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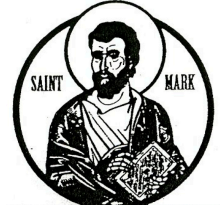
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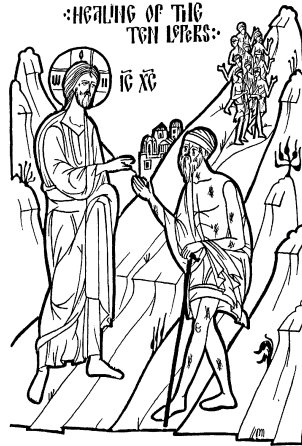
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. St.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397). Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Siya (Novgorod—1558). Ven. Nilus of Stolobénsk (1554). Ven. John the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia (ca. 304). Ven. Paul the Obedient. St. Philotheia of Thrace, Protectress of Romania (12th c.). Ven. Gregory, Founder of Grigoriou Monastery (Mt. Athos—14th c.).

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 9-19

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

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 7:	Hours and Divine Liturgy— 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Church School.
Wednesday, December 10:	Akathist — 9:15am; Prison Ministry 7-9pm
Friday, December 12:	Great Vespers for St. Herman of Alaska
Saturday, December 13:	Divine Liturgy — 9:00am, St. Stephen's Cathedral. St. Herman Lecture — 11am Vespers and Confessions 6pm. Church School Movie Night after Vespers at the Rectory.

NAMES DAYS:

John Yates — 12/4

Nicholas Bendas — 12/6

BIRTHDAYS:

Protodeacon Gregory Moser 12/13

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.

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 on Saturday, December 20. 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 is 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.

Parish Council: At the meeting on November 25 the following financial information was presented for the month of October:

Income: \$6191
Expense: \$7648
Deficit: \$1457

Retreat: Thank you to those who attended the retreat yesterday. Your presence and contributions were of great value. Thank you to those who made and/or provided food. We will hold another Parish Retreat during Great Lent, hopefully with a guest speaker.

St. Herman's Day: The Feast of St. Herman is on Saturday December 13th. We will have Vigil here at 7pm on December 12th. Divine Liturgy for the Philadelphia Deanery will be at St. Stephen's Cathedral on December 13th at 9am. This will be followed by refreshments and the annual St. Herman's Lecture. This year Fr. Chris Rocknage of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Steelton will talk about "Catechism and Recatechism." Lunch follows the Lecture at 1pm. All are invited.

Scrip Program: December's order will be taken TODAY with delivery on December 14th. See Larissa Ravetto for orders.

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 Perdikis Family:

For the Health of:

Angelo, Patricia, Demosthenes, Carmen, Arthur Jr., Theodore, Fr. Basil.

In Memory of:

Evangelia, Arthur, Ekaterini, Christopher, Spyridon, Anna

From A Friend:

For the Health of:

Tiffany, Maria, Mihaela, Tiberiu, Nichita, Ana, Ana, Alin-Andrei, Luci

From Lucy:

For the Health of:

Michael, Michelle, Stu, Amanda, Lucas, Jackie, Amy, Myroslaw

In Memory of:

Theodore, Alexandra, Eugene, Wasyl, Myroslawa

From Mihaela Milosoy:

In Memory of:

Nicolae

From Ida Trivelis:

For the Health of:

Nicholas