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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2016

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 6. Ven. Basil

the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius at

Decapolis (750). Bl. Nikolai, Fool-for-Christ at Pskov (1576).

Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria (457).

Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia (250).

Ven. Marina (Marana), Cyra (Kira) and Domnica (Domnina), of Syria (ca. 450).

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
Great 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, February 28:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour, Church School, Sisterhood Meeting
Monday, February 29:	Parish Development Committee – 7pm
Wednesday, March 2:	Prison Ministry 7pm–9pm
Thursday, March 3:	Pre-School Church School – 12:30pm; Choir Rehearsal – 6:45pm
Saturday, March 5:	Memorial Saturday Service – 9:30am; Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
Sunday, March 6:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Church School

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brochures: They are free as they have been donated. If you would like to see additional brochures and provide other outreach material please put donations in the question box in an envelope marked "Brochures" and we will purchase additional ones and replacements as needed. Thank you to those who have made contributions.

House Blessings: Signup schedule is in the vestibule. Please signup for an available time that suits you. Offerings are not required and feeding the priest is discouraged due to a variety of dietary restrictions and the expansive possibilities of politely accepting food offered. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this unique feature of our Orthodox Christian life, bringing cleansing and renewal to our homes and families by the waters of Jordan.

Memorial Saturdays: Next Saturday is the first of the Memorial Saturdays of 2016. If you have additional names you wish to submit for remembrance during these services, please give them to Fr. Martin. Previously submitted names are on file. Those who have reposed since last Lent should be submitted for remembrance.

Mirrors of Truth: Next meeting on March 22nd, due to the First Week of Great Lent.

Parish Council Meeting: Financial Report for January: Income **\$4946**, Expenses **\$10,272**. We did miss one Sunday due to the blizzard, which partially contributes to the significant deficit of **\$5326**.

Scrip Program: Last week profit **\$29.63. YTD, \$98.76. Next Scrip is next Sunday, February 28th.**

Sisterhood: The sisterhood met last Sunday and chose to put themselves under the Heavenly Patronage of the Holy Myrrhbearers. Charla Bendas was elected as Coordinator, Mat. Heidi Browne, Treasurer, Jeanette Ruano as Financial Secretary, and Julie Stell as Recording Secretary.

Stewardship: This word translates the Greek word oikonomos, from which we get economics, and which means management, oversight, care. It is the title given to man be God at creation, to be a steward, economos, of God's creation. It is a reminder to us that all we have been given is in trust, to fulfill the master's purpose so that we should use all that we have been given by God, the precious time of our life, the talents of mind, heart and body, the treasure in the form of material wealth, according to His Will. And part of that Divine Will is that

we should offer the first fruits, the best of these gifts to Him in Thanksgiving (Eucharist).

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

Please continue to remember to bring coffee, tea, juice, pasta, peanut butter for the pantry. The struggle continues for those in need after the holiday season.

BIRTHDAYS:

- Ann Kasmer
- John Wanko
- Kevin Swan

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

- Ben & Julie Stell

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Forgiveness Vespers will immediately follow Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 13.

Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7pm
Monday 14th to Thursday 17th.

Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts
Wednesdays 9:15am
Fridays 7pm

Mission Services
Sundays at 4pm. See Schedule in Church Hall.