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**WELCOME**  
**SAT. VESPERS 6 PM**  
**SUN. LITURGY 9:30 AM**

Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

*Christ is in our Midst! He is and shall be!*

This month marks the first year anniversary of the “Apostles’ Joy” newsletter! As I reflect on the past year, many things have happened, both uplifting and also trying. This month also marks a milestone in the life of our young parish as well. For almost the past year we have been planning our *Dinner Dance and Silent Auction*, the first major endeavor taken as a parish, to kick off our building fund. While at the present time we do not have a piece of property or building that we are actively pursuing (attempts we have made at various times this year on several properties have proved unsuccessful), we nonetheless, move forward and plan for the future.

We ask all of you for your prayerful support, that the Lord sees our faith and that in His time this building fund may be used toward the physical building up of His Holy Church. For those of you who have visited our Mission, you can witness that the Body of Christ, the people of God, is strong and healthy...we just now need a place to hold us!

I especially want to thank all the parishes, my brother priests, and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who have helped support our upcoming event, especially in the commemorative Ad Journal. May our Great God and Saviour, grant you all His choicest blessings for the goodness you have shown us!

With much love and God’s blessing,



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## *Our Mission @ a glance:*

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**Church School picnic:** Marking the beginning of the Church School year, the Mission Council hosted a “back to school” kick-off picnic on Saturday, September 9, following Great Vespers. We offer our prayers to our students and their instructors as they begin this new Church School year!

**Congratulations and best wishes to Leo and Marlene Washburn** who recently celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss this past September 15. We served a *Moliben of Thanksgiving* for them on Sunday, September 17, following the Divine Liturgy. May God continue to bless them and preserve them in Holy Matrimony for Many Years!

**Fr. Daniel Ressetar** recently announced his retirement from active ministry after 48 years of priesthood, and 41 years at Christ the Saviour Church! Many of our parishioners participated in his retirement dinner along with His Beatitude, Metropolitan HERMAN, and His Grace, Bishop TIKHON. *May God grant Fr. Dan & Mat. Theodora Many Blessed Years!*

**Planting Grant:** We were recently contacted by the Missions Department of the Orthodox Church in America, and informed that our Mission has been granted the O.C.A.’s *Mission Planting Grant*. This grant will provide our Mission with \$15,000 to be used to help jump start our parish to the next level of development. More details will follow when additional information is known. *Glory to God for all things!*

**Bishop’s Visit:** On Saturday, September 23, His Grace, our Bishop TIKON made an informal visit

to Holy Apostles, in town for Fr. Ressetar’s retirement celebration the next day. His Grace was with us for Great Vespers, blessed four newly donated ikons, and then enjoyed a potluck reception where he spent some time with our parish family. We thank him for taking the time to visit us, and we look forward to his next visit:

***Eis Polla eti Dhespota!***

***We as a parish rejoice as Sally Anne Marasco*** will be received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mystery of Holy Chrismation on Sunday, October 1, prior to the Divine Liturgy. Let us pray for her as she completes her Catechumenate and makes this important step to be united to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

***“Orthodoxy 101” Classes have resumed!*** Our Adult Education classes have started up from the summer hiatus. We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at “Mission Central.” Join us as we learn about Christ and His Church!

**Orthodox Bible Study:** We have begun a joint Orthodox Bible Study with Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Camp Hill. Join us every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. Come and join Fr. Yanni Virginnis, and our own Fr. Tim, as we continue to study the Gospel of St. Matthew. We use the Orthodox Study Bible as our main text.

**“DON’T WORRY ABOUT RESULTS.  
WE MUST BE FAITHFUL, AND DO  
OUR WORK. IF WE HAVE FRUIT,  
THANK GOD! IF WE DON’T HAVE  
FRUIT, THANK GOD. DON’T  
WORRY ABOUT RESULTS. JUST BE  
JOYFUL AND FAITHFUL.”**

**• ARCHBISHOP ANASTASIOS  
OF ALBANIA**

**Silent Auction & Dinner Dance:** Our upcoming building fund kick-off event scheduled for Sunday, October 8, at the Radisson-Penn Hotel in Camp Hill, PA, has already generated a good amount of money for the building fund and the preparations for this are top class. More details will be forthcoming on the results of this fundraising effort.

**The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir** will offer a concert at Christ the Saviour Church in Harrisburg, on Sunday, October 22 at 5:00 pm. There is a requested donation of \$10.

**Our parish website** has been revamped and new sections have been added. One of our parishioners, Mary Sak, has taken it upon herself to update the website weekly with pictures, bulletins, and general information. Also, every "Apostles' Joy" has also been posted. Check back often to see new additions and what is happening at the Holy Apostles website:

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**The Monthly Mission Council Meeting** will be held Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 pm at Camp Hill Farmer's Market. Everyone in the parish community is invited to attend and to participate in this administrative ministry of the Church.

**Newsletter Layout/Calendar Change:** Beginning in this newsletter, the monthly calendar will *not* appear here on its usual page 3. Important events to mark on your calendars will be listed, but the current monthly calendar will be published in the last Sunday bulletin of each month. Those who are not members of our parish but still would like to have the calendar, please contact Fr. Timothy, and he will provide you with one.

#### **October Birthdays:**

- Dana Diehl: *October 4*
- Barbara Linnehan: *October 19*
- Joseph Fetsko: *October 25*

**"God Grant Them Many Years!"**

## **Important Events to mark on your calendars:**



- **October 4, 11, 18, & 25:** "Orthodoxy 101" classes - 7:00 pm @ Mission Central
- **October 5, 12, 19, 26:** Orthodox Bible Study - 7:00 pm @ Holy Trinity, Camp Hill
- **October 8:** Silent Auction and Dinner Dance: 1:30 pm @ Penn-Harris Hotel, Camp Hill, PA
- **October 19:** Orthodox/Catholic Dialogue meeting in Harrisburg 12 Noon
- **October 19:** Mission Council Meeting: 7:00 pm @ the West Shore Farmer's Market
- **October 21:** Memorial Saturday: Panakhida following Great Vespers
- **October 24:** OCCSCP meeting @ Annunciation G.O. Church, York PA @ 7:00 pm





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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, Abbess Mother Christophora, Presbytera Pearl Veronis, Matushka Karen Mahaffey, Pauline Fetsko, Margaret Balog, Marlene Washburn, Melania Kosty, Amelia Kuzmiak, Theophan Koziar, Margorite Puthorosky, Nina Dacko, Mary Burke, Nona Carey, Marie Molodyko-Harris, the child Christopher Elliot, the newly Illumined child of God Sydney Anna Regen, Matushka Tamara Cowan & the child to be granted to her, Matushka Anna Vernak & the child to be born of her, Maria Hillhouse & the child to be born of her, Mary Pletnikoff & the child to be born of her, Hannah Gordon, Harry Sysak, Sharon Hanna, Mary Lou Grove, William Scari, Dorthy Medill, Janice Fields, George Petorak, William Anderson, Joseph Basalayga, Joseph Kneiss, Mary Kneiss, Gregory Burch, Lorraine Brown, Eva Pron, Metro Petrosky, Peter Melnik, Margret Yawkey, Charles Hier, and our catechumens, Sally Anne Marasco, Robert Larson, and Autumn Carpenter.

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

Metropolitan VITALY (+9/25), Archpriest Raphael Biernacki (+8/23), Fr. Michael Shear (+8/17), Fr. Theodore Krepp (+9/14), Lynette Hoppe (+8/27), Mary Jane Gilbert (+9/24)

*If anyone has additions to this list, please see Fr. Timothy.*