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**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

7. Prophet Obadiah (Abdia—9th c. B.C.). Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 304). Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1065). Repose of St. Philaret (Drozdov), Metropolitan of Moscow (1867).

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:14-22

**Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21

**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 19:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Litya for Pierre Djokic, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Coffee Hour. Church School.

**Mon, Nov 20:** Great Vespers with Litya 7pm.

**Tues, Nov 21:**

**Wed, Nov 22:**

**Sat, Nov 25:**

**Hours and Divine Liturgy for Entrance of the Theotokos – 9:10am.**  
Akathist for Thanksgiving followed by Psalms class – 9:15am  
Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

❖ **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:** Today 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:** TODAY! Profit \$46.76, YTD 962.30. Thank you for your participation.

**Thank You!:** To our Church School students for the program honoring our vets last Sunday. Special thanks to Charlotte Regen and Jennifer Sremenak for organizing and practicing with the students. Thank you to our Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood who saw to a delicious and plentiful meal for those who attended. And again, thank you to our veterans.

**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

**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).

**Names Day**

Katerina Moser  
Catherine Petrascu

**Birthday**

Andrew Cortese

**Vigil Lights**

**From Irene Arhipov**

For the Health of Sergei, Stephanie, Peter, Alexandra, Alan, Ludmilla, Anthony  
In Memory of: Newly-Departed Dorothy, Dimitri, Boris, Anthony

**From Tatyana**

For the Health of: Michael

**From Nicoleta Vatov**

For the Health of: Maria, Tom, Kris, Martin, Michael, Matthew, Nicoleta

**From Mosers**

For the Health of: Newborn Lukas, Larissa, Paul, Diane, Stephanie

In Memory of: Veronica, John, Robert, Mary, Betty

**Mosers-Veterans**

For the Health of: Michael O., Michael L, Peter B.  
In Memory of: Deacon John, Stephen, Charles, Michael, Raymond

**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:** Mitred Archpriest Michael, *Protodeacon Keith, Ide Trevellis, Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Vladimir*