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December 10, 2006

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1; Commemorating Martyrs Menas, Hemogenes and Eugraphus of Alexandria; St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod; Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia

Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel: Saint Luke 17:12-19



- 8:00 a.m.**—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II
- 8:55 a.m.**—Prayers of Repentance, Confessions
- 9:00 a.m.**—Church School Classes
- 9:40 a.m.**—Reading of the Third and Sixth Hours
- 10:00 a.m.**—Divine Liturgy, Sermon, Student and Senior A cappella Choirs
- 11:45 a.m.**—Fellowship
- 4:30 p.m.**—Nativity Choral Concert at Good Shepherd Church

Calendar:

- Dec 11, Mon:** Baking Preparation—9:00 a.m.
- Dec 12, Tue:** Nutroll baking—8:00 a.m.; Clean up—6:00 p.m.
- Dec 13, Wed:** Nutroll baking—8:00 a.m.; Clean up—6:00 p.m.
- Dec 14, Thu:** Pan-Orthodox Bible Study at Holy Trinity Cathedral—7:00 p.m.; Church Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m.
- Dec 16, Sat:** Nut roll pick up—9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Christmas Decorating and Maintenance—9:00 a.m.; Vespers—7:00 p.m.
- Dec 17, Sun:** 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship & Decorate Nativity Tree—11:45 a.m.; Church School Program—12 Noon

- Dec 18, Mon:** Food Distribution to the Needy—10 a.m. to 12 Noon
- Dec 19, Tue:** Parish Council meeting—7:00 p.m.
- Dec 21, Thu:** Pan-Orthodox Bible Study at Holy Trinity Cathedral—7:00 p.m.
- Dec 22, Fri:** The Royal Hours—9:30 a.m.
- Dec 23, Sat:** Vespers—7:00 p.m.
- Dec 24, Sun:** *Nativity Eve—Day of Strict Fast*; 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Adult Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship & Carol Singing—11:45 a.m.; Great Compline & Nativity Matins—7:30 p.m.

Today's Prayers: *Please remember those mentioned here in your daily prayers in the morning and in the evening, at home and in church. The detailed prayer list is published once a month in the parish mailing. However, the names will be mentioned during the Liturgy of Preparation every Sunday. Parishioners are urged to update or delete their prayer listings.*

Those Ailing: **Stephen Kanoff**, nephew of Katherine Macut, he underwent chemotherapy & radiation for cancer of the stomach and throat; **Donald Semic**, Shirley Hathaway's brother; **James Mitnik**; **Mary Essock**; **Nina Shvartsakh**, at Hershey Medical Ctr.; **Irene Popp**, mother of Janice Zuro; **Joe Krajsa**, friend of the choir; **Karen Berger**, friend of Angie Mioff-McGreevy; **Eva Kondratick**, Aunt of Evelyn Krempasky; **Tanner Carmen**, great nephew of Betty Pellegrini; **Dorothy Pellegrini**, cousin of Paul Pellegrini; **Alexander Galvin**, 4-yr old grand-nephew of Evelyn Krempasky; **Gregory Burch**; **Anna Pampalona** sister of Janet Kuzupas;
Health and well-being of: **Nicholas Serio**, in Iraq; **Katherine Pilc**, sisters of George Krempasky; **Russ Sass**;



Newly Departed from This Life:

Wedde Mikhail—Nov 30th; **Alan Shiposki**—Nov 24th; **Richard Rozinger**, 84—Oct 22nd, Carlisle; **Irene Manura**—Oct 28th, Middletown, aunt of Alice Mallick

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

- Dr. John R. Essock**, son of Mary Essock, brother of Patricia Bromley and nephew of George Krempasky, December 10th is the 2nd anniversary;
- John Sullivan**, brother-in-law of Joe & Barbara Norato, December 11th is the 31st anniversary;
- Anna Hatalowich**, grandmother of George Hatalowich, December 13th is the 31st anniversary;
- Inez Leonard**, cousin of John R. Barns, December 13th is the 2nd anniversary;
- James Reedy**, December 14th is the 34th anniversary;
- John O. Vartan**, December 15th is the 2nd anniversary;
- Pani Suan Mesaros**, wife of Fr. Frank Mesaros, December 16th is the 4th anniversary;

Candle Offerings:

Seven Day Eternal Lamp Votive Candles are offered for **Donald Matter** by Joseph Russian. December 5th was the 40th day of Donald's departure from this life.

Many Years (*Names for the singing of MANY YEARS after the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be accepted for publication in the weekly bulletin. Please email ctsocahbg@aol.com with the information.*)

David and Katharine Newhouse will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **December 11th**.

Alyssa Nesko will celebrate her birthday on **December 11th**.

Evan McGreevy will celebrate his birthday on **December 13th**.

Alexander Ressetar will celebrate his birthday on **December 14th**.

Katharine Newhouse will celebrate her birthday on **December 16th**.

