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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (4th c.). Bl. Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa (385). Ven. Antipas the Athonite (1882). St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov (1894).

Epistle: Ephesians 4: 7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

Great Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm
Vigil Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:15am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sunday, January 10: Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Church School
Wednesday, January 13: Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
Thursday, January 14: Church School Pre-School – 12:30pm–2pm; Choir Practice – 6:45pm
Saturday, January 16: Service at Golden Living, Doylestown – 11am; Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
Sunday, January 17: Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Church School; Women/Sisterhood Meeting

BIRTHDAYS:

Nicholas Bendas
Samuel Regan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Protodeacon Gregory and Martha Moser

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brochures: We have recently added some brochures to the literature rack for the benefit of parishioners, but targeted specifically for visitors. They are free as they have been donated. If you would like to see additional brochures and provide other outreach material please put donations in the question box in an envelope marked "Brochures" and we will purchase additional ones and replacements as needed.

Calendars: 2016 Calendars are available. We have enough for one per household. Please do not take more than one until after the New Year and we see if there are any extras.

Christmas Food Sale:
Income \$9547.50. Expenses \$4574.72. Profit \$4972.78. Thank you again to all who participated!

House Blessings: Signup schedule is in the vestibule. Please signup for an available time that suits you. Offerings are not required and feeding the priest is discouraged due to a variety of dietary restrictions and the expansive possibilities of politely accepting food offered. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this unique feature of our Orthodox Christian life, bringing cleansing and renewal to our homes and families by the waters of Jordan.

Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday January 24th following Divine Liturgy. All members of the parish are strongly encouraged to attend.

Scrip Program: Last week's profit and YTD, \$19.70.

Sisterhood: All women of the parish are invited to attend a meeting during Coffee Hour on Sunday January 17th to consider a variety of proposals for our group to continue and expand its assistance to various areas of parish life. It is important that this group offer the opportunity for all the women of the parish to participate in a way that allows each to use their God-given talents in cooperation with others. Please make the effort to attend and participate. First item on the agenda is the adoption of a patron saint or saints for the sisterhood. One proposal already made is Saints Martha and Mary. Other suggestions welcome.

Teen Retreat: The annual Diocesan Winter Teen Retreat will be held Feb 26-28, 2016 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA. Open to grades 7-12, \$116 per student. Deadline for registration is January 31. See www.ocayouth.org for further information and registration form.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:
Please continue to remember to bring coffee, tea, juice, pasta, peanut butter for the pantry. The struggle continues for those in need after the holiday season.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

The Ristvey Family:

For the Health of:
George and Andrew

The Swan Family:

For the Health of:
Constance, Michelle, Kathryn, Venus, Michael, Neville, Mary Anne
In Memory of:
Thomas Jr.

The Sedor Family:

For the Health of:
Kamran, Timothy, Raymond

From Alan Litvin:

For successful back surgery

SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING

Principle	Principles of NT Giving
1 Regular —Give on a regular basis: weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, etc.	1 Cor 16:1-2 Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken
2 Proportional - Give according to your ability	1 Cor 16:2-whatever extra you earn (from above) 2 Cor 8:2-3 For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means,
3 Generous - Give generously, sacrificially	2 Cor 8:1-3 We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to
4 Cheerful	2 Cor 9:7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
5 Voluntary —Giving ought to be done out of one's free volition	2 Cor 8:3, For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, 2 Cor 9:7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.