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Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. Mark 5:19

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2015

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia. Martyr Philumenus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Valerian and Phædrus. Ven. Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in *The Ladder*. Ven. Nectarius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves. Hieromartyr Abibus (Avíva), Bishop of Nekresi in Georgia.

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 9-19

Gospel: Luke 13: 10-17

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Nov 29, Sun: VEN. ACACIUS OF SINAI. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am; Church School, Fellowship & Craft Sale –*following*; Orthodoxy 101 –noon; Men’s Club Social -4pm; Meeting -7pm

Readers: 3rd Hour: **Lydia Mantle** · 6th Hour: **Rdr. Matthew**

Epistle: **Nicholas Zuro** · Post-Communion: **Rdr. Fred Lear**

Nov 30, Mon: HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW, THE FIRST CALLED.

Dec 2, Wed: Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; **Vespers -6:30pm;** Choir Rehearsal –*following*

Dec 3, Thu: **PROPHET ZEPHANIAH. Matins -9am;** OCF @ PSU Hbg -4pm

Dec 4, Fri: **NEW HIEROMARTYR ALEXANDER.** Beginning of *Spiritual Retreat for Teens* @CTS

Dec 5, Sat: **VEN. SABBAS THE SANCTIFIED. Vespers & Confession -5pm**

Dec 6, Sun: **ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER. Hours -9:10am; Divine Liturgy -9:30am;** Fellowship & Church School –*following*; Orthodoxy 101 –noon; St. Jerome Book Club -2pm;

Readers: 3rd Hour: **John Shingara** · 6th Hour: **Chris Dupkanick**

Epistle: **Manny Lopez** · Post-Communion: **Sunday School Teens**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Please join us for fellowship in the **church hall** following the service. If you are interested in becoming a part of our community please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen Vernak. Please note: 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 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: Richard Hamlet (friend of Larry Smith); Taras Bodnarczuk (friend of Victor Bucharew); Ron Hassinger (Buck Pankiw's friend); Irene (Tom Drebot's mother-in-law); Kathy Fedetz (Craig's wife); Mike Kozlowski Jr. (son of Mark Yerke's co-worker); Ed Cales (friend of the Lopez's); Max Owens; Matt Findling, Raymond & Evelyn Anderson, Paul Anderson (Debbie Hisiro's friends & family); Gladys Barns (John's mother); child Tori Brackbill & parents; Jim Tessier (family of Gloria Maliniak); Luke Spaseff; Emily Campbell & Natalie Coles (Jerry's cousins); Michael Bertoldi (friend of Jean Dotsey); Diane Chambers (Anna Doray's family); Keturah Faust (J. Barns & L. Shuga's friend); John Fatich (Kuzupas family); Joseph & Steven Demchak, (Suzanne's brothers);

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: Suffering Christians throughout the world; Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** George (Leavitt) Keener; Joseph (Moe) Mazurek; Kathryn Kellachow; Andy Fedetz; Gloria Maliniak; Sue Wolfe; Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas. **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Nicholas Demopoulos (Sam's cousin); Nicholas Essis; Katharine Macut; Ann Pusey; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Kyra Lentz; M. Anastasia Hojnicky; Elaine Wyborski and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Yerusalem Arefe, Thomas Asfaha, Masha Cameron, Jessica Drebot, Matthew Hadginske, Shreya Jacob, Bahliby Kidane, Cathi Kemp; Christina Martin, Joseph McClure, Evan McGreevy, Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Ressetar, Jessica Shingara, Shane Staller **MILITARY:** Evangelos Kanellakos; Stephanie King; Matthew Pylypciw; David Riesberg; Thomas Shingara; Michael Somple; PJ & Peter (family of the Lopez's) **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Jan Smith (Larry's wife); Johnny Cardona & Ali Martinez (family of the Lopez's); Walter & Gloria Onufrak; Nese Family (friends of the Zeppuhars); Willard Brown; Brenda Manley (co-worker of Debbie Hisiro); Fr. David Shewczyk; M. Jennifer Franchak; Dorothy Zera; Katie McGarrity (friend of the Lenker's & Zart's); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); 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); Marie Cini; Christine Kihm, Charles Kline, Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's cousin); **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Joseph & Rachel Frangipani - **ANTHONY CATECHUMENS:** Matthew & Rachel Brubaker - **Anastasia, Bette Keener; Timothy Monko; Ronald Miller**

NEWLY DEPARTED: Theodore Harbilas - Nov 23; Galina Fridrikhova (Andrei Levkovich's grandmother) - Nov 17; Anna Pushcarish, (cousin of Dotty Fedetz) - Nov 14; Julie Kantor (Bill's sister-in-law) - Nov 10; Salwa Shunnara - Nov 9; Anna Markan - Oct 21;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Anna Yacilla, grandmother of Eleanor Herman, Nov 29 - 21st; Nancy Ulrich, mother of Robbin Staller, Nov 29 - 6th; Mark Essis, Nov 29 - 7th; Irene Wilga, aunt of Bob Drozd, Nov 29 - 13th; Mary Silia, Dec 1 - 29th; Petro Hodowanec, friend of Chet Lubecki, Dec 2 - 1st; Tony Onufer, Jr., son of Tony Sr. & Evelyn, Dec 2 - 2nd; M. Josephine Felenchak, grandmother of Joshua DiFlorio, Dec 2 - 14th; Charles Kalenak, brother of Anna Doray, Dec 2 - 13th; Daniel Pankiw, father-in-law of Kathy, Dec 4 - 8th; Patriarch IGNATIUS of Antioch, Dec 5 - 3rd; Mary Dotsey, mother of John & Susan, Dec 5 - 13th;

