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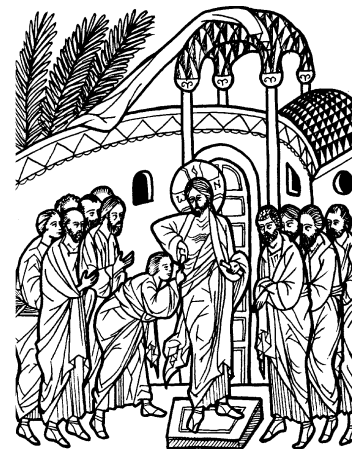
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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2013

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403). St. Germanus (Herman), Patriarch of Constantinople (740). Glorification of Hieromartyr Germogén (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1913). Ven. Dionisii, Archimandrite of St. Sergius' Monastery (1633). St. Sabinus, Archbishop of Cyprus, and St. Polybius, Bishop in Cyprus (5th c.). Martyr John the Wallachian (Romania—1662).

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions: Following Vespers on Saturdays
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6PM
Vigil Eve of Feasts at 7PM

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

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, May 12: **St. Thomas Sunday.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am
Wed, May 15: Akathist to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre followed by Adult Education – 9:15am
Sat, May 18: **Christ the Savior, Harrisburg 50th Anniversary Celebration: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – 9am, Banquet at Best Western Premier – 1pm.** Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
Sun, May 19: **Myrrhbearing Women.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastoral Visit of His Grace, Bishop Mark: His Grace, Bishop Mark, Administrator of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania will make his first pastoral visit to St. Mark's on Sunday, June 16. His Grace will serve as a priest with Fr. Martin Browne, Acting Rector at Sunday Divine Liturgy at the usual time, 9:30am. A luncheon will follow the celebration. The Luncheon is by reservation only and must be received by June 9. See Jeanette Ruano for reservations. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

Those still in high school are considered children.

Please join us in this celebration with Bishop Mark.

Christ the Savior, Harrisburg 50th Anniversary

Celebration: The parish of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Harrisburg, PA will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, May 18. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be at 9AM. His Grace, Bishop Mark will be the main celebrant. A cocktail hour will be held at the church hall afterward. The banquet will be held at Best Western Premier at 1pm. Reservations are past deadline. Join the faithful of this parish in their celebration.

Feed the Hungry, clothe the naked: We will continue to collect non perishable food items for the Wrightstown Food Cupboard based at Penns Park UMC. They are very grateful for our contributions and the need is real. It is a work for us throughout the year not just during Great Lent. Additionally, our sister church, St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church in Philadelphia is collecting used, clean blankets for the homeless (not new ones which are likely to be stolen), as well as men's socks and underwear. See Fr. Martin if you wish to donate.

If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the Church door, you will not find him in the Chalice. St. John Chrysostom.

Parish Revitalization: Thank you to all who came and shared their time and insights at last Sunday's meeting.

Starting next week all will be invited to join the choir in singing the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. There was a consensus that this was desirable and it is common practice in other Orthodox Churches both here in the U.S. and in the Mother Churches. Invited does not mean must for those who would rather pray silently along with those singing. Next meeting for the PHIM will be on **June 30, the Sunday of All Saints.**

Refurbishing of the Temple: The work continues, as you see entering this morning. The wood work at the front is being cleaned and restored, the new icon will be installed and the front doors repainted. Additionally, new custom made blinds have been installed in the altar so as to control the glare and prevent the fading of our new carpet. This work is made possible through the dedicated generosity of several benefactors to whom we offer our heartfelt thanks. His Grace, Bishop MARK will bless our temple and the new sign during his visit here on June 16th.

The Scrip Program: Orders will be taken TODAY.

Please see Larissa Ravetto or phone (215) 766-1220 or email ravetto2001@gmail.com. Because of some necessary changes in administering the program checks for orders must be presented upon ordering, made out to St. Mark's Sisterhood. Cash is also accepted. We thank you for your support and cooperation as we continue to improve the program in the life of our parish.

Visitations: Please let Fr. Martin know if someone is in the hospital. Hospitals do not notify clergy if someone is there due to privacy laws. Family members, friends, or neighbors are the only way we have of knowing, so please drop an email or make a phone call.

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA:

"Man's doubt in Christ is the ultimate revelation of man's sickness in the great hospital of the world. The world has no medicine for this sickness, for the risen Christ is the only medicine, and if a man will not take it, how can he be healed?"

Homily for First Sunday after Easter – St. Nicholai of Zhica

BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Sedor, May 9

Myron Sedor, May 16

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sergei and Irene Arhipov, May 16

VIGIL LIGHTS

From Mat. Gayle Karaffa

In Memory of

Fr. Stephen Karaffa

INCENSE FOR THE MONTH

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