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St. Philip Orthodox Church



SPIRITUAL WARFARE: "CHOOSE LIFE"

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GIVING UPDATES

MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTION: Thank you for your generosity to the needy of our community! In **January**, we are collecting **Oral Care Products**.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION: We continue to collect non-perishables of all kinds for the food pantries.

FORTY DAYS OF GROWTH IN STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

"One Body In Christ"

We now have 88 pledges totaling \$252,160 for 2019. Glory to God!

Your Faithfulness in Tithing, Hospitality, and Ministry are essential to keeping our church strong, warm, and effective!

We should all be striving towards 10% Tithe, Co-Hosting Coffee Hour twice each year, and helping with least one regular parish ministry. The least we can do in response to God's generosity toward us!

Future St Nicholas House - Update

Two Different Matching Grants have been offered. Thanks to God and to our generous parishioners we are well on our way toward fulfilling them but we can't do it without your prayers. An appraiser will be evaluating the property to give us a starting point for the negotiation of a selling price. Thanks for your generosity, prayers, and support!



Holy Mysteries

Baby Nathaniel, son of Addisu Samuel and Haymanot Menkiras, was baptized into Christ at St. Philip on Dec 1.

Maria (Rebecca) Jekel was Chrismated on Dec 16 at St. Philip.

MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!

A Message from Fr Noah

Dear Saint Philip's Family, Christ is Baptized! Let us be illumined with Him!

A new civil year is upon us! How can we make this year as blessed and joyous as possible?

I have a hope and a prayer and a little plan to try to "speak less, speak life." By God's grace I hope to talk less and make my words bring only God's love, light, and life! Please pray for me for this. I hope you have a spiritual resolution to bring God's grace into your life.

As we head into this new year, let me share a few new developments in our parish to be aware of:

+**St. Nicholas House** & the new **"Ushers" ministry** — See the separate article on both of these signs of growth in our parish for which I'm thankful!

+**Fr James** — He will be setting aside more time to assist me and minister to the parish, including increased availability for confessions (and I commend him to you as a wise confessor and a generous spiritual father), visitations, and other pastoral duties.

+Most of us have met **Fr Dennis Rhodes**, newly retired to Souderton from his OCA parish ministry in Philly and Connecticut. He has no pastoral duties with our parish but his presence has been a blessing for us, as the other retired priests whose assistance and love and prayers we appreciate!

+**Subdeacon David** — He will be working half-time as my "pastoral assistant," to assist with liturgical services, to support and develop ministries, and to do other projects as needed. Ministry coordinators, David will be in touch with you regarding your needs. I have the goal that each member of our parish will exercise their "royal priesthood" by having a regular ministry in our parish.

+**Office Transition** — Fr Herman has started full-time at St. Andrew in Lewes, DE. Kh. Vera will be wrapping up her work here shortly after Pascha and is in full-swing of training, finishing projects, and preparing for a smooth transition for Celia-Marie in the office and Justin on the publications.

+**Our website** has gotten a new facelift and its re-organization is underway! Thanks to all who participated in our communications survey!

In Jesus Christ, our Life,
+Fr. Noah

Mark Your Calendar

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Friday, February 1

Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm,
Orthros 7 pm

Saturday, February 2

Divine Liturgy w/Candle blessing 10 am
Festal Potluck after Liturgy

Lenten Triodion

Publican & Pharisee - February 17

Prodigal Son - February 24

Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) - Mar 3

Forgiveness Sunday,

Mar 10 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 pm

Great Lent Begins

Monday, March 11 - Clean Monday

Lenten Retreat

March 30, 2019

We live Pascha to Pascha!

April 28, 2019



Home Blessings

Tis the Season for Home Blessings!

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex with the availabilities of both Fr. Noah and Fr. James. Please text/email them to confirm a date and time.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, January 19, 8-10 am

Breakfast at church..
"Cultivating Peace"

