



# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

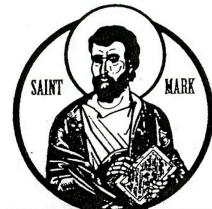
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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast

of the Nativity. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.

The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, including: Glycerius, Zeno, Theophilus, Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonious, Indes, Gorgonius, Peter, Euthymius, and the Virgins: Agape, Domna and Theophila (302). Ven. Ignatii of Lomsk (Vologdá—1591). Apostle Nicanor the Deacon (38 A.D.). Ven. Simeon the Myrrhgusher, of Mt. Athos (14th c.).

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:4-11, Galatians 1:11-19

**Gospel:** Luke 18:35-43, Matthew 2:13-23

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Sunday, December 28:**

**Wednesday, December 31:**

**Saturday, January 3:**

Hours and Divine Liturgy— 9:10am, Coffee Hour

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil - 7pm

Vespers and Confessions - 6pm

### BIRTHDAYS:

Irene Arhipov - 12/31

Cecilia Seroka - 1/1

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**Orthodox Church in America Assessments:** As the Fiscal Year draws to an end, please remit your annual O.C.A. assessment if you have not done so already. If you don't remember whether you have, speak with Doug Yates.

**Scrip Program:** Next order will be taken on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship:**



**Thank You:** To our choir for their service over the last week, along with the 30 people who prepared, attended and cleaned up after Holy Supper.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Let us remember to feed those in need, for whom there is no room in the inn this season!

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY:  
For the Health of:  
Margaret and George

FROM THE PERDIKIS FAMILY:  
For the Health of:  
Angelo, Patricia  
In Memory of:  
Evangelia, Arthur

FROM JOHN WANKO:  
In Memory of:  
Wanda Wanko, Peter Wanko, Peter Wanko, Jr.

FROM TINA TRANTAS  
For the Health of:  
Matina, George, Steve, Michael, Joyce, George, Stefanie,  
Amanda, John  
In Memory of:  
John, Michael, Anna, George, Sederes, Clinton, Nick

FROM STELLA MUHLER  
For the Health of:  
Stella, Alexandra, Thomas, Matthew, Gregory, Jennifer,  
Lauren, Steven, Jet.  
In Memory of:  
Alexandra, Constantino, Charles

FROM IDA TRIVELIS  
For the Health of:  
Ida, Jim, Mike, Joanne, Renee, Lisa, Michael, Kristina, Lexi  
Nick, John, Bridget, Brian  
In Memory of:  
Zinon, Zoe, Michel, Anna, Demetrios, Marina, George, William,  
Sam, Michael, Alice, John.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The Feast of the Lord's Nativity in the Flesh is a **sign**,  
immensely powerful though small and unnoticed by  
most of the world, then and now. It is a **sign of the  
love that the Lord has for each of us**, personally,  
and a reminder that it is **this love that we need  
above all else**, each of us, personally. It is **sign of  
hope, a light in the darkness**, not just the darkness  
of winter, but the spiritual darkness and bitter coldness  
of heart that tempt and threaten all men and women. It  
is a light of hope that the darkness cannot overcome,  
and indeed overcomes the darkness in the light that  
comes from the empty tomb, kindled at Bethlehem. No  
matter how cold our hearts may feel, how much the  
darkness may seem to envelope us, let each of us find,  
in the celebration of the Lord's Nativity in the Flesh, true  
Joy that unto us a child is given who is Christ the Lord,  
God with us, our Savior, who is also our brother. May  
the humility of God who draws so near, so vulnerable to  
each of us enable us to overcome our pride and draw  
near to him with the simple faith of the rough, profane  
shepherds. May this God who comes as a stranger find  
hospitality in our homes, in our hearts, in our lives as he  
reveals himself in the poor, the ignored, the suffering,  
homeless and hungry. May the mystery of this Holy  
Season inspire us to be still and know God, who is born  
for us, a little child.  
Wishing you a Joyous Feast, the Lord's Blessings in  
abundance and a peaceful New Year.  
Fr. Martin and Family*