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SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 4. The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste: Cyrion (or Quirio), Candidus, Domnus, Hesychius, Heraclus, Smaragdus, Eunocius (or Eunicus), Valens, Vivianus, Claudius, Prescus, Theodulus, Euthychius, John, Xantheas, Helianus, Sisinius, Angius, Aetius, Flavius, Acacius, Ecditius, Lysimachus, Alexander, Elias, Gorgonius, Theophilus, Dometian, Gaius, Leontius, Athanasius, Cyril, Sacerdon, Nicholas, Valerius, Philoctimon, Severian, Chudion, Aglaius, and Meliton (ca. 320). Sunday of Orthodoxy.

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

Gospel: John 1:43-51



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:

Sun, Mar 9: Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Lenten Mission Vespers, St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church
Cherry Hill, NJ – 4pm

Wed, Mar 12: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts -9:30am followed by Adult Bible Study
Prison Ministry – 7pm

Fri, Mar 14: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 7pm

Sat, Mar 15: Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:15am
Lenten Retreat: Building the Church – Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, Holy Apostles Mission, Mechanicsburg
Great Vespers – 6pm followed by Confessions.

Lenten Mission Vespers: Pan-Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Philadelphia

March 9 – Sunday of Orthodoxy – St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, Cherry Hill, NJ
March 16 – St. Gregory Palamas – St. Herman of Alaska, Gradyville, PA
March 23 – Sunday of the Cross – SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE
March 30th – St. John Climacus – St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, Philadelphia
April 6th – St. Mary of Egypt – Assumption of the Holy Virgin, Philadelphia

All services begin at 4pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adult Education: Adult Education will focus on a Bible Study of the **Epistle to the Ephesians**. B.Y.O.B. Following the Presanctified on Wednesday mornings of Lent.

Confessions: After all scheduled services, or by appointment. It's time to return to the house of our Father.

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!

Membership: Traditionally, the Church prepared and welcomed new members during the Lenten/Pascha Season. We would appreciate all parishioners filling out a membership form so that we have accurate information in order to better serve you. Please complete and return a membership form as part of your Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and **service**.

Parish Lenten Retreat: Next Saturday, March 15th. Divine Liturgy for the Departed at 9:30am, followed by brunch, followed by Presentation by Fr. Timothy Hojnicky on *Building up the Church: Practical Lessons from Recent Experience*.

Script Program: TODAY. 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: *Stewardship is so intrinsically part of our vocation as Christians that we cannot place it above or below prayer – but essentially with it. Our acts of charity can be a prayer for humanity. We give in gratitude, and therefore praise God. It can even be argued that our vocation as Christians is based in our faith, and lived out (expressed) through our acts of stewardship.* Michael O'Hurley-Pitts. **THE**

PASSIONATE STEWARD. 12-13

Welcome: During the Lenten Season we welcome many visitors to St. Mark's who are travelling, or who attend other Orthodox Churches but come here because of the liturgical schedule. Some are old friends, others new acquaintances who will hopefully become old friends too. We are grateful that you join us. You are always welcome.

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, peanut butter and the usual staples. Please be generous.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

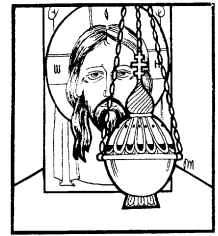
From Margaret Ristvey

- **For the Health of**
George, Margaret, Stephanie, Andrew, Margaret, Lorelly
- **In Memory of**
Nicholas, Susan, Anna, George, Mary

From Lucy Znak

- **In Memory of**
Alla, Theodore

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!



Who is an icon?

The Lord Answers:

Then **God** said, "Let us make man in our **image**, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish **of** the sea, and over the birds **of** the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

Genesis 1:26

For **God** created man for incorruption, and made him in the **image of** his own eternity, *Wisdom 2:26*

God created man of the earth, and made him after his own **image**.

Sirach 17:1

For whom he foreknew, he also predestinated to be made conformable to the **image** of his Son; that he might be the firstborn amongst many brethren.

Romans 8:29

He is the **image of** the invisible **God**, the first-born **of** all creation;

Colossians 1:15

But we all beholding the glory of the Lord with open face, are transformed into the same **image** from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18