

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.** Ven. Patapius of Thebes (8th c.). Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Chelmogorsk (1378). Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar, and Onesiphorus (1st c.). Holy 362 Martyrs of Africa, martyred by the Arians (477). Martyr Anthusa, at Rome (5th c.).

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2: 14-22

**Gospel:** Luke 17:12-19



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



**Confessions:** Saturdays Following Vespers  
*Also by appointment*

**Vespers:** Saturdays at 6pm  
**Vigil** Eve of Feasts at 7pm

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays at 9:30am  
Feast Days at 9:15am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Sun, Dec 8:** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour– 11:15AM. Church School -11:30AM  
**Tues, Dec 10:** Special Parish Council Meeting – 7:30pm  
**Wed, Dec 11:** Akathist to the Inexhaustible Cup– 9:15am followed by Adult Education  
**Thurs, Dec 12:** Great Vespers with Litya for St. Herman of Alaska – 7PM  
**Fri, Dec 13:** Hours and Divine Liturgy for St. Herman of Alaska – 9:10AM  
**Sat, Dec 14:** Christmas Food Sale 10AM-1PM. Great Vespers and Confessions – 6PM.  
**Sun, Dec 15:** Hours– 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am. Church School -11:30am  
**Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska and Lecture on Social Media and the Faith, 4pm at St. Stephen's Cathedral.**

**Remember the Newly Departed Pierre Djokic – 40<sup>th</sup> Day December 29.**

**Recovering** - Peter Bohlender and Nancy Letzo continue to make excellent recoveries. Peter is home. Nancy is at Powerback Rehab 3484 Davisville Road, Hatboro 19040. Cards, calls and visits, when appropriate, are welcome. Your (continued) prayers are deeply appreciated. Thank God for his mercy to both. We look forward to seeing them in our midst.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Christmas Ethnic Food Sale: Saturday December 14 from 10AM to 1PM.** Orders must be received no later than **Friday, December 6.** Please note that although we stock more supplies than ordered, the amount will not be as great as in the past, therefore it is best to order ahead to insure availability. Please make check payable to **St. Mark's Orthodox Church**

**Advent Retreat:** Thank you to Fr. Alexander Golubov for giving the retreat and to those who assisted in the preparations, provided food, and made the time to come apart for some spiritual nourishment at this sacred time of the year.

**Church School:** Thank you to all those who came to the movie night, and to those who donated the pizza, popcorn and other refreshments.

**ORTHODOXY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE:** Will not meet this month due to schedule conflicts. Next Meeting in January.

**Parish Income and Expense:** Financial Reports for October are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Church Hall. October 2013 Income \$9493, Expense \$8330. Year to date Income \$76,997, Expense \$82,042. Please take the time to reconsider your regular level of giving to the Church.

**Question:** **What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given unto me?**

**Scrip Program: Today is our last monthly order of the year.** To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email [ravetto2001@gmail.com](mailto:ravetto2001@gmail.com), or fill out an order form in the vestibule and leave it with payment with Larissa, Julia, Doug, or Jeanette.

**St. Tikhon's 2014 Calendar:** If you would like to order a St. Tikhon's calendar for 2014 for \$5, sign up sheets are in the vestibule. ONE MORE WEEK TO PLACE YOUR ORDER TO HAVE IN TIME FOR NEW YEAR!

**St. Herman of Alaska Service and Lecture:** OCA Philadelphia Deanery Akathist Service to St. Herman at 4pm followed by Lecture by Fr. Andrew Damick, author, podcaster and blogger on using social media to spread the faith at 5pm. All are invited, no charge, refreshments provided after the lecture. St. Stephen's Cathedral 8598 Veree Road.

**Weekly Services:** Wednesday mornings at 9:15 we have an Akathist Hymn, followed by Adult Education. Currently our Adult Education is making its way through **THE TYPICON DECODED**, an overview of the services of the Church. Each week we have a different Akathist.

First week is to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre for Church Revitalization, Second Week is to the Theotokos of the Inexhaustible Cup for those suffering from alcoholism and other addictions (if you have names you would like remembered give them to Fr. Martin), Third Week is to the Iveron Icon of the Theotokos, for the spiritual health of our parish, and the Fourth Week is variable, depending on the saints commemorated that month. Consider joining us if you can. You can come to pray and for the class or just pray. We have a core of regular attendees so you will not be alone!

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Moser Family:

- **In Memory of**  
Pierre, Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen, Michael, Ann, Ann, Mary Alice
- **For the Health of**  
Raymonde, Fr. Alexander, Fr. John, Fr. Paul, Dn. Peter, Peter, Nancy.

From the Perdakis Family:

- **In Memory of**  
Evangelia, Arthur, Pierre, Ekaterini
- **For the Health of**  
Kleo Nikki, Ramon, Theodore, Basil, Raymond

From a Friend

- **For the Health of**  
Nicholas, Kristina, Christina, James, Elizabeth, Michael, Renee, Joanne, Ida, Alexandra, Michael, Brian, John, Arthur

## **BIRTHDAY:**

- \* Protodeacon Gregory Moser 13<sup>th</sup>
- \* Sharon Burkett 15<sup>th</sup>