

**Prayers for the Health & Salvation of those who are in need: Many Years!**

Metropolitan Theodosius, Bishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Joseph Kreta, Archimandrite Innokentios Byakatonda, Priestmonk Ambrose (Young), Archpriest John Perich, Archpriest Michael Mihalick, Archpriest Thomas Succorotte, Archpriest Alexander Atty, Archpriest Joseph Martin, Priest Anthony Demetri, Priest Gabriel Rehatta, Neal Carrigan, Presbyter Katherine Hartung, Mat. Joanna Pianovich, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Mat. Gloria Martin, The Newly Illumined John & Hermione, Sbdn. Richard Hathaway, Pauline Fetsko, Maria Baia, Michael & Margot Katchur, Timothy Herman, Elena Kurylo, Sally Ann Marasco, Nancy Wingert, the infant Levi Potteiger, Monica & Andrew Burgett, Eugenia Graham, Michael & Amelia Kuzniak, Mary Burke, Marie Holowatch, Aaron Hojnicky, Joseph Hojnicky, Lorraine Brown, Charles Brown, Hannah Gordon, Sharon Hanna, Mary Lou Grove, Mary Kneiss, Ryan Matthew Pron, Peter Melnik, Julie Harb, Beth Arneson, John DellaMonica, Carol Allen, Anne Merlina, Kathleen Cavanaugh, Almaz Alemu, Klare Sunderland, Rick Ally, Rachel Landeretta, Carol Zetterberg, Mel Innamorato, Lisa Gunter, Brian Keefer, Ann Innamorato, Mary Themel, Jaryn Ruth, Pamela Cordly, Bernard Pennock, Lauren Pennock, John Holroyd, Gregory Bretz, Earle Simons, John Greenwood, Troy Nelson, Michael Orlando, Donnie Boyer, Douglas Poleschuck, Barbara Dorohow, Sophia Bambalis, Nancy Mutton, the child Diana Breaz, Jennifer Pontician, John Sklenar, Pamela Zimmerman, Peter Themel, Gregory Baia, Brianna Peck, Betty Lou Dietrich, Pierce Pruett, John Conson, Braden Green, Chad, Jamee Vander Molen, Jeannette Wolf, Gerald Samson, Doris Ziegler, Georgianne Herigan, Deb Ulrich, Michael Simons, Tyler Ritchey, Zoe & the child to be born of her, Rose, Diana Bitting, Scott Warner, Dn. Francis Gorman, Martha Mossner, Anna Pcholinsky, Christopher Aquino, Linda Simons, Philip Simons, Dawn Faulkner, William Homisak, Joanne Somple, Vanessa, Priscilla Carameta, Steven Hojnicky & Jason Gartsu serving in Afghanistan, Missionaries Christina Semon and Nathan Hoppe, our college students: Xenia Gaskill, Alexios Givler, Levi Jekel, Monica Jekel, Kathryn Kellachow, Christine Kelly, Joseph Kurtz, & Matthew Linnehan, our Catechumens Amanda Mylin & Andrew Katerman, together with the suffering victims of violence, terror, & natural disasters throughout the world.

**Prayers for the newly Departed: Memory Eternal!**

Margaret Balog (+12/9), Alex Faris (+12/6), Chistopher Aiello (+11/14)



# Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission Mechanicsburg, PA

## Bulletin for Sunday, December 25, 2011

28th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 3

*Today in the Church we celebrate the Great Feast of*

**The Nativity of our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ  
The Commemoration of the Wise men: Melchior, Balthazar, & Kaspar  
& the Righteous Shepherds Keeping Watch over their flocks by night**

### Parish Events for the week:

**Monday, December 26:**

*Divine Liturgy at Christ the Saviour: 9:30 am*

**Wednesday, December 28:**

*No Downtown Bible Study  
Daily Vespers: 7:00 pm*

**Thursday, December 29:**

*Akathist & Tea: 8:15 am*

**Saturday, December 31:**

*Great Vespers, Litiya, & Confessions: 6:00 pm*

**Sunday, January 1:**

*Reading of the 3rd & 6th Hours: 9:10 am  
Festal Divine Liturgy 9:30 am  
Fellowship Following— NO CHURCH SCHOOL*



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### Scripture Readings:

**Epistle: Galatians: 4:4-7  
Gospel: St. Matthew 2: 1-12**

### Weekly Attendance:

*Saturday, 12/17: Vespers: 57  
Sunday, 12/18: Liturgy: 123  
Wednesday, 12/21: Vespers: 26  
Thursday, 12/22: Compline: 15  
Friday, 12/23: R. Hours: 46*

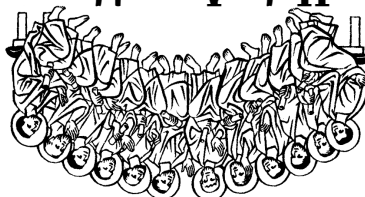


**Christ is Born!  
Glorify Him!**

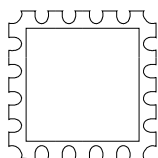
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# Announcements for Sunday, December 25, 2011

CHRIST IS BORN! ✝ GLORIFY HIM!

