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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Myron, Presbyter, of Cyzicus

(254). Ven. Alypius the Iconographer, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1114). Martyrs Paul, his sister Juliana, and the rest, of Syria (ca. 273). Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Coronatus, with others, at Cæsarea in Bithynia (3rd c.). Martyr Patroclus of Troyes (3rd c.). Martyrs Straton, Philip, Eutychian and Cyprian, of Nicomedia (ca. 303). Bl. Theodoretus, Enlightener of the Lapps (Solovétsky Monastery—1571).

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9-16. **Gospel:** Mt. 17:14-23



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:

Sunday, August 17: Hours and Divine Liturgy— 9:10am, followed by Coffee Hour.

Monday, August 18: Orthodoxy in the Public Square — Topic: Marriage — 7pm

Tuesday, August 19: Diocesan Council Meeting in Harrisburg – 10am

Wednesday, August 20: Akathist followed by Bible Study – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm

Thursday, August 21: Parish Council Meeting–7pm Vespers and Confessions, 6pm

BIRTHDAYS Larissa Ravetto – 8/18

Names Day

Mary Anne Swan – 8/15 Myron Sedor – 8/17

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bikes for the World: Pennswood Village will hold its 8th Annual Used Bicycle Collection on Saturday, September 20th from 9am -1pm, rain or shine. Must be in repairable condition, childrens and adults, though no tricycles. A donation for shipping costs is requested – suggested donation of \$10. See www.bikesfortheworld.org or contact George Kurz at 215-579-6974 or qhkurz@comcast.net.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed. Please sign up, as a family or combined with other families. We are grateful for whatever is offered. The signup calendar is on the table in the Hall.

Community Day: We are planning a Food Sale for October 11, which is also Newtown Market Day. It is possible for us to have a spot at the Market Day, which would afford us an opportunity to make ourselves known and offer invitations to those interested in our Faith. The Food Sale too offers us a unique opportunity. However, to do both we need volunteers for the Food Sale and the Market Day, which is from 10-4. We should be able to do both and we need to do both for lots of positive reasons, but we need assistance from our members. Please mark the day in your calendar and put aside some time to represent our parish at either event. A signup sheet indicating your preference and availability is in the vestibule.

FOCUS North America once again is engaged in a nationwide collection to provide shoes and school supplies for children of families that are struggling economically. If you would like to assist in this please speak with Fr. Martin.

Orthodoxy in the Public Square: Monday at 7pm.

We will begin a discussion of marriage as a social institution from the Orthodox point of view. If you have found yourself in discussions on the topic and uncertain, come and become informed.

Scrip Program: Next Order will be in September.

To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email ravetto2001@gmail.com. Additionally, our website now features a button for Amazon.com as part of e-scrip. Anyone can use this if they want a portion of their purchases donated to our parish. Please consider using this method of making purchases and share with friends and relatives who might wish to help us without cost to them.

Science and Faith Discussion Group: Next Meeting

August 26 at 7pm in the Church Hall.

<u>Stewardship:</u> Please remember to contribute during the summer months. While each of us may go on vacation, the expenses do not.

<u>Wrightstown Food Cupboard</u>: DONATIONS OF PASTA, SAUCE, COFFEE, ALWAYS WELCOME. Special need at this time for Peanut Butter and Jelly as well as the above.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Ida Trivelis:

For the Health of:

Ida, Jim, Lisa, Lexi, Nick, Mike, Renee, Kristina, Joann, Brian, John, Jean, Tom, Karen, Lazareus, Simone, Tom, Demetre, Steven

From Mary Anne Swan:

For the Health of: Michael Love, Venus Love, Mary Anne Swan

A Word from the Fathers:

Let us then also pray for those who have fallen into sin, so meekness and humility may be given to them, so that they may submit not unto us, but to the will of God. St. Clement of Rome. First Epistle.

The Pharisees' blindness is rooted in arrogance and presumption: taking for granted that they already possess the fullness of truth, they now have the sole task of testing others. . . **With the disciples, by contrast,** it is a matter of sluggish forgetfulness and ordinary thickness of skull.

Erasmo-Leiva Merikakis. **Fire of Mercy, Heart of the World.** Vol. II. 497.