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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390-391). Ven. Macarius of Alexandria (394-395). St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus (15th c.). Ven. Makáry the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Makáry the Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Righteous Theodore of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ (1392). Opening of the Relics of Ven. Savva (Sabbas) of Storozhévsk and Zvenígorod (1652). Ven. Macarius the Roman (Novgorod—15th-16th c.). Virgin Martyr Euphrasia of Nicomedia (303). St. Arsenius, Archbishop of Kerkyra (Corfu—8th c.). St. Makáry the Stylite, of Martkopsk (Georgia—6th c.).

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm
Vigil Eve of Feasts at 7pm

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

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, Jan 19: Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Coffee Hour – 11:15am:
Mon, Jan 20: Orthodoxy in the Public Square – 7PM.
Wed, Jan 22: March for Life, Washington D.C. – No Akathist or Adult Education
Thurs, Jan 23: Parish Council Meeting – 7:30pm
Sat, Jan 25: Great Vespers – 6pm followed by Confessions.

From Orthodox Daily Prayers

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on **all our brothers and sisters who labor and serve this holy Church: the parish council, the choir, the teachers, the custodians** and all who work on behalf and for the welfare of our parish, *and all Christians.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Diocesan Assembly: The Special Assembly of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania nominated His Grace Bishop Mark for election by the Holy Synod of Bishops to be our new Diocesan Bishop on Friday, January 17th. Axios, Axios, Axios!

House Blessing: The Lord knocks at your door and seeks to enter to be with you in this special way. Will you welcome Him, or tell Him He is unwanted. SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE TODAY. SIGN UP, MORNINGS, AFTERNOONS, EVENINGS AVAILABLE.

ORTHODOXY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE: Next Meeting on January 20 at 7pm.

Orthodoxy and Recovery: Several pamphlets have been added to the pamphlet rack providing basic information on Orthodoxy and the 12 steps, the Church as Ark of Salvation, Spiritual Narcissism, and Codependency. Written by Fr. George Aquaro of the Antiochian Archdiocese they provide excellent information about these topics which touch the lives of so many. Take one, share them, they are free. Check out his blog, <http://orthodoxyandrecovery.blogspot.com>.

Annual Parish Meeting 2014: Sunday February 2nd following Divine Liturgy. If you are a responsible member of this parish you NEED to be here for this assembly.

Parish Health Inventory: January 26 at Noon on Active Service as a feature of a healthy parish.

Scrip Program: Thank you to those who ordered and got the year off to a start of \$71.74, our best January so far. To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email ravetto2001@gmail.com, or fill out an order form in the vestibule and leave it with payment with Larissa, Julia, Doug, or Jeanette.

Winter Teen Retreat 2014: The Office of Young Adult Activities has officially announced the 2014 Winter Teen Retreat on February 7th-9th at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA. **Grades 7-12. Registration forms can be downloaded on www.ocayouth.org/wtr. Deadline is TOMORROW. Visit the website for more information.**

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Please make the effort to bring at least one item each week. Our parish is responsible for pasta and sauce, and all congregations are asked to donate tea, coffee, or juice.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From John Wanko:

- **In Memory of**
Wanda Wanko, Peter Wanko, Peter Wanko, Jr.

From the Moser Family

- **For the Health of**
Raymonde, Kelly, Evan, Sara, Michael, Brendan, Katie, Fr. Alexander, Fr. Paul, Fr. John, Pdcn Peter.
- **In Memory of**
Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen, Michael, Robert, Mary, Betty, John, Hebie (Helen).

Why be anxious?

A Word from our Savior:

"Therefore I tell you, **do not be anxious about your life**, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your **body**, what you shall put on. **Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?** Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And **which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life?** And why are you **anxious about clothing?** Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? **Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'** For the Gentiles seek all these things; and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.** But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.**

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.

Matthew 6:24-35