**A Warm Welcome** to all our visitors and guests who have participated in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy this morning! We invite all of our guests to please join us for our Fellowship Hour. Please sign our parish guest book to be put on our mailing list. *Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and a recent confession of sins and have attended the service from at LEAST the reading of the Holy Gospel, and are at peace with one another may approach the Chalice.*

**We especially welcome** Archpriest Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Sr. Molodyko-Harris with us celebrating the Lord's Nativity! We rejoice at their coming and look forward to having them back with us the weekend of January 7-8. **Many Years!**

**As a Parish Family** we wish a Happy Birthday this week to Linda Kurtz (12/28). **May God grant her Many Years!**

**A reminder** that this week is a **FAST FREE** week meaning that there are no fasting restrictions on Wednesday and Friday. Keep High the Feast! S'prazdnikom!

**Thank you to all** who participated in our Parish Holy Supper. By our combined efforts we made the final preparations for the Lord's Nativity with peace and solemnity. **Christ is Born!**

**Gingerbread "Whatever" Results:** Thank you to all who participated in last week's VERY impressive Gingerbread "Whatever" contest. Congratulations to the Potteiger's gravity defying "Ikon Stand" for taking first place and the Sremanaks' "Noah's Ark" for being runner up! With the added money from the Parish Charity fund we will be sending close to \$500 to **Project Mexico**, an Orthodox Christian Orphanage in Mexico. This charity was the choice of the youth of the parish.

**One of Phil Graybill's coworkers**, Juanita DeVan, recently suffered a devastating fire at her apartment. Phil has organized a list of things she will need. Anyone interested in helping is asked to see Phil today.

**Cleaning Schedule 2012:** We are still looking for volunteers to clean the Church in 2012. Please see the sign-up sheet and indicate which month you can do it. We still have a few months open. Thank you to all the 2011 Cleaners!

**The New 2012 Church Calendars** are available on the back table. We have enough for one per family with a few extras. *Get yours today!*

**2012 Winter Teen Retreat:** All youth grades 7th -12th interested in this year's retreat, please see the registration forms on the back table. The fee is \$100 due before January 20, 2012. Please see [www.ocayouth.org](http://www.ocayouth.org) for more information.

**Prospora Seals:** For those who have offered to help in baking prospora, the seals are (finally)

here! If you haven't picked yours up, please see Fr. Tim today. The seals (2) are \$20. We are tentatively planning a baking session on Saturday, January 14. See Dn. Seraphim for details.

## \*\*\* FUTURE PLANNING \*\*\*

**The Vocation of Parenthood:** We will welcome Fr. Demetrius Nikoloudakis

from St. Matthew's G. O. Church in Reading, PA who will offer our 1st Saturday Presentation on Saturday, January 7, following Great Vespers. Plan to attend – especially parents. *Kids: it's a movie night too! Everybody's welcome!*

## St. Gregory Nazianzus - "On the Nativity of Christ" Oration 38.2



*Again, the darkness is past; again Light is made; again Egypt is punished with darkness; again Israel is enlightened by a pillar. The people who sat in the darkness of ignorance, let them see the great Light full of knowledge. Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. The letter gives way, the Spirit comes to the front. The shadows flee away, the truth comes in on them. Melchizedek is concluded. He who was without Mother becomes without Father (without mother of His former state, without father of His second). The laws of nature are upset; the world above must be filled. Christ commands it, let us not set ourselves against Him. O clap your hands together all you people, because unto us a Child is born, and a Son given unto us, whose government is upon His shoulder (for with the cross it is raised up), and His name is called The Angel of the Great Counsel of the Father. Let John cry, prepare the way of the Lord; I too will cry the power of this Day. He who is not carnal is Incarnate; the Son of God becomes the Son of Man, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Let the Jews be offended, let the Greeks deride; let heretics talk until their tongues ache. Then shall they believe, when they see Him ascending into heaven; and if not then, yet when they see Him coming out of heaven and sitting as Judge.*