



# THE PARISH PRESS



## St. Philip Orthodox Church

FOLLOWING IN THE STEPS OF THE AMERICAN SAINTS: BE GRATEFUL FOR ORTHODOXY IN AMERICA

### NEWS ~ N ~ NOTES

#### HOME BLESSINGS

From **Theophany** to just before Great Lent is the season of **home blessings**. To schedule with Fr. Noah or Fr. James, sign up on the calendar in the narthex and pick up a reminder card. To schedule with Fr. Boniface, please contact him directly.

#### GIVING UPDATES



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** Christmas gifts and gift cards were provided for **8 needy families** in our area. Also, additional offerings allowed us to support special projects at Keystone and Manna! Many thanks to all!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Thanks to all who sent Christmas greetings to the St Philip's Family! A total of \$740 was received for various Orthodox monastic communities, missionary situations and charitable services. Be sure to peruse the cards displayed on the bulletin board. A report on the distribution is coming soon.

#### MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

In January, we are collecting **oral care** items (no mouthwash, please).



**THE FORTY DAYS OF GROWTH IN STEWARDSHIP** has been a success. Thanks for returning your pledge and your faithful support of God's work at St. Philip's!

**May God bless all our faithful givers!**

#### OUR SYMPATHY IN CHRIST

is extended to the Nerenberg family upon the passing of **Carl Nerenberg**, a former parishioner at St Philip's, who reposed in the Lord recently.



**MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

### A Message from Fr Noah

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
1 Kingdoms (1 Samuel) 27-29 tells us that when the Prophet anointed David King of Israel, David, not yet reigning, fled from his father-in-law and reigning king, Saul, and he hid within the camp of the Philistines and served them as a commander. But when the Philistines prepared for battle against Israel, they wisely choose to drive David out of their ranks, to prevent probable betrayal. The commander, after delivering this difficult message to David, gave him a great piece of advice: "do not keep an evil thought in your heart." (29:10)

Brothers and sisters, as we commence a new year, let's follow this good advice by confessing, forgiving, moving on, letting go, humbling ourselves, making excuses for others, covering sins of others, etc. - not keeping an evil thought in our hearts. If we don't expel them in confession and take every thought captive for Christ, these evil thoughts may fester quietly until they explode in unthinking and unbelievable ways. Lord, have mercy on us, and grant us a new beginning in this new year!

Your Servant in Christ,

+ Fr. Noah

### Baked Kale Chips



- 1 bunch kale
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt

1. Preheat an oven to 350° F. Line a non-insulated cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. With a knife or kitchen shears carefully remove the leaves from the thick stems and tear into bite-size pieces. Wash and thoroughly dry kale with a salad spinner. Drizzle kale with olive oil and sprinkle with seasoning salt.
3. Bake until the edges brown but are not burnt, 10 to 15 minutes.

[http://allrecipes.com/recipe/baked-kale-chips/detail.aspx?src=VD\\_Summary](http://allrecipes.com/recipe/baked-kale-chips/detail.aspx?src=VD_Summary)

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Matushka Olga Sewing Club

Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Learn or teach, work on your own project or on projects for those in need. All welcome.

#### Outdoor Blessing of Water for Theophany

Sunday, January 13, 1 p.m.  
Lake Lenape Park

#### Catechumens & Inquirers

Tuesdays, Jan 15 - Feb 26, 7 p.m.

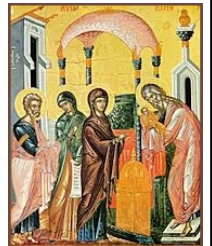
#### Bible Study - The Rhythms of Prayer

Wednesdays, Jan 16 - Feb 27  
Following Akathist at 7 p.m.

#### Presentation of Christ

Friday, February 1  
7 p.m. Vespers & Artoklasia

Blessing of Candles  
Saturday, February 2  
9 a.m. Matins, 10 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy  
Blessing of Candles



### Walking in the Steps of the American Saints

### BE GRATEFUL FOR ORTHODOXY IN AMERICA

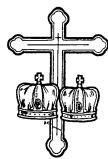


St. Alexander Hotovitsky, when he was returning to Russia in 1914 after about 20 years of fruitful missionary work in America, said, "Farewell, American Orthodox Rus - my dear Mother, the Holy American Church. I, your ever-grateful son, bow filially to the ground before you. You gave birth to me spiritually, you nurtured me, from your depths you inspired me by your strength. Through the shining witness of your founders, through the enlightened apostolic teachings of your preachers, through the fervor of your faithful flock, you have given me the greatest possible joy - to be your son."

**CHALLENGE FOR 2013:** Arrive before Liturgy to help sing the Great Doxology!

## Did You Know?

• The **Sunday School** sang Christmas Carols at Elm Terrace Nursing Home on Sunday December 16th at 3 pm.



