

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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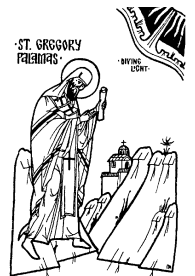
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## SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH 2014

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St. Gregory Palamas.** Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Martyr Sabinas of Egypt (287). Martyr Pappas of Lyconia (305-311). St. Serapion, Archbishop of Novgorod (1516). Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, Bishop of Britain (1st c.). Hieromartyr Alexander, Pope of Rome (119). Martyr Julian of Anazarbus (3rd c.). Hieromartyrs Trophimus and Thalys, of Laodicea (ca. 300).



**Epistle:** Hebrews 1:10-2:3

**Gospel:** Mark 2:2-12

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Confessions:**

Saturdays Following Vespers  
*Also by appointment*

**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:

**Sun, Mar 16:** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Lenten Mission Vespers, St. Herman of Alaska, Gradyville – 4pm

**Wed, Mar 19:** Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts -9:30am followed by Adult Bible Study  
Prison Ministry – 7pm

**Fri, Mar 21:** Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 7pm

**Sat, Mar 22:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:15am

**LENTEN MISSION VESPERS: PAN-ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA**

March 16 – St. Gregory Palamas – St. Herman of Alaska, Gradyville, PA

March 23 – Sunday of the Cross – SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Adult Education:** Adult Education will focus on a Bible Study of the **Epistle to the Ephesians**. B.Y.O.B. Following the Presanctified on Wednesday mornings of Lent.

**Confessions:** After all scheduled services, or by appointment. It's time to return to the house of our Father.

**Membership:** Traditionally, the Church prepared and welcomed new members during the Lenten/Pascha Season. We would appreciate all parishioners filling out a membership form so that we have accurate information in order to better serve you. Please complete and return a membership form as part of your Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and **service**.

**Parish Lenten Retreat:** Thank you to those who attended, prepared and brought food, and who showed interest with their challenging questions. And thank you to Fr. Timothy for an excellent presentation, offering us many useful strategies to help us become a better witness to Christ, an instrument of hope and healing to one another and the world around us.

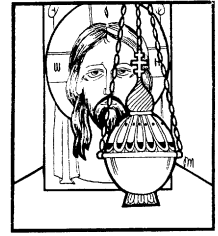
**Scrip Program:** This month raised \$122.66 for a YTD of \$257.43. Next order day is April 13. To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email [ravetto2001@gmail.com](mailto:ravetto2001@gmail.com), or fill out an order form in the vestibule and leave it with payment with Larissa, Julia, Doug, or Jeanette.

**Stewardship:** *Stewardship is so intrinsically part of our vocation as Christians that we cannot place it above or below prayer – but essentially with it. Our acts of charity can be a prayer for humanity. We give in gratitude, and therefore praise God. It can even be argued that our vocation as Christians is based in our faith, and lived out (expressed) through our acts of stewardship.* Michael O'Hurley-Pitts. **THE**

**PASSIONATE STEWARD.** 12-13

**Welcome:** During the Lenten Season we welcome many visitors to St. Mark's who are travelling, or who attend other Orthodox Churches but come here because of the liturgical schedule. Some are old friends, others new acquaintances who will hopefully become old friends too. We are grateful that you join us. You are always welcome.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Please make the effort to bring at least one item each week. Our parish is responsible for pasta and sauce, and all congregations are asked to donate tea, coffee, or juice. For the 125 Easter Baskets, we need to collect rice and beans, peanut butter and the usual staples. Please be generous. Thank you to those who contribute, continue to store up treasure in heaven. And **if you are looking for a way to store up heavenly treasure, bring some food for the cupboard, the yield on the investment is eternal!**



*Who can see/know God?*

**The Lord Answers:**

You will **seek** the Lord your **God**, and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul *Deuteronomy 4:29*

Now set your mind and heart to **seek** the Lord your **God**. Arise and build the sanctuary of the Lord **God**, so that the ark of the covenant of the Lord and the holy vessels of **God** may be brought into a house built for the name of the Lord."

*1 Chronicle 22:19*

Anyone who does not love does not **know God**, because God is love.

*1 John 4:8*

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall **see God**.

*Matthew 5:8*

If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek** the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of **God**

*Colossians 3:1*

For whoever would draw near to **God** must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who **seek** him.

*Hebrews 11:6*