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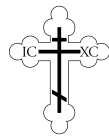
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2014

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 2. Sunday of the Last Judgment. Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167). Ven. Polycarp of Briansk (1620-1621). Ven. John, Antiochus, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, Ascetics, of the Syrian deserts (5th c.). Ven. Alexander, founder of the Monastery of the "Unsleeping Ones" (ca. 430). Ven. Damian of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos—1280). Monk Martyr Damian of Philotheou (1568)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



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 23: **Meatfare Sunday.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Coffee Hour – 11:15am:

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

Wed, Feb 26: Akathist followed by Adult Education- Bible Study -9:15am
Great Vespers for St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Thurs, Feb 27: Hours and Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn – 9:15am
Parish Council Meeting – 7pm.

Sat, Mar 1: Great Vespers – 6pm followed by Confessions.

Sun, Mar 2: **Cheesefare Sunday.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy followed by Forgiveness Vespers – 9:30am, Coffee Hour – 12:15pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adult Education: 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 two weeks. **Nine** families have experienced this gift of grace!

Parish Council Installation: With the blessing of Bishop Melchisedek the newly elected Parish Council is installed to serve for this year in assisting the Rector in the leadership of the parish. It is a serious responsibility and we are grateful to those who are willing to assume it.

Jeanette Ruano, Warden; Larissa Ravetto, Vice-Warden; Kevin Swan, Treasurer; Doug Yates, Financial Secretary; Daria Cortese, Recording Secretary; Trustees Sandy Bohlander, Martha Moser and Jim Pitra; Auditors Chuck Ravetto and Judi Rybny. Thanks to Julia Petrov and Peter Bohlander who are sitting out this this year. Both have given many years of service in a variety of posts and deserve the break.

Scrip Program: Next Sunday. 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.

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**
Fr. Alexander, Fr. John, Fr. Paul, Dn. Peter, Peter, Nancy, Raymonde
- o **In Memory of**
Anna, Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen, Michael, Ann, Ann, Mary Alice

From Sergei Arhipov

- o **In Memory of**
The Newly Departed Anna

BIRTHDAYS

- o Daria Cortese – February 16
- o Jim Pitra – February 23
- o Anastasia Sedor – February 27
- o Judy Rybny – February 28



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!



*What kind
of Fast?*

The Lord Answers:

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with wicked fist. **Fasting** like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high

Isaiah 58:4

Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God; and cry to the Lord.

Joel 1:12

Yet even now," says the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with **fasting**, with weeping, and with mourning;

Joel 2:12

Prayer is good when accompanied by **fasting**, almsgiving, and righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than much with wrongdoing. It is better to give alms than to treasure up gold.

Tobit 12:8

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)