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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 5. First (4th c.)
and Second (452) Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious
Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John. Beginning of the
Lenten Triodion.** Ven. Erasmus of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.).

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:



CONFESSIONS: Following Vespers on Saturdays
And by appointment

VESPERS: Saturdays at 6:00pm
VIGIL Eve of Feasts at 7:00pm

DIVINE LITURGY: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:00am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

THURSDAY, FEB 28: 7:15pm • Parish Council Meeting
SATURDAY, MAR 2: 6:00pm • Great Vespers and Confessions
SUNDAY, MAR 3: **Prodigal Son.** 9:30am • Divine Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adult Education: Interested adults are invited to come on Thursday March 7 to meet from 7 to 8PM. The program will include units under the theme of *Becoming Sane: Seeing with an Orthodox Mind*. All are invited, non-Orthodox welcome.

Celebrations: All parishioners are strongly encouraged to submit their birthdays and name's day so we can celebrate together throughout the year. Let us do this in obedience to the Apostle Paul who reminds us to rejoice with those who rejoice as well as weep with those who weep and that we are members of one another. The Church is God's Family, we are part of God's Family, really and truly. Let's live like it in this small way.

Cleanup: This past week Liberty Tree Service came and took care of much of what was left from the storm in October. This is a huge project which we are fortunate to have done at an extremely reasonable price of \$3000. If you would like to donate to defray this expense, please feel free to do so. We already have \$500 donated.

Floor Fund: You might have noticed that the fund is complete thanks to the generosity of many, most recently the family of Sam Mervis. Work on the new floor and carpet will hopefully be complete before the beginning of Great Lent.

Fund raising reminder – the Scrip program: Larissa Ravetto made a presentation last Sunday on this program and asked for feedback on how we can make this more

user friendly. If you were not here but wish to have more information or offer constructive suggestions you can contact her at **phone (215) 766-1220, email ravetto@prodigy.net**.

House Blessing: Please see Matushka Heidi to make an appointment. Sanctify and protect your home for the coming year.

Parish Website: Our new website is up at stmarksoca.org. Take some time to take a look. Suggestions are welcome for additions. Other areas are planned for the future so check it out regularly and refer friends and interested parties to it as well.

Facebook Page: Our new Facebook page is up at www.facebook.com/stmarksoca. Like our page and tell your friends.

Lenten Mission Schedule: The Lenten Mission Schedule of 2013 is available. All services are at 4:00pm. Locations: 03/24 – St. Nicholas Church, Philadelphia (His Grace, Bishop Mark will preside); 03/31 – Holy Trinity Romanian Church, Philadelphia; 04/07 – St. Herman Church, Gradyville; 04/14 – Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown (His Grace, Bishop Mark will preside); 04/21 – St. Michael the Archangel Russian Church, Philadelphia; 04/28 – Bridegroom Matins at St. Stephen Cathedral (5:00pm).

Religious Education at St. Mark's: Children classes and Teen discussions – Following Divine Liturgy

ORTHODOXY ON THE WEB:

The following are reliable sources of information and spiritual growth on the World Wide Web.

- ❖ **Fr. Vladimir Borichevsky Hour of Orthodoxy:** Listen to broadcasts from 1974 to 1985 from Fr. Vladimir's radio teaching ministry at <http://www.stlukeorthodox.com/html/thefaith/borichevsky/houroforthodoxy.cfm>

YOUTH INFORMATION:

- △ Three of our teens attended the Diocesan Teen Retreat at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center in Dalton, PA. They all had a wonderful time with fellow teens from throughout the diocese as well as New York and New Jersey. Fr. Steve Vernak of Christ the Savior parish in Harrisburg took them on a journey with the Twelve Apostles. Special thanks to Deacon Gregory for driving them both ways, including the miserable weather on Friday evening. Pictures will be posted on the Diocesan Website and the Young Adult Facebook page. Links can be found on our website.

From the Perdikis family:

In Memory of

Evangelia, Ekaterini

For the Health of

Arthur Sr., Angelo, Patricia

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Marina:

In Memory of

Antonia, Larissa, Maria,

Georgiy

For the Health of

Elona, Marina, Yakov,

Leonid

From Nancy Letho:

In Memory of

Olga Pelak

For the Health of

Rev. John Chupeck

BIRTHDAYS:

James Pitra, February 23

Judy Rybny, February 28

MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!