• **Elisa McGraw**, a former parishioner now at Holy Ascension, was married to **Jeremy Pry** here at St Philip's on Saturday, December 29. Fr Noah, Fr Boniface, Fr Daniel Meyer, Fr James, and Dn Herman concelebrated. May God grant the newly-crowned many years!

• Many families come to **confession** together and then have a little celebration afterwards.

• People's **lives have been changed** by being invited and brought to church.

• **The righteous** gives and does not hold back. (Proverbs 21:26)

• **The kingdom of heaven** is not a reward for works, but a gift of grace prepared by the Master for His faithful servants. Are you a faithful servant?

• The **St. Nina Prayer Network** continues to pray for any special requests. Please speak to Celia Marie with a desire to join or with a prayer request.

• **In heaven**, you'll be grateful for every dollar, every moment, and every effort you spent in God's work during your life on earth.

## ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMP

Giving young people **a living experience of the Holy Orthodox Faith** in their relationship with God and other campers in an uncluttered, natural environment.

- **daily Orthodox worship** with an emphasis on participation;
- a challenge toward **spiritual growth** through daily homilies, religious education, and relationships with counselors and fellow Orthodox campers;
- a **safe and naturally beautiful setting** for group living;
- a **caring and loving staff** fully dedicated to the campers' well-being and growth.



**One- and Two-Week Sessions throughout the summer, plus Iconography Camp and Byzantine Chanting Camp.**

Visit <http://www.antiochianvillage.org/camp.html> for more information and to **register**. See Fr. Noah if you need a **scholarship** or you'd like to provide one.

## Wisdom On the Incarnation

• For we were predestined before the ages (cf. Eph. 1:11-12) to be in Him as members of His body. He adapted us to Himself and knitted us together in the Spirit as a soul to a body and brought us to the measure of spiritual maturity derived from His fullness. For this we were created; this was God's good purpose for us before the ages. *- St. Maximos the Confessor*

• When the King of heaven came to dwell amongst us and chose to unite Himself with us, the kingdom of heaven drew near to us all. *- St. Gregory Palamas*

• When men hungered and thirsted after righteousness, as it grew weaker, then the everlasting righteousness came.

*- St. John of Kronstadt*

• Man is mud whom God has commanded to become god.

*- St. Gregory of Nyssa*

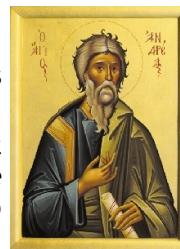
• God became man so that man might become god

*- St. Athanasius the Great*

## Ask Abouna

**Previous Question:** Father Boniface, how is the mission in Delaware doing?

**Answer:** Parishioners at the mission of Saint Andrew the Apostle in Lewes, DE, continue to express a great deal of appreciation to Saint Philip's in Souderton for sponsoring and nurturing our community over the past nine years.



The first Divine Liturgy was held in the evening on Dec. 4th, 2003, in the social hall of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Rehoboth Beach. No rent was asked of us. Liturgy was held on a weekday evening once a month for about two years. After that, twice a month for another two years.

Next, the mission moved to the Grange Hall in Lewes for the Divine Liturgy twice a month on Sunday mornings. Upon after Father Boniface's retirement from Saint Philip's, March 1, 2009, he was assigned as the Pastor of Saint Andrew's and the Divine Liturgy was celebrated every Sunday at the Grange Hall, along with some Feast Days, Lenten Services, and Holy Week observances.

The weekend of Sept. 22-23rd, 2012, at the Saturday evening Vespers, the new building was blessed with Holy Water and the first Liturgy was held Sunday morning with over a hundred people attending. We reached that number again when His Grace, Bishop Thomas visited the weekend of Nov. 17-18th and the official "door opening" of the new Church took place.

Our Sunday School presented a beautiful Christmas Program on Dec. 23rd. Photos of the program and other parish news can be viewed on the Saint Andrew's website: [www.orthodoxdelmar.org](http://www.orthodoxdelmar.org).

A tremendous amount of love and prayer and sacrifice has brought us this far. Our mission community has been blessed by many good people of faith and also by knowing that Saint Philip's has been positive about us and about all mission outreach.

The Lewes-Rehoboth area (the "Delaware Beaches") is not only a summer tourist destination, but an all-season destination for visitors. The town of Lewes connects with New Jersey by the Lewes-Cape May Ferry which makes several crossings each day.

Parishioners have collected foods for Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution and also responded in a big way after Hurricane Sandy, sending funds to the Archdiocese and collecting and delivering a huge amount of foods, paper goods, first aid supplies and needed items to a distribution center in Brooklyn.



We have welcomed many visitors to our services, individuals and families on vacation, newcomers to the area, second home owners and retirees. We welcome all coming to the "Beaches." Divine Liturgy is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Set your GPS to 33384 MacKenzie Way, Lewes, DE 19958.

**New Question:** I want to be more peaceful, what can I do?