

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

Rev. Daniel Mathewson – Rector Lord's Day – February 5th, 2017

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Publican and Pharisee 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, 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:

- Panakhida Today
- Sunday School Today- The writings of St. Paul
- **Family Roller Skating Outing - March 12th 1pm-4pm**
- New Parish Council received- Feb. 12th
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- **Annual Pancake and sausage brunch - Sun. Feb. 19th**
- *This event will be sponsored by the Sunday School as students will be raising money to attend Camp Nazareth this year please support our young people!*
- Great and Holy Lent begins on Feb. 27th.
- **Marriage Retreat - (UPDATED) Sat. March 25th 9am-3pm**
- Youth And Sunday School Retreat – Saturday, April 1st 2pm-7pm
- Great and Holy Pashca- 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

+Today 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".

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 for more information.

+Keep up your prayers for Bill Schmidt! Bill has had a small relapse this week but is home recovering. Bill would like to thank the parish for meals and prayers during his recovery.

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernígov (1696). Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily (251). Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius (ca. 304). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “SEARCH OF THE LOST”.

Hebrews 13:17-21 (Epistle, Saint)

Obeys those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 3:10-15 (Epistle)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Luke 6:17-23 (Gospel, Saint)

And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Luke 18:10-14 (Gospel)

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Metropolitan Tikhon to consecrate Holy Chrism during Holy Week SOUTH CANAAN, PA [OCA]

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will consecrate Holy Chrism in conjunction with the celebration of the Vespertine Liturgy of Great and Holy Thursday at the Monastery Church of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk here April 13, 2017. The Consecration of Chrism is a Rite reserved for the Primate of autocephalous Orthodox Churches. The last time Holy Chrism was consecrated in the Orthodox Church in America was in 2012. Chrism, distinct from Holy Unction and other blessed oils used in Orthodox Christian rites, contains a number of ingredients, including olive oil, white table wine, benzoin, aromatic incenses extracted in oil, rose oil, basil, balsam, Venetian turpentine, galangal, oils of bergamot, clove, marjoram, thyme and sandalwood, extracts of ginger root, and nutmeg. The final selection, however, is based on the availability of fragrant oils.

“The preparation for the Consecration of Holy Chrism will begin on Holy Monday morning—April 10—prior to the celebration of the Hours and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts,” said Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor. “After the opening prayers and the blessing of the ingredients, the Chrism is cooked and stirred continuously through the evening of Holy Wednesday. While the Chrism is stirred, the Holy Gospels are read continuously by priests, except during the celebration of the divine services.”

After the Holy Chrism is consecrated, it is then distributed to all parishes and missions for use in the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, specifically the [sacrament of Chrismation](#).