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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014

**8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.** Ven. Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, Ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (4th-5th c.). Ven. Anthony the Roman, Abbot, of Novgorod (1147). Martyr Razhden of Persia (Georgian—457).

**Epistle:** 1 Cor. 1:10-18

**Gospel:** Mt. 14:14-22

## 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>Sunday, August 3:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy— 9:10am, followed by Litya for Wanda Wanko.
<b>Tuesday, August 5:</b>	Vigil of Transfiguration- 7pm.
<b>Wednesday, August 6:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration with Blessing of Fruit -9:10am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
<b>Friday, August 8:</b>	Service at The Birches – 10:45am; Great Vespers for St. Herman of Alaska – 7pm
<b>Saturday, August 9:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy for St. Herman of Alaska – 9:10am

### BIRTHDAYS

None this week

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

None this week

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Alive in Christ:** The latest issue of our diocesan magazine is available online on the diocesan website, [doepa.org](http://doepa.org), and in print form for those who prefer. A limited number of copies are available in the vestibule.

**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.

**Dormition Fast:** We are currently in the Dormition Fast, one of four fasting seasons in the Church. These fourteen days of prayer and fasting serve to prepare us to celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos.

**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 Directory:** A draft is available today for all to review their information and make corrections if necessary.

**Parish Phone:** Due to upgrading in service there has been and will be temporary disruption of the parish phone line on Thursday/Friday of this week. If you need to contact Fr. Martin please call his cell phone on those days. Indeed anytime you cannot reach him on the parish line, feel free to call him on his cell phone.

**Scrip Program: Next Order will be in September. Last week we earned \$107.30, Year To Date \$588.63** 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](http://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.

**Stewardship: Please remember to contribute during the summer months. While each of us may go on vacation, the expenses do not. Also, under our current system of funding both the diocese and central administrations, every parish is assessed \$155 per person. This may be paid in a variety of ways throughout the year, but whether you pay it or not, the parish does. At present we have 33% paid for the year, though we have paid 50% of our annual assessment.**

**Please make every effort to pay your annual assessment before year's end, and if you haven't made any payments so far, please do so, as you are able.**

**Summer Art Camp:** conducted by Julie Stell at her home in Yardley, August 4-8; 11-15 from 9:30-12:30, Ages 5-14. Paint, draw, weave, sculpt, make pottery. \$125 per week, sliding scale, sibling discount. For more information contact Julie at [stelljulie@gmail.com](mailto:stelljulie@gmail.com) or call 901 517-0275

**Women's Retreat:** The annual diocesan Women's Retreat will be held at St. Tikhon's Monastery and St. Tikhon's Seminary on Saturday, August 16 from 10am to 3pm. Archimandrite Sergius will present on *Prayer and Confession* and Daria Virvan, a Clinical Specialist in Psych/Mental Health will present on *Depression, Anxiety, and Stress*. A \$10 fee is required, lunch is included and "it is open to all women 13 years and older." Registration must be received by August 13. Copies of the Registration form and further information can be found on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

**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 Kevin Swan**

*For the Health Of:*

MaryAnne Swan, Michael Love

**From Judi Rybny:**

*For the Health of:*

Buddy Rybny

Scott and Keri Rybny

Charlie and Anna Rybny

Joe and Alexis Rybny

Max Rybny

## A WORD OF DIRECTION FROM ST. NICHOLAI OF ZHICA:

In joy we tremble waiting for sorrow and in sorrow we wait with hope for joy and again sorrow, and again joy. But not even these awaitings are our last awaitings. Brethren, our last awaiting is the awaiting of the Judgment of God. When the Judgment of God comes, the Dreadful Day "which burns like a furnace" (Malachi 4:1), then we welcome all that we deserve; a day for some, without change into night, and night for others, without change into day.  
The Prologue, July 31.