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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2018**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. Sunday of**  
**Orthodoxy. St. Tarasius, Archbishop of**  
**Constantinople (806).**

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

**Gospel:** John 1:43-51

**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, Feb 25:**

Hours and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great -9:10; Coffee Hour: Mission Service St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral with Archbishop Mark and Greater Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood – 4pm.

**Wed, Feb 28:**

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7:30pm

**Fri, Mar 2:**

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts -7pm

**Sat, Mar 3**

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Vespers and Confessions -6pm.

**Sun, Mar 4:**

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Church School. Lenten Mission Service St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Upper Darby – 4pm.

**Welcome:** Today we welcome Dr. Cyril Jenkins of St. Basil Center for Orthodox Thought and Culture at Eastern University here in Philadelphia, who will speak at the end of Divine Liturgy on the mission of the center and opportunities for intellectual and spiritual enrichment offered to young people and non college age through the various programs offered. We welcome Dr. Jenkins and look forward to hearing about this endeavor on this Sunday of Orthodoxy.

**Church Cleaning:** Looking for something to do for Great Lent? No one has signed up for March cleaning of the church. Take a week or two. It is especially helpful during Great Lent to have a thorough cleaning at least once a week.

**Scrip:** Profit \$88.75, YTD \$128.25. Thank you for your participation.

**Superbowl Food Sale:** Preliminary Report: Sales \$3851.58. Expenses \$1746.60. Net \$2104.98. Council voted to tithe this sale to support Mat. Priscilla Shipley health fund. Fr. Ian and Mat. Priscilla were in Bethlehem before taking a parish assignment in California. She has recently been diagnosed with MS, is blind in one eye, cannot swallow and is unable to walk. Health insurance does not provide for home health aides for more than two weeks and treatment for blindness is not covered either. A cheque for \$210 will be forwarded from St. Mark's.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard** In preparation for 135 Easter Baskets which will be packed on March 24<sup>th</sup>, we are requested to bring the following items:

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Juice, Coffee (30), Tea (30), Jelly Beans(30)

**Birthday**

Calin Andrei  
John Wanko

**Names Day**

John Cassian Lauro

**Vigil Lights**

*From Mosers*

For the Health of: **Marina, Mat. Priscilla, Stephanie, Reader Peter**

In Memory of: **Deacon John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen**

*From Tatyana*

For the Health of: **Michael**

**From A Friend**

For the Health of: **Tatyana, Lucy, Sasha**

In Memory of: **Valeriy**

**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, Mary and Priscilla, 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, George, John, John. Matushka Priscilla*

**Departed:** Matushka Barbara Kucynda, Matushka Mary Perez, Valeriy, *Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Vladimir*

**Lenten Schedule**

- ❖ Weekly Presanctified on Wednesday mornings and Friday evenings 9:15am/7pm respectively.
- ❖ Sunday Lenten Mission Vespers each Sunday afternoon at 4pm.
  - First Sunday, February 25 – Sunday of Orthodoxy at St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral with our Archbishop and clergy from the Greater Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood together with faithful from all our Orthodox Churches.
  - Second Sunday March 4 – St. Gregory Palamas Sunday at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Upper Darby.
  - Third Sunday, March 11 – Sunday of the Cross at St. Vladimir's OCA in Trenton
  - Fourth Sunday, March 18 –St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Chester

- Fifth Sunday, March 25 – Holy Assumption OCA South Philadelphia

- ❖ **Confessions** available on Saturdays after Vespers **and before all other scheduled services by appointment only.**
- ❖ **Memorial Saturdays:** Divine Liturgy will be scheduled based on availability of choir director. Otherwise Panikhida Services will be offered at 9am. Check the weekly schedule for which service is offered.
- ❖ **Lenten Reading Group:** Starting the Second Week, Monday evenings from 7 to 8pm a discussion group for those interested in reading Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's **For the Life of the World** will be offered. To participate you must commit to reading the book. It is available on Amazon. If you wish to participate please let Father Martin know. Saturday evenings from 4:30 to 5:30pm a class will be offered on Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon's book **Reclaiming the Atonement: An Orthodox Theology of Redemption.** You do not need to buy the book to participate, but are encouraged to do so. Again, if you are interested, let Father Martin know.