



# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

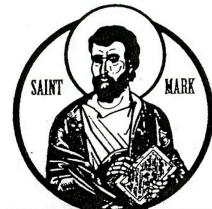
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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

**SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE — Tone 4. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395-423). Martyrs Maurice and his son, Photinus, and Martyrs Theodore, Philip, and 70 soldiers, at Apamea in Syria (ca. 305). Ven. Thalassius, Limnæus and Baradates, Hermits, of Syria (5th c.). St. Athanasius the Confessor, of Constantinople (821)**

**Epistle:** Romans 13:11-14:4

**Gospel:** Matthew 6:14-21

## 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:

<b>Sunday, February 22:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am followed by Forgiveness Vespers, Coffee Hour
<b>Monday, February 23:</b>	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7pm
<b>Tuesday, February 24:</b>	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7pm
<b>Wednesday, February 25:</b>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am, Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7pm
<b>Thursday, February 26:</b>	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7pm
<b>Friday, February 27:</b>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – 7pm
<b>Saturday, February 28:</b>	Divine Liturgy for St. Theodore Saturday – 9:30am, Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Great Lent:** Begins tomorrow. We have a full schedule of services for the week. Please make every effort to attend what you can. Enter into the fast with the desire **for purification** of soul and body and **for reconciliation** with God and one another. Let all our prayer, fasting and almsgiving be pursued with this spirit of purification and reconciliation born out of love. Guard the tongue, the eyes and the ears so as not to say, see or hear what may defile ourselves or injure our brothers and sisters.

**Choir Practice:** Resumes after Clean Week, on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. The focus is to develop natural talent through learning techniques that improve ability and quality of singing so as to give the best of our talent in properly glorifying God (Orthodoxa). See Daria Cortese if interested.

**Memorial Saturdays:** Please submit names to be remembered on the Memorial Saturdays. If already submitted no need to resubmit. Names of newly departed since last Great Lent should be submitted.

## Parish Council Meeting:

Discussed Parish Development Committee Stage 1.

*Financial Report for January:*

Income: \$6736    Expense: \$9560    Deficit: \$2824

Approved Tithe of Christmas and Superbowl Food Sales to Operation Code Blue and Legacy of Life Foundation, local organizations helping the homeless and the unborn and their mothers, respectively.

**Prospora:** Effective immediately there is no set offering for prospora. If you would like to offer one, any offering you make is between you and the Lord. As much as you can, as little as you want.

**Restore and Relax:** The weekly stretching class is on a two-week break, and will resume on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. For information contact Mat. Heidi, 570 906-1389.

**Scrip Program:** Thank you to those who supported us this month \$162.73 was earned this month bringing our YTD to \$308.90. **Next Scrip Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.** Restaurants.com gives a great rebate, so if you are planning to eat out, consider purchasing one of their cards and making a significant donation to the Church by the purchase alone

## Saint of the Day Says:

Nonetheless, do not define the good derived from fasting only in terms of abstaining from food. For true fasting is being a stranger to vice. *Loose every bond of wickedness*(Is. 58.6). Let your neighbor grieve you; forgive him his debts. Do not *fast only to quarrel and fight* (Is. 58.4). You do not devour meat, but you devour your brother. You abstain from wine, but you have not mastered your arrogance. You wait until evening to partake of food, but you spend your day judging others. *Woe to those who are drunk but not with wine!*(Is 51.21) Anger is a drunken state of the soul because, like wine, it robs the soul of sense. Sadness, too, is a drunken state, when things happen that should not happen. For it says: *deliver my soul from fear of the enemy* (Ps. 63.2). Generally speaking, since each of the passions disturbs the mind, each can rightly be called a drunken state of the mind. St. Basil the Great. **FIRST HOMILY ON FASTING 10.**

## Stewardship:



**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Thanks to those who have contributed. **We are in need of Coffee, Tea and juices.**

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

FROM THE PERDIKIS FAMILY:

For the Health of:

Patricia, Demosthenes, Amy, Jessica, Nikolas, Anthony, Panayiotis, George, Demetra, Angela

In Memory of:

Angelo, Arthur, Evangelia, Ekaterini, Stamatina, Kleo, Zografia, Demetrios, Nikolas.

FROM THE RISTVEYS:

For the Health of:

George and Margaret

FROM THE SWAN FAMILY:

For the Health of:

Neville Noel, Michael Love, Venus Love, Connie Swan

## BIRTHDAYS

- o Jim Pitra
- o Anastasia Killough