

## ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014



7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

— Tone 6. Holy Greatmartyr
and Healer Panteleimon (305).

Bl. Nikolai Kochanov, Fool-for-Christ, at Novgorod (1392). Ven.
Anthusa, Abbess of Mantinea in
Asia Minor, and her 90 sisters (8th
c.). Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles
Clement, Bishop of Ochrid and
Enlightener of the Bulgarians (916),
and with him Ss. Angelar, Horasdus
(Gorazd), Nahum, and Sabbas,
disciples of Ss. Cyril and Methodius

**Epistle:** Romans 15:1-7 **Gospel:** Mt. 9:27-35

# Schedule of Services

**Confessions:** Saturdays Following Vespers

Also by appointment

Archpriest Michael Sekela, Attached

**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:

**Sunday, July 27:** Hours and Divine Liturgy— 9:10am, followed by Panikhida.

**Monday, July 28:** Akathist to St. Panteleimon with Anointing – 7pm.

**Tuesday, July 29:** Faith and Science Discussion Group- 7pm. Topic is **The Universe as Icon or Idol:** 

Orthodoxy and the Materialism of Our Age.

**Wednesday, July 30:** Akathist followed by Bible Study – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm

**Saturday, August 2:** Great Vespers – 6pm

BIRTHDAY: Julia Petrov – 7/31 Wedding Anniversary:

Kevin & Peggy Karaffa – 7/30

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Akathist to St. Panteleimon:** On Monday evening we will serve the Akathist to St. Panteleimon with anointing with oil from his relics. All are invited to come who seek healing, whether of spirit, soul or body, and to bring with them anyone they know who similarly seeks healing, Orthodox or not. The Service will begin at 7pm, with some light refreshments after.

**Alive in Christ:** The latest issue of our diocesan magazine is available online on the diocesan website, 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 famililes. We are grateful for whatever is offered. The signup calendar is on the table in the Hall.

**Dormition Fast:** Friday begins 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.

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

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. Additionally, our website now features a button for 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 July 29 at 7pm in the Church Hall. The topic of this meeting will be The Universe as Icon or Idol: Orthodoxy and the Materialism of Our Age.

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 or call 901 517-0275

**Vacation Church School:** St. Stephen's Cathedral will host a Vacation Church School July 29-31 from 9am to 1pm. Registration Forms are available in the Vestibule. \$15 per child for the three days.

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 Marina

For the Health Of:
Marina and Anna

#### From the Sedor Family:

For the Health of:

All Annas, Linette, Mat. Laryssa, Stephanie, Mat. Gayle, Reader Peter, Sandra, Nancy

In Memory of:

Suzanne, Elizabeth, John, Mary, Andrew, Stephen, Fr. Stephen

#### A Word from St. Nicholai of Zhica:

But even if you know or, if you do not know, direct your mind toward the Lord, enclose your mind with the sign of the Cross, call to your assistance the Holy and All-pure One [The Theotokos], chosen ones of God and especially your guardian angel and do not be afraid. Along with this always ask the Church and the Church, being more experienced and victorious against all falsehoods, will tell you what is the truth. For you are from yesterday and the Church is from time immemorial. Your memory is shorter than the memory of the Church. The Prologue, July 21