

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:

all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, Especially, Dorothy, William, William, Veronica, Claudia, Barbara, Dorothy, Barbara, George, Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew,	Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), All clergy, monastic's, and seminarians, and their families the sick and	suffering, among them, Debbie, Clarise, Johanna, Veronica, Mary, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, among the newly departed,	especially John Buckla. Michael Miller, and all those departed this life in the hope of the Resurrection.
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Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.

Continued excerpts from Metropolitan Tikhon's letter on previous page:

"...Concerning those who have fallen asleep, Saint Paul exhorts us not to "grieve even as others who have no hope" [1 Thessalonians 4:13]. And yet, herein he does not forbid us from grieving. Now is the time for us to weep, but we must weep with the firm hope that comes from our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. "Shed tears, but remain calm; weep modestly, and with fear of God," writes Saint John Chrysostom. And following this example, each of us must strive to transform our sorrow into prayer. "I therefore call on the clergy and the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America to offer fervent prayers for the souls of those whose lives have been so brutally cut short and for the consolation of all those whose existence has been shattered by this unfathomable event. I also ask that those who are physically able to offer their services to the grieving and the broken-hearted, both in the Newtown community and throughout this land. "It is at times like this that we must put our faith into action and offer our Christian support and love, to make our prayers concrete through action. Many have been affected, and many more will be overcome by grief, despair and isolation. We must ensure that we do all we can to provide a sense of true community to all those in need and to bear their burdens as the Lord asks us to..."

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

Olyphant, Pennsylvania



Sunday, December 16th, 2012
28th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday of the Forefathers



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Epistles: Colossians 3:4-11; Gospels: Luke 14:16-24

Services and Activities

Today	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall. <u>Children's Church School Nativity Program</u>
Sat. 12/22	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Sat. 12/22	4:00 P.M.	<u>Great Vespers</u>
Sun. 12/23	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall
Mon. 12/24	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Mon. 12/24	7:00 P.M.	<u>Great Compline/Matins</u>
Tues. 12/25	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> – Feast of the Nativity of our Lord!
Wed. 12/26	9:00 A.M.	Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of the most Holy Theotokos
Sat. 12/29	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Sat. 12/29	4:00 P.M.	<u>Great Vespers</u>
Sun. 12/30	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall

WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS!
It is our joy to have you with us today! Please join us for
Coffee Hour down in the Hall!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Children's Church School Christmas Program – **December 16th** immediately following Liturgy and coffee hour.

-Thanks to all of our families who host our coffee hour.

We are in need of more families to help in this way in the new year. Food can include: only dessert and/or light fare such as cheese, crackers, fruit, salads, etc. Hot food is not necessary. Please see Julie Cohen or call her at 570-862-6611.

Coffee hour potluck dates: Please bring something to share.

December 30th - Nativity treats potluck.

-Bulletin sponsorships are needed beginning January 2013. Also sponsors for shut-in mailings and the website are needed beginning today. Please see Ken Stafursky.

December Bulletin Sponsorship: In memory of John Naughton

Collection information

12/09/2012	weekly and loose	\$643.00	tithe	\$345.00
	2 nd collection – Church Supplies			\$56.25

2nd Collection **next** Sunday, **December 23rd** will be to benefit hurricane Sandy victims.

-Please keep all victims and those afflicted by the tragedy in Newton, Connecticut in your prayers.

-Excerpts of a letter from his Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon concerning the shooting in Connecticut.

“All of us have been shaken by the news of the tragic death of twenty young children and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. All of a sudden, the image of Rachel, who was ‘weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more’ [Jeremiah 31:15], becomes more than simply a passage from scripture. Rather, it becomes an unfortunate reality in the lives of those affected by the senseless incident and in our own hearts, as we share in their lamentation and sorrow.” (continued on next page.)