



# Christ <sup>the</sup> Saviour Orthodox Church

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John Dotsey, Treasurer

**Our "Why"** - To experience and share Christ's love so that everyone we encounter finds healing, purpose, and eternal life.

**I**f it is possible, as much as depends on you,  
live peaceably with all men. *Romans 12:18*

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## Sunday April 23, 2023

**ANTIPASCHA. St. Thomas Sunday.. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1.**  
**Greatmartyr & Wonderworker George.** Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian. Martyrs Anatolius & Protoleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George.

**Schedule:** **Hours –9:10am; Divine Liturgy – 9:30am;** Church School, Egg Hunt, & Special Luncheon; St. Jerome's Book Club – 1:30pm

**Readers:** 3rd Hour: **Kenneth Snyder** • 6th Hour: **Rdr. Matthew Lubecki**

**Epistle:** **Rdr. James Kushlan** • Post-Communion: **Jennifer Lewis**

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**W**elcome to our Visitors!

**Interested in learning more?** Please visit our parish website  
and email our priest, **Fr. Stephen Vernak**

## Hymns & Readings

### **Troparion, Tone VII -**

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us through them an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

### **Troparion, Tone IV -**

As a martyr of Christ, thou wast bound for good deeds, O George; by faith thou didst conquer the torturer's godlessness. Thou wast offered as a sacrifice pleasing to God, thus receiving the crown of victory. Through thine intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

### **Kontakion, Tone IV -**

God raised thee as His own gardener, O George, for thou hast gathered for thyself the sheaves of virtue. Having sown in tears, thou dost now reap with joy; thou hast shed thy blood in combat and won Christ as thy crown. Through thine intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

### **Kontakion, Tone VIII -**

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

### **Prokeimenon & Readings:**

**Tone 3:** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (*from the Pentecostarion*)

*V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!*

**Tone 7:** The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him. (*St. George*)

**Epistle:** (*Acts 5:12-20*) *In those days*, through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. <sup>13</sup> Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. <sup>14</sup> And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup> Then the high priest rose up, and all those who

were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,<sup>18</sup> and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.<sup>19</sup> But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,<sup>20</sup> "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

### **Alleluia Verses**

*Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

*For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.*

*The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

**Gospel:** (John 20:19-31) *The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."*<sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."<sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."<sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"<sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."<sup>30</sup> And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;<sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

## Upcoming Services & Events

**April 24, Mon:** Men's Club Meeting – 7pm

**April 25, Tue:** ECM Meeting – 8:15pm

**April 26, Wed:** Bible Study (Zoom) -noon; **Vespers –6:30pm;** Confession & Choir Rehearsal; ECM Meeting – 8:15pm

**April 27, Thu:** Lunch Bunch –12:30pm @ *Copper Pub & Grill*

*OCF Board Meeting April 27–April 28*

**April 29, Sat:** Rebuilding Together Project – 8am; **Vespers – 5pm;** Confession

**April 30, Sun: Myrrh-Bearing Women, Holy Apostle John. Hours –9:10am;**

**Divine Liturgy –9:30am w/ St. Tikhon's Choir;** Church School & Fellowship;

*Readers:* 3rd Hour: **Manny Lopez** • 6th Hour: **Mary White**

*Epistle:* **Rdr. Leo Leer** • *Post-Communion:* **Ray Rieck**

## Parish News

**Notes from the Parish Council:** **April Donations** - \$500 to the Kenny Family Mission Trip; \$300 to Fr. John Black and family (SVOTS); \$100 to FOCUS North America; **Ongoing Donations** - \$75 to Ancient Faith Radio, \$150 to missionaries Jesse and Juanita Brandow, \$50 to Orthodox Christian Mission Center's Support a Mission Priest program; **Projects** - Hall basement drive regrading complete; Annex Basement renovation (classroom) completed; Streaming equipment to be installed soon; Waterline replacement has resulted in an 83% usage reduction from this same month last year. **Announcements** - Audit firm review scheduled for this week; \$1,200 was collected for the Gettysburg Orthodox Mission; If you're interested in serving on the 60th anniversary committee, see John Dotsey; If you have any recommendations to improve Holy Week and Pascha operations, see Father Stephen or Dave Pawlush.

