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SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 1. Sunday of

Orthodoxy. The Holy Fathers who were slain at the Monastery of St. Sabbas: Ven. John, Sergius, Patrick, and others (796). Monk Martyr Euphrosynus of Sinozérsk (Novgorod—1612). Martyr Photina (Svetlana, Fatíma), the Samaritan woman, and her sons: Martyrs Victor and Joses, and two others (ca. 66).

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel: John 1: 43-51

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
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, March 20:** **Sunday of Orthodoxy.** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour; **Sisterhood Meeting;** Pysanky Sale; Sunday of Orthodoxy Service at St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, 4th and Fairmount, Philadelphia – 4pm
- Monday, March 21:** Orthodoxy in the Public Square – 7pm
- Tuesday, March 22:** Mirrors of Truth – 7pm
- Wednesday, March 23:** Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:30am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
- Thursday, March 24:** Pre-School Church School – 12:30pm; Vigil for Annunciation – 7pm
- Friday, March 25:** **ANNUNCIATION.** Vespertal Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom – 7pm
- Saturday, March 26:** Easter Food Sale 9-2pm Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.
- Sunday, March 27:** **St. Gregory Palamas.** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour; Service at Golden Living Center, Doylestown – 2:30pm; Mission Service at SS. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church, Old Bustleton Road – 4pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brochures: They are free as they have been donated. If you would like to see additional brochures and provide other outreach material please put donations in the question box in an envelope marked "Brochures" and we will purchase additional ones and replacements as needed. Thank you to those who have made contributions.

Food Sale: Next Saturday March 26 from 9-2pm. Assistance is needed packing orders preceding the Vespers Liturgy on Friday evening. Assistance is also needed and welcome on Saturday.

Great Fast: Let us be more zealous in fasting from sins such as greed, anger, resentment, hatred, judgment of others, vanity, laziness than in fasting from meat and dairy products. Fast from food, yes. Eat less, and abstain from meat and dairy to the best of your ability, not to suffer, but to gain self-control, to overcome gluttony. Replace these things with prayer, almsgiving (time, talent and treasure), humility, love. Above all, seek forgiveness by offering forgiveness. Let us pray for one another, and let us walk together in joy through this time of repentance and renewal.

Legacy of Life: Thank you to Tobey Mathes for her presentation on the work of this ministry dedicated to caring for mothers and their children in our area, offering a choice for life that cares for mother and child before, during and after birth. Thank you to all our parishioners who spoke with her and offered financial and other assistance.

Memorial Saturdays: If you have additional names you wish to submit for remembrance during these services, please give them to Fr. Martin. Previously submitted names are on file. Those who have reposed since last Lent should be submitted for remembrance.

Mirrors of Truth: Next meeting on March 22nd.

Scrip Program: Last week profit **\$10.50. YTD, \$109.26. Next Scrip is March 27th**

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts

Wednesdays – 9:15am
Fridays – 7pm

Mission Services

Sundays at 4pm (See the schedule in the Church Hall).

Parish Lenten Retreat

Saturday April 16th: Confession and the Pathology of the Soul.

Archpriest Alexander Golubov

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Ristveys:

For the Health of:
Margaret and George
In Memory of:
Photini

From the Swan Family:

For the health of:
Constance, Michelle, Kathryn, Venus, Michael, Neville, Mary Anne
In Memory of:
Thomas Jr.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:

a WORD FROM a SAINT

I do not venerate matter, I venerate the fashioner of matter, who became matter for my sake and accepted to dwell in matter and through matter worked my salvation, and I will not cease from reverencing matter, through which my salvation was worked. I do not reverence it as God – far from it; how can that which has come to be from nothing be God?..Therefore I reverence the rest of matter and hold in respect that through which my salvation came, because it is filled with divine energy and grace.

St. John of Damascus. FIRST TREATISE ON DIVINE IMAGES, 16. Trans. Andrew Louth. SVS Press, 2003