

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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The Last Judgment

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A Blessed welcome to all visitors, on this weekly celebration of the Resurrection. This is the Final Covenanted Community of Christ's Holy Church found here in Crossingville, and found in the same communities across the world. Our joy is made complete by the unity of conviction and intention we share with fellow Orthodox Christians who worship together. We are all sinners on the journey --asking for mercy, and seeking to love others and looking for eternal life in the Holy Trinity through Christ Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Any questions you may have about the Orthodox faith or would if you would like to speak more with someone, feel free to approach the priest Fr. Daniel.

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:

Those in need - Fr. John, Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Paul, Fr. George, Mat. Suzanne, William, Joel, Evan, Eugene, John S., David, Adeline, Megan, River, Gabriel, Sean, John, Theona, Karen, James, David, Stavros, Timothy, Vernon, Mary, Paul, George, Valentina, Peter, William, Jeremiah, James, Renee, Delani, **The Homebound**... Vincent, Tanya, Mary-Louise, Helen, John, Irene, Ruth, Josephine, Ann, Andy, William, Claudia ... **Catechumens -Inquirers**... Matthew, James, Jen, Kim, Isaac, Autumn, **Missionaries Abroad**...Fr. David and Mt. Rozanne, **Military servers**...Greg ... **Travelers**...Steve and Lisa ...**Departed Orthodox**...Newly Departed – Peter Koman, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy **special requests**... Gilbert Paul Daleen, Penni, James, Angela ... Cheryl, Nina, Catherine, Madaline Mary

Announcements for TODAY:

- TODAY: **Annual Pancake and sausage brunch** - *This event is sponsored by the Sunday School as students who are raising money to attend Camp Nazareth this year please support our young people!*
- Great and Holy Lent begins on Feb. 27th-
- **Family Roller Skating Outing - March 12th 1pm-4pm**
- **Marriage Retreat - (UPDATED) Sat. March 25th 9am-3pm**
- Youth And Sunday School Retreat - Saturday, April 1st 2pm-7pm
- Great and Holy Pascha- April 16th, 2017

College Student and Young Adult Retreat
7pm Fri. Mar. 17th - 12pm Sun. Mar. 19th

CAMP NAZARETH - MERCER, PENN.

Online registration,

Acrod.org or Pittsburgh.goarch.org

95\$ -Includes 2 nights stay and all meals

(Financial-need scholarships available)

*Theme : Navigating Life using your spiritual
Compass*

Activities and discussions planned throughout...

Sign up in the Hall or Talk to Fr. Daniel

NEWS and NOTICES

+Every Month we will take up a collection for the OCMC Missionaries V.Rev. Fr. David and Mat. Rozanne

Rucker. The first Sunday of each month we will try to raise a 75\$ monthly support that they can count on.

Missionaries appreciate regular support rather than a one-time gift. Our own Missions Team met and worked with Fr. Rucker in Guatemala two years ago on our trip. Fr. David and Mat. Rozanne are Mission specialists with OCMC serving in Alaska training other missionaries. They wrote and asked if we would support them, with the approval of Parish council in January we will be taking this monthly offering at the beginning of each month, please give as you are able. This support will be sent to the OCMC marked "Rucker Support". Thank you for your donations for last month.

Missions Team is Sponsoring a "Diaper and baby stuff Drive" for February! Please bring in new items to the back of the parish hall for donation to local needs. Thank you! College students are also in need, and we make donations to the Edinboro Food pantry regularly. This Lent let us prepare to give alms and help those of our parish and of our local community. Thank God for everyone who donated coats and winter items!

Support for the African Orthodox Church continues - We purchased 12 cross necklaces from the Church in Africa, made by the children there. They are also in need of shoes in this village. Consider supporting with a donation, see Marilyn Filipos or a missions team member for more information.

+Please remember to pray for those traveling this week and all those who are suffering from the flu and other winter-time illnesses. Let us continue to bear one another's burdens. May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 2. Sunday of the Last Judgment. Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphias (1st c.). Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at Antioch (363). Ven. Dositheus of Palestine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus (7th c.). St. Rabulas of Samosata (ca. 530). Ven. Theodore of Sanaskáry (1791).

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

A Christian must be courteous to all. His words and deeds should breath with the grace of the Holy Spirit, which abides in his soul, so that in this way he might glorify the name of God. He who regulates all of his speech also regulates all of his actions. He who keeps watch over the words he is about say also keeps watch over the deeds he intends to do, and he never goes out of the bounds good and benevolent conduct. The graceful speech of a Christian is characterized by delicateness and politeness. This fact, born of love, produces peace and joy. On the other hand, boorishness gives birth to hatred, enmity, affliction, competitiveness, disorder and wars.

(St. Nektarius of Aegina, The Path to Happiness, 7)

Adorn yourself with truth, try to speak truth in all things; and do not support a lie, no matter who asks you. If you speak the truth and someone gets mad at you, don't be upset, but take comfort in the words of the Lord: Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of truth, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 5:10).

(St. Gennadius of Constantinople, The Golden Chain, 26,29).

Whoever will not love his enemies cannot know the Lord and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches us to love our enemies in such way that we pity their souls as if they were our own children.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, I.11)

As it is not possible to walk without feet or fly without wings, so it is impossible to attain the Kingdom of Heaven without the fulfillment of the commandments.

(St. Theophan the Recluse, Five Teaching on the Way to Salvation, 3)