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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters: Theoctiste, Theodotia, and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt (311). Ven. Nikita of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (1108). Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias, of Egypt (251). Martyr Tryphænes at Cyzicus. St. Arsenios of Paros (1877).

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
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 31:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour; Annual Parish Meeting
Monday, February 1:	Vigil for the Entrance of the Lord into the Temple – 7pm
Tuesday, February 2:	ENTRANCE OF THE LORD. Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Blessing of Candles – 9:10am
Wednesday, February 3:	Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry 7–9pm
Thursday, February 4:	Pre-School Church School – 12:30pm; Choir Rehearsal – 6:45pm
Saturday, February 6:	Ethnic Food Sale – 9am–2pm; Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
Sunday, February 7:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Panikhida for Ivan Redko (15 th Anniversary) and Anna Kanerva (2 nd Anniversary) requested by Sergei and Irene Arhipov

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alive in Christ: The latest issue of our diocesan magazine is now available on the diocesan website, doepa.org, and a limited number of hard copies are available in the vestibule for those without internet access.

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.

Diocesan Assembly: The 52nd Diocesan Assembly of the Orthodox Church in America Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania was held this past week at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Jermyn. Diocesan Bylaws were passed unanimously and a plan for proportional giving as a means to fund the diocese and central administration was overwhelmingly passed also. Elections for the Diocesan Council were held for three year terms of office. The Philadelphia Deanery elected Fr. Barnabas Fravel of Wilmington as clergy representative and Protodeacon Peter Skoog of Pottstown as Lay Representative. Our own Doug Yates had served for many years as the lay representative. The Diocese, and our parish, are very grateful for this additional service to the Church he has rendered for many years.

House Blessings: Signup schedule is in the vestibule. 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 TODAY following Divine Liturgy. The meeting was rescheduled due to the snowstorm. All members of the parish are strongly encouraged to attend.

Scrip Program: Last week's profit \$49.25 and YTD, \$69.13.

Sisterhood: A meeting for the membership has been scheduled for Sunday, February 21st after Coffee Hour. All women of the parish welcome and encouraged to attend.

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:

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.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

The Rybny Family:

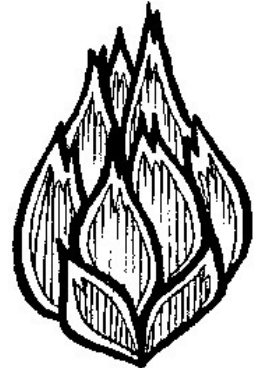
For the Health of:
Alan Litvin

The Pitra Family:

In Memory of:
Pelageja, Ivan, Julius, Ignatius,
Julia- Mary

The Swan Family:

For the Health of:
Kathryn Barbone
In Memory of:
Donald Pflueger



NAMES DAY:

Isaac Chappe

BIRTHDAY:

Raymonde Djokic
Renee Szeliga

There is one
body and one
Spirit, just as
you were
called to the
one hope that
belongs to
your call, one
Lord, one faith,
one baptism,
one God and
Father of us
all, who is
above all and
through all
and in all."



Eph. 4.4-6