**Happening TODAY:** Parish Feast Day Special Luncheon; Children's Egg Hunt (weather permitting) –*following Liturgy*; & St. Jerome Book Club -1:30pm.

**Pascha Bread:** There are a few left over frozen plain (\$6) or raisin (\$7) Pascha Breads for sale. See Dave Martin or John Dotsey to purchase.

**Lunch Bunch:** **Thurs, April 27 @ 12:30pm at Copper Pub & Grill** 580 N. Mountain Rd 17112. Please RSVP by text or call Kathy Pankiw . If you need a ride or can give a ride, just contact Kathy P. Hope to see you there!

**Rebuilding Together:** **Sat, April 29** from 8am to 3pm. See parish email for details and to sign-up! Please visit <http://rtgh.org/> to learn more.

**St. Tikhon Seminary Mission Choir:** **Sun, April 30.** We will be taking an offering that Sunday to support the ministry of the Seminary; or you can give online from now until Sun, May 7 via our online giving system.

**Trivia Night:** **Tue, May 2nd @ 7pm,** a social will be at 6:30pm. Questions? See or call Jay or Sheri Africa

**Special Presentation "Christian Kingship":** *The Rite of Coronation of the UK's Monarch.* Offered by Rdr. Christopher will be held on **Thu, May 4 @ 7pm** with a social @ 6:30pm. All are welcome!

**Grave Blessings:** **Sun, May 7** - Churchville at 1:30pm; Baldwin at 2:30pm; Indiantown Gap at 3:45pm. All others by appointment, contact Fr. Stephen

**OCCGH Golf Tournament:** **Sat, July 8** with registration at 7:30am. 4 person Scramble Play is \$300 per team. All golfers need to pre-register by July 6. Questions or if you would like to be a sponsor, contact Carl Hisiro

**SAVE the DATE:** 60th anniversary celebration will be held on Sat, Oct 28

**Fellowship Hours:** All parishioners are asked to host a week by providing such items as soup, fresh fruit, veggies, cheese, baked items, etc. & coordinate with the other families to decide on the menu. *Plan on approximately 100 parishioners.* Please follow email reminders for any updates to the schedule, & contact Christine with any questions *Please refer to emails for the up to date schedule.*

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| May 7:  | Leader, J/S Shingara, Jekel, & Dupkanick families |
| May 14: | Demchak, Kuchwara, DiFlorio, & Zart families      |
| May 21: | Hisiro, McMahon, Murariu, & Rieck families        |

## *Parish Prayer List*

*Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.*

**NEWLY DEPARTED [40<sup>TH</sup> DAY]:** William Butka, Jr. (uncle of Bob Drozd) – April 15 [5/24]; Lisa Heminway (cousin of Alice Mallick) – April 11 [5/20]; Melissa Sickler (Yerke family) - April 10 [5/19]; Michael Drozd (father of Bob) – April 1 [5/10]; Joseph Challenger (Marie Reba's family) - April 1 [5/10]; Hollis Presnell - March 24 [5/2]; Shirley Shafer (friend of Dotty Fedetz) - March 2023;

