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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Martyr
Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia (250). Martyr
Philumenus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Valerian
and Phædrus (ca. 274). Ven. Acacius of Sinai, who is
mentioned in *The Ladder* (6th c.). Ven. Nectarius the
Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.).
Hieromartyr Abibus (Aviva), Bishop of Nekresi in
Georgia (6th c.).

Epistle: Ephesians 5:5-19

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
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, November 29:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Church School, Coffee Hour
Monday, November 30:	Parish Development Committee – 7pm
Wednesday, December 2:	Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
Saturday, December 5:	Great Vespers and Confessions- 6pm
Sunday, December 6:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am, Coffee Hour and Church School; Photos 2:20-9pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Food Sale: Saturday, December 12th 9am to 2pm. If you are on our mailing list you will receive an order form either electronically or by snail mail. Also order forms are posted on our website and can be downloaded and printed off of it. Orders are due no later than Dec. 5th.

Church Directory: As a means to build up our parish community and as a means to reach out to our communities, we are going to have a pictorial church directory. Participation is encouraged but is voluntary. Every family that participates will get a free directory and copy of the photo. There is no cost for participation. Additionally we will have another book featuring the current ministries of our parish, with pictures and descriptions for our information and as an outreach tool. Photos will be taken Sunday December 6 and Monday December 7. You may sign up at this link <http://bit.ly/1MmDN43> or in person after Divine Liturgy every Sunday until November 29th. We would like as many as possible to participate as a way to get to know one another better.

Nativity Fast: As with all Fasts, it is not only about what we do not eat, but about what we do. As we prepare for the Lord's Nativity we prepare in many ways in the world, from Christmas shopping to cards to parties. But this is our Feast, a Christian Feast and if we are to truly experience it for what it is, then we must prepare for it properly. Fast and the money you save give to the poor. Pray, more. Get a copy of the Christmas Canon and read it each day, read the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Communion Monday to Wednesday and then do the Preparation Prayers Thursday to Saturday. Attend the various services offered during this time. Want further suggestions, ask Father.

Operation Christmas Child: We sent off 41 shoeboxes with stuff left over which is being donated to child friendly charities in the area. Thank you to all who participated. We increased our offering by 11 boxes. Next years goal is 50 shoeboxes.

Scrip Program: TODAY. Last week profit \$105.75. YTD \$1466.47. Some vendors have introduced smaller denomination gift cards for the Christmas season, check the updated list of vendors. Questions? Call Mat. Heidi at 570 906-1389.

Food Sale Preparation and Church School Movie Night Friday December 11 Halupki – The Sequel. Also we will need volunteers to help package the food orders for the sale on December 12. Church School parents of younger children can drop off kids for movie night at the rectory at 5pm and come and help. See Mat. Heidi for further information.

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.**

BEING EMPTY SO AS TO BE FULL

Inasmuch as a man empties himself of everything that is not of Christ, Christ will enter into him and fill him accordingly.

St. Nicholai of Zhica. The Prologue, November 27.

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 Raymonde Djokic:

In Memory of:

Zoran and Pierre Djokic

From Marina:

For the Health of:

Alexandra, Julia, Mikhailyana, Jon, Ekaternia, Sofia, Alina, Anna, Irina, Tatyana,

In Memory of:

Abram, Olga, Agrepina, Konon, Ivan, Nadezda, Ekaterina, Boris, Viktor, Sergey, Valeria, Yuriy, Galina, Valentina

From Radelina:

For the Health of:

Elena, Maria, Yakov, Adam, Michael, Oleg, Evgeniy

In Memory of:

Antonina, Boris, Larisa, Oleg

From the Moser Family:

For the Health of:

Lina, Fr. John

In Memory of:

Deacon John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles