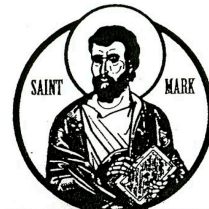


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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2014

**11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.** Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian (1st c.).

Translation of the Relics of St. Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1479). Repose of New Hieromartyr Cosmas of Aetolia, Equal-to-the-Apostles (1779).

**Epistle:** 1 Cor. 9:2-12. **Gospel:** Mt. 18:23-35

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

<b>Sun, August 24:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy— 9:10am, followed by Coffee Hour.
<b>Tues, August 26:</b>	Faith and Science Discussion Group – 7pm
<b>Wed, August 27:</b>	Akathist followed by Bible Study – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
<b>Thurs, August 28:</b>	Great Vespers for the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner— 7pm
<b>Fri, August 29:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy for Beheading of St. John the Forerunner – 9:10am
<b>Sat, August 30:</b>	Vespers and Confessions, 6pm

### BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Letzo— 8/29  
Heidi Browne – 8/29

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Bikes for the World:** Pennswood Village will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Used Bicycle Collection on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bikesfortheworld.org) or contact George Kurz at 215-579-6974 or [ghkurz@comcast.net](mailto:ghkurz@comcast.net).

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers needed. Please sign up, as a family or combined with other families.

**Community Day:** Due to a change in plans there will **not** be a Food Sale on October 11, but Newtown will hold Market Day. Please mark the day in your calendar and put aside some time to represent our parish at this event. A signup sheet indicating 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.

### **Parish Council Meeting: Financial Report for July**

Income: \$5868  
Expenses: \$10,714  
Deficit: \$4846

### **Scrip Program: Next Order will be in September.**

To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email [ravetto2001@gmail.com](mailto: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. Topic: **Does the Universe have a Purpose?**

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

**Veterans:** The Beheading of St. John the Forerunner on Friday August 29 is one of the days the Orthodox Church remembers those who served in the Armed Forces, especially those who died in service. Please write the names (first only) of those you would like to have remembered in the Divine Liturgy on Friday. The list is in the Vestibule.

**Thank You:** To our Grounds Cleanup Crew who accomplished so much yesterday, in the rain no less. Thanks to Buddy and Jim for getting the wood chipper. There is still plenty that could and should be done. If you can make yourself available, please use the signup sheet in the Vestibule.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** 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 THE PERDIKIS FAMILY.*

For the Health of:

Angelo, Patricia, Michele, George, Zografia, Theodore, Angela, Demetra, Demosthenes, Carmen, Mohamed, Donna, Steve, Karen, Melba

In Memory of:

Evangelia, Arthur, Ekaterini, Christopher, Spyridon, Anna, Kleo, Zografia, Demetrios, Nikolas.

### **A Word from the Fathers and a Comment:**

*For what, then, can be a more grievous thing than to be vengeful, especially when it appears to overthrow so great a gift of God. St. John Chrysostom. Homily on the Gospel of Matthew 61.4.*

Only forgiving one another manifests the reality that Jesus' Father is also our Father. Only if we forgive can we utter the words "Our Father" without hypocrisy. . . The only thing we should be afraid of is not being merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful.

Erasmus-Leiva Merikakis. **Fire of Mercy, Heart of the World.** Vol. II. 654.

