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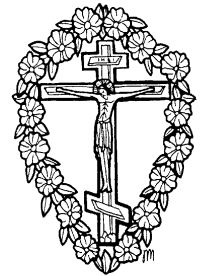
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SUNDAY, MARCH 23TH, 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 6. Veneration of the Cross. Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples with him in Sicily (251). Ven. Nikon, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (1088). Martyrs Philetas the Senator, his wife, Lydia, their sons Macedon and Theoprepus, Chronides the Notary, and Amphilocheus the Captain, in Illyria (117-138). Righteous Basil of Mangazea in Siberia (1600). Monk Martyr Luke of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos—1802).



Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

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:

Sun, Mar 23: Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Lenten Mission Vespers, Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE.– 4pm

Mon, Mar 24: Vigil for Annunciation (Great Compline & Matins) -7pm

Tues, Mar 25: ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS. Vesperal Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom – 9:30am

Wed, Mar 26: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts-9:30am

Thur, Mar 27: Parish Council Meeting – 7pm

Fri, Mar 28: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 7pm

Sat, Mar 29: Memorial Saturday - Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:15am; Presentation at Princeton Theological Seminary By Kyriacos Markides, author of **THE MOUNTAIN OF SILENCE** – 1-4pm; Vespers and Confessions -6pm.

ELECTION OF BISHOP MARK

THE HOLY SYNOD OF BISHOPS OF THE O.C.A ELECTED HIS GRACE, BISHOP MARK AS THE BISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PA. METROPOLITAN TIKHON'S LETTER IS ATTACHED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adult Education: Adult Education will focus on a Bible Study of the **Epistle to the Ephesians**. B.Y.O.B. Following the Presanctified on Wednesday mornings of Lent.

Confessions: After all scheduled services, or by appointment. It's time to return to the house of our Father.

Easter Food Sale: Saturday April, 5, 9am-1pm. Order forms available in vestibule of the Church and on the parish website. Deadline for orders is March 28.

Membership: Traditionally, the Church prepared and welcomed new members during the Lenten/Pascha Season. We would appreciate all parishioners filling out a membership form so that we have accurate information in order to better serve you. Please complete and return a membership form as part of your Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and **service**.

Scrip Program: This month raised **\$122.66 for a YTD of \$257.43. Next order day is April 13.** To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email ravetto2001@gmail.com, or fill out an order form in the vestibule and leave it with payment with Larissa, Julia, Doug, or Jeanette.

Stewardship: *is a relationship with God that both receives and gives, making all things possible. Christian stewards recognize their gifts, contemplate all that is in their lives, and devote themselves daily to the conviction that they, as Christians, are invited into a state of duality: as a child of God, the Christian is gift, and as steward, giver.* Michael O'Hurley-Pitts. **THE PASSIONATE STEWARD.** 14.

Work Day(s): There is much to be done in order to prepare for Holy Week/Pascha and Bright Week, both inside and outside the Church. If you are willing to offer a couple of hours on Saturday morning's or afternoons to do either type of work please speak with Father.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Please make the effort to bring at least one item each week. Our parish is responsible for pasta and sauce, and all congregations are asked to donate tea, coffee, or juice. For the 125 Easter Baskets, we need to collect rice and beans, peanut butter and the usual staples. Please be generous. Thank you to those who contribute, continue to store up treasure in heaven. And **if you are looking for a way to store up heavenly treasure, bring some food for the cupboard, the yield on the investment is eternal!**

Names Day:

Larissa Ravetto – 3/26

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Ceil Seroka

For the Health of:

Laura, Greg, Elizabeth, Richard, Pat, Jerome, Thomas, Deborah, Nick

In Memory of:

Edward Seroka, Joseph, Barbara, David, Dorothy

From the Perdakis Family

For the Health of:

Peter A, Rena, Demetra, George, Patricia, Angelo

In Memory of:

Arthur, Evangelia, Ekaterini, Spyridon, Anna, Christopher, Kleo, Nikolas

Zografia, Demetrios, Emma, Arthur, Maria, Thomas

From Ristvey Family

For the Health of

Margaret, George on his 80th, Andrew, Stephanie, Margaret, Lorelly

In Memory of:

Departed Ristvey, Gaydos, Tatusko

From Jeanette Ruano:

In Memory of

Anna Kanerva



Before Thy Cross

The Lord Answers:

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his **cross** and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

But far be it from me to glory except in **the cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which **the world** has been crucified to me, and I to **the world**.

Galatians 6:14

and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by **the blood** of his **cross**.

Colossians 1:20

For **the word of the cross** is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is **the power** of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18