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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA (ca. 345).

Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-17

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

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 6:** Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:10am; Church School and Coffee Hour; My Church Family Photos 2:20-9pm
- Monday, December 7:** My Church Family Photos 2-9pm
- Wednesday, December 9:** Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
- Thursday, December 10:** Pre School Church School – 12:30pm; Choir Practice – 6:45pm
- Friday, December 11:** Halupki Making – 9:30am; Pre School Church School Movie Night -5pm; Packing Food Orders
- Saturday, December 12:** Christmas Food Sale – 9-2pm; Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
- Sunday, December 13:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am, Panikhida for Zoran Djokic, First Anniversary; Coffee Hour and Church School. **Last Scrip Orders before Christmas!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Food Sale: Saturday, December 12th 9am to 2pm. Orders were due yesterday. Volunteers needed to help next Friday evening in packing orders and Saturday during the sale. If you can come for any of the sale period, please let Jeanette Ruano or Fr. Martin know. Thank you for your support!

Church Directory: As a means to build up our parish community and as a means to reach out to our communities, we are going to have a pictorial church directory. Participation is encouraged but is voluntary. Every family that participates will get a free directory and copy of the photo. There is no cost for participation. Additionally we will have another book featuring the current ministries of our parish, with pictures and descriptions for our information and as an outreach tool. Photos will be taken Sunday December 6 and Monday December 7. You may sign up at this link <http://bit.ly/1MmDN43> or in person after Divine Liturgy every Sunday until November 29th. We would like as many as possible to participate as a way to get to know one another better.

Nativity Retreat: The parish will welcome Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean of St. Stephen's Cathedral to present an Advent/Nativity Retreat on Saturday December 19 from 11am to 3pm, followed by Confessions and Great Vespers at 4pm. Fr. Victor will speak on Byzantine Liturgy: Evident History and Hidden Meaning. The day will begin at 9am at the Wrightstown Food Cupboard, packing Christmas baskets for families in need in our area. All are invited to participate in both parts of our Retreat.

Scrip Program: Last week profit \$226.91. YTD \$1693.38. Some vendors have introduced smaller denomination gift cards for the Christmas season, check the updated list of vendors. Questions? Call Mat. Heidi at 570 906-1389.

Food Sale Preparation and Church School Movie Night: Friday December 11 Halupki – The Sequel. Also we will need volunteers to help package the food orders for the sale on December 12. Church School parents of younger children can drop off kids for movie night at the rectory at 5pm and come and help. See Mat. Heidi for further information.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Pasta, sauce, tea, coffee, juice are always welcome. **If you would rather make a monetary donation put it in an envelope with "Food Pantry" and drop in the Question Box. These donations will go towards purchasing Christmas turkeys and hams for the baskets.**

BEING EMPTY SO AS TO BE FULL
Inasmuch as a man empties himself of everything that is not of Christ, Christ will enter into him and fill him accordingly.

St. Nicholai of Zhica. The Prologue, November 27.

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.

NAMES DAYS:

- ✦ Andrew Cortese
- ✦ Katerina Moser
- ✦ Barbara Malriat
- ✦ Nicholas Bendas

ANNIVERSARY:

Fr. Martin Ordination Anniversary