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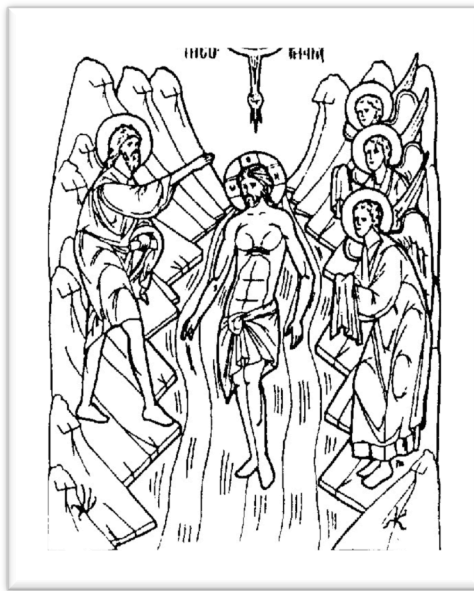


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SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2018

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

7. Leavetaking of the Theophany. St. Sava I, first Archbishop of Serbia (1237). The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu: Isaiah, Sabbas, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others (4th-5th c.). St. Nina (Nino), Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of the Georgians (355).

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Gospel: Luke 18: 35-43

 **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** 

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm

Vigil: Eve of Feasts at 7pm, except Sundays when at 6pm.

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:30am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, Jan 14:

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour

Wed, Jan 17:

Akathist with class on the Psalms-9:15am. Prison Ministry-7:30pm

Thurs, Wed 18:

Parish Council – 7pm.

Sat, Jan 13:

Vespers and Confessions 6pm.

Charitable Giving: During December our parish donated the following sums to local charities. Excess donations for the Operation Christmas Child were donated to the Wrightstown Food Cupboard and the tithe of our Christmas Food Sale was donated to the Bucks County Homeless Shelter in Bristol.

Food Cupboard: \$285
Homeless Shelter: \$411

Church Cleaning: The signup sheet for church cleaning for 2018 is in the vestibule. Please consider taking a week or two or even a month. It is the Lord's House, but it is our responsibility. It's condition is a reflection of our care and concern for Him.

Falling Asleep of Maurice Hakim: Our brother in Christ fell asleep in the Lord peacefully on Thursday. His funeral will be here on Saturday, January 20th, time yet to be finalized, with an hour of viewing preceding the Funeral Service and burial at Newtown Cemetery. He is survived by his sons Toufic and Najim and their families and many other family and friends. The Hakim family donated the funds for a parish set of Funeral Service books in memory of Maurice's wife Linda who reposed last February. Maurice's funeral will be the first time these books will be used at St. Mark's. Funeral service time will be posted on the parish website, Facebook page and by email so all who are able may attend. May his memory be eternal and may the Lord grant consolation and peace to his family and friends at this time of grief!

Fundraiser Report: The (Almost)Final Report for the Christmas Food Sale is as follows:

Total Sales: \$8647.50

Total Costs: \$4584.96

Total Profit: \$4062.54

We still have some food available and some has sold since the last Parish Council meeting. Updated figures will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 28th.

House Blessing: The January calendar has times indicated when Father Martin is available for house blessing. Please look at the calendar and choose a day/time. You can speak with him directly, email or call him to schedule an appointment. Please do so at your earliest convenience as Forgiveness Sunday is February 18 and blessings should be done by then. ALSO, please do not neglect to do this as it is a beautiful opportunity to cleanse and sanctify your home, not just simply your house or apartment. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Eight homes blessed as of today. Nine scheduled for this week as of now.

Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday January 28th at Noon. All registered parishioners are expected to attend, all others are welcome. Agenda items include the usual reports,

proposed budget for the upcoming year and election of a new parish council. If you are interested in running for parish council, please speak with Fr. Martin, Doug Yates or any current Council member. New membership is desirable as we have some coming off and we have a need for people to help those who have been serving for many years.

Schuylkill River Blessing: Once again, on January 21st, the Greater Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood will conduct the Great Blessing of the Waters at the Schuylkill River on Boat House Row in Philadelphia at 3pm. All are encouraged to attend if able for this witness to our faith in the midst of the city. A reception with refreshments will follow the service.

Scrip: Profit \$39.50, YTD \$39.50. Thank you for your participation.

Superbowl Food Sale: Saturday February 3rd from 10-2. Orders due January 26th. Order forms available online or in the vestibule.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: The need, unfortunately, continues so please continue to bring the following items.

Coffee, tea, juice, baby food, tuna and canned meat, desserts (brownie mixes, cake mix, frosting, pie and pie crust mixes).

Birthday

Sam Regen

Names Day

Reno Andonios Lauro

Vigil Lights

From Irene Arhipov

For the Health of: Sergei, Stephanie, Peter, Alexandra, Alan, Ludmila, Doris

In Memory of: George, Ivan, Dimitri, Lydia, Anna, Ludmilla, Maria, Katherine

From Sam Regen

For the Health of: Ronald's Family

In Memory of: Ronald

From Mosers

For the Health of: Stephanie, Peter, Sergei

In Memory of : Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca

From Ristvey

For the Health of: Valerie, Margaret, George, Andrew, Lorelly , Margaret, Julia, Helena, Janet

In Memory of: Anna, Ann, George, John, John, Suzanna, May, Nickolas, Steven, Ann, Susan, Mary, Andrew

From Tiffany

For the Health of: Tiffany, Maria, Tiberiu, Mihaela,
Dumitra

In Memory of: Ion, Teofil, Tudor, Maria

From Swans

For the Health of: Venus Love, John Melin, Kevin, Mary
Andrew, Ryan, Greg, Michael

From Anna Berestovsky

For the Health of: Ana, Victory, Michael, Vladimir,
Valeryiya, Olga, Nikolay, Vladimir, Ilan, Irina, Ilya,
Willard, Vasily, Maryna, Natalia, Natalia, Andrey,
Valentin, Valentina, Maryna

In Memory of: Irinia, Valentina, Yulia, Valentin, Maxim,
Nikolay, Mariya, Mitya, Anastasiya, Irina, Calina, Roman,
Pavel, Valentina.

From Tatyana

For the Health of: Michael

For the Health of: Tatyana, Irene, Anna, Lucy, Joel,
Olga, Masha, Pavel, Svetlana, Vologya

In Memory of: Anna, Nicolay, Alexandra, Ola, Rita,
Alexey, Vasily, Ivan, Alexander

Please remember in your prayers

Living: *Captive Hierarchs Paul and John, orphans of St. Thekla's, Pdn. Joseph, Priest John, Mats. Myra, Elena, Laryssa, Lisa and Mary, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Anthony, Sergei, Michael, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Anita, Carmen, Nathan, and for Marina and the child she is bearing,*

Departed: Bishop Mark (Forsberg), Archpriest John, Archpriest Alvian and Matushka Helen, Maurice, Rose Marie, Camila, Julie, Ann Dahulich, Alexandr, *Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Vladimir*