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SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 4. St. John

Climacus (of *The Ladder*). Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore, Macarius, and 33 others, beheaded at Carthage (3rd c.). Martyrs James (Jacob) the Presbyter, and Azadanus and Abdicius—Deacons, of Persia (ca. 380).

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
Great 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, April 10:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour; Lenten Mission Service at Assumption of the Holy Virgin, South Philadelphia – 4pm
Wednesday, April 13:	Matins with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7pm
Thursday, Apr. 14:	Pre-School Church School – 12:30pm; Catechumen Class – 7pm
Friday, April 15:	Matins with Akathist to the Theotokos – 7pm
Saturday, April 16:	Parish Lenten Retreat: Confession and the Pathology of the Soul – 10am–3pm, Great Vespers and Confessions – 4pm
Sunday, April 17:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour; Mission Service at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Coffee Hour: We need signups for the coming weeks. Please take a Sunday, no elaborate meals needed, just basic refreshments. Combine with another family or do it yourself. Please look at the calendar and signup.

Church Cleaning: While April is covered May through September are not. Please find a time to commit to cleaning our church on a weekly basis so that it is properly adorned for the worship of God and appealing to those who visit us.

Food Sale: We still have a large selection of pierogi available for purchase, if you are interested. We will sell pierogi to the public on **Saturday April 23, from 1-3pm**. Also, we will take orders **from parishioners only** for Pascha Bread and Kielbasa. Order forms available today.

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.

Lenten Retreat: Next Saturday April 16, 10-3pm. We again welcome Fr. Alexander Golubov who will offer a presentation on *Confession and the Pathology of the Soul*. Confession is not simply for Lent. It is a grace filled gift that our saints have called a second baptism, a baptism of tears, a cleansing and healing experience of Divine Mercy. Come for this day and hear how the pathology(ies) of our soul are healed in the Mystery of Confession. Note Vespers next Saturday at 4pm.

Parish Cleanup Day: Thank you to the Sisterhood members who came and did so much to clean and organize the kitchen and storage areas. Also thank you to the men who came and were able to accomplish much before the weather turned nasty. We will have outside cleanup on Saturday April 23 from Noon to 4pm. If you can help as we prepare for Pascha it will be welcome. If you cannot come then but have time during the week please talk to Fr. Martin.

Mirrors of Truth: Next meeting on April 19. We will continue our discussion with Vesna Djokic on what neuroscience can teach us, and not teach us, and the intersection between our spiritual life and self understanding.

Scrip Program: Today. Last week profit **\$58.80.**
YTD, \$226.32.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

Please continue to remember to bring coffee, tea, juice, pasta, peanut butter for the pantry.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Wednesdays – 9:15am

Fridays – 7pm

Mission Services

Sundays – 4pm. See Schedule in Church Hall.

Parish Lenten Retreat

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

Archpriest Alexander Golubov

VIGIL LIGHTS:

None this week

BIRTHDAYS:

- Valerie Ristvey
- Stephanie Ristvey

NAMES DAY:

- Doug Yates

THIS KIND CAN ONLY COME OUT BY PRAYER AND FASTING:

The adversary of the human race, the leader into error and the slayer of men from the beginning of time, has used every weapon and every scheme against man. The service of idols, fortune-telling, divination were of service to him; perversion and debauchery of life among men were defended and encouraged by him; the sacrifice of human beings, the fire of passions, discord, wars, evil doing – all these were satisfaction to him. The Lord gave us power over demons, but only to those of us who believed in Him and kept His commandments *St. Nicholai of Zhica. THE PROLOGUE. October 8*