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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH, 2017
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 1.

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381).

St. Aleksy (Alexius), Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1378). St. Meletius, Archbishop of Kharkov (1840). The "IVERON" (IBERIAN) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

 **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, Feb 12:

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am Installation of Parish Council; Coffee Hour; Church School

Wed, Feb 15:

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

Thurs, Feb 16:

Parish Council-7pm.

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Fri, Feb 17: Preschool Church School – 12:30pm; **Memorial Service for All our Departed-7pm.**
Sat, Feb 18: Vespers and Confessions -6pm.

Birthdays

Daria Cortese

Names Day

Dorothy Martiak

Church Cleaning: The 2017 Cleaning Schedule is in the Vestibule. **Please consider taking a week or two or a month. Only February is covered at this point!** Ten months to go!

Coffee Hour: We need people to sponsor Sunday Coffee Hour. Please look at the calendar and take a Sunday, on your own or with others. St. Benedict of Nursia says the following about The Reception of Guests: "*All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed Me (Mt 25:35). Proper honor must be shown to all, especially to those who share our faith (Gal. 6:10) and to pilgrims.*" RB53:1,2.

Exhibition: An exhibition entitled The 1917 Revolutions of Russia will be held at Villanova University from February 8th to September of this year. It is jointly curated by Fr. John Perich of St. Herman's Church in Gradyville and of the Metropolitan Theodosius Museum at St. Tikhon's Monastery. Let Fr. Martin know of your interest and he will arrange with Fr. Perich for a guided tour.

House Blessings: All Orthodox Christians should have their homes blessed annually. It is an ancient tradition of our Faith, a rite of renewal and cleansing that welcomes the Holy Spirit in our homes and all they symbolize. Blessing begins on January 6 and will continue until the week before the beginning of Great Lent, this year the week of February 20th. So far, 23 homes have been blessed, with three scheduled for this week. Speak with Fr. Martin in the next weeks or he will call you.

Parish Meeting: Today we install our Parish Council for the year. We are grateful to Doug Yates, Jim Pitra, Kevin Swan, Tony Kasmer and Jen Sremenak, along with Charla Bendas, Alan Litvin and Martha Moser for their willingness to serve and pray that the Lord will bless them with wisdom, strength and love as they serve in our leadership of the parish.

Parish Directory: It is two years since our last directory and it is time to update it. If you are in it and your information has changed, please email Fr. Martin at frraymondmartin@hotmail.com with the changes. If you are not in it and wish to be in it, email Father with the information you wish to have included. Deadline is February 27th – Forgiveness Sunday.

Scrip: Today.

Veterans: Next Sunday we welcome Mr. Dan Fraley of the Bucks County Office of Veterans Affairs. He will speak about the needs of vets in our area and the work his office does to help them. We will present him with a check which is our tithe of the Christmas Food sale to assist in providing for needy veterans. It will be the Sunday of the Last Judgment – whatever you did to the least of these. Further opportunities to reach out coming in Great Lent.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: St. Mark's is asked to contribute the following for the Easter Baskets, 140 of which will be packed on April 8th: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Baby Food, Coffee/Tea – 35 units, Jellybeans – 35 units.**

Vigil Lights

From the Pitra Family

For the Health of: Tatiana Smirnin, Anna & Walter Bronik

From Alan Lee Litvin

For the Health of: Tara Litvin

In Memory of: All my ancestors