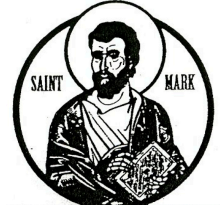


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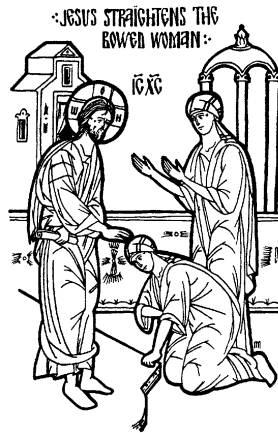
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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2014

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-called (62). St. Frumentius, Archbishop of Abyssinia (Ethiopia—ca. 380).

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Ephesians 4:1-5

**Gospel:** Luke 13:10-17; John 1:35-51

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
<b>Vespers: Vigil</b>	Saturdays at 6pm Eve of Feasts at 7pm
<b>Divine Liturgy:</b>	Sundays at 9:30am Feast Days at 9:15am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Sunday, November 30:**

**Wednesday, December 3:**

**Friday, December 5:**

**Saturday, December 6:**

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

Akathist — 9:15am; Prison Ministry 7-9pm

Great Vespers for St. Nicholas

Hours and Divine Liturgy — 9:10am, Advent Retreat follows Great Vespers and Confessions -5pm

### NAMES DAYS

Andrew Cortese 11/30

Katerina Moser 11/24

### BIRTHDAYS

Christine Boyd 11/26

Chuck Ravetto 12/2

### ANNIVERSARIES

John & Carol Wanko — 11/26

Fr. Martin - Ordination to the Holy Priesthood — 12/6

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Christmas Fast:** a.k.a Advent, Nativity or Philip's Fast BEGAN November 15, a 40 day period of preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Nativity in the Flesh and for His Second Coming in Glory. Take time this week to decide how you will keep the fast with more intense prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Read the prophets, pray the psalms, visit the sick and shut ins, volunteer to assist the Food Cupboard with Thanksgiving and/or Christmas basket delivery, make a point to bring items for the Food Cupboard. **And especially,** make quiet time each day to reflect upon your life, come to Holy Confession and receive Holy Communion.

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers needed. Please sign up, as a family or combined with other families.

**Food Sale:** Our annual Christmas Food Sale will be held on Saturday, December 20. Order forms have been sent by snail mail and email to all our customers. Additionally, copies are posted on the website. The deadline for orders is Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Preordering is the best way to ensure you get whatever items you want, in the quantity you want. Please share this information with friends and neighbors who might be interested.

**Orthodox Church in America Assessments:** As the Fiscal Year draws to an end, please remit your annual O.C.A. assessment if you have not done so already. If you don't remember whether you have, speak with Doug Yates.

**Parish Council:** At the meeting on November 25 the following financial information was presented for the month of October:  
Income: \$6191  
Expense: \$7648  
Deficit: \$1457

**Retreat:** We will hold a parish Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Divine Liturgy that morning for St. Nicholas, followed by a Lenten Brunch and three presentations on *Where is the Lord Coming?* Great Vespers and Confessions will be at **5pm that day.** Guests welcome.

**St. Herman's Day:** The Feast of St. Herman is on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have Great Vespers here at 7pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Divine Liturgy for the Philadelphia Deanery will be at St. Stephen's Cathedral on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This will be followed by refreshments and the annual St. Herman's Lecture. This year Fr. Chris Rocknage of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Steelton will talk about "Recatechism." Lunch follows the Lecture at 1pm. All are invited.

**Scrip Program:** December's order will be taken December 7<sup>th</sup> with delivery on December 14<sup>th</sup>. See Larissa Ravetto for orders.

**Stewardship:**



**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:**

We are focusing on collecting items for Christmas Baskets. St. Mark's has responsibility for pasta, sauce and baby food. The goal is to prepare 130 baskets for each holiday. So we need **at least** 130 units of pasta and sauce. Thank you to all who have donated for the Thanksgiving Baskets. 130 were packed and delivered yesterday to needy families throughout our area.

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY:  
For the Health of:  
Margaret and George