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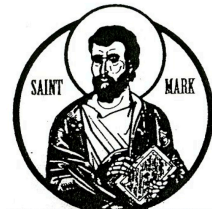
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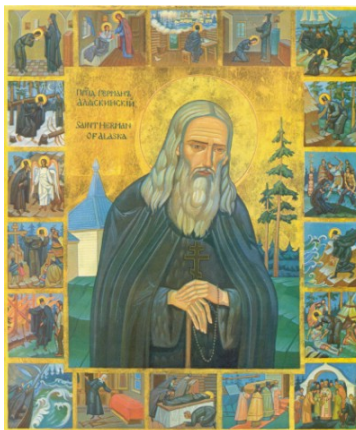
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Sunday of the Forefathers. Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Callinicus of Apollonia (249-51). Martyrs Apolonius, Philemon, Arianus and Theoctychus, of Alexandria (286-287).

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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, December 14:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am, Coffee Hour, Church School
Wednesday, December 17:	Akathist – 9:15am, Prison Ministry – 7-9pm
Thursday, December 18:	Parish Council Meeting – 7pm
Saturday, December 20:	Food Sale 10am – 2pm, Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm

NAMES DAY

Barbara Malriat – 12/04

BIRTHDAY

Sharon Burkett – 12/15

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Fast: a.k.a Advent, Nativity or Philip's Fast BEGAN November 15, a 40 day period of preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Nativity in the Flesh and for His Second Coming in Glory. Take time this week to decide how you will keep the fast with more intense prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Read the prophets, pray the psalms, visit the sick and shut ins, volunteer to assist the Food Cupboard with Thanksgiving and/or Christmas basket delivery, make a point to bring items for the Food Cupboard. **And especially,** make quiet time each day to reflect upon your life, come to Holy Confession and receive Holy Communion.

Christmas Services: As already noted on the December calendar, Vesperal Liturgy followed by Royal Hours at 9am on December 24th, Vigil of the Nativity at 7pm. Holy Supper will precede the Vigil, starting at 5pm. Those interested in attending Holy Supper should speak with Martha Moser.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed. Please sign up, as a family or combined with other families.

Food Sale: Our annual Christmas Food Sale will be held **Next Saturday**, December 20, 10am to 2pm. Order forms have been sent by snail mail and email to all our customers. Additionally, copies are posted on the website. The deadline for orders was Friday December 12th. Preordering is the best way to ensure you get whatever items you want, in the quantity you want. Please share this information with friends and neighbors who might be interested.

Orthodox Church in America Assessments: As the Fiscal Year draws to an end, please remit your annual O.C.A. assessment if you have not done so already. If you don't remember whether you have, speak with Doug Yates.

Scrip Program: Thank you to all who ordered. Our income for the month is \$217.70. Our total profit for the year is \$1143.94. Thanks for all the support. Next order will be taken on January 4th.

Stewardship:



Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

We are focusing on collecting items for Christmas Baskets. St. Mark's has responsibility for pasta, sauce and baby food. The goal is to prepare 130 baskets for each holiday. So we need **at least** 130 units of pasta and sauce. Thank you to all who have donated for the Thanksgiving Baskets.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Ristvey Family:

For the Health of:
Margaret and George

From The Moser Family:

For the Health of:
Fr. Kosta, Alexander, Zoran

In Memory of:

Deacon John, Veronica, Rebecca, Eleanor, Pierre