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## Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days  
5:00 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Fr. John Office Hours  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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by Wednesday of each week  
before noon.

**FEBRUARY 7, 2010**  
**35th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**MEATFARE SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT**  
**NEW HIEROMARTYRS, METR.**  
**VLADIMIR AND ABP. PETER**

**HIEROMARTYR CHARALAMPUS THE BISHOP OF  
MAGNESIA IN THESSALY (Feb. 10)**



The Hieromartyr Charalampus, Bishop of Magnesia, the Martyrs Porphyrius and Baptus and Three Women Martyrs suffered in the year 202.

St Charalampus, Bishop of Magnesia (Asia Minor), successfully spread faith in Christ the Savior, guiding people on the way to salvation. News of his preaching reached Lucian, the governor of the district, and the military commander Lucius. The saint was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed his faith in Christ and refused to offer sacrifice to idols.

Despite the bishop's advanced age (he was 113 years old), he was subjected to monstrous tortures. They lacerated his body with iron hooks, and scraped all the skin from his body. During this the saint turned to his tormentors, "I thank you, brethren, that you have restored my spirit, which longs to pass over to a new and everlasting life!"

Seeing the Elder's endurance and his complete lack of malice, two soldiers (Porphyrius and Baptus) openly confessed Christ, for which they were immediately beheaded with a sword. Three women who were watching the sufferings of St Charalampus also began to glorify Christ, and were quickly martyred.

The enraged Lucius seized the instruments of torture and began to torture the holy martyr, but suddenly his forearms were cut off as if by a sword. The governor then spat in the face of the saint, and immediately his head was turned around so that he faced backwards.

Then Lucius entreated the saint to show mercy on him, and both torturers were healed through the prayers of St Charalampus. During this a multitude of witnesses came to believe in Christ. Among them also was Lucius, who fell at the feet of the holy bishop, asking to be baptized.

Lucian reported these events to the emperor Septimus Severus (193-211), who was then at Pisidian Antioch (western Asia Minor). The emperor ordered St Charlampos to be brought to him in Antioch. Soldiers twisted the saint's beard into a rope, wound it around his neck, and used it to drag him along. They also drove an iron nail into his body. The emperor then ordered them to torture the bishop more intensely, and they began to burn him with fire, a little at a time. But God protected the saint, and he remained unharmed.

Many miracles were worked through his prayer: he raised a dead youth, and healed a man tormented by devils for thirty-five years, so that many people began to believe in Christ the Savior. Even Galina, the daughter of the emperor, began to believe in Christ, and twice smashed the idols in a pagan temple. On the orders of the emperor they beat the saint about the mouth with stones. They also wanted to set his beard on fire, but the flames burned the torturer.

Full of wickedness, Septimus Severus and an official named Crispus hurled blasphemy at the Lord, mockingly summoning Him to come down to the earth, and boasting of their own power and might. The Lord sent an earthquake, and great fear fell upon all, the impious ones were both suspended in mid-air held by invisible bonds, and only by the prayer of the saint were they put down. The dazed emperor was shaken in his former impiety, but again quickly fell into error and gave orders to torture the saint.

And finally, he sentenced St Charalampus to beheading with a sword. During his final prayer, the heavens opened and the saint saw the Savior and a multitude of angels. The holy martyr asked Him to

grant that the place where his relics would repose would never suffer famine or disease. He also begged that there would be peace, prosperity, and an abundance of fruit, grain, and wine in that place, and that the souls of these people would be saved. The Lord promised to fulfill his request and ascended to heaven, and the soul of the hieromartyr Charalampus followed after Him. By the mercy of God, the saint died before he could be executed. Galina buried the martyr's body with great honor.

In Greek hagiography and iconography St Charalampus is regarded as a priest, while Russian sources seem to regard him as a bishop.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

All Committee and Organization Annual Reports are due **NO LATER** than **Sunday, February 14**. Reports must be submitted by this date or they **will not** be included in the 2009 Annual Report publication.