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Sophia Krut, mother of Jim, Apr 23 – 8<sup>th</sup>; William Harter, cousin of Kathy Pankiw, Apr 23 – 7<sup>th</sup>; George M. White, father of Gerald, Apr 24 – 35<sup>th</sup>; Mary Carter, M. Anna's grandmother, Apr 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Tewolde Asfaha, Selemawi Gebre's father, Apr 25 – 8<sup>th</sup>; Louise Henry, mother of Jim, Apr 25 – 11<sup>th</sup>; M. Irene Rachko, Sandy Wood's aunt, Apr 26 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Mary Demchak, mother of Suzanne, Apr 26 – 54<sup>th</sup>; Child Sebastian Bishop, great grandson of Fr. Claude, Apr 26 – 18<sup>th</sup>; Helen Neff, Pat Drebot's sister, Apr 26 -17<sup>th</sup>; Bishop DANIEL, April 26 – 13<sup>th</sup>; Tewedros Ghebresselasie, Yordanos Gebre's father, Apr 27 – 9<sup>th</sup>; Dr. John S. Thomsen, uncle of Larry Smith, Apr 27 – 13<sup>th</sup>; John Schilling Sr., father of John, Apr 27 – 7<sup>th</sup>; Janet Priestly, Adam's grandmother, Apr 28 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Nancy Bucharew, mother of Victor, Apr 28 - 29<sup>th</sup>; Frank Skripan, Apr 28 – 9<sup>th</sup>; Alex Carriaga, son of Jennifer Lewis- Apr 28 – 39<sup>th</sup>; Ruth Osterburg –Apr 28 – 5<sup>th</sup>; Kris Conforti, friend of the Pawlushs', Apr 29 – 7<sup>th</sup>;

**AILING: PARISHIONERS:** Ella Zuro; Millicent Russell; **FAMILY/FRIENDS:** Carl & Lois (brother & friend of S. Demchak); Isabella; Irene (sister of P. Hadginske); Tanya (niece of K. Kuchwara); Christine Perrin; Melanie & Alex (friend & uncle of C. Yerke); Melvin, Cathy (D. Martins brother & niece); Alexandra, Charles, Tamara (B. Kuchta's family); Daniel (brother of C. Neumann);

**Roger** (friend of C. Kemp & B. Cain); **Bp. Matthias Moriak**; **Adley** (child of N. Somple's friend); **Maggie & Dick** (friends of the Klipa's); **Aiden** (nephew of S. Hanna); **Robin** (son-in-law of E. Files); **Fred** (cousin of the Kormushoff's); **Jerry "David" & Dennie** (friend & stepson of B. Keener); **Maria** (friend of the Cain's); **Grace** (D. Fedetz sister-in-law); **Tom** (friend of D. Bupp & Kushlans); **M. Olga Klembara** (Larissa & Anita's aunt); **Carolyn** (friend of C. Kemp); **Charles, Sophia, & Ana** (family & friends of C. Dardaris); **Joan, Kim, & Gary** (friends of the J. & A. Cole); **Daria** (friend of the Dotsey & Klipa families); **Hannes & Anne** (family of R. Rieck); **Andrea** (I. Arahavos's mother); **Elaine** (sister of S. Africa); **Pastor Charles, Mary, Peter, & Edwin**, (family & friends of the Leer's); **Anu, Steve, & Barry** (Hisiro family & friends); **Elle** (friend of J. McGreevy); **John** (brother of J. Krut); **Pam, Dan & Nina** (friends of D. Bupp); **Colton & Gary** (cousins of Donna Bretz); **Alexsya & Cassie** (family & friend of E. Herman); **Igumen David (Lewis)**; **Neal** (D. Pawlush's brother); **James** (brother of M. Koviloff); **Grace, Karen, Lois, & Rich** (J. Mamay's sisters & friends); **Joan Therese & Dori** (mother & niece of N. Lubecki & J. Lewis); **Lynn** (Himes daughter-in-law); **Kristin & Abe** (family & friend of Dn. Peter); **Shirley** (L. Pawlush's mother); **Sandy, Hailey, & Kelly** (friends of DiFlorio's); **child Joshua**; **M. Lisa Weremedic** (wife of Fr. James); **Janice & Emil** (J. Zuro & G. Leer's aunt & uncle); **child Fynn**; **Kay, Richard, & Anya** (aunt & friends of K. Leader); **Patty** (friend of K. Pankiw); **Mitchel** (Jean Dotsey's nephew); **Linda** (M. Sharon's mother); **Ap. Michael & M. Valeria Hatrak**; **Jacob** (brother of Pat Drebot); **Connie, Charlie, & Shirley** (family & friends of Mallick's); **Wendy** (M. Deamer's mother); **Kim & Mona** (sisters of Ab. Mark); **Mary** (mother of S. Kellachow); **Mary & Nicholas** (family & friends of the Kuchta's); **Victoria, Erin & David** (friends of L. Smith); **Flora** (T. Gault's mother); **Vera** (Ressetar's family); **Bernadine, Lonnie & Fred** (Osuch family); **Mike, Jessica's & their families**; **Jonathan, Paul, Adam, Bev, Alynda, Tina, Mark, Jenny, Marilyn, Alicia, Shelby, & Jim** (family & friends of the Kushlans); **Seraphima** (friend of J. Barns); **James, his father, Thelma, Shari, Darrell, Justo, Alexa, Thomas, Leida, Jesus, Marsha, Alexander, Anastasia, John, Brian, Timothy, Jessica, Saulo, Theodore, & Tanya**, (Lopez friends & family);

