

ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA (OCA.ORG)
DIOCESE OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (DOEPA.ORG)



452 DURHAM ROAD, WRIGHTSTOWN, PA 18940

PHONE: (215) 860-9640 • EMAIL: INFO@STMARKSOCA.ORG

WWW.STMARKSOCA.ORG

Rev. Raymond Martin Browne, Acting Rector

Cell Phone: (570) 906-1388

Email: frraymondmartin@hotmail.com

Protodeacon Gregory Moser

Phone: (215) 794-8980

V. Rev. Michael Sekela, Attached

Phone: (540) 841-3202

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 3. Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America (1925—March 25 O.S.). Veneration of the Cross. St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mitylene (9th c.). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Pereyaslavl'-Zaleskii (1540). Martyr Calliopus at Pompeiopolis in Cilicia (304). Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina, and 20 soldiers with them at Sinope (ca. 310). Ven. Serapion of Egypt (5th c.).

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



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

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun, Apr 7:** **Sunday of the Cross.** Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Scrip Program during Coffee Hour, Deanery Lenten Mission Service at St. Herman Church, Gradyville – 4pm
- Wed, Apr 10:** Presanctified Liturgy – 9:15am followed by Adult Education
- Thu, Apr 11:** Adult Education – 7pm
- Fri, Apr 12:** Presanctified Liturgy – 7pm. *For those communing, Fast from Noon.*
- Sat, Apr 13:** **Memorial Saturday.** Divine Liturgy – 9:15am, Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
- Sun, Apr 14:** **St. John Climacus.** Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Deanery Lenten Mission Service with His Grace, Bishop Mark at Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown – 4pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parish Revitalization: As mandated by our Diocesan Assembly in 2011, we will begin our parish revitalization by using the Parish Health Inventory Model adapted by the Diocesan Revitalization Committee. This will be an ongoing process of parish self-assessment, discernment, planning and renewal of our parish life in deeper fulfillment of our mission to evangelize and sanctify as the Body of Christ, bringing light, healing, and peace to all. The PHIM will be reviewed, chapter by chapter (8 in all) on the last Sunday of each month, **next meeting on Sunday, April 28.** This will be done by the Parish Council, but all are encouraged to participate. You can review the PHIM here:

[http://www.doepa.org/files/Revitalization Committee/PHIM-with-revisions-ver1.5.pdf](http://www.doepa.org/files/Revitalization%20Committee/PHIM-with-revisions-ver1.5.pdf)

Parish Lenten Retreat: Saturday, April 20, **A Guide on The Way: St. Nikolai of Zhica.** The Retreat will offer the life and teaching of this 20th Century saint as a guide for living the Orthodox Faith in the 21st Century, focusing on Lenten and Paschal Themes from his writings. Akathist to the Theotokos at 9:15am followed by Coffee Break. Session 1: 10:30 -12:15 Movie Nikolai the Serb. Lunch 12:15-1. Quiet Time 1-1:30. Session 2:1:30-2:45. Session 3: 3-3:45. 4PM 9th Hour followed by Great Vespers and Confessions.

Lenten Retreats: Saturday, April 13, St. Philip Antiochian Orthodox Church in Souderton and St. Michael the Archangel in Wilmington DE, both on themes of hospitality. See bulletin board for fliers on both.

Lenten Mission Schedule: The Lenten Mission Schedule for 2013. All services are at 4pm.

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

Temple Maintenance: If you are available to help clean the Church please speak to Nancy Letzo who is coordinating teams. Weekly, monthly or any availability would be welcome for Friday mornings. **Nancy can be reached at 215-946-3259.**

Thank You

- * To those who participated in the discussion of the Parish Health Inventory!
- * To those who participated in the grounds cleanup!

Food Donation: Please bring a non-perishable item of food when you come to Lenten services. All items will be donated to a local food pantry.

Visitations: Please let Fr. Martin know if someone is in the hospital. Hospitals do not notify clergy if someone is there due to privacy laws. Family members, friends, or neighbors are the only way we have of knowing, so please drop an email or make a phone call.

THE GREAT FAST

The splendid example of Noah, my brothers, teaches us that each one of us can please God even when surrounded by sinners – if we want to. St. Nikolai of Zhica. **Prologue.** December 10.

YOUTH INFORMATION:

❖ Be a rebel – **Be an ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN!**

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Nancy Letzo:

For the Health of

Anne Kush, Mary Lotchak

From Jeanette Ruano:

In Memory of

Helen & Santo Pierre

For the Health of

Brady Fagans

From the Perdakis Family:

In Memory of

Evangelia, Ekaterini

For the Health of

Archpriest Theodore, Archpriest Thomas, Arthur Sr., Patricia, Angelo

From the Moser Family:

In Memory of

Deacon John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles

For the Health of

Archpriest Alexander, Archpriest John, Mary Ann, Paula

WINE AND INCENSE

For the health of Andrew, Theodora, Sergius, Thomas, Melody and Sophia

From Sonya Lengel