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Service Schedule

Great Vespers/Vigil

Saturdays 6pm

Eve of Feast 7pm (6pm on Sundays).

Hours

Sundays and Feast Days 9:10am.

Sundays and Feast Days 9:30 am

Choir Directors:

- ❖ Daria Cortese
- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Sergei Arhipov

Church School

Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



Divine Liturgy

Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested



5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.). Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon (284-305). St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople (893). St. Euphrosyne (Princess Eudoxia) of Moscow (1407).

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: ACTS 11:19-26,29-30

ΓΟΣΠΕΛ: JOHN 4:5-42

Baptisms: Children must have Orthodox Godparents who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Scheduling arrangements should be made with the Rector by contacting him directly.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made **at least** six months prior to the wedding and scheduling is subject to the liturgical calendar of the church.

Please do not make arrangements for receptions without speaking with the Rector first.

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Weekly SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, PUBLIC SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED and the CHURCH IS CLOSED.

Parish Development: The May 31 meeting with Raphael Architects has been postponed for obvious reasons. **Further details shortly.**

Monthly Financial Update

The table with the monthly data is on the Stewardship Information page at the end. Please note the following information regarding the amounts posted:



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: At this time the needs are great. Pasta sauce, tea, coffee, juice are particular needs.

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM PITRA FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: DEAR FRIEND EDWARD MOLENGRAFT

IN MEMORY OF: JULIA MARY (MURPHY)PITRA WHO REPOSED MAY 17, 1997 AGED 78 YEARS, 11 MONTHS.



BIRTHDAYS

MYRON SEDOR - 16

NAMES DAY

JUDI RYBNY - 17

EILEEN MCKEOWN (HELEN) - 21

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

JIM AND MONIA PITRA - 17

MAREK & RENEE SZELIGA -17

Please remember in your prayers

Living: Captives Hierarchs Paul and John III afflicted All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our family and friends Charles and Erin, Ann Marie, Joseph, Alexis, Aphrodite, Archpriests Daniel and Alexander, Priest Stephen, *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia *Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Anthony, Samuel, Sergei, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Anthony, Helen, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Stephen, Jason, Katina, Donna, Nina, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra, Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Vitaly, Helen, Valerie, Nicholas, Elena, Jamie and her unborn child **Good estate of** Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.



Departed: *Newly departed* Archpriest Paul, William, Mat. Nina, Mat. Raphaela, Nina, Rosalie, Carl and Marsha, Helen *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George.

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Petition for Medical Workers in the Litany of Fervent

Supplication

Look down, O Master Who lovest mankind, upon the sacrificial labors of our medical workers; send them steadfast health, strength and fortitude of spirit, wisdom to accomplish their work for the good of our people; and bring about through them the healing of Thy suffering servants, we earnestly pray Thee, quickly hearken and have mercy.

especially Charla, Valerie, Joseph and Alexis, Aphrodite, Tiberiu, Ann Marie, Charles and Erin. May the Lord grant them peace, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things for many blessed years!

Krishti U Ngjall!
Vertet U Ngjall!
 El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!
 Ha Masheeha houh quam! Be emet quam!
 Ua ala hou 'o Kristo! Ua ala 'I 'o no 'oia!
 CHRISTOS T'ENSAH EM' MUHTANI EXAI' AB-HER EOKALAI
 Christus ist erstanden! Wahrlich ist er erstanden!
 Kristos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee!
 Le Christ est réssuscité! En verite il est réssuscité!
 Kristus er opstanden! Ja, sandelig opstanden!
 Cristo e 'risortol Veramente e 'risortol
 Kristus anahgrecum! Alhecum anahgrecum!
Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!
 CHRISTUS IS OPGESTAAN! JA, HIJ IS WAARLIJK OPGESTAAN!
Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!
 HRISTOS A INVIAT! ADEVĀRAT A ÎNVIAT!
 Cristos vaskres! Vaistinu vaskres! Kriste akhsdga!
 Kristo amefufuktal Kweli amefufuktal Cheshmaritad
KRISTO AJUKKIDE! Akhsdga!
KWELI AJUKKIDE!
Khristos voskres!
Voistinu voskres!
 Cristo ressuscitou! Em verdade, ressuscitou!
Χριστός Ανέστη!
Αληθώς Ανέστη!
 Christus ar upstanden!
 Han ar verkligen upstanden!
 Kristo ajukkidel
 Kweli ajukkidel

Harisutos
Fukkatsu!
Jitsu ni
Fukkatsu!

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Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Malachi 3:10

Archbishop Mark on the Offerings of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-8)

One will readily notice that the passage makes reference to the Lord regarding—or, better said, accepting—Abel as well as his offering unto the Lord and that Cain and his offering were not. This should raise a red flag for us. ***Why would God be pleased with one and his offering, but not with the other and his offering?*** A careful reading and examination of the passage will disclose why. When we look at ***Cain's offering, the literal reading is, he brought of the fruit of the ground at the end of days.*** The implication is that at the end of the time of harvest he brought what was left. ***He was not offering the first and choicest of the fruits—i.e., his very best—but that which was left at the end of the season.*** Having a tomato garden, I know the tomatoes at the beginning of the season are absolutely beautiful, plump and tasty. Those at the end of the season often are of a much poorer quality, with blotches, splits, cracks and holes. Many are simply not even edible. Thus, Cain was not offering his very best to God, but after he himself enjoyed the best for himself, he offered the very poorest quality of the produce to God. One could almost say he ate the corn and offered to God the husks!

On the other hand, we are told that ***Abel brought of the firstlings of the flock. He brought young healthy lambs and their fat.*** So in contrast to Cain, ***Abel offers the first and the best,*** not an old goat that was gasping for breath.