

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

SUNDAY, May 18, 2014

**5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman.** Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Peter, Dionysius, Andrew, Paul, Christina, and the seven Virgin Martyrs: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaina, Euphrasia, Matrona, and Julia, who suffered under Decius (303). Martyrs Simeon, Isaac and Bachtisius, of Persia (4th c.). Martyrs Heraclius, Paulinus, and Benedimus. Martyrs David and Tarechan of Georgia (693).



**Epistle:** Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

**Gospel:** John 4: 4-42

## 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, May 18: Samaritan Woman.** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am, followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

**Wed, May 21:** Akathist and Bible Study- 9:15am, Prison Ministry – 7pm

**Thu, May 22:** Parish Council Meeting – 7pm

**Fri, May 23:** St. Tikhon's Monastery Annual Pilgrimage begins at 3:30pm

**Sat, May 24:** Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm

**Sun, May 25: Blind Man.** Hours and Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour and Church School – 9:10am

*Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!*

**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΔΟΣΚΡΗΣΕ! ΔΟΙΣΤΙΝΑΥ ΔΟΣΚΡΗΣΕ!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**Baseball Outings:** The *O.C.A. Philadelphia Deanery* is sponsoring a trip to the Camden Sharks on Friday June 13 for the youth of the deanery, tickets are \$11. The evening will include a fireworks show. To get this group rate we must have numbers by May 23. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. It is a Fast Free week so hot dogs are also on the menu that evening.

*The Mother of God, Joy of All Who Sorrow* mission in Princeton is having an outing to the Trenton Thunder on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm. This is open to all parishioners. If you are interested in attending this, let Mat. Heidi know.

**Bishop's Visit:** His Grace, Bishop MARK will make his annual pastoral visit on the weekend of May 31/June 1 and St. Mark's will host the Diocesan Council for its meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. His Grace will preside at Vespers and serve Divine Liturgy, during which he will recognize those couples celebrating major anniversaries this year. If you have not filled out a membership form and are one of these couples, please speak with Fr. Martin. There will be a catered meal following the Divine Liturgy, \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. All are invited and encouraged to attend as a way to get to know our newly installed hierarch.

**Coffee Hour:** Please sign up to offer the Coffee Hour. Nothing elaborate is required, team with another person/family. The calendar is on the side table. Sign up for a Sunday that is convenient for you. For advice/direction you may talk to Jeanette, Larissa, Martha, Sharon, or Heidi.

**Membership:** If you have not filled out a membership form please do so. This information is necessary for effective ministry to the parish and for good administration. Please cooperate in the process of renewing our parish life on all levels.

**Scrip Program: Order for this month, \$78.79, YTD \$404.78. Next Order June 1.** 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.

**Science and Faith Discussion Group:** a monthly group of those interested in science and/or involved in scientific professions and the intersections of Orthodox faith and scientific knowledge is information. If you would like to participate, please inform Fr. Martin. First meeting in June. Focus will be on Orthodox Faith and various sciences, friends and colleagues are welcome once we establish a schedule of topics and dates to meet.



**Stewardship:** Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Thessalonians 5:18

*All circumstances – what are the circumstances that make it difficult for me to give thanks?*

**St. Tikhon's Monastery Pilgrimage:** The annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage begins on Friday at 3:30pm and continues through Monday. Schedule is on the monastery website – [sttikhonsmonastery.org](http://sttikhonsmonastery.org). St. Tikhon's Seminary Commencement will take place on Saturday, beginning at 1pm.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** DONATIONS OF PASTA, SAUCE, COFFEE, ALWAYS WELCOME.

**BIRTHDAYS:**  
Sebastian Karaffa – 5/18

**VIGIL LIGHTS:**  
**From Stephanie & Valerie Ristvey:**

*For the Health Of:*

Margaret, George, Katherine, Mary, Andrew, Sonia, Peter, Helen, Delores, Karen, Karen, Margaret Ann

*In Memory of:*

Anna, John, Suzanna, John, John, Ann, George, Mary, Nicholas, John, Joseph, Andrew, Susan, Stephen, Stephen, Lu Ann