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July 5, 2026 — 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 4 — Uncovering of the Relics of St. Sergius of Rádonezh (1422). Ven. Athanasius, Founder of the Great Lavra and Cœnobitic Monasticism on Mt. Athos, and His 6 Disciples (1000). Martyr Anna at Rome (304) and Martyr Cyrilla, of Cyrene in Libya, a Widow (304). Ven. Lampadus of Hirenopolis (10th c.). Hieromartyr Cyprian of Mt. Athos (1679).

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10; Gal. 5:22-6:2
Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1; Luke 6:17-23

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 5th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Litya for Sophia & Anatoly, Grandparents of Dmitrii Sosedov Coffee Hour
Wednesday, July 8th:	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM
Saturday, July 11th:	Great Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM
Sunday, July 12th:	Hours and Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Coffee Hour & Choir Rehearsal

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs **toiletries, cleaning supplies, juices (all package types)** and **coffee.** The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

VIGIL LIGHTS

From the Moser Family
For the health of: Raymond, Mara
In Memory Of: Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen, Sophia, Peter, Stephanie, Raymonde, Peter

From the Ristvey Family
For the health of: Margaret, Stephanie, Andrew, Margaret, Lorelly, Delores, Helen, Joseph, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Michael, Nancy, Eileen, America, Those suffering in war-torn Ukraine, Lebanon, Gaza, Sudan and the Middle East; Those suffering in American interment camps
In memory of: George, Nicholas, George, Those who have lost their lives in the wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Africa and Iran

From the Swan Family
For the health of: Thomas S. III, Michelle G., Peter M., Robert G.
In Memory Of: Thomas S. Jr., Venus L., Helen L., Michael L., Constance S., Neville N., Michael V., Francis M.

Birthdays: Nicoleta Vatov, Katerina Moser, Mat. Renee Szeliga, Peggy Karaffa, Michael Browne, Grace Browne
Name Days: Sbn. Sergei Arhipov, Sergei Borichevsky, Calin Andrei

Please remember in your prayers

Living

All those, everywhere, who care for the sick, the suffering and the vulnerable.
Ill-afflicted Clergy Archbishops Alexander & Benjamin; Archpriests Alexander & James
Matushki Mary Sedor, Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Myra, Suzanne, and Jennifer
Inquirers Adam, Chris, Quin, Vigo, Kristen, Wes, Shannon, Jonah, Ruth, Bethany, William, Jeff
Catechumens Angie, Timothy
Servants of God Tyler, Natalia, Paul, Elaine, Richard, Jon Thoenebe, Jeanette Ruano, Amanda, Thomas, Zina, William, Margaret, Ayla, Stephen, Deborah, Charlotte, Delores, Joseph, Margie, Michael, Eileen, Emily, John, Lucy, Karen, Rosemary, Sophia, Joyce, Rachael, Thomas, Julianna, Carmen, Sharon, Tovi, John, Anastasia, Shelby, Suzanne, Ned, Larissa, Nicholas, Samuel, Sergei, Anna, Raymond, Andrew, Valerie, Charles, Elena, Sandra, Maria, Julia, child Jacob, Angela, Hunter, Jon Smith, Anselmo Pappas Scandalis, Katrina, Aidan, Aaron, Gloria, Margaret, Dennis, Shane, Charla, Daria

Departed

Newly departed: Hieromonk Alexis (Lisenko), Priest Seraphim, Dn. Christopher, Carol, Albert, Ann, Mark, Barbara Drillock, Stephanie, Nancy
Departed: Archpriest Daniel, Archpriest Theodore, Peter, Jonathan, Mat. Mary, Met. +HERMAN, Louis, Ruth, Nicholai, Thomas, Michael, Venus, Helen, Anthony, Robert, Michael, All those who have died in service to their country, Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir, Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul, Kh. Shirley, Susan, Maria, George, Natalie, Louis, Dorothy, Katherine, Alexander, Anthony

Weekly Collection

Sunday Collection (6/28)
General— $1,998
Candles — $101
Pledge Payments — $355

Total — $2,454

Online Giving (6/22-6/28)
General — $3,247
Candles — $9
Parish Dev. — $62
Pledge Payments — $145

Total — $3,463

GRAND TOTAL: $5,917

Choral Corner

Feasts related to relics: Today we commemorate the Uncovering of the Relics of St. Sergius of Rádonezh, and last week we celebrated the Translation of the Relics of Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers Ss. Cyrus & John. These are two distinct types of feasts that are separate from, for example, the commemoration of a saint's birth, repose or martyrdom.

As the name suggests, an "uncovering" commemoration honors the finding or revelation of a saint's mortal remains (sometimes called *relics*). Depending on the saint, this could happen in a multitude of circumstances: perhaps the saint was martyred and initially denied a worthy burial; in other situations, a saint may have been first buried anonymously (if, for example, they reposed in exile and were unknown to those around them) or perished in a natural disaster where bodies were simply presumed lost. Feasts that celebrate the *translation* of relics involve the movement of the saint's remains from one location to another — sometimes via natural means, such as when a saint dies in a foreign land and their body is eventually repatriated —and at other times miraculously. One of the most prominent feasts in this category is the Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas to Bari (May 9th N.S.), which commemorates the 1087 AD movement of the saint's bones from Myra (in modern Turkey) to Italy, which was deemed a safer location for them, and where they remain to this day.

For commemorations that fall on a Sunday, one of the best ways to find detailed information on individual feasts is to go to Vespers on Saturday night, if one is able; the *stichera* (hymns) of Vespers and Matins, and the Matins Canon(s), provide a wealth of information. You can also find this hymnography online, organized by date, at **www.aoristpress.com/menaion.** Another excellent source of information, especially for saints whose relics were discovered long after hymns were written in their honor, as was the case with St. Maximus the Greek, commemorated July 4th and January 21st (who began to be venerated regionally shortly after his death but whose remains were not found until 440 years later!) is the OCA's online library of feasts and saints: **www.oca.org/saints/lives.**

Service Schedule

Hours + Divine Liturgy:	9:10 AM (Sundays & feast days)
Great Vespers / Vigil:	6 PM (Saturdays)
	7PM (Eve of feast)
	6PM (Eve of feast – Sundays)
Confessions:	Saturdays after Vespers & by appointment
Akathist Service:	9:15 AM (Wednesdays)
Panikhidas/Lityas:	as requested

CLERGY

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Deacon Marek Szeliga, *Attached*

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Sergei Arhipov
Readers: Gregory Pavlik
Samuel Regen

LAY LEADERSHIP

Choir Directors: Daria Cortése
Mat. Martha Moser
Sbn. Sergei Arhipov (Emeritus)

Church School Coordinators: Ruth Pavlik & Riley Tanner

The St. Joseph & Holy Myrrbearers Society

(A ministry of charitable service and social interaction)

Clergy contact: Pdn. Gregory Moser
Lay contact: Melissa Ciatto

The St. George Brotherhood

Contacts: Dn. Marek Szeliga, Rdr. Gregory Pavlik, Denis Streltsov

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Baptisms: Children must have **Orthodox Godparents** who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Please make scheduling arrangements by contacting Fr. Martin directly.

Weddings: Arrangement should be made **at least six months** prior to the wedding; scheduling is subject to the Church's liturgical calendar. Please speak with Fr. Martin **before making reception arrangements.**