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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Holy  
Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.). Martyr Marinus  
the Elder at Anazarbus (4th c.). Ven. Julian the Hermit,  
of Mesopotamia (4th c.).

**Epistle:** Galatians 1: 11-16  
Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18

**Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15  
Luke 10:16-21

## 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:

- Sunday, October 18:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Church School; Scrip; Coffee Hour  
**Monday, October 19:** Women's Retreat at Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Ellwood City  
**Tuesday, October 20:** Mirrors of Truth – 7pm  
**Wednesday, October 21:** Return from Ellwood City; Prison Ministry – 7pm  
**Thursday, October 22:** Small Compline – 6:30pm; Abbot Tryphon Talk – 7pm  
**Saturday, October 24:** Marriage and the Holy Mysteries at St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, Philadelphia – 10am-3pm;  
Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm  
**Sunday, October 25:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Church School, Coffee Hour

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS ALL PERSECUTED FOR THEIR FAITH, ESPECIALLY OUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA AND ASIA.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SUFFERING BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA — DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES (IOCC.ORG).

LET US PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES SEEKING PEACE, JOY, SALVATION, THAT WE MAY BE A LIGHT UNTO THEM AND A WAY TO HE WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## **Church Cleaning/Grounds Care:**

Want to pick a month or other time in 2016? Signup will be posted soon?

## **Church School:**

Church School for 3-5 year olds this Thursday, Oct. 22 from 12:30 – 2pm. There will be stories, art activities and singing, as well as a light lunch. Please join us!

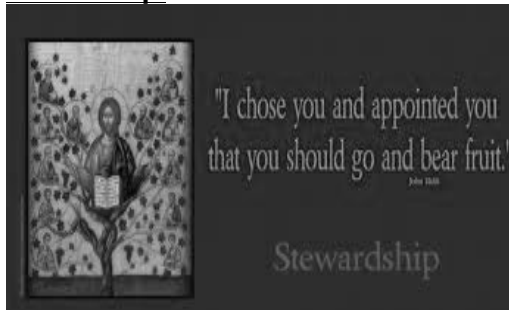
**Marriage Retreat:** A free one-day retreat/conference on Orthodox marriage and family life sponsored by the Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood will take place at St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church in Philadelphia on Saturday October 24 from 10-3pm. There is no charge. See flyer on the bulletin board upstairs or in the church hall for further information.

**Abbot Tryphon Lecture:** Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Preceded by Small Compline at 6:30pm, followed by reception with light refreshments. Father Tryphon will speak on Engaging the Culture, a topic he is well equipped to speak about from his own experience as an Orthodox priestmonk, emergency services chaplain, internet broadcaster and blogger. You can listen to his daily podcast, The Morning Offering, on ancientfaith.com. It will be an enjoyable and enlightening experience for all. Bring a friend.

**Mirrors of Truth:** Will meet this week, **Tuesday evening at 7pm.** All are invited to this discussion of the intersection Orthodox Faith and contemporary science.

**Scrip Program: Today. Thank you to those who participated last Sunday, profit was \$175.43, YTD \$1087.10** Please check the website and the posted flyers on changes in the program designed to make it more accessible for all, and bring greater benefit to our parish. Questions? Call Mat. Heidi at 570 906-1389.

## **Stewardship:**



**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Pasta, sauce, tea, coffee, juice are always welcome. If you would rather make a monetary donation put it in an envelope with "Food Pantry" and drop in the Question Box. These donations will go towards purchasing Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams for the baskets.

## **Opening our eye:**

*As one cannot rightly enjoy the sunlight, except by opening one's eyes, so neither can one largely share this splendor, unless one has expanded the eye of the soul, and rendered it in every way keen of sight. But how is this effected? Only when we have cleansed the soul from all the passions. For sin is darkness and a deep darkness.*

**St. John Chrysostom. Homily V on John 1, 4**



## **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.



## **VIGIL LIGHTS:**

From the Perdakis Family:

### **For the Health of:**

Neill, Patricia, Demosthenes, Nikolas, Jessica, Anthony, Bruce, Mike, Michelle, Mohamed, Angela, George, Rena, George, Stelios, Panayiotis, Angela, Irene,

Zografia, Demetra

### **In Memory of:**

Evangelia, Angelo, Arthur Sr., Ekaterini, Spyridon, Christopher, Anna, Zografia, Demtrios, Nikolas, Kleo