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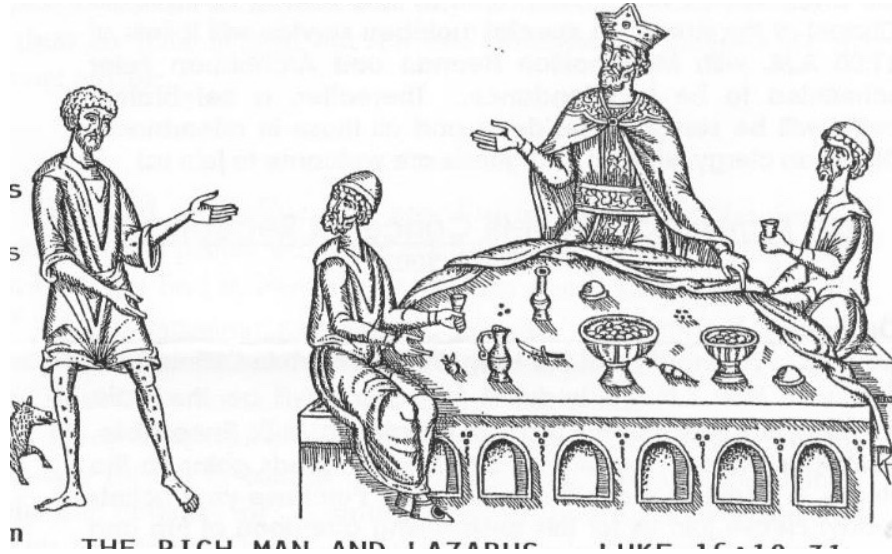
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2017

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

3. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis (ca. 167). The Holy Seven Youths ("Seven Sleepers") of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antonius (ca. 250).

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

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, October 22:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Church School.
Mon, October 23: How are We Saved? Fr. Patrick H. Reardon Diocesan Lecture at St. Stephen's – 7pm.
Tues, October 24: Akathist to Myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon of Hawaii at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church 506 Stahr Road, Elkins Park – 6pm.
Wed, October 25: Akathist followed by Class on the Psalms – 9:15am.
Thurs, October 26: Parish Council Meeting – 7pm.
Sat, October 28: Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

Church Cleaning: Thank you to those who have volunteered. Additional assistance is always welcome.

Church School: Upcoming projects include Veterans Day Recognition November 12 and the annual Christmas Shoebox collection. Watch for further information on both.

Congratulations: To Dmitri and Rebecca Sosdev on the baptism and chrismation of their son Roman yesterday. May God grant he and his parents Many Years!

Diocesan Lecture: On **Monday October 23**, St. Stephen's Cathedral will host Father Patrick Henry Reardon of All Saints Antiochian Church in Chicago, who will speak on the topic of *How Does God Save Us?* Fr. Pat is the author of numerous books, most recently **RECLAIMING THE ATONEMENT: AN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, VOLUME 1**. He has also authored commentaries on Genesis, Chronicles, Psalms, Job and the Wisdom of Sirach as well works on **The Jesus We Missed** and **Christ In His Saints**. A pastor and scholar of scripture, the talk will be for Orthodox and Non Orthodox alike. So if you have friends who wonder what we believe about salvation, invite them along. **The talk begins at 7pm.** If you need a ride, contact Fr. Martin.

Myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos – Will be present for veneration following a service at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Elkins Park on Tuesday evening at 6pm. This myrrh-streaming icon has brought miracles of healing of soul and body to countless people throughout the United States and beyond. This is a unique opportunity to come and pray for others and for oneself. You are strongly encouraged to do so.

Operation Christmas Child: For the next four Sundays we will collect items for this annual collection of toys, hats, gloves, socks, pens, crayons, etc. as we have for past years. We will pack the shoe boxes on Sunday November 19th. Last year we had 88. For each box we must provide a \$9 shipping/handling fee so monetary donations are also welcome to defray expense. Let's try to beat last year's number of boxes!

Retreat: St. Mark's will host a Pre Advent retreat on Saturday November 4, from 10 until 3pm, followed by Confessions and Vespers at 4pm. The topic is **Practical Wisdom from the Desert: Lessons From the Lives of the Holy Harlots and Desert Fathers**. Fr. David Mezynski, Associate Dean of Students at St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York will be the presenter. Among his many accomplishments, Father David has a doctorate in patristics from Fordham University. The retreat is sponsored by the Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood of St. Mark's and is open to the entire parish and all interested people, so bring a friend.

Scrip: Profit \$35.26, YTD \$915.54. Thank you for your participation.

Veterans Day: Sunday November 12 we will honor all our veterans with a special coffee hour. Please make every attempt to be here and to stay for the coffee hour as a way to say thank you to all who have served from our parish, in peace and in war. We wish to especially recognize veterans of the Vietnam War. Feel free to invite friends who are vets to join us that day. If you wish to assist with Coffee Hour, speak with Charla Bendas, Jen Sremenak or Charlotte Regen.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: At its recent meeting the Food Cupboard asked St. Mark's to collect the following: coffee, tea, juice, baby food, tuna and canned meat, desserts (brownie mixes, cake mix, frosting, pie and pie crust mixes). **135 Thanksgiving Baskets will be packed Saturday November 18th at Penns Park United Methodist Church let's make sure they have enough of our items!**

Birthdays

Sonya Lengel
Jeanette Ruano

Vigil Lights

From Valerie & Stephanie

For the Health of Andrew on his 50th Birthday
Margaret & George

From the Perdikis Family

For the Health of: Michele, Anthony, Bruce, Olivia,
Samantha, Demetra, Jacqui, Julia, Nikolas, Justin, Amy,
Donna, Mohammed

In Memory of: Colleen, Evangelia, Angelo, Kleo,
Ekaterini, Zografia, Demetrius, Nikolas, Arthur.

Please remember in your prayers

Living: *Those afflicted by the violence of nature and man in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, California, Florida, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Las Vegas, captive Hierarchs Paul and John, orphans of St. Thekla's, Pdn. Joseph, Priest John, Mats. Myra, Elena, Laryssa, Mary, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Anthony, Sergei, Michael, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen, Nathan, and for Gillian, Laryssa, Maura and Marina and the children they are bearing.*

Departed: *Newly departed Bishop Antoun, Deacon Andronik, Sonya, those who perished in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Las Vegas, Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Vladimir*