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SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD, 2016

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1.

Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the Brother of the Lord
(ca. 63). Translation of the Relics of Bl. Jacob (James)
of Borovichí, Wonderworker of Novgorod (ca. 1540).
St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople (877-878).

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

 **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** 

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm

Vigil: Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:30am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun, Oct. 23:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Church School.
Tues, Oct. 25: Mirrors of Truth – 7pm
Wed, Oct. 26: Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm.
Thurs, Oct. 27: Parish Council Meeting – 7pm.
Fri, Oct. 28: Preschool Church School – 12:30pm – 2pm.
Sat, October 29: Parish Council Workshop in Bethlehem 10-2pm; Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

Birthday
Sonja Lengel
Jeanette Ruano

Names Day
James Pitra, Demetrios Perdikis

Wedding Anniversary
Buddy and Judi Rybny

Church Cleaning: Calendar for next year will soon be out. Consider signing up for a week or two or a month.

Church School: Will meet from Noon to 12:30pm on Sundays.

Coffee Hour: We thank IOCC for last week's coffee hour. Volunteers are still needed.

Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood. Movie night and meeting on Saturday, October 29th at 7pm, following Vespers.

Mirrors of Truth: We will meet again on October 25th, at 7pm.

Operation Christmas Child: Once again we are doing a collection for the Samaritan's Purse. We would like to surpass last year's 45 shoeboxes. So, please consider providing the following items: toys, school supplies, non liquid hygiene products and accessories such as tee shirts, socks, gloves. For further information as to what to pack go to

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Parish Development Committee:

We are waiting for a quote for re-gilding of the fans, cross and gospel book. Additionally we will be ordering new vestments for our altar servers. Donations have already been made for the vestments (\$450 and one color set), though more will be necessary. And as soon as St. Tikhon's Press publishes them, we will have new copies of the Liturgy Book to replace the ones we have which are disintegrating. The new books will include the texts for the St. Basil and Presanctified Liturgy as well as St. John Chrysostom.

Parish Council Workshop: Reminder to Parish Council members of Diocesan Workshop in Bethlehem on Saturday, October 29 offered by Church Mutual Insurance company on Directors and Officers responsibilities and liabilities. At least two members of every parish council, along with the rector, are required to attend.

Prayers: You are asked to remember in your prayers Catherine Maymon, mother of our Archbishop Mark, who suffered a stroke last week. His Eminence is with his siblings as Mrs. Maymon's condition becomes clearer and decisions are made about her care. Please remember all of them at what is a very difficult time and a very unclear situation.

Scrip: Last Sunday profit \$35.50, YTD 1125.23. We invite those who do not to consider using this program which costs nothing other than what you would spend at the vendor and brings a financial reward to our parish at no additional cost to you.

Welcome: This coming Friday we will welcome the World Religions class from The George School with their teacher Mr. Michael Lo Stracco. The following Friday, November 4th, Fr. Martin will visit the class at the school to continue the conversation about Orthodox Christianity.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Here are the items we are asked to collect for both Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. They are: Juice- either bottles or boxes; Dessert; Baby food

We are asking all of the groups to provide 30 coffee/tea and tuna/canned meat.

We are packing on Sat., Nov. 19 and Sat. Dec. 17 starting at 10 AM and should be ready to deliver by 12.

VIGIL LIGHTS

From Alan Litvin
For the Health of:
Marianne

In Memory of: Thomas Lawrysh, James Cochran



From Judi Rybny

For the Health of: Scott & Keri Rybny, Anna, Cahrlie,
& Caitlin

Joe & Alexis, Max & Stella Rybny

Charles Buddy Rybny

In Memory of: Helen & Peter Muha, Charles & Marie
Rybny

The Old Testament Continued

Psalms.

The book of Psalms contains the hymns of Israel. This book, called The Psalter, holds a central place in the worship of the Orthodox Church and the Psalms are customarily ascribed to David and Solomon. The book of Psalms is divided into Five Books (in imitation of the Pentateuch the first five books of the Bible): Book I (Ps. 1-41); Book II (Ps. 42-72); Book III (Ps. 73-89); Book IV (Ps. 90-106); and Book V (Ps. 107-150). [Orthodox Bibles also include Psalm 151 a Song of David after he fought with Goliath.]

The Psalms may be classified as follows: Hymns (acts of praise suitable for any occasion); Laments (in which an individual seeks deliverance from an illness or a false accusation, or the nation asks for help in times of distress); Songs of Trust (in which an individual expresses his confidence in God's readiness to help); Thanksgivings (in which an individual expresses his gratitude for deliverance); Sacred History (in which the nation recounts the story of God's dealings with it); Royal Psalms (for use on such occasions as a coronation or royal wedding); Wisdom Psalms (which are meditations on life and the ways of God); and Liturgies (Psalms composed for special cultic or historical occasions).

In the Orthodox Church, the LXX version of the Psalms are generally used and these are numbered differently in Orthodox Bibles; in most cases the LXX numbering of the Psalms is one less than the customary numbering (Cf. Table in Chapter 3 of this Book). In addition, for liturgical use, the Psalter is divided into twenty parts called kathismas (from *kathizo*, meaning to sit, since it is permitted to sit during these readings).

Proverbs.

The book of Proverbs is a collection of moral and religious instruction to the youth of Israel. It can be divided into four main parts and five appendices: 1) (Ch. 1-9:18) Ten discourses of admonition and warning, two poems personifying Wisdom (1:20-33; 8:1-36), Wisdom vs. Folly (9:1-6, 13-18), and various shorter admonitions and poems; 2) (Ch. 10-

22:16) 1st Collection of Sayings of Solomon; 3) (Ch. 22:17-24:22) The Sayings of the Wise, with the 1st Appendix added (Ch. 24:23-34), also entitled Sayings of the Wise; 4) (Ch. 25-29) 2nd Collection of Sayings of Solomon; 2nd Appendix (Ch. 30:1-14), entitled The Words of Agur; 3rd Appendix (Ch. 30:15-33) a collection of numerical proverbs; Appendix 4 (Ch. 31:1-9), entitled The Words of Lemuel, King of Massa; and Appendix 5 (Ch. 31:10-31) praise of the ideal wife.

Ecclesiastes (or The Preacher).

This book begins, The Words of the Preacher, the son of David, King in Jerusalem (Eccl. 1:1), and its theme is the vanity of all things, Vanity of vanities....All is vanity! (Eccl. 1:2). The author explores man's happiness and can see no lasting, certain, secure happiness in this earthly existence. This questioning will point men to the everlasting happiness in the world to come.

The Song of Songs (or Song of Solomon).

This book is a collection of poems of human love and courtship, but beneath its secular appearance, lies some great religious truths. In the prophetic books, the Lord God was often seen as the husband of His people (e.g., Hosea 2:16-19) and in later Christian tradition, this book was interpreted as an allegory of the love of Christ for His bride, the Church (e.g., Rev. 21:2, 9).