

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Saint Anthony the Great

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356). Ven. Anthony of Dymok (Novgorod—ca. 1224). Ven. Anthony of Chernozérsk (16th c.).

**Epistle:** Colossians 1:12-18

**Gospel:** Luke 18:18-27

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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

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

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Sunday, January 17:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Sisterhood Meeting for all women of the parish  
**Wednesday, January 20:** Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm  
**Thursday, January 21:** Church School Pre-School – 12:30pm–2pm; Parish Council – 7pm  
**Saturday January 23:** Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm  
**Sunday, January 24:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour and Annual Parish Meeting

### BIRTHDAYS:

Sebastian Godun  
Tahara Ortiz

### NAMES DAY:

Anthony Kasmer

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Brochures:** We have recently added some brochures to the literature rack for the benefit of parishioners, but targeted specifically for visitors. They are free as they have been donated. If you would like to see additional brochures and provide other outreach material please put donations in the question box in an envelope marked "Brochures" and we will purchase additional ones and replacements as needed.

**Christmas Food Sale:** Income \$9547.50. Expenses \$4574.72. Profit \$4972.78. Thank you again to all who participated!

**House Blessings:** Signup schedule is in the vestibule. Please signup for an available time that suits you. Offerings are not required and feeding the priest is discouraged due to a variety of dietary restrictions and the expansive possibilities of politely accepting food offered. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this unique feature of our Orthodox Christian life, bringing cleansing and renewal to our homes and families by the waters of Jordan.

**Parish Meeting:** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> following Divine Liturgy. All members of the parish are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Scrip Program: Last week's profit and YTD, \$19.88.**

**Sisterhood:** All women of the parish are invited to attend a meeting during Coffee Hour on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> to consider a variety of proposals for our group to continue and expand its assistance to various areas of parish life. It is important that this group offer the opportunity for all the women of the parish to participate in a way that allows each to use their God-given talents in cooperation with others. Please make the effort to attend and participate. First item on the agenda is the adoption of a patron saint or saints for the sisterhood. One proposal already made is Saints Martha and Mary. Other suggestions welcome.

**Teen Retreat:** The annual Diocesan Winter Teen Retreat will be held Feb 26-28, 2016 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA. Open to grades 7-12, \$116 per student. Deadline for registration is January 31. See [www.ocayouth.org](http://www.ocayouth.org) for further information and registration form.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:**

Please continue to remember to bring coffee, tea, juice, pasta, peanut butter for the pantry. The struggle continues for those in need after the holiday season.

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

**The Ristvey Family:**

For the Health of:

George and Margaret, Andrew

**The Pitra Family:**

In Memory of:

Pelageja, Iwan, Julius Ignatius 01/08/1910

## SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING

Principle	Principles of NT Giving
1 <b>Regular</b> —Give on a regular basis: weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, etc.	<b>1 Cor 16:1-2</b> Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken
2 <b>Proportional</b> - Give according to your ability	<b>1 Cor 16:2</b> -whatever extra you earn (from above) <b>2 Cor 8:2-3</b> For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means,
3 <b>Generous</b> - Give generously, sacrificially	<b>2 Cor 8:1-3</b> We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to
4 <b>Cheerful</b>	<b>2 Cor 9:7</b> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
5 <b>Voluntary</b> —Giving ought to be done out of one's free volition	<b>2 Cor 8:3</b> , For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, <b>2 Cor 9:7</b> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.