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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Sunday of the Forefathers. Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Anthia (2nd c.). Ven. Paul of Latros (955). St. Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh in the Crimea (8th c.). Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Pechenga (Kol'sk), and his martyred disciple, Jonah (1583). Martyr Eleutherius at Constantinople (3rd c.). Ven. Pardus, Hermit, of Palestine (6th c.).

Epistle: Colossians 3: 4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Confessions:

Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

**Vespers:
Vigil**

Saturdays at 6pm
Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy:

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

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, Dec 15: Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour– 11:15AM. Church School -11:30AM, Special Parish Council Meeting – Noon (moved from previous Tuesday due to weather) Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska and Lecture on Social Media and the Faith, 4pm at St. Stephen's Cathedral.

Mon, Dec 16: Prison Ministry Dinner – 7:30pm

Wed, Dec 18: Akathist to St. John of Kronstadt– 9:15am followed by Adult Education

Thurs, Dec 19: Parish Council Meeting – 7:30PM

Sat, Dec 21: Great Vespers and Confessions – 6PM.

Sun, Dec 22: Hours– 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am. Church School -11:30am

Remember the Newly Departed Pierre Djokic – 40th Day December 29.

Recovering - Peter Bohlender and Nancy Letzo continue to make excellent recoveries. Peter is home. Nancy is at Powerback Rehab 3484 Davisville Road, Hatboro 19040. Cards, calls and visits, when appropriate, are welcome. Your (continued) prayers are deeply appreciated. Thank God for his mercy to both. We look forward to seeing them in our midst.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Ethnic Food Sale: Thank you to all who helped make this a success, those who ordered, took orders, made and transported, and packed orders and served them. May you all enjoy the fruits, or foods, of your labors!

Concert: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem. Today at 3:30pm.

ORTHODOXY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE: Will not meet this month due to schedule conflicts. Next Meeting in January.

Parish Income and Expense: Financial Reports for October are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Church Hall. October 2013 Income \$9493, Expense \$8330. Year to date Income \$76,997, Expense \$82,042. Please take the time to reconsider your regular level of giving to the Church.

Parish Council 2014: Nominations for the 2014 Parish Council can be made to Sergei Arhipov. All current members are willing to serve, but some are willing to step aside so others can serve and they can take a break, while others are willing to serve but might like to serve in a different capacity. We are blessed to have a dedicated Council, but the welfare of the parish is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Talents and experiences previously unshared could be tremendously beneficial to our parish life. Consider the possibility, prayerfully discern and then decide. Qualifications and duties of Parish Council members are found in Article 4 of the Parish By-Laws accessible on the parish website.

Question: What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given unto me?

Scrip Program: Thank you to all who participated. This month we raised \$246.73 bringing our annual total to \$1336.36! To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email ravetto2001@gmail.com, or fill out an order form in the vestibule and leave it with payment with Larissa, Julia, Doug, or Jeanette.

St. Tikhon's 2014 Calendar: If you would like to order a St. Tikhon's calendar for 2014 for \$5, sign up sheets are in the vestibule. ONE MORE WEEK TO PLACE YOUR ORDER TO HAVE IN TIME FOR NEW YEAR!

St. Herman of Alaska Service and Lecture: OCA Philadelphia Deanery Akathist Service to St. Herman at 4pm followed by Lecture by Fr. Andrew Damick, author, podcaster and blogger on using social media to spread the faith at 5pm. All are invited, no charge, refreshments provided after the lecture. St. Stephen's Cathedral 8598 Veree Road.

Weekly Services: Wednesday mornings at 9:15 we have an Akathist Hymn, followed by Adult Education. Currently our Adult Education is making its way through **THE TYPICON DECODED**, an overview of the services of the Church. Each week we have a different Akathist.

First week is to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre for Church Revitalization, Second Week is to the Theotokos of the Inexhaustible Cup for those suffering from alcoholism and other addictions (if you have names you would like remembered give them to Fr. Martin), Third Week is to the Iveron Icon of the Theotokos, for the spiritual health of our parish, and the Fourth Week is variable, depending on the saints commemorated that month. Consider joining us if you can. You can come to pray and for the class or just pray. We have a core of regular attendees so you will not be alone!

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Moser Family:

- **In Memory of**
Pierre, Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen, Michael, Ann, Ann, Mary Alice
- **For the Health of**
Raymonde, Fr. Alexander, Fr. John, Fr. Paul, Dn. Peter, Peter, Nancy.

From the Perdakis Family:

- **In Memory of**
Evangelia, Arthur, Pierre, Ekaterini
- **For the Health of**
Ramon, Peter, Sandy, Patricia, Angelo

From John Wanko

- **In Memory of**
Wanda Wanko, Peter Wanko, Peter Wanko, Jr.

BIRTHDAY:

- * Sharon Burkett 15th