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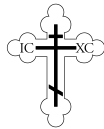
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari (6th c.). Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.). Ss. Barses and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhæ, Confessors (4th c.). St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552).

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Confessions:

Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

**Vespers:
Vigil**

Saturdays at 6pm
Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy:

Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:15am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun, Aug 25:** **Relics of St. Bartholomew.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am, Parish Revitalization Meeting – 12pm
- Mon, Aug 26:** Orthodoxy in the Public Square – 7pm
- Wed, Aug 28:** 9:15am Akathist followed by Adult Education, Great Vespers with Litya for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist – 7pm
- Thu, Aug 29:** **Beheading of St. John the Baptist.** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:15am
Parish Council Meeting – 7:30pm
- Sat, Aug 31:** Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
- Sun, Sep 1:** **Church New Year.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Patriarch Tikhon Choir: The Patriarch Tikhon Choir led by Russian conductor Vladimir Gorbik will perform on September 16, 17, and 18. September 16 will be held at St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church "The Actor's Chapel" in New York City from 7:30pm-9pm. September 17 will be held at the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh from 7pm-8:30pm. September 18 will be held at St. Peter's Cathedral on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. from 8pm-9:30pm. Our own parishioner Daria Cortese is one of this select group from the United States and Russia. If you wish to attend any of the these concerts, tickets can be purchased at www.patriarchtikhonchoir.com.

New Online Calendars: St. Mark's has launched it's Google Calendar. You can find as a subpage on our website under the page "News". If you want the schedule on your smartphone, with the monthly calendar that the website software has provided, you can sync the schedule with your Google Calendar or your iCalendar.

ORTHODOXY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE: A monthly discussion group which will offer the opportunity to look at public affairs from the perspective of Orthodox faith will meet for the first time on TOMORROW at 7PM. The purpose is to assist Orthodox Christians in living out their faith in the public arena. It will not be a forum for partisan political advocacy. All are invited.

Local Church and Community Events:

- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Bethlehem will hold its 32nd Annual Russian Days Festival September 6th to 8th
- St. Vladimir's Orthodox Church in Trenton will host an iconography tour and reception, Gospels in Color and Light on September 21 from 11am to 5:45pm.
- Bikes for the World will have ints 7th Annual Bike and Sewing Machine Collection on October 12 from 9am to 1pm at Pennswood Village, Newtown.

See the bulletin board in the Church Hall for fliers with complete details on each of these events.

The Scrip Program: The next Scrip order will be Sunday, September 8 during coffee hour. This month's scrip was \$122.33. Our up to date yearly profit is now \$805.33. Last year our total was \$877.39. It's only August and we're making good progress. Please continue to support. To all, thank you for your support. **To place orders see Larissa Ravetto or phone (215) 766-1220 or email ravetto2001@gmail.com.**

Parish Revitalization: Next meeting for the Parish Health Inventory Model will be **TODAY on the topic of Shared Leadership.**

Feed the Hungry, clothe the naked: The Rescue Mission in Trenton is in extreme need of clothing. THANK YOU WHO HAVE DONATED. WE ARE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING, WAITING FOR THEM TO PICK UP. WE WILL CONTINUE THE COLLECTION UNTIL SEPT. 2.

If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the Church door, you will not find him in the Chalice. St. John Chrysostom.

BIRTHDAYS:

- Matushka Heidi Browne – August 29
- Nancy Letzo – August 29
- Anna Yates – August 31

THE POWER OF THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

'St. Benedict made the sign of the cross over a glass which contained poison and the glass burst as though it were struck by a stone. St. Julian made the sign of the cross over a glass of poison brought to him and drank the poison, but he did not feel any pain in his body. The Holy Female Martyr Basilissa of Nicomedia enveloped herself with the sign of the cross, stood amidst the flames and remained unharmed. The Holy Martyrs Audon and Senis crossed themselves when the wild beasts were released on them and the beasts became docile and meek as lambs. Among the ascetics of old, as it is today, the sign of the cross was the most powerful weapon against the temptations of the demons. The most horrible fears of the devil vanish into nothing, as smoke, when man traces the sign of the cross over himself. Thus, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself willed to the one time sign of crime and shame, the Cross, following His crucifixion on the wood of the cross, all victorious power and might. **The Prologue, August 23**