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SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St Mary of Egypt.

Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop in Persia, and those with him: Martyrs Abdechallas and Ananias—Presbyters, Usthazanes, Fusicus (Pusicius), Ascitrea, Azades the Eunuch, and many others (344). St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (ca. 433). Ven. Zosíma, Abbot of Solovétsky Monastery (1478). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1641). Martyr Adrian of Corinth (251). St. Agapitus, Pope of Rome (536). Repose of Ven. Macarios of Corinth (1805).

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

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, April 17:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour; Mission Service at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE – 4pm
Tuesday, April 19:	Mirrors of Truth – 7pm
Wednesday, April 20:	Presanctified Liturgy – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
Thursday, April 21:	Pre-School Church School – 12:30pm; Parish Council – 7pm
Friday, April 22:	Vespers for Lazarus Saturday – 7pm
Saturday, April 23:	Hours and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday – 9:10am; Grounds cleanup 12pm–4pm; Food Sale 1-3pm; Vigil for Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem and Confessions – 6pm
Sunday, April 24:	PALM SUNDAY. Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Service at Golden Living in Doylestown – 2pm; Bridegroom Matins at St. Stephen's Cathedral – 4pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Coffee Hour: We need signups for the coming weeks. Please take a Sunday, no elaborate meals needed, just basic refreshments. Combine with another family or do it yourself. Please look at the calendar and signup.

Church Cleaning: While April is covered May through September are not. Please find a time to commit to cleaning our church on a weekly basis so that it is properly adorned for the worship of God and appealing to those who visit us.

Food Sale: We still have a large selection of pierogi available for purchase, if you are interested. We will sell pierogi to the public on **Saturday April 23, from 1-3pm.**

Also, we will take orders **from parishioners only** for Pascha Bread and Kielbasa. Order forms available today.

Great Fast: Let us be more zealous in fasting from sins such as greed, anger, resentment, hatred, judgment of others, vanity, laziness than in fasting from meat and dairy products. Fast from food, yes. Eat less, and abstain from meat and dairy to the best of your ability, not to suffer, but to gain self-control, to overcome gluttony. Replace these things with prayer, almsgiving (time, talent and treasure), humility, love. Above all, seek forgiveness by offering forgiveness. Let us pray for one another, and let us walk together in joy through this time of repentance and renewal.

Lenten Retreat: Thank you to Fr. Alexander and to the 25 parishioners who attended the retreat. Special thanks to our Holy Myrrhbearer's Sisterhood for providing the luncheon. A rich and insightful presentation was matched with good company and good food for a spiritually unlifting day.

Parish Cleanup Day: We will have outside cleanup **next Saturday April 23 from Noon to 4pm.** If you can help as we prepare for Pascha it will be welcome. If you cannot come then but have time during the week please talk to Fr. Martin.

Mirrors of Truth: Next meeting on April 19. We will continue our discussion with Vesna Djokic on what neuroscience can teach us, and not teach us, and the intersection between our spiritual life and self understanding.

Scrip Program: Today. Last week profit **\$58.80.**
YTD, \$226.32.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

Please continue to remember to bring coffee, tea, juice, pasta, peanut butter for the pantry.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Alan Litvin:

For the Health Of:

St. Mark's Parishioners

In Memory Of:

All those who have no one to light a candle for them.
Eternal Memory!

Of my son Shane on the 11th anniversary of his passing.

From the Swan Family:

For the Health Of:

Constance, Michelle, Kathryn, Venus, Michael, Neville,
Mary Anne

In Memory of:

Thomas Jr.

From Jeanette Ruano:

In Memory Of:

Rodger Villano

BIRTHDAYS:

- o Valerie Ristvey
- o Stephanie Ristvey
- o Sandra Bohlender

NAMES DAYS:

- o Charlotte Regen
- o Monia Pitra

WHAT DOES HUMILITY LOOK LIKE:

Be good to your friend, gentle to your servant, patient with the cocky, kind to the humbled. Console the afflicted, visit the distressed, disdain none. Be pleasant when addressing others, cheerful when replying to them, courteous, affable to all. Never sing your own praises, nor get other people to sing them. Never engage in uncivil conversation. Conceal as far as possible your own excellence.

St. Basil the Great **HOMILY ON HUMILITY. 7**