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SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2017

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

4. **Eve of the Nativity of Christ . Sunday before the Nativity.** Nun-martyr Eugenia of Rome, and with her Martyrs Philip, her father, Protus, Hyacinth, Basilla, and Claudia (ca. 262). Ven. Nicholas the Monk, of Bulgaria (9th c.).

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10: 17-23; 32-40.

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

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, Dec 24:

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Holy Supper 5:30pm. Vigil 7pm.

Mon, Dec 25:

Hours and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Nativity of our Lord, 9:10am.

Tues, Dec 26:

Hours and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Synaxis of the Theotokos, 9:10am

Sat, Dec 30:

Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

Sun, Dec 31:

Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:10am. Vespers for Circumcision of our Lord/St. Basil-Noon

Mon, Jan 1:

Hours and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil – 9:10am

Calendars: 2018 St. Tikhon's Calendars are available in the vestibule today. PLEASE take one per household. We ordered enough for each household. If there are any left over in two weeks, you may help yourself. But for now, one per household. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Church Envelopes: 2018 envelopes are in the vestibule for pick up. There are boxes of envelopes that are not assigned for those contribute regularly. It makes it much easier for the Financial Secretary to maintain records. If you choose to use an envelope, fill out the information requested on the 8 1/2 x 11 pad.

Congratulations! To Dustin and Gillian Crosby on the birth of their daughter Margaret Jean on Friday night. What a wonderful Christmas gift not only for them but for our parish. May the Lord grant them all Many Years!

Fast Free from Christmas Day to January 4th: Enjoy!

Father Martin will be away from Noon Tuesday until Thursday evening. In case of emergency, call Father Victor Gorodenchuk at 215 745-3232 or 215 756-2289.

Memory Eternal! We extend our condolences and prayers to Catherine Petrascu on the recent repose of her mother Camila. May Camila's Memory be Eternal!

Novogodny Ball: 81st Novogodny Ball will take place on Sunday 1/14/18 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email novogodnyball@gmail.com or call Andre Cox at **215-290-4542**.

Scrip: Profit \$97.82, YTD \$1405.24. Thank you for your participation.

Thank You to our carolers for coming to The Birches last Sunday. A lovely program of Christmas carols was attended by a large group of residents who were deeply appreciative of our presence and voices, and the candy canes so thoughtfully distributed by the youngest members of our choir. Thanks to Martha Moser for directing the group. Pictures on our Facebook page.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Thank you to all who donated items which were used to pack 135 baskets yesterday. 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).

Names Day

Stephanie Ristvey
Stephen Sedor

Birthday

Marie Hamerstone
Elizabeth Werner

Wedding Anniversaries

Fr. Martin & Mat. Heidi

Vigil Lights

From Tatyana

For the Health of: Michael,

From Dina Londar

For the Health of: Nelly, Sofia, Galina
Galina, Liliya, Jousna, Michelle, Abby, Meriam, Lorena
Asya

From Dina Londar

For the Health of: Polina, Zina, Zina

From Irene Arhipov

For the Health of: Sergei, Stephanie, Peter, Alexandra,
Lauren, Anthony, Catherine, Heidi

In Memory of: Newly departed Camila

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 Marina and the child she is bearing,*

Departed: Archpriest John, Archpriest Alvian and Matushka Helen, Camila, Julie, Ann Dahulich, Shane, Aemelia, Samuel, Alexandr, *Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Vladimir*

Christmas Schedule

Holy Supper – 5:30pm

Vigil for the Nativity -7pm

Monday, December 25 – Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Flesh Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am

Tuesday, December 26 – Synaxis of the Theotokos – Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am

Christmas Message from Father Martin

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Mark's and all our friends and guests,
Christ is born! Glorify Him! With these words we greet one another in the Joy of Christ's Nativity. May they be the foundation of our life every day – Christ is born! And the purpose behind everything we think, say and do – Glorify Him!

May you and your families know the true meaning of Christ's Nativity and experience the peace on earth, goodwill to men this day brings and offer it especially to those in spiritual and material need, near and far.

May the Lord bless you all, and from our family to yours,

Merry Christmas!

With love in Christ,
Fr. Martin and Family

