions? Contact **Joe McClure** at [jmccclure59@yahoo.com](mailto:jmccclure59@yahoo.com).

**Advent Adult Ed. Series:** *Wondrous in His Saints, Learn about the Saints & our Relationship with Them*, the last series is this Tuesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> following Compline.

**SAVE the DATE:** The *Annual Parish Nativity Open House* will be on **Friday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**. All are Welcome and the dinner is FREE (a gift from our Men's Club)! The social starts at 5:30pm and the dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

**Hershey Bears Hockey Game:** Members of our parish are invited to attend the Hershey Bears hockey game on Wednesday evening, **January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. The purchase of your ticket includes a **FREE PASS to Hershey Park**. The cost for a ticket is \$25. We have a limited number of tickets, which will be sold on a first come basis. Please see **John Dotsey** if you are interested in attending the game.

**SAVE the DATE:** The 10<sup>th</sup> *Annual Pan-Orthodox Great Blessing of the Susquehanna River* will be held **Sun, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2pm** (Meeting at the Arcade). A reception will follow at Agia Sophia.

**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)

Dec 17:	Eden Araya	Tsedey Afrassa
Dec 24:	Nicole Zart	Benjamin Zart
Dec 31:	Brandon Hancher	Cassandra Zart

**St. Mary's Altar Guild Fellowship:** 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 717-652-2759

Dec 17*:	Larissa Shuga	Anita Spaits	Dottie Dimoff
Dec 24*:		St. Mary's Altar Guild	
Dec 31:	Heidi Kushlan	Denny Bupp	Lydia Mantle

**LAST SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY: 167**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

**St. Tikhon's Cemetery Plots:** Cemetery plots are currently for sale near & around the Mausoleum for Orthodox Christians, their spouses, & families. Each plot is currently \$1,350 (2 plots: \$2,700; 3 plots \$4,050; etc). The opening & closing cost is \$1,150 and is subject to change. However, if you purchase your plot(s) now they will guarantee the price. You may make payments up to 12 months. For more information please see the flyers located in the church hall

**81st Novogodny Ball:** Will take place on Sunday 1/14/18 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email [novogodnyball@gmail.com](mailto:novogodnyball@gmail.com) or call Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.

**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](mailto:jmkellachow@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining a rotation or have any questions.

**Agia Sophia Coffee Shop and Bookstore needs YOU!** Represent your faith while sharing your time and talents by volunteering at the shop. It is a fulfilling summer opportunity for College and High School students as well as teachers.

- Mondays 8am to 11am to serve coffee and take orders. (or whatever day you are available)
- Fridays (flexible hours) to cook soups, etc.
- Year round help is always needed. Any time, any day.

If you can donate time/talents to this ministry, please contact Joanne Wevodau at [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net) or 717-580-4833

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