### Prayer List

Above all, we are a praying community.

Keep this list near your prayer corner, and in your daily prayers, remember our Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Marlene Buczynski, Resa Ellison, Colleen Kovalchik, the newly married Ivan & Kelly Ann Baldychev; the newly baptized & chrismated Damon Joseph Mazur, Matthew Cohen, Heather Mazur & Victoria Ortalano; Barbara Puhalla, recovering from surgery; Natasha Rutherford, Kyla Lally, Ellen Rucks, and the children to be born of them; Bishop-Elect Fr. Michael Dahulich; the child Matthew; Tom Bender; Inge Freeman; Natalie Hoyniak; John, Celia, Kelli & Donna Mazziotti, Betty Perechinsky, Douglas Poleshuk, Elizabeth Barbone, William Semon, Debbie Masko, Julia Mislevy, Maria Oles, Ronnie Pearce, Valary Riddle, Tad Robinson, Janice Skolic, Michael Wasacz; the child Mary Wyslutsky; Pearl Beckage, Olga Bednarek, Carol Brooks, Donna Cominsky, Daria & Justin Cunningham, Ann Dahulich, Mat. Dolores Donlick, Dorothy Dzwonczyk, Delores Evonitsky, Gregory Geeza, Fr. Sergei Glagolev, Irene Glowatz, Nellie Hawaka, Lliam Hepplewhite, Justine Horhutz, Ann Howansky, Dennis Hoyniak, John & Ruth Hudanish, Betty Hunyak, Justin Inks, Cindy Jones, Michael Juliano, Lubov Kopestonsky, Eleanor Krushinski, Mary Kuhar, Irene Kushmanich, Millie Kuzmiak, Anastasia Lisiak, Valerie Lucia, Marion McClure, Pauline Moncinelli, Irene Occhipinti, Vera Paulishak, Fr. Eugene and Mat. Joanne Pianovich, John & Peg Puthorosky, Mary Semon, Eleanor Siniawa, Sandra Stafursky, Dorothy Wansacz, Mary Wasilchak; Allison, Amy, Ann, Anthony, Barbara, Cathy, Christina, Christopher, Dave, David, Denise, Donna, Dorothy, Eleanor, Elena, John, Joseph, Joseph, Karen, Maria, Mariha, Michael, Paul, Rick, Sarah, Thomas; Father Jerome; all those involved in the restoration of our church; the soldiers Anthony, Thomas, Joseph, Gregory, Peter, Michael & Herman; all widows, orphans, and prisoners; all Orthodox seminarians, missionaries, especially Christina, and their families; and all those who celebrate their feast day today... For blessed repose for the souls of: His Eminence, Archbishop JOB, Ruth McCoy, Evelyn Jadick, all those remembered in Monthly Sponsorships; and all our brothers and sisters departed this life in the hope of the Resurrection.

Typically, I will keep names on this list for 40 days, unless more or less time is requested.

Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.

—Fr. David

COFFEE HOUR: Today, Christmas Leftover Special! Next week: Christmas Yolka Pot Luck!

DECEMBER SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletins – in loving memory of John Naughton. Web Site & Shut-In Mailings – in loving memory of John Mazziotti & Rosa Oliva.

May John, John, and Rosa's Memory Be Eternal!

Thank you to all Donors and Sponsors!

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David's cell phone, 878-5074, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing in Sickness: The Sacrament of Anointing is available in Church, in the hospital, or in your home, for anyone who is sick, no matter how severe. It doesn't mean "Last Rites!"

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before setting dates and reserving reception halls!

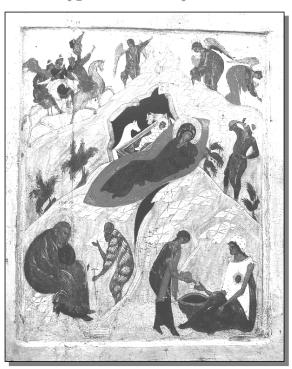
Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details.

The Orthodox Church totally opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate a funeral service for persons being cremated.