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** Those suffering from natural disasters. All victims of Sickness, Terror, War, Violence, Racism, Injustice & Civil Strife; **Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo** *held hostage by Syrian Terrorists, for the suffering people of Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ukraine, Haiti & Afghanistan, especially our citizens & soldiers who are in harms way*; **PARISHIONERS:** **Ann & Gerald Cole**; **Sophia & Vincent Viggiano**; **M. Theodora Ressetar**; **Beth Lenker**; **Christina Klipa**; **Nadine Klipa**; **Charlene Dardaris**; **Johnna**; **Terry Drebot**; **Patricia Drebot**; **Lazarus (Manny) & Samantha Lopez**; **Frank Bifano**; **Gail (Brigit)**; **Mary Ellen Osuch**; **Glenn & Natalie Treece**; **Suzanne Demchak**; **Evan M.**; **Tony Onufer**; **Ita (Stephanie) Snyder**; **John "Jack" Sweikert**; **Joseph Sembrot**; **Birikit & Hannah Zerat**; **Jeanne Zane**; **Teklu & Pazon Ogbamichael**; **Katherine Kudelko**; **M. Ap. Daniel & M. Myra Kovalak**; **Joseph (Moe) & Ruth Mazurek**; **Lazarus (Jonathan) Dunnavent**; **Kathryn Kellachow**; **Sue Wolfe**; **Daniel Bretz**; **Robin Kuzupas** **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** **Rita**; **Nicholas Demopoulos**; **Millicent Russell**; **EX-**

