

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2013

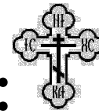
**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON** — Tone 6. Martyr Eutropius of Amasea, and with him Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus (ca. 308). St. Piuma, Virgin (337). Ss. Zeno and Zoilus.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-32



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:



### CONFESSIONS:

Following Vespers on Saturdays  
And by appointment

### VESPERS:

Saturdays at 6:00pm

### VIGIL

Eve of Feasts at 7:00pm

### DIVINE LITURGY:

Sundays at 9:30am

Feast Days at 9:00am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

THURSDAY, MAR 7:

7:00pm • Adult Education Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 8:

7:00pm • Great Vespers

SATURDAY, MAR 9:

**Memorial Saturday.** 9:00am • Hours and Divine Liturgy for the Departed

6:00pm • Great Vespers and Confessions

SUNDAY, MAR 10:

**Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-fare Sunday).** 9:30am • Divine Liturgy,  
Scrip Program during Coffee Hour

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Adult Education:** Interested adults are invited on Thursday, Mar 7 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The program will include units under the theme of *Becoming Sane: Seeing with an Orthodox Mind*. All are invited, non-Orthodox welcome.

**Easter Food and Bake Sale:** On Saturday, Mar 23, our parish will hold the Easter Food Sale from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Pierogies are \$7 a dozen. Order forms are available. Send you orders to Jeanette Ruano by Friday, Mar 15. A bake sale will also be held on Palm Sunday, March 24. Bake sale selections are Nut and Poppy Seed Rolls for \$14 each, and Babka (Easter Bread) for \$7 and Kielbasi for \$13 per ring. Artisan Christa Bain will join us that day.

**Celebrations:** All parishioners are strongly encouraged to submit their birthdays and name's day so we can celebrate together throughout the year. Let us do this in obedience to the Apostle Paul who reminds us to rejoice with those who rejoice as well as weep with those who weep and that we are members of one another. The Church is God's Family, we are part of God's Family, really and truly. Let's live like it in this small way.

**Cleanup:** This past week Liberty Tree Service came and took care of much of what was left from the storm in October. This is a huge project which we are fortunate to have done at an extremely reasonable price of \$3000. If you would like to donate to defray this expense, please feel free to do so. We already have \$500 donated.

**Floor Restoration:** Work begins on Tuesday with carpet removal and replacement. New flooring will be installed beginning March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please help remove items from the Church after Coffee Hour to prepare for this project.

**Fund raising reminder – the Scrip program:** Larissa Ravetto will be taking orders next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour. You can also place orders by calling or emailing her. Please take a list of the vendors, see who you patronize and place and order with her. **phone 215-766-1220 or email [ravetto@prodigy.net](mailto:ravetto@prodigy.net).**

**House Blessing:** Please contact Matushka Heidi to make an appointment. Sanctify and protect your home for the coming year.

**Parish Website:** Our new website is up at [stmarksoca.org](http://stmarksoca.org). Take some time to take a look. Suggestions are welcome for additions. Other areas are planned for the future so check it out regularly and refer friends and interested parties to it as well.

**Facebook Page:** Our new Facebook page is up at [www.facebook.com/stmarksoca](http://www.facebook.com/stmarksoca). Like our page and tell your friends.

**Lenten Mission Schedule:** The Lenten Mission Schedule of 2013 is available. All services are at 4:00pm.

- 03/24 – St. Nicholas Church, Philadelphia (His Grace, Bishop Mark will preside)
- 03/31 – Holy Trinity Romanian Church, Philadelphia
- 04/07 – St. Herman Church, Gradyville
- 04/14 – Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown (His Grace, Bishop Mark will preside)
- 04/21 – St. Michael the Archangel Russian Church, Philadelphia
- 04/28 – Bridegroom Matins • St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia

**Religious Education at St. Mark's:** Childrens classes and Teen discussions – Following Divine Liturgy.

## ORTHODOXY ON THE WEB:

The following are reliable sources of information and spiritual growth on the World Wide Web.

- ❖ **Ancient Christian Wisdom:** A Blog by Hieromonk Alexis (Trader), formerly of St. Tikhon's Monastery and for 15 years a monk of Mount Athos who writes about the application of the Orthodox teaching on man and the spiritual life in dialogue with psychology. A rich, pure, and fruitful source of reflection and spur to action particularly helpful during the Great Fast. [www.ancientchristianwidsom.wordpress.com](http://www.ancientchristianwidsom.wordpress.com)

## YOUTH INFORMATION:

- △ We look forward to a visit from the Office of Young Adult Activities of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania to discuss opportunities for activities for young people in our diocese. They also want to hear from us, young people, parents, grandparents alike.

From the Perdikis family:

***In Memory of***

Evangelia, Ekaterini

***For the Health of***

V. Rev. Theodore, V. Rev. Thomas,

Arthur Sr., Arthur Jr., Jacqueline,

Jessica, Nicholas, Anthony

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Buddy Rybny:

***For the Health of***

Judi Rybny

From the Swan family:

***In Memory of***

Thomas Sr., Thomas Jr.,

Catherine, Katherine

***For the Health of***

Mary Anne

## BIRTHDAYS:

Kevin Swan, March 5

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick and Maria Colucci, March 3

**MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!**