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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

4. Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and those with him: Martyrs Theophilus—Deacon; Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonius, Peter, Indes, Gorgonius, Zeno; the Virgin Domna, and Euthymius (302). Ven. Theoctistus, fellow ascetic with Ven. Euthymius the Great (467). Blessed John "the Hairy", Fool-for-Christ at Rostov (1580). St. Phœbe, Deaconess at Cenchræ near Corinth (1st c.). Martyr Basilissa of Nicomedia (309). Martyr Aristion, Bishop of Alexandria (2nd c.). St. Joannicius, Archbishop of Serbia (1349).

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

 **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 9:30a

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, Sept 3:

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

Wed, Sept 6:

Clergy Continuing Education in Harrisburg – no Akathist.

Thurs, Sept 7:

Vigil for Nativity of the Theotokos – 7pm

Fri, Sept 8:

Hours and Divine Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos – 9:10am.

Sat, Sept. 9:

Baptism of Jesse James Killough – 2pm. - **ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE KILLOUGH/SEDOR FAMILY FOR THIS JOYOUS EVENT**
Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

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

Church New Year: September 1st marks the beginning of the New Church Year. Unlike Western Christians who begin their Church Year on the First Sunday of Advent, the Eastern Church continues to follow the custom of the Roman-Byzantine Empire. Within the first two weeks we celebrate two of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church Year, the Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8 and the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14. This calendar reminds us of a time when civil and ecclesiastical time were kept in synchronicity. It is also a reminder to us that we no longer live in such a society. Civil time is measured apart from the time of salvation history, which is another way of saying God's time. No doubt, this creates challenges for all of us. But rather than look on this as something quaint, or a detail we can ignore, this annual event poses a serious question to each of us: whose time are we on? God's or the world's? Does the church "interrupt" our daily schedule of civil expectations or do those "interrupt" our daily schedule formed according to God's perspective? It need not be an either/or. God became human so we might become God. It is a matter of integration, of separating wheat from the chaff, and so much of our daily lives is chaff, or as a famous song of our youth put it, "dust in the wind." We have no problem recognizing this when celebrities or secular experts in psychology or "time management" or other religious traditions point this out. Why not begin this new year with a fresh perspective on our own Sacred Tradition – What if it is true? What difference should that make in my life, daily, here and now? A Blessed Church New Year to you all. May we end it wiser and holier than we begin it!

Coffee Hour: The last three weeks of September are available.

Script: Profit \$89.07, YTD \$770.77 . Thank you for your participation. Next opportunity to participate, TODAY!

Thank you! To all who contributed to the Church School Back to School Supply Drive for Youth Service of Philadelphia. We collected much in the way of supplies and due to your support of the Breakfast, raised \$460.

To Marie Hamerstone for her donation of a page of St. Mark's Gospel from the 1602 Seuberlich Latin edition of the Bible. It is a beautiful treasure for our parish to have and we are deeply grateful for the gift, offered in memory of her late husband Alan.

Women's Retreat: At St. Tikhon's Monastery on September 9th. Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education. Mat. Valerie Zahirsky will speak on the topic of "Sisters on a Journey: Saints Lives and Our Lives." Registration forms available in the vestibule and on the bulletin boards by the Candle Stand and in the Hall.

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

Maximus Lauro
Anna Yates
Dorothy Martiak

Names Day

Elizabeth Werner

Wedding Anniversary

Dmitri & Rebecca Sosdev

Vigil Lights

From Tatyana

For the Health of: Michael

From the Arhipovs

In Memory of: Newly Departed Susan, Anna, Maria

From a Friend

For the Health of: Carole, Harvy, George

In Memory of: Nota, Charles, Marion, Wayne, Helen, Susan