TODAYS NEWS

THE ANGEL TREE in the narthex has no angels on it. All were taken. Please return the angel taped on the gift you purchased by next Sunday, December 17th. The toys will be distributed the next day

CHORAL CONCERT TODAY: Our church choir, along with members of Holy Apostles Mission Choir will be participating in a choral concert to be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA (near the new Giant Food Store) at 4:30 p.m. There will also be choirs from other Orthodox churches in the area. Nativity hymns and carols will be sung. The Roman Catholic Vesper services will be celebrated immediately following the concert. The Harrisburg Roman Catholic Bishop Kevin Rhoades will be in attendance. Refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome.

THE NEXT BOARD meeting of the Center for Orthodox Christian Education will be held *tomorrow* at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church. If you are interested in joining the board in planning for the Orthodox Academy, please attend the meeting. We are looking for representation from all the parishes in the Central PA region. Attending the meeting does not commit you to any responsibilities, but will help us spread the word of the upcoming Academy and help us gather ideas and needs from other Orthodox Christians. Hope to see you there. Mark your busy calendar now.

"SUPPORT-A-SEMINARIAN is a temporary project our parish has been asked to participate in. It was brought up at our annual November parish meeting and approved by the parish council at its November meeting. The expenses will not be part of the 2007 parish budget.

A seminarian at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Seminary in South Canaan is in need of at least \$200 a month for living expenses. He is married and has a child. The funding will be from December 2006 through May 2007 (\$200 x 6=only \$1,200) We are asking individuals from the parish and outside the parish to contribute to this Seminarian Fund on a regular basis until the total amount is acquired. Any overage will be kept in the parish treasury for any future Seminarian Program.

Please, let's begin with a gift, no matter how small, to this seminarian for Christmas. By the way, the checks must be sent directly to the seminarian. So please make a money order or a check contribution or cash to: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church if you would like to help. In the memo area write "Support-A-Seminarian". Our church treasurer will forward the monthly church check to him.

ALIVE IN CHRIST is being prepared for publication for the Nativity (Christmas) issue. To help defray the expenses of printing and distribution, listings are being compiled. Names at \$2.00 per line will be gathered. Please contribute so ALIVE will maintain its quality. Checks should be made out to our church. Cash will also be accepted.

THE ICON of Saint Nicholas, The Wonderworker, on the center table December 6 and this weekend, was loaned to us by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Norato for our veneration.

THEME for Fr. Michael Kovach's talk to the adult 9 am class in the social room downstairs' December 3rd was "Father Anthony Coniaris, Priest and Author."

PARISH NEWS

DVD copies of Father Dan's 13-minute retirement dinner presentation are being distributed, by request, to those who did not see it. Please return your DVD copy after viewing it for others to see it.

DECORATED CANDLES for Nativity Eve and Day; December 24th and 25th may be reserved at the church office by calling 652-1825; emailing ctsocahbg@aol.com, or sign up at the candle desk. The donation is \$10 each. The two large candles alongside the center table have already been reserved.

POINSETTIA PLANTS to decorate the church during the Nativity and the Theophany Holy Days may be ordered for **\$7.00** per plant. After Theophany, you may take your plant home with you. Orders will be taken until **December 20th**. Please sign up at the candle desk or contact the office.



CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS can be handed in to the church office and will be posted for everyone to see. Your card represents Christmas greetings to the whole parish.

A DOUBLE BULLETIN will be printed for the weeks of **December 25th & January 1st**. All announcements for those issues must reach the church secretary no later than **1 p.m.** on Wednesday, **December 20th**.

THE YEAR 2006 is coming to a close. Parishioners are reminded to fulfill their minimum financial obligations to the parish by December 31st. It is easier to give regularly throughout the year than to give your church gift in one lump sum during Christmas time. In any case, remember the parish, priority one, this month.

CORRECTION: Dec. 3rd Fr. Dan mentioned in his sermon that his granddaughter wants to drive a red convertible when she is old enough. She prefers a yellow one.

FUTURE EVENTS

BAKING FOR CHRISTMAS at the parish hall kitchen will be a 2-day event. We will be baking nut, apricot, and poppy seed rolls. Volunteers are needed on Monday for baking set-up at 9 am and for baking on Tue and Wed. this week, December 12th and 13th. Clean-up crews are welcome to come in the evening, especially on Wednesday.



Because the garbage trucks must have access to the dumpster both days, volunteers are requested not to park in the handicapped parking slots and alongside the grass strip in front of the church sidewalk.

A HOME-MADE COOKIE SALE sponsored by the Harrisburg Senior "O" Club will be held **Sunday December 17th** at the fellowship hour. The cookies will help make the Christmas trimmings and desert more festive.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS: We are planning a Nativity Fast Program on **Sunday, Dec. 17th** immediately after Liturgy in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in having your child in the program, parents should see or contact the church school leader.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Volunteers are needed to help the Parish Council members decorate outside and inside the church beginning at **9 a.m.** on Saturday, **December 16th**. Volunteers are also needed to help the Junior "O" Club decorate the "live" **Nativity tree** in church after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, **December 17th**. Helpers are also needed when the *poinsettia plants* are delivered during the week of **December 18th**.