CANDLE OFFERINGS: To purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen. *Please note:* offerings must be in the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

- **Seven Day Votive** offered for the Health & Salvation of **Alice Mallick**, from Mike

MANY YEARS: Please submit to office@ctshbq.org by the preceding Wednesday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles "Sut" & Joanne Wevodau - Dec 1

BIRTHDAYS: Sue Mioff - Nov 29; Alice Mallick - Dec 1; Ted Pankiw - Dec 1; Semira Habtay - Dec 2; Yorusalem Gebreselassie - Dec 2; Sean Firestine - Dec 5

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Crafts for Christmas: TODAY during fellowship, the St. Mary's Altar Guild will be selling homemade craft items. All proceeds from the sale will go to our church.

With Gratitude: A sincere thanks to all for the many sympathy cards and prayers following the recent passing of both my mother-in-law and my brother-in-law, and the many Get Well cards, prayers and expressions of concern following Jan's recent medical emergency. It was truly a trifecta of misfortune, but with your prayers and God's help we are getting past it. God bless you all! *Larry Smith*

FOCA SCHOLARSHIP: of \$1,000 was awarded to Alexander Pankiw, a member of our Junior "O" Club, at the 84th annual Central PA District Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) meeting in Alpha NJ Oct. 24. Congratulations Alex, may God bless you and grant you many years!

"Nun Tree": The St Mary Altar will again be collecting gifts from our parish for the nuns of The Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City, PA. For shipping ease, we will focus on small items of personal care and nonperishable snacks as well as gift cards. Suggestions are affixed to a number of paper nuns on a "Nun Tree" in the church vestibule. If you wish to participate, please take a nun and return your gifts by **December 6th** to the designated receptacle in the vestibule.

Notes from Parish Council: This past month we sent tithes to: (1) Christian Churches United Inmate Christmas fund; (2) Monastery of the Transfiguration (Elwood City) Building Fund; (3) Chamber Choir of St. Tikhon's Monastery; (4) Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage. **Please Note:** The refinished liturgical items (candle stands) will be returning soon. Thanks to all who donated towards their beautification. The baptismal font will be the next item to be refinished.

Christmas Nut Roll Baking Schedule: Monday, December 7th at 9:00 am- separate eggs; Tuesday, December 8th at 8:00 am – baking; 6:00 pm – bagging; Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00 am – baking; bagging and clean-up after Vespers.

- **Help Needed for Nut Roll Pan Cleaning:** We are looking for volunteers to take 15-20 nut roll pans home to wash following baking. If you are interested in helping, please sign the sheet in the vestibule located on the candle desk. Any questions, please see **Jean Dotsey**.

HERSHEYPARK PASS: There are (3) one-day Hershey Park passes good in 2016 until the end of July for \$20. Please see John Dotsey if you are interested.

Mission Trip: **Cathy Bucharew** will be attending a mission trip with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA at an orphanage in Znamenka, Ukraine, for children with physical and/or mental disabilities. Please keep Cathy and her team in your prayers. If you would like to make a donation, please see Cathy, or email her at cbucharew@gmail.com.

St. Jerome Books Club will meet at **2pm on Dec 6th** at CTS, the book selection is "**On the Incarnation**", and copies are available in our bookstore. Questions? Please see **Jacob Lentz**.

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 contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759

Dec 6*:
Dec 13*:

Larissa Shuga
Sharon Shingara

Janice Zuro
Vicky Henry

Mary White

LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 31 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 178

EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Advent Spiritual Retreat: Will be held on **Sat, Dec 12th** from 9am to 1pm at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster. The presentation "*Living the Mystery*" will feature *Fr. Stephen Freeman*, pastor of St. Anne Orthodox Church, TN. For more information or registration forms please see the flyer in the candle stand.

Visit from the Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus: Tuesday, Dec 15th at 7pm showcasing their handmade religious articles and bringing awareness to their convent. For more information please see the flyer on the church doors or visit www.obitel-minsk.by

#GivingTuesday at St. Vladimir's Will Double Your Money: #GivingTuesday, December 1st, allows us to donate to our favorite charity. Please consider St. Vladimir's Seminary that day: whatever amount you donate, a generous benefactor will match, up to \$50,000! Go to www.svots.edu to learn more!

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 Volunteers needed to cook (flexible hours) on Wednesday and Friday. Also needed are counter volunteers Wednesday mornings 8am to 1 pm. In house Training! Contact Joanne Wevodau at 717-580-4833 or jwevodau@verizon.net