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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most-holy Theotokos (395-408). Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (258). St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople (471).

Epistle: 1 Cor. 15:1-11. **Gospel:** Mt. 19:16-26

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:

- Sun, August 31:** Hours and Divine Liturgy— 9:10am, followed by Litya for the Departed Maria and Anna, requested by Sergei and Irene Arhipov, and for Archpriest Vladimir Borichevsky +Sept 2, 1990, followed by Coffee Hour.
- Wed, Sept 3:** Akathist followed by Bible Study – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm.
- Fri, Sept 5:** Service at The Birches – 10:45am.
- Sat, Sept 6:** Vespers and Confessions, 6pm.

BIRTHDAYS

Irene Crosby 9/2
Dorothy Martiak 9/5

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Chuck and Larissa Ravetto 9/2

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bikes for the World: Pennswood Village will hold its 8th Annual Used Bicycle Collection on Saturday, September 20th from 9am -1pm, rain or shine. Must be in repairable condition, children's and adults, though no tricycles. A donation for shipping costs is requested – suggested donation of \$10. See www.bikesfortheworld.org or contact George Kurz at 215-579-6974 or ghkurz@comcast.net.

Church New Year: The Church New Year begins tomorrow, September 1st. We will offer the prayer for the beginning of the New Year at today's Divine Liturgy. Prayers for the beginning of the School Year will be offered next Sunday for our Church School and for all our children, (and perhaps adults as well), who are beginning a new school year.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed. Please sign up, as a family or combined with other families.

Community Day: Due to a change in plans there will **not** be a Food Sale on October 11, but Newtown will hold Market Day. Please mark the day in your calendar and put aside some time to represent our parish at this event. A signup sheet indicating availability is in the vestibule.

Parish Council Meeting: Financial Report for July

Income:	\$5868
Expenses:	\$10,714
Deficit:	\$4846

Scrip Program: Next Order will be September 8th.

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.

Stewardship:

Christian stewardship goes beyond paying God a tithe of our income and then using the remainder as we please. True stewardship means that we thank God for all that we have (Deut. 8:11-18) and use it as He directs. Giving God 10 percent of our income is a good way to begin our faithful stewardship, but we must remember that God should control what we do with the remaining 90 percent as well.



Thank You: To our Grounds Cleanup Crew who accomplished so much last Saturday, in the rain no less. Thanks to Buddy and Jim for getting the wood chipper. There is still plenty that could and should be done. If you can make yourself available, please use the signup sheet in the Vestibule.

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 THE MOSER FAMILY.

For the Health of:

Fr. Kosta, Fr. John, Fr. Paul

In Memory of:

Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen, Michael

A Word from St. Maximus the Confessor: Why God allows the demons to attack us.

*It is said that God allows the demons to attack us for five reasons. The **first** is that, through being attacked and fighting back, we should learn to distinguish virtue from sin. The **second** is that, having acquired virtue by struggle and labor, we should keep it firm and unalterable. The **third**, that progressing in virtue we should not think highly of ourselves, but should learn humility. The **fourth**, that having experienced in practice the wickedness of sin, we should hate it with perfect hatred. Finally, the **fifth** and most important is that having been freed from passion we should not forget our weakness and the strength of Him Who has helped us. St. Maximus the Confessor. **Second Century on Love, 67.***