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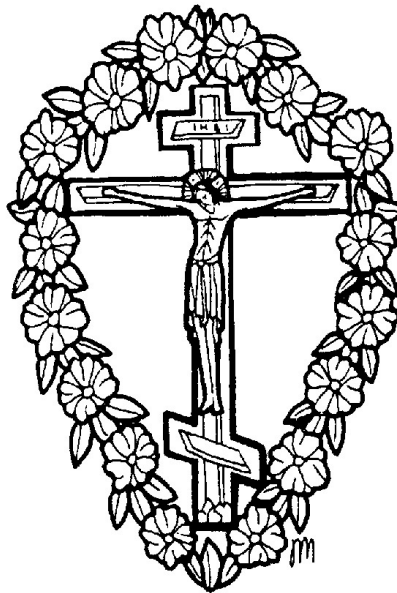
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

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

6. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Martyr Sophia, and her three daughters: Faith (Vera), Hope (Nadézhdá), and Love (Liubóv', Charity), at Rome (ca. 137). Martyrs Theodota at Nicæa (ca. 230). Martyr Agathocleia (ca. 230). 156 Martyrs of Palestine, including Bishop Peleus and Nilus, the Presbyter, Zeno, the Noblemen Paternuthius and Elias, and others (ca. 310).

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Gal. 2:16-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:35-46; Mark 8:34-9:1

 **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, Sept 17:**

**Mon, Sept 18:**

**Tues, Sept 19:**

**Wed, Sept 20:**

**Sat, Sept. 23:**

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour. Sisterhood Meeting-Noon.

Orthodoxy in the Public Square: The Benedict and Other Options. – 7pm.

Mirrors of Truth: Does Nature have a Soul? – 7pm.

Akathist followed by Class on the Psalms – 9:15am. Prison Ministry-7pm.

Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

**Church Cleaning:** Thank you to those who have volunteered. Additional assistance is always welcome.

**Coffee Hour:** The last two weeks of September are available.

**Orthodoxy in the Public Square:** The first meeting of the Church Year will be tomorrow at 7pm. We will begin a consideration of The Benedict Option, a proposal authored by Orthodox journalist Rod Dreher on how Christians should live in the new reality of the United States in which Christianity is in retreat. Monday will begin with a look at some other perspectives on the situation of believers in the U.S. and serve as an opportunity for us to discern our place in this discussion.

**Mirrors of Truth:** Will meet for the first time in the Church Year on Tuesday at 7pm on the topic of, Does the world have a soul? Is materialism the answer to all questions? What is the Orthodox response to this issue? Hint: it didn't start with the "New Athiests".

**Scrip:** Profit \$20.75, YTD \$791.52. Thank you for your participation. Next opportunity to participate, Next Sunday!

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Thank you to those who have been so generously contributing to our collection. Please keep up the good work and if you haven't joined those who regularly donate, please do. **The need is great and there is never enough. If we need to make weekly deliveries, we will do so. Please make it a necessity.**

**Birthdays**

Chris Sremenak  
Peter Bohlender  
Fr. Martin  
Jack Crosby  
Adam Regen

**Names Day**

Lucy Znak

**Wedding Anniversary**

Kevin & Mary Ann Swan

**Vigil Lights**

*From Dorothy Downie*

In Memory of: Her father Archpriest Paul Schneirla who reposed September 20, 2014.  
May his Memory be Eternal!

*From Swans*

For the Health of: Venus Love

*From George and Margaret*

For the Health of: Andrew, Lorelly, Margaret

*From the Browne Family*

For the Health of: Fr. Martin as he celebrates his birthday. In thanksgiving for the safety of Ruth Huber and Ethel Kurtz during Hurricane Irma

In Memory of: Newly Departed Margaret Wilkinson and Michael and Bridget, Peter and Nancy, and James Browne.  
Requiescant in Pace.