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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 2016

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. St.

John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

(407). Martyr Manetha of Cæsarea in Palestine (307-308). Monk Martyr Damascene of the Lavra (Mt.

Athos—1681). Monk Martyr Damian of the Lavra (Mt. Athos).

Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Gal. 2:16-20

Gospel: John 10:9-16; Luke 10:25-37.

 **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, Nov. 13:

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Church School.

Mon, Nov. 14:

Orthodoxy in the Public Square – 7pm.

Tues, Nov. 15:

Mirrors of Truth-7pm

Wed, Nov 16:

Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm.

Thurs, Nov 17:

Parish Council Meeting – 7pm.

Fri, Nov 18

Preschool Church School -1pm.

Sat, Nov 19:

Packing boxes at Wrightstown Food Cupboard – 10am; Vespers or Confessions 6pm

Names Day
Protodeacon Gregory
Wedding Anniversary
Dustin and Gillian Crosby

Mirrors of Truth: We will meet again on November 15th at 7pm. Our discussion will follow up the excellent presentation on Roger Penrose's newest work **FASHION, FAITH, AND FANTASY IN THE NEW PHYSICS OF THE UNIVERSE**, with some patristic reflections on the issues raised in the book.

Nativity Fast: The Nativity Fast **begins tomorrow**. Right now we are probably focused on Thanksgiving, but the Church indicates that to be able to fully appreciate the experience of Christ's Nativity, a 40 day period of fasting and prayer is essential so as to make room for Him in the Inn of our hearts, so He can "pitch His tent" in the midst of our lives. For spiritual reading, one suggestion is **THE NAMES OF JESUS** by Fr. Thomas Hopko, a book of reflections on each of the names/titles given our Lord in Scripture. A perfect way to prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, *God with us*.

Operation Christmas Child: Today our Church School will pack the shoeboxes for pickup on Thursday. Once again we are doing a collection for the Samaritan's Purse. We would like to surpass last year's 45 shoeboxes.

Parish Development Committee:

Altar items were sent out this week for refurbishing, (Gospel, processional cross, candle stand, fans). It will be several weeks before they are refinished and returned. 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.

Scrip: NEXT WEEK. Do your Christmas shopping with us! Purchase gift cards or cards with which you can do your shopping and at the same time, without extra cost to you, benefit St. Mark's. A brief presentation of the vendors will be offered next week for your information.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: THANKSGIVING BOXES WILL BE PACKED NEXT SATURDAY, BEGINNING AT 10AM AT PENNS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. **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: All who suffer from disease, depression and sadness of soul.

In Memory of: Samuel Litvin, Amelia Litvin, Shane Litvin, Catherine Maymon

From Yuliya Staggs

For the Health of: Elizabeth, Nicholas, Maxim, Yuliya, Polina, Larysa, Elena, Valeriy, Nick.

In Memory of: Diana, Boris.

From Anna Berestovsky

For the Health of: Anna, Olga, Valeriya, Michael, Vladimir, Victor, Valentina, Vladimir, Anna, Vladimir, Vasily, Marina, Marine, Christine, Michael, Yulia, Varvara, Kamilla, Nikolay, Maxim.

In Memory of: Irina, Valentin, Maxim, Valentina.

From the Miloslav Family

For the Health of: Tiberiu, Mihaela, Tiffany, Maria, Lidia, Alin-Andrei, Dumitru, Nichita, Ana, Elena, Andra, Elena, Lucica, Ion, Father Michael, Father Adrian, Thomas

In Memory of: Nicolae, Ana, Stefan, Ion, Ion, Cornelia, Gheorghita, Tibi, Robert, Dana, Ioana, Dumitru, Mircea, Oprita, Elena

Verses on thanksgiving in the New Testament compiled and published by Fr. John Jillions on the O.C.A. website

1. Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "**I thank thee**, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes...
2. Matthew 15:36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and **having given thanks** he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
3. Matthew 26:27 And he took a cup, and **when he had given thanks** he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you..."
4. Luke 17:16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, **giving him thanks**. Now he was a Samaritan.
5. Luke 22:17 And he took a cup, and **when he had given thanks** he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves;
6. Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and **when he had given thanks** he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
7. Romans 1:8 First, **I thank my God through Jesus Christ** for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.
8. 1 Corinthians 1:4 **I give thanks to God** always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus...
9. 1 Corinthians 10:30 **If I partake with thankfulness**, why am I denounced because of that **for which I give thanks?**
10. 1 Corinthians 11:24 and **when he had given thanks**, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
11. 1 Corinthians 14:16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how can any one in the position of an outsider say the "Amen" **to your thanksgiving** when he does not know what you are saying?
12. 1 Corinthians 15:57 **But thanks be to God**, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
13. 2 Corinthians 1:11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will **give thanks** on our behalf for the blessing granted us in answer to many prayers.
14. 2 Corinthians 2:14 But **thanks be to God**, who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.
15. 2 Corinthians 4:15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may **increase thanksgiving**, to the glory of God.
16. 2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will **produce thanksgiving to God**;
17. 2 Corinthians 9:12 for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in **many thanksgivings to God**.
18. 2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!
19. Ephesians 1:16 **I do not cease to give thanks** for you, remembering you in my prayers,
20. Ephesians 5:4 Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; **but instead let there be thanksgiving**.
21. Ephesians 5:20 always **and for everything give thanks** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.
22. Philippians 4:6 Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.
23. Colossians 1:3 **We always thank God**, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you...
24. Colossians 1:12 **give thanks to the Father**, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
25. Colossians 2:7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, **abounding in thanksgiving**.
26. Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father through him**.
27. Colossians 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it **with thanksgiving**;
28. 1 Thessalonians 1:2 **We give thanks to God** always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers...
29. 1 Thessalonians 3:9 **For what thanksgiving can we render to God** for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God...
30. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 **give thanks in all circumstances**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
31. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 **We are bound to give thanks to God** always for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.
32. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 But **we are bound to give thanks to God** always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.
33. 1 Timothy 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, **and thanksgivings** be made for all men...
34. 1 Timothy 4:4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is **received with thanksgiving**...
35. 2 Timothy 1:3 **I thank God** whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers.
36. Revelation 4:9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and **thanks to him** who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever...
37. Revelation 7:12 "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and **thanksgiving** and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."
38. Revelation 11:17 "**We give thanks** to thee, Lord God Almighty, who art and who wast, that thou hast taken thy great power and begun to reign.