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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6.

Forefeast of the Theophany. Sunday before Theophany.

Holy Prophet Malachi (400 B.C.). Martyr Gordius at
Cæsarea in Cappadocia (4th c.). Ven. Genevieve of
Paris (5th c.).

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4: 5-8

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

**Great 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:

Sunday, January 3: Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Church School
Tuesday, January 5: Vigil of Theophany – 7pm
Wednesday, January 6: Hours and Divine Liturgy with Great Blessing of Waters – 9:10am
Saturday, January 9: Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brochures: We have recently added some brochures to the literature rack for the benefit of parishioners, but targeted specifically for visitors. They are free as they have been donated. If you would like to see additional brochures and provide other outreach material please put donations in the question box in an envelope marked "Brochures" and we will purchase additional ones and replacements as needed.

Calendars: 2016 Calendars are available. We have enough for one per household. Please do not take more than one until after the New Year and we see if there are any extras.

House Blessings: Wednesday is Theophany which marks the beginning of house blessing season. A schedule of when I will be blessing homes is available starting today. Please signup for an available time that suits you. Offerings are not required and feeding the priest is discouraged due to a variety of dietary restrictions and the expansive possibilities of politely accepting food offered. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this unique feature of our Orthodox Christian life, bringing cleansing and renewal to our homes and families by the waters of Jordan.

Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday January 24th following Divine Liturgy. All members of the parish are strongly encouraged to attend.

Scrip Program: Today.
Call Mat. Heidi at 570-906-1389.

Sisterhood: All women of the parish are invited to attend a meeting during Coffee Hour on Sunday January 17th to consider a variety of proposals for our group to continue and expand its assistance to various areas of parish life. It is important that this group offer the opportunity for all the women of the parish to participate in a way that allows each to use their God-given talents in cooperation with others. Please make the effort to attend and participate. First item on the agenda is the adoption of a patron saint or saints for the sisterhood. One proposal already made is Saints Martha and Mary. Other suggestions welcome.

Teen Retreat: The annual Diocesan Winter Teen Retreat will be held Feb 26-28, 2016 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA. Open to grades 7-12, \$116 per student. Deadline for registration is January 31. See www.ocayouth.org for further information and registration form.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

Thank you to those who came to pack Christmas Baskets yesterday, together with those who regularly donate food items. Special thanks to those who donated money to buy Christmas Basket items. Please continue to remember to bring coffee, tea, juice, pasta, peanut butter for the pantry. The struggle continues for those in need after the holiday season.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- The sick and the suffering.
- Those persecuted for their faith.
- The lost and the lonely.
- Those in prison.
- The hungry, the homeless, the abused and the abandoned.
- The indifferent to those in need.
- Those who hate us and those who love us.

BIRTHDAY:

Ceil Seroka

NAMES DAY:

Tahara Ortiz