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SUNDAY JUNE 26TH, 2016

1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. All

Saints. St. David of Thessalonica (ca. 540). St.

Dionysius, Archbishop of Suzdal' (1385). Translation of
the Relics of St. Tikhon of Lukhov (Kostromá— 1569).

St. John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea (8th c.).

Appearance of the TIKHVIN Icon of the Most-holy
Theotokos (1388). The "SEDMIYEZERSKAYA" Icon
of the Most-holy Theotokos (17th c.).

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

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 9:15

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, June 26:

Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:10; followed by Parish Photo and Graduates Breakfast. Service at Golden Living, Doylestown, 2:30pm. Deanery Clergy Family Picnic, 3pm.

Tues, June 28:

Great Vespers for SS. Peter and Paul - 7pm.

Wed, Jun 29:

Hours and Divine Liturgy for Ss. Peter and Paul – 9:10am

Sat, July 1:

Great Vespers – 6pm

Sun, July 2:

Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:10am; Coffee Hour.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES ANNA, KATERINA AND MICHAEL!
MAY GOD GRANT YOU PEACE, HEALTH, SALVATION AND FURTHERANCE IN
ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS!**

Coffee Hour: Thank you to those who have responded so far. June is covered for Coffee Hour and the Cleaning Schedule is covered. As we move into July and August, those who are able are asked to volunteer for Coffee Hour.

F.O.C.A. Orthodox Family Picnic: Sunday July 17 at Knoebels Amusement Park. Free Parking and Admission, pay as you go rides. Picnic Dinner \$5 per person, children under 6 free! Arrive any time after Divine Liturgy, picnic at 6pm in Picnic Pavillion K. RSVP by Sunday July 10th, Greg Ressetar 717 439-0527 or ressetar@yahoo.com.

Graduates Breakfast: **TODAY** we will have a breakfast to recognize our three high school graduates, Michael Browne, Katerina Moser and Anna Yates. Please join us after Divine Liturgy as we congratulate them on the completion of their high school education and wish them well as they transition to life in college or university. Each of them has contributed greatly to our parish life and we are grateful for their service and will miss them, but look forward to sharing their future accomplishments.

Parish Council: At its meeting last Thursday it was decided to update our Google group parish email. In the near future all registered members of the parish will receive an email asking whether they want to be on it. You must respond if you want to be removed from the list, otherwise you will remain until we are told otherwise. Parish news is available on our website, Facebook page, twitter feed and Instagram, as well as the weekly bulletin.

Financial Report for May:

Income: \$14,619

Expenses: \$9,386

Scrip: Thanks to all who participated last Sunday.

Profit was \$51.00 YTD \$515.45 Next opportunity to purchase cards is next Sunday. Gift cards make great graduation gifts and can also be used to purchase supplies for graduation celebrations, barbeques and family get together's, not to mention movies, books, and other items. Purchasing cards through the program helps St. Mark's as we do our usual spending. Questions? See Mat. Heidi.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Needs include pasta, tea, coffee.

VIGIL LIGHTS



From the Swan Family

For the Health of: Constance, Michelle, Kathryn, Venus, Michael, Neville, Mary Anne

In Memory of: *Thomas Jr.*

From Alan Litvin

For the health of: the world, may all the children of God see the "spirit" and come together as one

In Memory of: *Samuel Litvin, Shane Litvin, Aemelia Litvin.*



Names Day

Peter Bohlander

Wedding Anniversary

Patrick & Maria Colucci

Hieromartyr Hilarion, Archbishop of Vereiya

The holy New Martyr Archbishop Hilarion (Vladimir Alexievich Troitsky in the world), an outstanding theologian, an eloquent preacher, and a fearless defender of Christ's holy Church, was born around 1885. Vladika Hilarion wrote many books and articles on various topics, including "The Unity of the Church." His Master's thesis, "An Outline of the History of the Church's Dogma," was over five hundred pages long, and was a well-documented analysis of the subject.

During the Council of 1917 he delivered a brilliant address calling for the restoration of the Moscow Patriarchate, which had been dissolved by Tsar Peter I in the eighteenth century. When St Tikhon (April 7) was chosen as Patriarch, St Hilarion became his fervent supporter. St Hilarion was consecrated as bishop on May 20, 1920, and so the great luminary was placed upon the lampstand (Luke 11:33). From that time, he was to know less than two years of freedom. He spent only six months working with Patriarch Tikhon.

Vladika was arrested and exiled in Archangelsk for a year, then he spent six years (1923-1929) in a labor camp seven versts from Solovki. There at the Filomonov Wharf he and at least two other bishops were employed in catching fish and mending nets. Paraphrasing the hymns of Pentecost, Archbishop Hilarion remarked, "Formerly, the fishermen became theologians. Now the theologians have become fishermen."

Archbishop Hilarion was one of the most popular inmates of the labor camp. He is remembered as tall, robust, and with brownish hair. Personal possessions meant nothing to him, so he always gave his things away to anyone who asked for them. He never showed annoyance when people disturbed him or insulted him, but remained cheerful.

In the summer of 1925, Vladika was taken from the camp and placed in the Yaroslav prison. There he was treated more leniently, and received certain privileges. For example, he was allowed to receive religious books, and he had pleasant conversations with the warden in his office. St Hilarion regarded his time at the Yaroslav Isolated Detention Center as the best part of his imprisonment. The following spring he was back at Solovki.

In 1929 the Communists decided to exile Archbishop Hilarion to Alma-Atu in central Asia. During his trip southward from the far north, St Hilarion was robbed and endured many privations. When he arrived in Petrograd, he was ill with typhus, infested with parasites and dressed in rags. When informed that he would have to be shaved, he replied, "You may now do with me whatever you wish." He wrote from the prison hospital, "My fate will be decided on Saturday, December 15. I doubt I will survive." St Hilarion died at the age of forty-four in the hospital of a Petrograd prison on December 15, 1929. His body was placed in a coffin hastily made from some boards, and then was released to his family. The once tall and robust Archbishop Hilarion had been transformed by his sufferings into a pitiful white-haired old man. One female relative fainted when she saw the body.

Metropolitan Seraphim (Chichagov) provided a set of white vestments for the late Archbishop. He was also placed in a better coffin. Metropolitan Seraphim presided at the funeral of St Hilarion, assisted by six bishops and several priests. The saint was buried at Novodevichy Monastery.

