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SUNDAY APRIL 2ND, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St Mary of Egypt. Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.). Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and Edesius (Aedesius) of Lycia (306). Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4th c.).

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm

Vigil: Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:30am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, Apr 2: Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am, Coffee Hour. Mission Service at St. Herman of Alaska, Gradyville 4pm.

Wed, Apr 5: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 9:15am; Prison Ministry 7pm.

Fri, Apr 7: Vespers for Lazarus Saturday -7pm.

Sat, Apr 8: **Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:30am; Food Sale 12-3pm.** Vigil and Confessions -6pm.

Names Day

Monia Pitra

Wedding Anniversary

Calin & Lucia Andrei

Andrew & Daria Cortese

Church Cleaning: Thank you to those who have signed up to help not only in March and April, but beyond. Additional help is needed. Please consider volunteering for a week or two or even an entire month, if you can.

Coffee Hour: Also, thank you to those who have signed up for Coffee Hour. The signup sheet has been moved so everyone can see it and easily signup!

Food Sale: Our annual Pascha Food Sale will be **Saturday, April 8 from Noon to 3pm**. This is **Lazarus Saturday** and we will have Divine Liturgy at the usual time, 9:30am. We will need assistance as usual, packing orders the evening before – not during the Presanctified, but before and after. And help is needed that day as always. If you can help, please let Fr. Martin, Jeanette or Martha know.

Mission Service: A profound thank you to the members of the Holy Myrrhbearers' Sisterhood who provided an abundance of food for our guests at last week's Mission Service. I received many complements from guests for the service, beautifully sung by the Pan Orthodox Choir, our Church, which many were visiting for the first time, and for the hospitality of our parish. Thank you to all our parishioners who participated in the preparation and cleanup, as well as singing in the choir and serving in the altar. You know who you are. And, more importantly God knows who you are. May your service be as pleasing in His sight as it was in the sight of all those here gathered!

New Liturgical Items: Thanks to the generosity of different parishioners we have recently added another set of Communion Spoon and Spear. Having an additional spoon makes it possible for us to have a second chalice on Holy Pascha. His Eminence, Archbishop Mark has given a blessing for Protodeacon Gregory to distribute the Holy Gifts along with Fr. Martin, at any time, should the need arise.

Additionally we have 20 new copies of the Liturgy book, which include all three liturgies served throughout the year; St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

And we purchased four different colored ribbons for the Holy Gospel. If you would like to make a donation toward those it would be welcome. They cost \$20 each.

The Sisterhood has received its Patronal Icon which has been gifted to us by Holy New Martyrs of Russia ROCOR, Norwich Ct., Fr. John Malcolm, Rector. Fr. John, who also teaches at Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville obtained the icon for us from Holy Trinity's icon studio.

Three remaining icons from the donations of earlier this year: St. Stephen the Protomartyr, St. Anastasia, All Saints.

Coming soon: our own Funeral Service Book, and the altar server robes, eventually.

May the Lord grant the donors of these holy items heavenly gifts for their earthly and material ones!

Scrip: TODAY, last time to order before Holy Pascha.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: St. Mark's is asked to contribute the following for the Easter Baskets, 140 of which will be packed on April 8th: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Baby Food, Coffee/Tea – 35 units, Jellybeans – 35 units.**

Vigil Lights

From Anna Berestovsky

For the Health of: Anna, Victor, Michael, Vladimir, Olga
Valentina, Vladimir, Andrey, Valentin, Vasily, Anna,
Vladimir, Natalia, Valeriy, Maxim, Marina, Michael,
Narine, Christine, Maxim.

From Alan Lee Litvin

For the Health of: Tara Litvin-Ring, Pauline Amorosa.
In Memory of: Samuel Litvin, Amelia Litvin, Shane Litvin
Anna Lawrysh, John Lawrysh, Phillip Litvin, Ida Litvin.

From the Ristveys

For the Health of: George, Margaret.
In Memory of: Stephanie, Fotina.

From Dina Londar

For the Health of: Helen, Susan, Polina, Michelle,
Ninel, Galina, Galina, Liliya, Asyak, Marina, Jim, Helen

From Pdcn Gregory & Martha Moser

For the Health of: Samuel, Larissa, Paul, Stephanie
Diane, Aidan, Juliana.
In Memory of: Rebecca, Dcn John, Veronica.

Lenten Schedule

Second Week to Holy Week- Presanctified at 9:15am on Wednesday
And 7pm on Friday,

Vesper Mission Services: Sundays at 4pm

APRIL 2: Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt Sunday, at St. Herman OCA Church, Gradyville, PA at
.....4:00 pm

Confessions:

Throughout Lent at the *usual times on Saturdays, after Vespers*

Also before scheduled Lenten Services – please come early enough if you choose confess at the time. Father is at church one hour before the scheduled time for the service.

By appointment– speak with Fr. Martin directly or make an appointment via email, text or phone call.

PLEASE !

MAKE A POINT OF COMING TO CONFESSION DURING GREAT LENT – PREPARED.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL HOLY WEEK TO DO SO.

Lenten Discipline:

The Church prescribes a discipline of intensified prayer, fasting and almsgiving as the way through Great Lent. Notice that fasting is only one of the pillars of Lent, and according to the Gospel of Meatfare Sunday, not the most important one.

Make your resolutions for Lent positive and achievable. Add to your daily prayer rule a prayer or series of prayers.

Read the Scriptures, slowly and attentively. Use the calendar to guide you. **Follow the fasting discipline as you are best able to do so.** Remember fasting is not only about not eating certain foods, but about eating less. Eat good food rather than junk food. Fast from sounds and images that stir up passions and plant unhealthy seeds in our memory. (Not just TV, movies or music, but especially gossip, criticism of others, judgment)

Give alms – give of your time and your talent and your treasure. Give to our parish community but also to the community where you live. Find ways to serve, without expectation or reward. Do it because it is needed and Christ asks us to.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Evening – 4pm: Bridegroom Matins – St. Stephen's Cathedral

Holy Monday – Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am

Bridegroom Matins – 7pm

Holy Tuesday – Bridegroom Matins – 7pm, with His Eminence, Archbishop Mark

Holy Wednesday – Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am – with His Eminence, Archbishop Mark.

Holy Unction Service – St. Stephen's Cathedral -7pm.

Holy Thursday – Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great – 9am.

Matins of Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels – 7pm.

Holy Friday – Vespers – 3pm

Matins of Holy Saturday with Procession – 7pm

Holy Saturday – Vesperal Liturgy of Pascha – 9am

Nocturns – 11:30pm

Matins of Holy Pascha with Divine Liturgy – 12 Midnight

Holy Pascha – Paschal Vespers-Noon

Bright Monday – Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am