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•THE GOOD SAMARITAN•



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

6. St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Constantinople (612-20). Ven. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th c.). Bl. John "the Hairy", Fool-for-Christ, in Rostov (1580). Prophet Ahijah (960 BC). Ven. Nilus the Myrrhgusher, of Mt. Athos (1651)

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

**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, Nov 12:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Church School Program for Veterans  
**Tues, Nov 14:** Orthodoxy in the Public Square 7pm.

**Wed, Nov 15:** Akathist followed by Psalms class – 9:15am  
**Sat, Nov 18:** Thanksgiving Food Baskets Penns Park UMC – 10am. Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

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

- ❖ **Nativity Fast:** The Nativity Fast begins on November 15 and lasts until Christmas Day. It is one of the four fasting periods of the Church Year, no less important than any other. **For us it should be a time of sober preparation for the Feast of the Nativity in the Flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.** It **should be about** becoming prepared to properly appreciate the immense Gift we have been given. It **should also be a time** when we consider how prepared we are to receive Christ when he comes again, at the moment of our death and at the Second and Glorious Coming. **Prayer**, suggestions to follow next week; **Fasting**, eating less and abstaining from meat and dairy; **Almsgiving**, rather than an orgy of spending, giving sacrificially to those in need – for some that is time, for others it is to share our talents, for others it is to give money. **Let us together keep the fast so that we may truly celebrate the Feast.**
- ❖ **Recommended Reading for the Nativity Fast:** Fr. Thomas Hopko, **The Names of Jesus.** If you are interested in reading and discussing this work, Father Martin will meet with you on Saturdays of Advent from 5-5:45pm. Even if you can't read the book but would like to learn, come and stay for Vespers at 6pm.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Next Sunday we will pack items for this annual collection of toys, hats, gloves, socks, pens, crayons, etc. as we have for past years. For each box we must provide a \$9 shipping/handling fee so monetary donations are also welcome to defray expense.

**Scrip:** Thank you for your participation.

**Thank You!:** Today we give thanks for all our veterans, and give thanks to those who are brothers in Christ here at St. Mark's. We thank you for your service, whenever and wherever it was and for the example you have given and the sacrifices you made in doing so. May the Lord continue to bless you, and us, by enabling us to serve together in the growth of His Kingdom.

**Sergei Arhipov, Peter Bohlender, Charles Henderson, Anthony Kasmer, George**

#### **CHURCH ETIQUETTE:**

BE ON TIME FOR THE SERVICE. BE ATTENTIVE TO THE SERVICE, I.E. NO TALKING, MOVING ABOUT. BE MINDFUL OF THE OTHERS PRESENT AND SEEK TO ASSIST ONE ANOTHER IN MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL AND RESPECTFUL ATMOSPHERE. PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR MIND, YOUR VOICE AND YOUR BODY AS IS APPROPRIATE – TRAINING YOUR SELF AND GIVING GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHERS IN HOW TO ENTER INTO THIS COMMUNION WITH GOD. DO NOT LEAVE BEFORE THE SERVICE IS OVER. DURING HOLY COMMUNION, PRAY WHETHER YOU RECEIVE OR NOT – USE THE LITURGY BOOK TO PRAY THE PRAYERS, SING ALONG WITH THE CHOIR, DO NOT LEAVE YOURSELF OPEN TO TEMPTATION. COME TO COFFEE HOUR TO GET TO KNOW YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

**Nakonetchny, Jim Pitra, Myron Sedor, John Wanko, Joseph Wawyrziniak.**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> at Penns Park United Methodist Church let's make sure they have enough of our items!**

#### **Names Day**

Fr. Protodeacon Gregory

#### **Vigil Lights**

##### **From Irene Arhipov**

For the Health of Sergei, Stephanie, Peter, Alexandra, Alan, Ludmilla, Lauren  
In Memory of: Stanley, Boris

##### **From Tatyana**

For the Health of: Michael, Tatyana, Irene, Anna, Joel, Lucy, Olga, Masha, Pavel, Svetlana  
In Memory of: Nicolay, Anna, Aleandra, Olga, Vasily, Rita

##### **From Lucy Znak**

For the Health of: Lucas

##### **From Mosers**

For the Health of: Diane, Peter, Stephanie, Larissa, Maura, Marina  
In Memory of: Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca

##### **Flowers for November 12**

Are offered by Julia Petrov in loving memory of her grandmother Klavdia and mother-in-law Marina

#### **Please remember in your prayers**

**Living:** *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, Anita, Carmen, Nathan, and for Gillian, Laryssa, Maura and Marina and the children they are bearing.*

**Departed:** *Protodeacon Keith, Deacon Andronik, Ide Trevellis, Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Vladimir*