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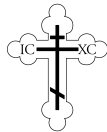
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple. Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria (305-313). Greatmartyr Mercurius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (3rd c.). Martyr Merkúry of Smolensk (1238). Ven. Mercurius, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Martyrs Augusta the Empress, Porphyrius the General, and 20 soldiers, martyred at Alexandria with Greatmartyr Catherine (305-313). Virgin Mastridia of Alexandria. Martyr Philotheus (Romanian—1060). Ven. Simon, Abbot of Soiga Monastery (Vologdá—1562).

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17



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, Nov 24: Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour– 11:15am Parish Revitalization Session.

Mon, Nov 25: Parish Council Meeting 7:30PM

Wed, Nov 27: Akathist to the Iveron Icon and Adult Education – 9:15am, 7PM Thanksgiving Service, Akathist Glory to God for All Things

Sat, Nov 30: Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm

Sun, Dec 1: Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour– 11:15am:

Thurs, Dec 5: Great Vespers with Litya for St. Nicholas – 7PM

Fri, Dec 6: Hours and Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas – 9:10AM

Sat, Dec 7: Advent Retreat 10AM-3PM. Great Vespers and Confessions – 4PM. Church School St. Nicholas Pizza and Movie Night.

Remember the Newly Departed Pierre Djokic – 40th Day December 29, and the Departed Vacilika "Vicki" Kiproff who reposed September 25, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Food for Sale: We currently have Kielbasa and Pierogi for sale. Pierogi include Broccoli, Broccoli & Spinach, Spinach, Potato & Cheese and Apricot & Cheese.

Christmas Ethnic Food Sale: Saturday December 14 from 10AM to 1PM. Orders must be received no later than **Friday, December 6.** Please note that although we stock more supplies than ordered, the amount will not be as great as in the past, therefore it is best to order ahead to insure availability.

Please make check payable to **St. Mark's Orthodox Church**

Send your orders to **Jeanette Ruano, 4617 Magnolia Avenue, Bristol, PA 19007. See parish website for order forms.**

Operation Christmas Child: Many thanks to all who donated items and money to the project. We were able to offer NINETEEN boxes and pay for their shipment.

Christmas Fast: The Greatest Gift does not have to be shopped for, but is given freely to us by God, if we are prepared to receive Him. Make your Christmas list accordingly. As an aid to this preparation, we will have a parish retreat on Saturday, December 7th offered by Fr. Alexander Golubov, from St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral in New York, former Academic Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary. Further details to follow.

Church School St. Nicholas Celebration: After Vespers on December 7th, the Church School will have a Pizza, Popcorn and Movie night. Adults welcome. Details to follow.

ORTHODOXY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE: A monthly discussion group whose purpose is to assist Orthodox Christians in living out their faith in the public arena will have its next meeting **December.** All are invited.

Parish Revitalization: Next meeting for the Parish Health Inventory Model will be **TODAY on the topic "Christian Formation"** Please take an icon card of St. Alexis with the prayer for revitalization and pray it daily.

Question: **What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given unto me?**

St. Tikhon's 2014 Calendar: If you would like to order a St. Tikhon's calendar for 2014 for \$5, sign up sheets are in the vestibule.

Scrip Program: This month we raised \$88.09. Our year to date is \$1089.63! Next order date is December 8th, the last opportunity before Christmas. 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.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Perdakis Family:

- o **In Memory of**
Arthur, Evangelia, Ekaterini, Kleo, Demetrios, Zografia, Nikolas, Spyridon
Anna, Christopher, Michael, Nikolas, George, John.
- o **For the Health of**
Peter, Stamatina, Demosthenes, Mohammed, Donna

From Alex Galavodas:

- o **In Memory of**
Victoria Kiproff

From the Pitra Family:

- o **In Memory of**
Victoria (Pitra) Weber, Nov. 16, 2012
- o **For the Health of**
Mary Lee

From the Sedor Family:

In Memory of
Pierre, Andrew, Victoria
For the Health of
Raymonde and Family, Thomas, Nancy, Peter,
Connie, Mary Anne, Claire Elizabeth, Gregory

For if you change from inhumanity to almsgiving, you have stretched forth the hand that was withered.

If you withdraw from theaters and go to the church, you have cured the lame foot.

If you draw back your eyes to an harlot, and from beauty not your own, you have opened them when they were blind.

If instead of satanical songs, you have learned spiritual psalms, being dumb, you have spoken.

These are the greatest miracles, these are the wonderful signs.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily XXXII on Matthew