

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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St. Gregory Palamas Sunday

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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, John, William, Joel, Evan, Eugene, John S., David, Sean, John, Theona, Karen, James, David, Marilyn, Stavros, Kathleen, Thomas, 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:

Sun. Mar. 12 th	Mission Vespers – Crosssingville - TODAY	5:00pm
Wed. Mar. 15 th	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Fri. Mar. 17 th	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm

THIS WEEK>>>

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:

- Parish Council Meeting Today- Coffee Hour
- **Today --Family Roller Skating Outing – March 12th 1pm-4pm**
- Next 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. This month we are collecting body Care items, regular sized shampoos, lotions, and soaps... and 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 –They are 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.

3 KEYS TO LENT: PRAYER, FASTING and ALMS GIVING

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane (818). Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron (ca. 1500 B.C.). St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome (604). Ven. Simeon the New Theologian (1021).

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Epistle)

And: “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.” But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Epistle, Saint)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Mark 2:1-12 (Gospel)

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

John 10:9-16 (Gospel, Saint)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

**Let not one think, my fellow Christian, that only priests and monks need to pray without ceasing and not laymen
No, no; every Christian without exception ought to dwell always in prayer.**

+ St. Gregory of Palamas

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me.