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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2014

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 1. St. Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Japan (1912). Martyrs Pamphilus—Presbyter, Valens—Deacon, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus, Elias, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel, and Daniel, at Caesarea in Palestine (307-309). St. Maruthas, Bishop of Martyropolis in Mesopotamia (422). Persian Martyrs in Martyropolis in Mesopotamia (4th c.)



Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32



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, Feb 16: Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Coffee Hour – 11:15am:

Mon, Feb 17: Orthodoxy in the Public Square – 7pm.

Wed, Feb 18: Akathist followed by Adult Education- Bible Study -9:15am
Prison Ministry – 7-9pm

Sat, Feb 22: Great Vespers – 6pm followed by Confessions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adult Education: Beginning this week, Adult Education will focus on a Bible Study of the **Epistle to the Ephesians**. B.Y.O.B. Come for the Akathist, stay for the study.

House Blessing: If you want your home blessed please make an appointment in the next three weeks. **Eight** families have experienced this gift of grace.

Annual Parish Meeting 2014: Thank you to all who attended and offered insights and congratulations to our newly elected Council. The new council will be installed once the bishop's blessing has been received.

Scrip Program: TODAY. This month we raised \$63.03. Total for the year so far is \$134.77. 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.

Services on the Web: For those unable to attend Divine Services in the Church, Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City is live streaming Sunday Vigils and Divine Liturgies and those for Great Feasts, along with Vespers twice weekly and daily Divine Liturgies. Go to their website to check out the schedule. www.orthodoxmonasteryellwoodcity.org and click on "Online Chapel."

Stewardship: A way of life, not a way of fundraising. We accept everything as a gift from God and offer everything to Him in Thanksgiving. Time for service, liturgical and other; Talent, to be used for the glory of God according to His Will, not mine; Treasure, to be given away so as to make room for greater treasure. The more we give, the more we receive, as long as we give out of love, without hope or expectation of return or recognition.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Please make the effort to bring at least one item each week. Our parish is responsible for pasta and sauce, and all congregations are asked to donate tea, coffee, or juice. For the 125 Easter Baskets we need to collect rice and beans. Please be generous.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Moser Family

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

From the Perdakis Family

- o **For the Health of**
Patricia, Angelo, St. Mark's Parishioners, Archpriest Theodore, Priest Raymond
- o **In Memory of**
Evangelia, Arthur, Ekaterini

From a Jeanette Ruano

- o **In Memory of**
Anna Kanerva

Please remember in your prayers the newly departed handmaiden of God, Anna, beloved sister of Sergei Arhipov who fell asleep in the Lord on February 3rd. May her Memory be Eternal!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Marek and Renee Szeliga – February 20



Why be meek?

The Lord Answers:

O Lord, thou wilt hear the desire of the **meek**; thou wilt strengthen their heart, thou wilt incline thy ear

Psalm 10:7

The **meek** shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 29:19

"Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:5

Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with **meekness** the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:21

From the Daily Commemorations

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on those whom I have caused to stumble, turning them away from the path of salvation and leading them to evil and unseemly deeds. Return them to the path of salvation through Thy divine providence. (PROSTRATION)

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on those who hate me and offend me, and on those who do me harm. Do not let them perish because of me, a sinner. (PROSTRATION)