CHRISTMAS TURKEYS and **Supermarket Gift Cards** for the needy will be distributed on Monday morning, **December 18th at 10 a.m. to 12 noon** by **Ron Hancher Sr.** and **Father Dan**. Please bring your donation of food items and gift cards to the church no later than Sunday, **December 17th**.

MAINTENANCE day for the month will be on **Sat. Dec. 16th** beginning at **9 am** when, among other things, we will set up the church with Christmas decorations and the 10 foot tall Nativity tree.

NATIVITY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, sponsored by the **Orthodox Men's Club**, will be held on Thursday, **December 28th**, beginning at **6 p.m.** All members of the parish are invited to join in Fellowship during this joyous season of the Nativity. Plan to eat dinner there also, as lots of good food will be served.

COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT will broadcast the following programs on Sundays from 8 am-8:30 am on AM 720—Tune in.
12/17/2006 I gave birth to these kids now I have to raise them..Help—Matushka Valerie Zahirsky

12/24/2006 Nativity Message—Fr. Christopher Metropulos

From the pulpit of St. Demetrios Church, home of CRTL, Fr. Chris will share with us the Joy of the Nativity and what it means to all of us. He will enlighten us on how we as Orthodox Christians can embrace the Joy of the Nativity as one family.

12/31/2006 The Man and the Vine—Jane G. Meyer

Jane Meyer joins Fr. Chris to discuss her new children's book, "The Man and the Vine," which is about the Eucharistic celebration. It is a joyful story about a man and his daughter who plant a vineyard, and watch the grape go from the vine to the wine cellar to the church, to become Holy Communion with God. This story is a must read for children of all ages.

Martyr Menas of Alexandria



The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eurgaphus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313).

St Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of St Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Sts Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed St Eurgaphus, the secretary of St Menas, and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. St Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.

The visit of Pope Benedict to the Ecumenical Patriarchate

During the last week of November 2006, Roman Catholic Pope Benedict XVI visited Turkey, where he met with numerous state and religious officials.

A highlight of his trip was his visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul's Phanar district, where he was welcomed by His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I.

Upon the Pope's arrival at the Patriarchate, a Doxology was celebrated in the Patriarchal Cathedral of Saint George. At the conclusion of the service, Patriarch Bartholomew welcomed Pope Benedict, who responded accordingly. Before advancing to the Hall of the Throne, Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Benedict venerated the relics of Saints Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, both former archbishops of Constantinople and predecessors of Patriarch Bartholomew. The relics of the two saints were taken to Rome in the 1204 AD sacking of Constantinople during the Fourth Crusade. It was a request from Patriarch Bartholomew to Pope John Paul II, who wholeheartedly accepted, that initiated the return of the relics two years ago to their original resting place in Constantinople.

Following the welcoming ceremonies, Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Benedict met privately to discuss issues regarding Orthodox Christian and Roman Catholic relations, including interreligious dialogue, world peace, and mutual understanding.

On Thursday, November 30, Pope Benedict and his entourage attended the Patriarchal and Synodical Divine Liturgy celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint George on the occasion of the Patriarchate's patronal feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the founder of the Church of Constantinople. For a complete report, photos, and videos of the historic visit, log on to the web site of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at www.patriarchate.org and the web site of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.



THE VISIT of Pope Benedict XVI with Patriarch Bartholomew in Turkey last month and the Synodical Divine Liturgy at the Phanar was video-taped by John Osuch, Jr. It will be shown at the church at a later date.

Christmas Greetings

Remember those who have difficulty coming to church for liturgical services for various reasons or who are confined at home, in a nursing home or in the hospital. Remember them in your prayers and send them a Christmas greeting card. They will appreciate it.

Mrs. Betty Middlesworth, 3409 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17109
Mr. John Caba Jr, 3816 Kramer Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109
Mrs. Margaret Spaseff, 800 King Russ Drive #B-11, Harrisburg, PA 17109
Mr. & Mrs. Russ Sass, 451 Sand Hill Road #264, Harrisburg, PA 17033

Others who would like to receive mail are:

Mrs. Helen Kurylo, 827 Herman Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Mrs. Helen Yannone, 4338 25th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
Miss Margaret Balog, 1453 Hillside Circle #407, Camp Hill, PA 17011
Mrs. Mary Essock, 1870 Lilac Road, York, PA 17404
Mrs. Dorothy Jadick, Thornwood Home I-12, 422 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle PA 17011
Mr. Matthew Fisher, Dm-8515, #EA-7, P O Box 999, Huntingdon, PA 16652
Mrs. Agnes Risser, 831 Groff Ave. Apr #11, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Mr. Johnny Farrow, P O Box 146, New Cumberland, PA 17070



Prayer is an ascent of the mind to God. If you love God, you converse with him continually as you would with your father, banishing every passion from your mind. ~Evagrius Pontus