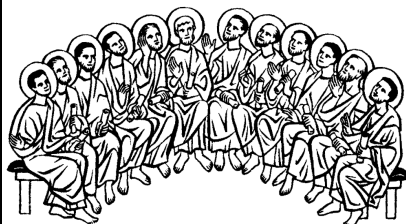


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Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

In the past month our parish has willingly embraced a more “normal” schedule in terms of liturgical services and meeting times. With this also comes the opportunity and the real blessing to host and take part in more activities; things which help a young parish such as ours develop into a well-rounded and spiritually mature Church. This month will be a busy month for our community! With the beginning of Great Lent and our hosting several activities there will be many opportunities, more than ever before, to come to Church and participate in the life of Christ our God. I encourage everyone who is able to come and be with us, and to worship with us!

With much love and God’s blessing,



Our Mission @ a glance:

New Catechumen: This past January 14, Philip Graybill was received into the Catechumenate of the Holy Orthodox Church. We rejoice that Phil has taken this step towards Holy Orthodoxy and continue to pray for him on his spiritual journey.

“The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit... AMEN!” On Sunday, January 21, we celebrated the Chrismation of Robert Larson prior to the Divine Liturgy. We offer our prayers and support for the Newly Illumined Robert as he has now fully entered into the Communion of the Church - ***May God Grant Him Many Years!***

Parish Shower: On Saturday, February 10 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am our parish will host a “*Parish Open House Breakfast & Shower*” designed to help us furnish our new spiritual home. More information and directions for the registries online can be found on our website: **www.holyapostleschurch.org**

“Orthodoxy 101” We will be focusing our classes this winter on Church History. Join us as we learn how the Holy Spirit has inspired and guided the Church through the ages. We will meet on both Wednesday, February 7 & 14. There will be no class on February 21, due to the first week of Great Lent. We will then resume classes on ***TUESDAY*** evenings during Great Lent in order to celebrate Pre-sanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings.

Mission Council Meeting: The monthly meeting of the Mission Council will be held Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Church. All parish members are invited to participate in this administrative ministry of the Church.

Theophany House Blessings: Fr. Timothy will be finishing up house blessings in the month of February. If anyone has not spoken to Father, and would still like their home blessed, please contact Father as soon as possible.

Orthodox Bible Study: Our Orthodox Bible Study will resume on Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Camp Hill. We will be continuing to study the Gospel of St. Matthew, and will be using the Orthodox Study Bible as the main text.

Morning Akathist: Beginning Thursday, February 1, at 8:15 am we will begin to celebrate a weekly Akathist to the Theotokos “Nurturer of Children.” Anyone interested in participating in this service please join us! If you are not able to attend, please submit names of any children, grandchildren, or God-children you would like prayed for by name.

Bishops Visit: His Grace, Bishop TIKHON, will be visiting our Mission the weekend of February 10 & 11. His Grace will join us for Great Vespers on Feb. 10, and preside at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 9:15 am on Sunday morning, February 11. There will be a Potluck held following the Divine Liturgy in his honor. Please join us as we welcome our diocesan hierarch to our new facility!

“Let us begin the fast with joy...” On Sunday evening, February 18, at 6:00 pm, we, as a parish community, will enter into the holy season of Great Lent with the service of Forgiveness Vespers. For services for Monday through Thursday of that week, we will sing the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at 7:00 pm each evening. On Friday evening, February 23, at 6:00 pm, we will serve the Presanctified Liturgy. Every Wednesday and Friday through Lent we will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy. Due to Friday not being a school night, we will have a Lenten Potluck following the service and enjoy a fellowship hour.

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers: The 41st Annual Pan-Orthodox Vespers service will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2007 at Holy Trinity G.O. Cathedral in Camp Hill, PA. A

combined Pan-Orthodox Choir will offer the responses. This year’s guest homilist will be Archimandrite Christodoulos Papadeas, Abbot of St. George Monastery in Denver, Colorado. A Lenten meal will be served following the service. All are welcome!

Parish February Birthdays

Milton Gaither: 2 / 1

Steve Sak: 2 / 12

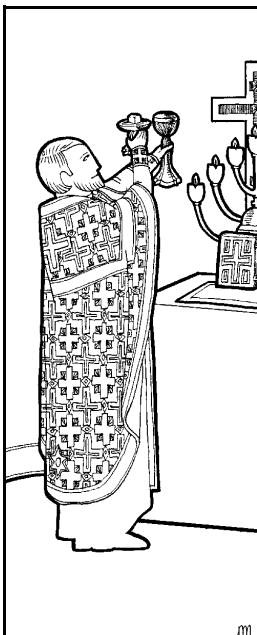
Brooke Washburn: 2 / 16

Oleg Romenenko: 2 / 24

Anna Romenenko: 2 / 28

God grant them Many Years!

ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULT RETREAT:



On Saturday, February 24, Holy Apostles will host a Pan-Orthodox Young Adult day retreat. The theme is, “The Holy Gifts for the Holy People of God: Understanding and Living the Divine Liturgy.” This retreat is sponsored by the Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Organization of South Central Pennsylvania. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Katerina Nacapoulos at (717) 497-7158 or Maria Koursaris at (717) 471-5919. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, February 20. There is a requested donation of \$10.

Retreat Schedule:

9:00 am: Divine Liturgy for
St. Theodore

10:30 am: Coffee Hour

11:15 am: Presentation by Fr.
Timothy Hojnicky: “The Divine
Liturgy: Why we do what we do.”

12:30 pm: Lunch (hosted by OCO)

1:30 pm: Presentation by Fr. Yanni
Virginnis: Hymnology / Byzantine
Chanting

2:30 pm: Fellowship Break

3:30 pm: Group Discussions / Q&A
session / wrap up

6:00 pm: Great Vespers



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Prayers for the Health & Salvation of those who are in need:

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS (retired Primate of the OCA), Archbishop GREGORY (retired OCA Archbishop of Alaska), Archbishop KYRILL, Archpriest John Perich, Archpriest Michael Mihalick, Presbytera Pearl Veronis, Matushka Karen Mahaffey, Margaret Balog, Marlene Washburn, Lubov (Lillian) Hustead, Melania Kosty, Amelia Kuzmiak, Theophan Koziar, Mary Burke, Nona Carey, Marie Molodyko-Harris, the child Christopher Elliot, the newly illumined Robert Larson, Matushka Tamara Cowan & the Child to be granted to her, Matushka Anastasia Hojnicky & the Child to be born of her, Matushka Anna Vernak & the Child to be born of her, Mary Pletnikoff & the Child to be born of her, Susan Olivetti and the Child to be born of her, Hannah Gordon, Harry Sysak, Sharon Hanna, Mary Lou Grove, Dorthy Medill, Janice Fields, Joseph Basalayga, Mary Kneiss, Eva Pron, Ryan Matthew Pron, Peter Melnik, Charles Hier, Julie Harb, Beth Arneson, Suzanne Byrne, and our catechumens, Autumn Carpenter, Steven, Barbara, Anna, & Aaron Williams and Philip Graybill.

Prayers for the newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

Joseph Kneiss (+12/24), Elias Mihalick (+12/30), Charlotte Dorward (+1/3), Frank & Irene Pasierb (+1/13), Sally Zias (+1/17), Nina Dacko (+1/25).