# **All Saints Orthodox Church**

## Olyphant, Pennsylvania

# HRIST IS BORN!



# GLORIFY HIM!

# Sunday, December 27, 2009

29th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday After the Nativity of Jesus Christ Ss. Joseph, David, and James, the Righteous Ones; and St. Stephen the First Martyr & First Deacon

"...and let Thy saints shout for joy."
(Psalm 132:9)



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### **SERVICES & ACTIVITIES** Today: Divine Liturgy—9:00 AM, St. Stephen the First Martyr for Christ; with Litya for John Mazziotti

Christmas Leftovers Pot Luck at Coffee Hour, followed by Children's Caroling Visit to Allied Skilled Nursing Center Thursday, December 31: Vesperal Divine Liturey—6:00 PM, Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and Feast of St. Basil the Great. Happy New Year! Saturday, January 2: Kids' Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Yolka—2:30 PM, in the Hall Great Vespers—4:00 PM (Private Confession available 3:30 PM) Sunday, January 3: <u>Divine Liturgy</u>—9:00 AM; Christmas Yolka & Visit from "St. Nicholas" During Coffee Hour! Tuesday, January 5: Compline & Matins—7:00 PM, with Blessing of Water, Great Feast of the Theophany (Baptism) of Jesus Christ Wednesday, January 6: <u>Divine Liturgy</u>—9:00 AM, with Blessing of Water, Great Feast of the Theophany (Baptism) of Jesus Christ Home Blessings Begin Wed., January 6—Please sign up in the Vestibule! Saturday, January 9: Great Vespers—4:00 PM (Private Confession available 3:30 PM) Sunday, January 10: <u>Divine Liturgy</u>—9:00 AM, with <u>Litya</u> for Helen Bryer Tuesday, January 12: Parish Council Meeting—7:00 PM, in the Hall Wednesday, January 13: Adult Study Class—7:00 PM, in the Church Saturday, January 16: Great Vespers—4:00 PM (Private Confession available 3:30 PM) Sunday, January 17: <u>Divine Liturgy</u>—9:00 AM **Tuesday, January 19:** Akathist to the Mother of God, "Nurturer of Children"—7:00 PM

### HYMN FOR THE DAY: Troparion—Tone 1 (Nativity)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shown to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high! O Lord, glory to Thee!

### WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS:

We are very glad to have you with us today. Please introduce yourself to Fr. David after the Liturgy, and stay for Coffee Hour!

### GET ON THE BUS! MARCH FOR LIFE, FRIDAY 1/22/2010

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery has booked a tour bus to go to Washington, DC, for the 37th Annual March for Life to end abortion. We board the bus in Wilkes Barre at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, at 6:45 am, and head to D.C for the March for Life. Leave D.C. at approximately 4:15 pm. See Fr. David or Mat. Tamara for details.



### SURPRISING FACTS ABOUT CANDY CANES, AND CHRIST!

- •Once, a candy maker wanted to create a candy that would carry a message about the Christian Faith. So he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He included several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ into the new candy.
- •He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. The color white symbolized the pure Virgin Birth and the sinless Lord Jesus. Also, he made the candy very hard, to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Holy Church and the firm promises of God.
- •Then he shaped the candy like a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus. The shape could also be the staff of the "Good Shepherd" (Jesus) with which He reaches down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who go astrav, like we all do sometimes.
- •Next the candy maker added red stripes to the plain white candy. He used three small stripes to show the marks of the whipping Jesus received, by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the Cross, so that we could have the promise of eternal life.
- Now, share this story whenever you get, or give, a Candy Cane!

# WINTER YOUTH RETREAT—in Waymart, January 16-18, 2010 •Who It's For: Orthodox kids, ages 10-17

- •Where: Ladore Retreat Center, 398 South St., Waymart—a 1500 acre facility with a lake, gym, game rooms, hiking and sledding, and more!
  •When: Saturday, Jan. 16, 11:00 AM – Monday, Jan. 18, 3:00 PM
- •Cost: \$60 per person (includes overnight lodging & meals)
- What's Happening: Hiking, sledding, skating, movie night, talks on topics important to our kids; and church services at St. Tikhon's
- For More Info: See flyer in the vestibule, or ask Fr. David or Mat. Tamara





### NEXT SUNDAY: THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS YOLKA! Don't miss it!

- •Kids, teachers, parents... Don't forget to come to the Dress Rehearsal, next Saturday at 2:30 PM.
- •Everyone else: Please plan to stay for Coffee Hour and the Yolka next Sunday. Clap, sing, cheer... show our kids how much you appreciate their talent and work!

Thanks to all the kids (and grown-ups too) who will be going to sing Christmas Carols to the residents at Allied Skilled Nursing! And, thanks to all who helped them make the beautiful little gifts that they are taking along with them for the residents to enjoy!

