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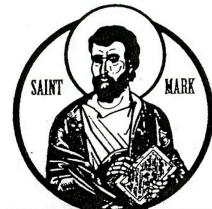
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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. Sunday of

Orthodoxy. Martyr Eudoxia of Heliopolis (ca. 160-170). Ven. Martyrii (Martyrius) of Zelenétsk (Pskov—1603). Martyrs Nestor and Tribimius (3rd c.). Martyr Antonina of Nicæa in Bithynia (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Marcellus and Anthony. Virgin Domnina of Syria (ca. 450-460). Ven. Agapius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos).

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 **Gospel:** John 1:43-51

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
Vespers:	Saturdays at 6pm
Vigil	Eve of Feasts at 7pm
Divine Liturgy:	Sundays at 9:30am Feast Days at 9:15am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sunday, March 1:

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am followed Coffee Hour, Church School. Mission Service for Sunday of Orthodoxy at *SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE* – 4pm
Choir Practice – 7pm.

Tuesday, March 3:

Wednesday, March 4:

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am; Prison Ministry– 7pm.

Thursday, March 5:

Restore and Relax – 7:30pm.

Friday, March 6:

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – 7pm.

Saturday, March 7:

Divine Liturgy for Memorial Saturday – 9:30am; Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

Sunday, March 8:

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am followed by Coffee Hour, Church School, Scrip Sunday. Mission Service at *St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE* – 4pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Great Lent: Please make every effort to attend what you can. Enter into the fast with the desire **for purification** of soul and body and **for reconciliation** with God and one another. Let all our prayer, fasting and almsgiving be pursued with this spirit of purification and reconciliation born out of love. Guard the tongue, the eyes and the ears so as not to say, see or hear what may defile ourselves or injure our brothers and sisters.

Choir Practice: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7pm. The focus is to develop natural talent through learning techniques that improve ability and quality of singing so as to give the best of our talent in properly glorifying God (Ortho-doxa). See Daria Cortese if interested.

Memorial Saturdays: Please submit names to be remembered on the Memorial Saturdays. If already submitted no need to resubmit. Names of newly departed since last Great Lent should be submitted.

Parish Council Meeting:

Discussed Parish Development Committee Stage 1.

Financial Report for January:

Income: \$6736 Expense: \$9560 Deficit: \$2824

Approved Tithes of Christmas and Superbowl Food Sales to Operation Code Blue and Legacy of Life Foundation, local organizations helping the homeless and the unborn and their mothers, respectively.

Prophora: Effective immediately there is no set offering for prophora. If you would like to offer one, any offering you make is between you and the Lord. As much as you can, as little as you want.

Restore and Relax: The weekly stretching class resumes on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. For information contact Mat. Heidi, 570 906-1389.

Scrip Program: Thank you to those who supported us this month \$162.73 was earned this month bringing our YTD to \$308.90. **Next Scrip Sunday, March 8th.** Restaurants.com gives a great rebate, so if you are planning to eat out, consider purchasing one of their cards and making a significant donation to the Church by the purchase alone

Saint of the Day Says:

There is nothing like humility: this is mother, and root, and nurse, and foundation, and bond of all good things: without this we are abominable, and execrable, and polluted. For say—let there be some man raising the dead, and healing the lame, and cleansing the lepers, but with proud self-complacency: than this there can be nothing more execrable, nothing more impious, nothing more detestable.

St. John Chrysostom. **HOMILY ON ACTS 14.**

Stewardship:



Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Thanks to those who have contributed. **We are in need of Coffee, Tea and juices.**

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Perdakis Family:

For the Health of:

Patricia, Michelle, Arthur, Thomas, Amy, Jessica, Nikolas, Anthony, George, Demetra, John, Eleni, Mohamed, Donna, Demosthenes, Carmen, Nikki

In Memory of:

Angelo, Arthur, Evangelia, Anna, Christopher, Spyridon, Kleo, Zografia, Demetrios, Nikolas

From the Ristveys:

For the Health of:

George and Margaret

From the Swan Family:

For the Health of:

Neville Noel, Michael Love, Venus Love

In Memory of:

Thomas O. Swan, Jr.

BIRTHDAYS

- o Jennifer Sremenak

Lenten Corner:

- ✓ Confession is a Mystery of personal encounter with Christ the Merciful and Healing Physician of our Souls and Bodies.
- ✓ To live a healthy Orthodox Christian Life is to confess regularly for healing, purification and growth in faith.
- ✓ To confess well requires preparation.
- ✓ Make the time and the effort to come, prepared.
- ✓ Is your soul worth any less than your heart, lungs, teeth, or your car for that matter.

O cast your burdens on the Lord, and He will sustain you. Ps. 54 prayed at the Sixth Hour