

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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Orthodoxy Sunday (Icons)

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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, 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**... **Departed Orthodox**...Newly Departed – Peter Koman, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy **special requests**... Ian, Sue, David, Faith, Gilbert, Paul Daleen, Penni, James, Angela ... Cheryl, Nina, Madaline

Services This Week:

Wed. Mar. 8th	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Fri. Mar. 10th	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Sat. Mar. 11 th	Memorial Saturday	9:30 am

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

Announcements for TODAY:

- There will be a procession today with ICONS following Liturgy
- Our book "Lenten Spring" has arrived and is available: see Jane Cap...
- Also Check our new bookstore display in the hall.
- **Next Week --Family Roller Skating Outing - March 12th 1pm-4pm**
- Sunday March 19th we welcome our hierarch MELCHESIDEK for his Arch pastoral visit. (Please arrive early)
- **Marriage Retreat -Saturday, March 25th 9am-3pm**
- Youth And Sunday School Retreat – Saturday, April 1st 2pm-7pm
- Great and Holy Pascha- April 16th, 2017

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.

This month Missions Team is Sponsoring an Adult Clothing Drive/swap – please bring clean clothes marked "men or women"- The swap will be in April or May. Also we are continuing our "SOX DRIVE"- a fun way to collect change and learn a bit about how much we have and all the blessings we have from our Heavenly Father. All sox money raised will go to the hungry orphans of Syria through International Orthodox Christian Charities – (IOCC). See Terry Jouver or Fr. Daniel for a sox!

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. We are developing a relationship with this sister Church. Fr. Daniel and Fr. Mark have been writing. This parish of Sts. Constantine and Helen cares for 50+orphaned Children.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 4. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Martyr Conon of Isauria (1st c.). Finding of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Theodore, Prince of Smolensk and Yaroslavl', and his children Ss. David and Constantine, Wonderworkers of Yaroslavl' (1463). Monk Martyr Adrian of Poshekhónsk (Yaroslavl'—1550). Martyr Onesimus of Isauria (1st c.). Martyr Conon the Gardener, of Pamphylia (3rd c.). Virgin martyr Irais (Raíssa) of Antinoë in Egypt (ca. 308). Martyr Eulogius, of Palestine. Martyr Eulampius, of Palestine. St. Mark the Faster, of Egypt (5th c.). St. Hesychius the Faster, of Bithynia (ca. 790).

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 (Epistle)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of thy
Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
"Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 2 Troparion (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One;
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.
Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in
the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the
Enemy.
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:
"Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, //
for Thou alone hast come to save the world."

Tone 8 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

No one could describe the Word of the Father;
but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be
described,
and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine
beauty. //
We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace:
the assembly of Angels and the race of men.
O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,
the glory of virgins,
from whom God was incarnate and became a Child:
our God before the ages.
He made thy body into a throne,
and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. //
Glory to thee!