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SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH, 2016

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.

Glorification of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky) (1994). Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306). Ven. John of Damascus (776). St. John, Bishop of Polybotum (8th c.).

Epistle: Hebrews 13: 7-16; Ephesians. 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19; Luke 12:32-40

 **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, Dec 4:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am Coffee Hour. Church School.
Mon, Dec 5: Great Vespers for St. Nicholas – 7pm
Tues Dec 6: Hours and Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas – 9:10am
Wed, Dec 7: Akathist – 9:15am.
Fri, Dec 9: CPLG/HOPE in Church 10-3pm; Preschool Church School -1-2:30pm; Food Packing/pickup 5-7pm.
Sat, Dec 10: *Food Sale 9-2pm. Vespers and Confessions – 6pm*

Names Day

Barbara Malriat
John Yates
Nicholas Bendas

Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Martin

Food Sale: The deadline for orders is past.

Volunteers are needed to pack orders on Friday evening for pickup between 5 and 7pm. Volunteers are also needed for Saturday. Whatever time you can offer on either day is welcome and appreciated. Speak with Fr. Martin, Martha, Jeanette if you are able to help either day.

Mary Queen of Peace: Liturgical Objects from the Middle East: an exhibit curated by Fr. John Perich at Villanova University Art Gallery, December 5-21.

Nativity Fast:

Recommended spiritual reading: **THE NAMES OF JESUS**, Father Thomas Hopko. 53 names/titles of Our Lord each examined from its biblical, liturgical, dogmatic perspective. This is a wealth of insight and source not only of knowledge but spiritual nourishment.

Confessions are available at the usually scheduled times but also by appointment. Speak with Fr. Martin.

Thought for the Fast:

"This is the worst aspect of evil, that it does not allow those who fall into it even to see the seriousness of their own diseased state, but as they lie in the mire, they think they are enjoying perfumes. So they do not have the slightest inclination to free themselves." *St. John Chrysostom. HOMILY 40 ON THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS*

Scrip: TODAY! **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 this week for your information.

St. Herman's Day Lecture: 16th Annual Lecture at St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral, Veree Road, Philadelphia next Sunday, December 11 at 4pm. Iconographer Ivan Rumiantsev of St. Tikhon's Monastery will speak on Theological Foundations of Icons and Iconography. For those interested in icons it is a unique opportunity to hear from a master iconographer, some of whose work adorns our own temple.

Work Day: As we have done in the past, **we will have a work day on December 10 during the Food Sale.** There are both inside and outside tasks that need to be completed before Winter arrives, such as gutter cleaning, leaf blowing, polishing and cleaning in the church in anticipation of Christmas. Please offer your help if you are not working the Food Festival.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Christmas Baskets will be packed on Saturday, December 17th, starting at 10am. Volunteers are welcome. St. Mark's is asked to provide juices, desserts, tuna fish (30 units) .