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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM

SUNDAY. Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader, and those with them, at Thessalonica (ca. 303). Ven. Publius of Egypt (4th c.). Ss. Theonas, Simeon and Phorbinus, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Mark the Anchorite, of Athens (400). St. Plato the Confessor, of Studion (814). Ven. Theodora of Thessalonica (892). Translation of the Relics of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1652).

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-8

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, April 5:	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am followed Coffee Hour, Church School; Bridegroom Matins at <i>St. Stephen's Cathedral</i> , Philadelphia – 4pm
Monday, April 6:	Bridegroom Matins -7pm
Tuesday, April 7:	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am; Bridegroom Matins – 7pm
Wednesday, April 8:	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am; Bridegroom Matins – 7pm
Thursday, April 9	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil – 9:15am; Matins of Holy Friday (Passion Gospels)– 7pm
Friday, April 10:	Royal Hours – 9:15am; Vespers of Holy Friday – 3pm; Matins of Holy Saturday – 7pm
Saturday, April 11:	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil – 9:15am; Nocturns – 11:30pm
Sunday, April 12:	Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Baskets – 12am; Paschal Vespers – 6pm
Monday, April 13:	Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Axios! At the Spring Holy Synod of Bishops meeting our Bishop Mark was elevated to Archbishop. His Eminence was consecrated to the Holy Episcopacy by His Beatitude, Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch in December 2004. We will welcome His Eminence for all three services on Holy Friday and for his annual pastoral visit on the weekend of June 13-14.

Church Cleaning: Families or groups of individuals are asked to volunteer to clean the church on a monthly or semi-monthly basis. Please see Fr. Martin or Jeanette if you are willing to volunteer. April, May and June are taken!

Scrip Program: Thank you to those who participated last week. Our monthly donation for April is \$125.82, YTD is \$494.38. Next Scrip Sunday is May 3, the Sunday before Mothers Day! Mark your calendar

Stewardship:

This is My Body, broken for you. This is My Blood, shed for you and for many.

What shall I offer to the Lord for all He has given unto me?
Ps.

Thank You; to Jon Yarnell and Nakashima Studios for making a new book stand for the Holy Altar. The unique piece is distinguished by the faith and love that crafted it into a worthy object assisting in the worship of the Triune God.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Thank you to those who have donated. Last Saturday 114 baskets were packed for needy families in our area. Pasta, sauce, tea, coffee, juice are always welcome.



VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Ristveys:

For the Health of:

George and Margaret

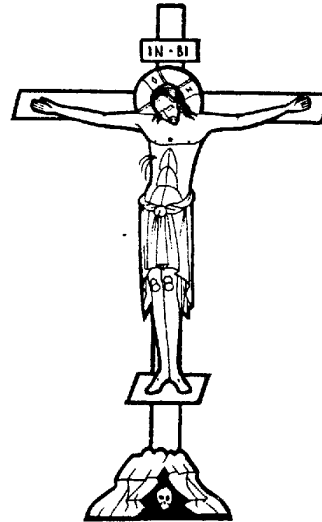
From the Swan Family:

For the Health of:

Michael Love, Venus Love, Constance Swan, Neville Noel

In Memory of:

Thomas O. Swan Jr.



HOLY WEEK:

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week for (most) Orthodox Christians.

We look forward as well as backward in time. Indeed, we look beyond time.

The Bridegroom Matins remind us of the coming of the Lord and challenge our readiness to meet Him.

The readings from Exodus and Job illumine for us the mystery of salvation (Pesach/Pascha) and personal faith.

The Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Thursday illumines the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, the essential role of humble service.

Holy Friday's Matins with the 12 Passion Gospels enable us to mystically experience the incomprehensible humble, sacrificial love of the Lord for each and for all. The Royal Hours of Holy Friday continue our meditation on this, affording us the opportunity to see ourselves, now, in the light of God's Passion and Death in the Flesh.

The Vespers of Holy Friday make us witnesses of this Love, and reveal our place in this mystery, judging us and calling us to a true repentance of the heart.

Holy Saturday's Matins offer us the words to lament and ponder the dead Christ in His Sabbath Rest.

The Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday leads us to the Resurrection, transporting us from the Beginning to the End as we prepare to experience the Risen One come forth in triumph.

Schedules and preferences for this or that service limit or determine our attendance. Attend as many of the services as you can. Try attending ones you have not attended ever, or in a long time. Come, look, listen, be transformed.