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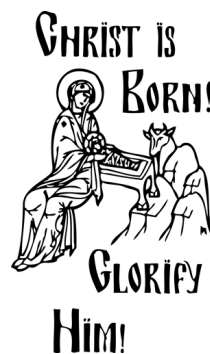
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Third Day of the Feast of the Nativity. Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (34). Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Ven. Theodore Graptus ("the Branded"), Confessor and brother of St. Theophanes the Hymnographer (ca. 840). St. Theodore, Archbishop of Constantinople (ca. 686).

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
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, December 27:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Church School
Wednesday, December 30:	Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7–9pm
Thursday, December 31:	Vesperal Liturgy for St. Basil the Great – 6pm
Saturday, January 2, 2016:	Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
Sunday, January 3, 2016:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Scrip, Coffee Hour, and Church School

BIRTHDAYS:

- o Irene Arhipov

NAMES DAYS:

- o Anastasia (Nancy) Letzo
- o Anastasia (Sonja) Lengel
- o Juliana Stell

ANNIVERSARIES:

- o Fr. Martin & Mat. Heidi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendars: 2016 Calendars are available this Sunday. 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: Thank you to all who made last week's sale the best so far. We sold more inventory than ever, and virtually sold out. This would not have been possible without the help of all involved, but special thanks to Jeanette Ruano who handles all the orders from announcement to packing and more, together with the cooks who made halupki, nut and poppy seed roll and soup, particularly the Martiaks. The efficient sales staff also added tremendously to the quality of the sale for ourselves and our customers. We are grateful to all for sharing their time and talent. A complete accounting will be published when the books are closed on the sale. **Next sale will be Super Bowl Sale on Saturday, February 6, 2016.**

Nativity Retreat: Thank you to those who participated in our Advent Retreat, especially to Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk for his presentation on the Divine Liturgy and its meaning for our life of faith. Thanks to those who provided food for those attending and to all who cleaned up. Those unable to attend missed an excellent presentation which I hope to invite Father Victor to repeat in the future.

Thank you also to those who served at the Wrightstown Food cupboard. Seven parishioners joined a large group in preparing Christmas baskets for 131 families. Total donations from our parishioners to the Food Cupboard through the church amounted to \$400. May the Lord bless all those who contributed and contribute throughout the year.

Scrip Program: Thank you to those who participated last week. The profit was \$79.70 for the week, with a yearly total of \$1773.08! There will not be a sale on December 27 as previously advertised as the Scrip Center will be closed until January 3rd for Christmas. Thanks to all who have made this the most successful year to date!

Call Mat. Heidi at (570) 906-1389.

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:

Thank you to those who came to pack Christmas Baskets yesterday, together with those who regularly donate food items. Special thanks to those who donated money to buy Christmas Basket items. 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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- The sick and the suffering.
- Those persecuted for their faith.
- The lost and the lonely.
- Those in prison.
- The hungry, the homeless, the abused and the abandoned.
- The indifferent to those in need.
- Those who hate us and those who love us.



VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Swan Family:

For the Health of:

Constance, Michelle, Kathryn, Venus, Michael, Neville, Mary Anne

In Memory of:

Thomas Jr.

From John Wanko:

In Memory of:

Peter Wanko, Wanda Wanko, Peter Wanko Jr.

From the Ristveys:

For the Health of:

George and Margaret

From Nataliya Bogopolskaya:

For the Health of:

Nataliya, Lubov, Mikhael, Svetlana, Tatiana, Elena

In Memory of:

Feodor, Anna, Maria, Olga, Lariy

From the Perdikis Family:

For the Health of:

Patricia, Demosthenes, Kim, Neill, Karen, Mabel, Donna, Ahmen, Mohamed, Evangelia, Shane, Kathryn, Demetrios, Raymond, Zografia, Demetra, George, Angela, Panayiotis, Demetra

In Memory Of:

Angelo, Evangelia, Arthur, Kleo, Ekaterinie, Demetrios, Nikolaos, Zografia, Panayiotis, Christopher, Spyridon, Anna