

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, William, 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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If you would like the living or the departed remembered at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Father to remember at the Proskomedia.

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.

“And a sword shall pierce the soul.” (Luke 2:35)

“Who on this earth can come near equaling the Lord’s patient endurance of suffering but His most Holy Mother? The aged Simeon, adorned with age like a white swan, foresaw as a prophet her future suffering, and likened this suffering to a sword in her soul. A sword passed through her soul when the righteous Joseph doubted her at the time of her pregnancy, and another when she had to flee from Herod’s sword, the third and fourth and many, many others when she saw the hatred and plotting of the Jewish elders against her Son, day after day through the whole time of His preaching and wondrous works among men. But the sharpest sword pierced her heart when she stood beneath the Cross of her Son and Lord. This sword was the one foreseen and spoken of to her by the holy, aged Simeon. Her silence was majestic and moving, a silence beneath which, like a curtain, she hid all her pain, all the wounds in her heart. In the darkness, all this pain which had accumulated in her most pure heart shone as an inextinguishable flame of faith and hope in God, and consecration to Him. The handmaid of the Lord, peerless in her nobility. She had seen her place within God’s plan for man’s salvation; she had read of herself in the prophets; she had spoken with angels, God’s heralds. Therefore, all that came upon her, joy or pain, she knew came from God, and therefore neither went delirious in her joy nor grumbled in her pain. She kept silent with a ‘yes’ in her heart.

O most Holy Virgin, Mother of God, help us that we may, like thee, be obedient to the will of God. To thy Son and Lord through thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen. (St. Nikolai of Zica)

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

Olyphant, Pennsylvania



Sunday, December 30th, 2012
30th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord



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 Epistles: Galatians 1:11-19; Gospels: Matthew 2:13-23

Services and Activities

Today	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall.
Sat. 01/05	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Sat. 01/05	4:00 P.M.	<u>Great Compline</u> - for Holy Theophany followed by blessing of the waters.
Sun. 01/06	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - Holy Theophany followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall.
Sat. 01/12	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Sat. 01/12	4:00 P.M.	<u>Great Vespers</u>
Sun. 01/13	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall
Sat. 01/19	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Sat. 01/19	4:00 P.M.	<u>Great Vespers</u>
Sun. 01/20	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

-Anyone who would like to donate towards the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund please see Ken.

- Anyone who has not received a 2013 Church Calendar please also see Ken.

- Congratulations to Subdeacon William and Julie Cohen on the birth of their baby boy. Jonathan Leonard Cohen was born on December 26th. May God grant Jonathan and his family many years!

December Bulletin Sponsorship: In memory of John Naughton
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	Christmas donation from Knights			
	of Columbus, Olyphant			\$100.00

-“**And Mary said, ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord.’ (Luke 1:38)**

Here indeed, my brethren, is the handmaid of the Lord! If a handmaid is one who submits her will utterly to that of her Lord, then the most Holy Virgin is first among the Lord's handmaids. If a handmaid is one who strives with all her heart to serve her Lord, then, again, she is first among the Lord's handmaids. If a handmaid is one who meekly and silently endures all insults and trials, looking only to the reward from her Lord, then, again, the Holy Virgin is the first and most excellent of all the Lord's handmaids. She was not concerned to please the world but to please God; not to stand well in the Lord's eyes, but only in God's. She was the epitome of obedience, service, and meekness. The most Holy Virgin could with truth say to the angel: ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord.’ The greatest perfection and the greatest honor to which a woman can attain on earth is to be a handmaid of the Lord. Eve lost this perfection and honor in paradise without effort, and the Virgin Mary achieved this perfection and honor outside paradise by her efforts.

At the prayers of the holy Virgin and Mother of God, O Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.” (St. Nikolai of Zica)