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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Forefeast
of the Elevation of the Cross. Commemoration of the
Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy
Sepulcher) at Jerusalem (335). Sunday before
Elevation. Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion (1st c.).

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

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, September 13:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Vigil for Exaltation of the Cross – 7pm
Monday, September 14:	ELAXATION OF THE CROSS. Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Facilities Subcommittee Meeting – 7pm
Tuesday, September 15:	Mirrors of Truth – 7pm
Wednesday, September 16:	Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry 7pm
Saturday, September 19:	Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
Sunday, September 20:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Church School

BIRTHDAYS:

- ✙ Dorothy Martiak
- ✙ Mat. Teresa Sekela
- ✙ Christopher Sremenak
- ✙ Peter Bohlender

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alive in Christ: The latest issue of our diocesan magazine is available on the diocesan website (doepa.org) or in hard copy in the vestibule for those who do not have access to a computer.

Church Cleaning/Grounds Care:

December is available for inside. Want to pick a month or other time in 2016? Signup will be posted soon.

Church School: The new Church School year will commence today.

Church School will begin for 3-5 year olds this Thursday, Sept. 17th, from 12:00 - 1:30. We will be learning about some of September's Feast days: The Nativity of the Theotokos and the Elevation of the Cross. There will be stories, art activities and singing, as well as a light lunch. Please join us!

Jennifer Sremenak is the Church School Coordinator this year.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers are needed for future weeks.

Please sign up on the calendar in the Church Hall.

Exaltation of the Cross: This evening and tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is for us not a symbol of brutal vengeance, a brutal as it was, but of the immensity of Divine Love and so precious and life-giving. It is one of the feasts in the Liturgical Year that is a strict fast day.

Mirrors of Truth: Formerly known as Faith and Science and starting this Tuesday at 7pm an outreach to our community, for all those interested in the relationship between faith and science. We welcome all those of good will and interest in what Orthodox Christianity has to say to and about contemporary science, focusing on but not exclusively physics. Please come, bring a friend, make others aware of this monthly event. Repost on your Facebook or Twitter from St. Mark's pages.

OCA Assessments: Thank you to those who have paid their assessments. As we are approaching the final quarter of the year we encourage those not paid up to do so. The total of national and diocesan dues is \$160 for the year per person.

Orthodoxy in the Public Square will meet in the Church tomorrow night at 7pm.



Parish Development Committee: Facilities subcommittee meeting Monday night, Education and Outreach on Monday September 21st at 7pm.

Scrip Program: We are now accepting credit cards. This month our profit was \$52.57. YTD \$911.67

Thank you to all who participated. Hopefully the acceptance of credit cards will increase participation.

Parish Talent Survey: Next Sunday we will distribute a Parish Talent Survey to be completed in Church before you leave. This is a vital part of our ongoing process of assessing and planning the development of our parish life. All those who attend this parish regularly are asked to complete a survey and return it. If you will not be here next Sunday, print off a copy from our website, fill it out and return it by mail or bring it the next time you come to church. We need you! We need each other. God has brought us together here to work together. Let us do His Will in this respect.

Wedding: Many Years to Mr. & Mrs. Max Kaplan who were married here last Sunday and to their parents, Protodeacon Gregory and Martha Moser and Michael and Angelica Kaplan and their families. May God grant them Many Years!

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

Pasta, sauce, tea, coffee, juice are always welcome. If you would rather make a monetary donation put it in an envelope with "Food Pantry" and drop in the Question Box. These donations will go towards purchasing Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams for the baskets.



On Almsgiving:

When we give to the beggar as to a beggar and not as to Christ, we cannot avoid pride or disdain. What value is there in performing an act of mercy, while taking pride in ourselves and disdain the man? Virtue is not a virtue when it is mixed with sin, just as milk is not milk when it is mixed with gasoline or vinegar. **St. Nicholai of Zhica. The Prologue. September 9.**



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



The sick and the suffering.
Those persecuted for their faith.
The lost and the lonely.
Those in prison.

The hungry, the homeless, the abused and the abandoned.
The indifferent to those in need.
Those who hate us and those who love us.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Moser Family:

For the Health of:

Sophia, Fr. John, Fr. Vincent, Lina, Marina & Max, Stephanie

In Memory of:

Deacon John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Abraham