Reports can be emailed to: [DEAN@STTHEODOSIUS.ORG](mailto:DEAN@STTHEODOSIUS.ORG)

Reports requested:



President - Paul Pangrace

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Audit - Barbara Sheean

Cemetery - Leon Sheean

Choir - Ken Kovach

Christian Ed - Paul Pangrace

Finance - Marie Maty

FOCA - Darrell Felon

Ridge Manor - Virginia Medvec

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7

**Feb. 7** 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2  
Matt. 25:31-36

**Feb. 9** Jude 1:1-10  
Luke 22:39-42, 45  
Luke 23:1

**Feb. 12** Zechariah 8:7-17  
Zechariah 8:19-23

**Feb. 8** 3 John 1:1-15  
Luke 19:29-40  
Luke 22:7-39

**Feb. 10** Joel 2:12-26  
Joel 3:12-21

**Feb. 13** Rom. 14:19-26  
Matt. 6:1-13

**Feb. 11** Jude 1:11-25  
Luke 23:2-34, 44-56

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### **DEPARTED:**

**Evelyn Steingass Riggs + 1/23/10**

**Richard Casey + 1/31/10**

**Christine Witnik + 2/2/10**

### ***Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions***

**Fr. Anthony Dimitri**

**Fr. Stephen Jula**

**Helen Antonik**

**Alice Artino**

**Helen Baldner**

**John Baranich**

**Carol Bohurjak**

**John Conrad**

**Eugene Erhardt**

**Tony Eschuk**

**Gloria Gindlesperger (Sister-In-Law)**

**Julia Grabowski**

**Maria Hanzel**

**Jennifer Humphrey**

**Donna Jacak**

**Paul Kappanadze (son of Fr. Jason Kappanadze)**

**Chloe Kasubienski**

**Vivian Kasubienski**

**Sarah Kersey**

**Dorothy Laskovich**

**Paul Laskovich**

**Shane, Sierra and Taylor McNeilly**

**Brian Nemec (Frank Tkacz's Godson)**

**Alex and Jerilyn Oppenheim**

**Walter & Grace Parhamovich  
(Karen Felon's parents)**

**George Ponomarenko**

**Natalie Ponomarenko**

**David Roman (Nephew of  
Margaret Rusynyk)**

**Vera Sakal**

**Alexandra (Hopko) Sedor**

**Mary Ann Silberhorn**

**Elsie Sudnick**

**Barbara Thompson (Phyllis  
Gindlesperger's Sister-In-Law)**

**Donald Tipka**

**Frank Tkacz**

**Hannah Ward (God Child of  
Fr. Andrew Stevens)**

**Harrison Ward  
(God Child of Fr. Andrew Stevens)**

**Helen Zawisza  
(Joseph Rusynyk's sister)**

**Alice Zdinak (Fr. John's mother)**

**Julia Zimmerman**

**Denise Zweifel  
(Sister of Marshall Prock)**

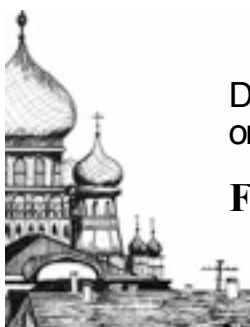
**Erik & Gwen Hasselquist  
& Newborn Fisk Rune**

**Vivian & Dustin Kashubienski  
& Newborn Lexus Ann**

**Grant & Stephanie Dever  
& Unborn Child  
(Fr. John's Niece)**

**Anthony & Nikol Gammalo  
(Nikol Zdinak) & Unborn Child**

**Nathan & Chelsea Pozderac  
& Unborn Child  
(Cindy Zdinak's Nephew)**



## *Dome Lighters*

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for the health of or in memory of your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

### **For the month of February:**

In memory of the **Deceased Members of the St. Theodosius Seniors 55 Plus Club.**

### **For the weeks of February 7 & 14:**

In memory of **Evelyn Steingass Riggs** (Mother of Haralombos Steingass)

**"AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN  
BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST"**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to the newly Baptized and Illumined  
**Apostolos Fisk Rune Hasselquist.**



**CHURCH  
SCHOOL**

Church School  
will run through

Saturday, **February 27** at



## Welcome Visitors

*Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.*



### COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

#### Coffee Hour Hosts:

02/07/10 Joyce Tabeling  
02/14/10 Natalia Pricinovskis  
02/21/10 Mat. Jeanne Homik & Judy Schwind  
02/28/10 Mary Swit & Tammy Ponomarenko  
03/07/10 Jim & Vicki Danko

#### Greeters:

Albert Casey & Maria Broslawik  
Karen Felon & Debby Ponomarenko  
Linda Smotzer & Virginia Medvec  
Albert Casey & Michael Tabeling  
John Vorell & Erik Hasselquist

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ridge Manor Banquet Center now offers Carry-Out Food Service. Additional information/menu options can be found at [www.ridgemanorpartycenter.com](http://www.ridgemanorpartycenter.com) or contact Sharon Glagola at 216-749-5509.

### GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses: \$ 6,538.00  
Last week's collection \$ 3,211.00  
**Over/Under < \$ 3,327.00 >**

#### ATTENDANCE

Members 94 Visitors 14  
Total 108

### ANNOUNCEMENT - CHANGE PRE-LENTEN

#### BOY'S NIGHT OUT TODAY!!

Sunday, February 7, 2:00 P.M. at Heck's Cafe in Ohio City. Please contact Dan Morris if you would like to attend.

### SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

...forms are due NO LATER  
than Sunday, February 14 -  
to the Church Office or to  
Paul Pangrace.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
4:30 PM@Ridge Manor**

### FOOD PANTRY

We are restarting our FOOD PANTRY in conjunction with Tremont Pointe (formerly Valley View). Some residents are returning, some residents are new, but some are in need of help. We are asking folks who wish to help with this specific project to "sponsor" a bag of groceries for \$10.

Checks can be made out to St. Theodosius, marked for Food Pantry. The need is smaller now than several years ago, but it is still there. God bless you for considering those less fortunate.

Questions to Dan Morris.



### SAVE THIS DATE Altar Society

Meeting following  
Liturgy in Parish Hall  
on **Sunday, February 14.**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

# **HELP US BECOME SOUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS!**

## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, team up with our parish's youth to help the needy in our community and around the world. Help our team in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" by bringing one dollar and a canned good with you to Liturgy. Please support this effort and help our parish become Souper Bowl Champions!

P.O. Box 630225  
Baltimore, MD 21263-0225  
Toll-Free: (877) 803-4622  
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Internet: [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org)



**International Orthodox Christian Charities**

## **TODAY SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

A donation box will be provided for non-perishable foods, items, etc., located by the I.O.C.C information poster in the Parish Hall. Please see Darrell or Karen Felon to make donations.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting  
will be held on TUESDAY,  
**March 16, 6:00 PM**  
@ Ridge Manor

### **STEWARDSHIP - ENVELOPES**

Please use your assigned church envelopes to ensure that each parishioner receives their proper credit for all donations. If you do not have an assigned envelope number, please see the Treasurer, Mary Lee Erhardt. Thank You.

## **Lenten Retreat with Father Thomas Hopko**

Friday evening, March 12 Saturday 9:30 – 3:00, March 13

St. Matthew's Church

10383 Albion Road North Royalton, OH 44133

### **“Why a Suffering Messiah?”**

Please join us as we welcome one of the premier speakers, authors, and scholars in Orthodoxy today

Friday, March 12	Akathist service	6:30 pm	
	First Session	7:30 – 8:45 pm	
Saturday, March 13	Continental Breakfast	9:30 am	
	Second Session begins	10:00 am	
	Lunch (provided)	12:00 – 1:15 pm	
	Third Session	1:15 – 3:00 pm	
Please call St. Matthew's Orthodox Church for details (440) 582-5673			Cost \$20

**FEBRUARY 7**

# Saint Blaise and a New Book

Department of **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
ORTHODOX CHURCH in AMERICA

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



**On February 11 we remember Saint Blaise, the fourth-century bishop of Sebaste in Armenia who lived during the persecutions of Christians by the emperor Diocletian. The bishop encouraged imprisoned believers, prayed for the martyrs, and stood courageously for the faith.**

In his later years, Saint Blaise retreated to a mountain cave. Wild beasts recognized him as a trustworthy person and kept him company, even receiving healing from him.

Human beings were not so able to see Saint Blaise's holiness as the animals were; he was arrested at his cave, tortured, and martyred. But believers for centuries have prayed to him for the well-being of domestic animals.