**PECTANT MOTHER(S):** Danielle Zuro; Sarah Cruz; Myrenie Cruz; Natalie Kennedy; Lisa Fedetz, *and the children to be born of them*; Jessica Priestley *and the child born of her*; **ECM Cohort:** Emmanuel Maginas (coach) Jaclynn Choma, Symeon Jekel, Sophia Kellachow, Lydia Mantle & Fr. Stephen Vernak; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Tseday Afrassa; Semhar Anghesom, Eden Araya, David, Amelia Demopoulos; Grace & Evelyn Firestine; Jacob Herman; Shawn Jacob; Rdr. Vladimer Kellachow; Megan Kenny; Flimon Kesete; Salina Kidane; Matthew Mikita; Zachary Matthews; Molly Pylypciw; Rachel Reba; John Romain; Ashley; Dave; Peter; Wessam; Jessica Williams **MILITARY:** Alexander; Valery; Conrad; Shawn; Benjamin; Rdr. Vladimir; Abel; Jacob; Gabriel; Stephanie; Matthew; David; Michael; Peter; Sean; Ian, Zachary; Josiah; Owen Williams **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Jaden (Yerke family); Brittani; Stacy & Mia (B. Keener's friends); Vera, Stan, Joe & Kandi (family & friends of Libby); Tony (K. Hertzler's husband); Ronald; Una; Amy (co-worker of B. Kuchta); Shawn (friend of Dn. Peter); Jean & Robert (aunt & friend of Rdr. Leo); Anne (sister-in-law of R. Rieck); Mitchell, Deborah, Michael, Emily, Ezra (S. Kellachow's family); George, Matthew, Ed & George (family & friend of J. Mamay); Kalei (family of K. Leader); Steve (friend of Johnna M.); Vicki, Ken, Ron, & Scott (friends of the Pankiw's); Jeanette, Scott, Helen, Ethan, Mitch, Rob, Jody, Jackie, & Bruce, (family & friends of the Mallick's); Shirley, Pastora, Kyle, Steve, Joseph & Scott, (friends of the Lenker's); M. Natasha Lazor, Cindy, Linda, & Vera, (friends of M. Myra); Rosalie; David & Dawn (cousins of Chet); Alexandra; Masha, Ethan & Wesley (M. Cameron's family/friend); Nancy & family (Snyder's friends); Ryan, Stacey, Bryan, Curt, Thomas, Andrew, Priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, Megan, Jacob & family, Georgia, Maria, Blake, Keisha, Dimitrios, child Evangelia, Kyle, Martha, Emma, Nicholas, Jack, Samuel, Christian, Theodore, Steve, John, Alexandra, Juan, Isaac, Daniel, Judy, Luke, Johnny, Leticia, Jim, Paul, Samuel, Faye, Jon, child Landon (family/friends of the Lopez's); Dorothy, Shirley & family, Nathan; Jeff, Greg, & William (family & friends of J. Barns); **MISSIONARIES:** Jesse & Juanita Brandow (Guatemala); **SEMINARIANS:** (St. Tikhon's) Fr. Nathan & M. Katharine Clausen - *Micaiah, Evangeline, Gideon, Zacharias, Ignatius, & Basil*; (St. Vladimir's) Fr. John & M. Alexandra Black Evyn, Lydia, Joshua, & Noah **CATECHUMEN(S):** John Romain; Joseph Middelkoop; Henry Laskowski; Vincent, Natalie, & Annika Kennedy; Gregory Spear; Mariana Cruz; Owen & Jessica Williams

## Many Years!

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**Anniversaries:** Vincent & Natalie Kennedy – Apr 20; Fr. Stephen Vernak (ordination to Priesthood) – Apr 28

**Birthdays:** Elena Casterline – Apr 16; John Mosser – Apr 16; Mary Ann Hadginske – Apr 16; Siem Tesfai – Apr 16; George Charlock – Apr 18; Anna Kuchta – Apr 18; Liam Andrew Watkins – Apr 18; Flimon Kesete – Apr 19; Tabitha Hake – Apr 20; Amanuel Ghide – Apr 21; Evan Mosser – Apr 22; George Kaznowsky – Apr 23; Johnna McGreevy – Apr 23; Owen Kenny – Apr 23; Mark Yerke – Apr 24; Kidane Ghebremichael – Apr 24; Rebecca Jekel – Apr 26; MaryKate Kenny – Apr 27; Molly Pylypciw – Apr 28; Teklu Ogbami-chael – Apr 28; Fr. Stephen Vernak – Apr 29; Nicholas Fresco – Apr 29;

## Candle Offering

To donate, please see a vestryperson

### March 2023 - Financial Summary

|          | Month      |            | Year       |            | YTD Over/<br>Under Budget |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
|          | Actual     | Budget     | Actual     | Budget     |                           |
| Income   | 31,577.65  | 28,541.00  | 140,371.11 | 114,874.00 | 25,497.11                 |
| Expenses | 39,079.27  | 36,388.00  | 125,899.15 | 116,004.00 | 9,895.15                  |
| Net      | (7,501.62) | (7,847.00) | 14,471.96  | (1,130.00) | 15,601.96                 |

### March 2023 - Stewardship Summary

|   | Month      | Year       |
|---|------------|------------|
| Tithes/Stewardship                        | 25,658.99  | 116,698.92 |
| Operating Expenses<br>(excl. fundraising) | 35,389.27  | 118,147.15 |
| Net                                       | (9,730.28) | (1,448.23) |

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| Tithe as a % of Operating Expenses | 73% | 99% |
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