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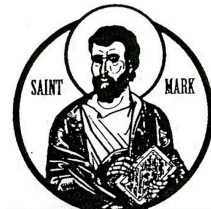
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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Afterfeast  
of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation.  
Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidus, his wife,  
Martyr Theopistes, and their children, Martyrs Agapius  
and Theopistus, of Rome (ca. 118).

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
<b>Vespers: Vigil</b>	Saturdays at 6pm Eve of Feasts at 7pm
<b>Divine Liturgy:</b>	Sundays at 9:30am Feast Days at 9:15am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

<b>Sunday, September 20:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour in the Rectory
<b>Monday, September 21:</b>	Education and Outreach Subcommittee Mtg – 7pm
<b>Wednesday, September 23:</b>	Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
<b>Thursday, September 24:</b>	Preschool Church School – Noon; Parish Council – 7pm
<b>Saturday, September 26:</b>	Service at Golden Living, Doylestown – 11am; Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm

### BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Martin Browne  
Joseph Crosby

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Kevin and Maryann Swan

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## **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 for 3-5 year olds this Thursday, Sept. 24th, 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.

**Mirrors of Truth:** Next meeting October 20.

**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.

**Parish Development Committee:** Education and Outreach on Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Stewardship:**



**Parish Talent Survey:** Today 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.

**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.**

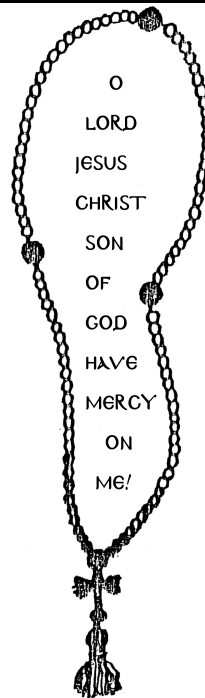
## **ON ALMSGIVING:**

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. Nikolai of Zhica. The Prologue. September 9.**



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 Swan Family:**

For the Health of:  
Constance Swan, Katherine Swan,  
Steven Swan, Neville Noel  
In Memory of:  
Thomas Swan Jr.

### **From Alan Litvin:**

For the Health of:  
For the save and immediate return of  
the four Americans held in Iran

### **From the Ristveys:**

For the Health of  
George & Margaret

### **From Marina:**

For the Health of:  
Alexandra, Julia, Mikhailyna, Anna,  
Irina, Jon Sofia, Alina, Tanyana  
In Memory of:  
Abraham, Olga, Agrepina, Konon, Ivan,  
Nadezda, Ekaterina, Galina, Yuriy,  
Viktor, Borys, Sergey