A new book entitled *Living in God's Creation* by Elizabeth Theokritoff, and published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, describes the authentic Orthodox Christian understanding of creation, an understanding which has enabled Saint Blaise and many others to live in true harmony with the world. The book makes an important distinction between "the environment" and "creation." The environment is something around us; it is defined in relation to human beings. Creation is defined in relation not to us, but to the Creator. It

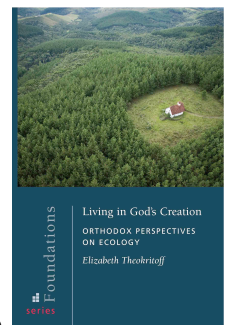
is "the reality to which we ourselves belong, along with everything else from archangels and galaxies to caterpillars and quarks."

This recognition of creation as having value is central to the Christian Gospel. Such a Gospel came as something brand new to a world steeped in pagan Greek philosophy, which saw the body as a prison of the spirit, and matter as worthless. Christians said something startlingly different: "When we affirm that eternal life involves resurrection, we are saying that matter has an eternal significance."

*Living in God's Creation* traces this authentic understanding of creation through the teachings of the Church Fathers, the ascetical and monastic tradition, and the worship and sacraments of the Orthodox Church. Although the author's scholarship is exceptional, it is never heavy or intimidating, and gives us much to think about. For example, she writes: "We should know by now that there is no path to the Kingdom except through a thousand ordinary, humdrum decisions, whether it is sparing a kind word for somebody or recycling a sheet of paper."

One chapter of the book offers stories of saints who valued creatures and matter as God's gift. We meet Paul of Oborna, a forest-dweller who often sat with birds perched all over him and eating from his hands, while bears nearby patiently waited their turn as foxes and rabbits ran around, with no fear of Paul or of each other. Other saints also befriended animals; some lived with vipers. Their relationship was never sentimental, and they didn't champion "animal rights" but acknowledged the "rightful place" of animals and growing things in creation.

The book calls us to live "sacramentally", neither putting our hope in technology nor looking back to some "golden age" of harmony with nature, but conforming ourselves to God's will and anticipating the transfiguration of all things. Saint Blaise, awaiting martyrdom, would have known just what that means.



**Sunday, February 7**  
**Meatfare Sunday**  
**Sunday of Last Judgment**  
 New Hieromartyrs  
 Metr. Vladimir  
 And ABP. Peter  
 9:00 AM Baptismal Liturgy  
 2:00 PM Boys' Night Out@Hecks  
 IOCC Souper Bowl of Caring

## Weekly Schedule

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL**  
**COLLECTION**  
**WINDOWS**

**Monday, February 8**  
**Meat Fast**  
 Greatmartyr Theodore  
 Stratelates  
 Prophet Zechariah

**Tuesday, February 9**  
**Meat Fast**  
 Martyr Nicephorus  
 Relics St. Innocent  
 Bishop Of Irkutsk

**Wednesday, February 10**  
**Meat Fast**  
 Hieromart. Haralambos  
 Virgin Martyrs Ennatha  
 Valentina & Paula  
 4:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting  
 @Ridge Manor

**Thursday, February 11**  
**Meat Fast**  
 Hieromartyr Blaise  
 Ven. Dimitri Of Priluk  
 11:00 Faith Enrichment  
 @Ridge Manor

**Friday, February 12**  
**Meat Fast**  
 St. Meletius, ABP. Of Antioch  
 St. Aleksy, Met. Moscow

**Saturday, February 13**  
**Meat Fast**  
 Ven. Martinian, Ven. Simeon  
 The Myrrhusher  
 4:30 PM Church School  
 6:00 PM Great Vespers



**Sunday, February 14**  
**Meat Fast**  
**CHEESEFARE SUNDAY**  
**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY**  
 VEN. AUXENTIUS  
 ST. CYRIL, TEACHER OF THE SLAVS  
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
 Altar Society Meeting following Liturgy  
 6:00 PM Forgiveness Vespers  
 DEADLINE - FOR SUNDAY OF  
 ORTHODOXY PATRON FORMS  
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 ANNUAL MEETING



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