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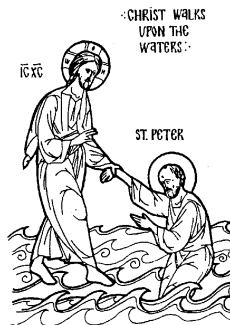
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr and Archdeacon

Lawrence of Rome, Hieromartyr Sixtus, Bishop of Rome, and Martyrs Felicissimus and Agapitus, Deacons (258). Blessed Lawrence, Fool-for-Christ, at Kaluga (1515)

Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:9-17

Gospel: Mt. 14:22-34

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
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:

Sunday, August 10:	Hours and Divine Liturgy— 9:10am, followed by Litya for John Malriat and Anastasia	Stavisky.
Tuesday, August 12:	ROFTers at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Abington – 7pm	
Wednesday, August 13:	Akathist followed by Bible Study – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm	
Thursday, August 14:	Vigil for Dormition – 7pm	
Friday, August 15:	Dormition of the Theotokos. Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am, followed by Blessing of Flowers.	
Saturday, August 16:	Vespers and Confessions, 6pm	

BIRTHDAY:

Fr. Michael Sekela – 8/10

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:

Protodeacon Gregory Moser – 8/16

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed. Please sign up, as a family or combined with other families. We are grateful for whatever is offered. The sign-up calendar is on the table in the Hall.

Dormition Fast: We are currently in the Dormition Fast, one of four fasting seasons in the Church. These fourteen days of prayer and fasting serve to prepare us to celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos.

FOCUS North America: Once again is engaged in a nationwide collection to provide shoes and school supplies for children of families that are struggling economically. If you would like to assist in this please speak with Fr. Martin.

Parish Directory: A draft is available today for all to review their information and make corrections if necessary.

Scrip Program: Next Order will be in September. To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email ravetto2001@gmail.com. Additionally, our website now features a button for Amazon.com as part of e-scrip. Anyone can use this if they want a portion of their purchases donated to our parish. Please consider using this method of making purchases and share with friends and relatives who might wish to help us without cost to them.

Science and Faith Discussion Group: Next Meeting August 26 at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Stewardship: *Please remember to contribute during the summer months. While each of us may go on vacation, the expenses do not. Also, under our current system of funding both the diocese and central administrations, every parish is assessed \$155 per person. This may be paid in a variety of ways throughout the year, but whether you pay it or not, the parish does. At present we have 33% paid for the year, though we have paid 50% of our annual assessment. Please make every effort to pay your annual assessment before year's end, and if you haven't made any payments so far, please do so, as you are able.*

Summer Art Camp: conducted by Julie Stell at her home in Yardley, August 4-8; 11-15 from 9:30-12:30, Ages 5-14. Paint, draw, weave, sculpt, make pottery. \$125 per week, sliding scale, sibling discount. For more information contact Julie at stelljulie@gmail.com or call 901 517-0275

Women's Retreat: The annual diocesan Women's Retreat will be held at St. Tikhon's Monastery and St.

Tikhon's Seminary on Saturday, August 16 from 10am to 3pm. Archimandrite Sergius will present on *Prayer and Confession* and Daria Virvan, a Clinical Specialist in Psych/Mental Health will present on *Depression, Anxiety, and Stress*. A \$10 fee is required, lunch is included and "it is open to all women 13 years and older."

Registration must be received by August 13. Copies of the Registration form and further information can be found on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: DONATIONS OF PASTA, SAUCE, COFFEE, ALWAYS WELCOME. Special need at this time for Peanut Butter and Jelly as well as the above.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Ida Trevelis

For the Health Of:

Lisa, Lexi, Nicholas, Jim, Michael, Renee, Michael, Brian, Kristina, Joanne, John, Ida

ⲁ WORD OF DIRECTION FROM ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA:



"if we love someone," he said, "we always remember them; we try to please them. Day and night our heart is concerned with the subject. Is that the way you gentlemen love God? Do you turn to Him often? Do you always remember Him? Do you always pray to Him and fulfill His holy commandments?" They had to admit that they had not! "For our own good, and for our own fortune," concluded the Elder, "let us at least promise ourselves that from this very minute we will try to love God more than anything and to fulfill His Holy Will!" (From Life of St. Herman, www.oca.org/saints/lives/2014/08/09)