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Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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January 11th, 2026 — 31st Sunday after Pentecost

31st Sunday After Pentecost — Tone 6. Sunday after Theophany. Afterfeast of Theophany.

Ven. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch (529). Ven. Michael of Klops Monastery, Fool-for-Christ (Novgorod — ca. 1453-56). St. Theodosius of Antioch (ca. 412). Ven. Theodosius, Metropolitan of Trebizond (1392).

Epistles: Ephesians 4:7-13; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Gospels: Matthew 4:12-17, Matthew 11:27-30

Upcoming events

Sun., Jan. 11th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Litya for John Basarab (46 yrs.), father of Sandy Miller Coffee Hour
Wed., Jan.14th:	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM Adult Study Group — 10 AM
Thurs., Jan. 15th:	Parish Council Meeting — 7 PM
Sat., Jan. 17th:	Great Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM

From the Wrightstown Food Cupboard: The Cupboard currently needs **coffee, cake mixes, pie crusts** and **feminine hygiene products.** Thank you fo all of your donations during the holiday season. They were very much appreciated.

The January TASK outing has been cancelled due to illness. We will look for a new date in February/March. Thank you for understanding!

House Blessings: Sign up for your home to be blessed. There is a red-covered notebook with "House Blessing" written on it in the vestibule; there is a page for each day, with the available hours, for January and February. Some of that availability may change, so those interested in blessings are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. The blocked-out times for the available days are on the parish calendar on our website. Just write your name and the time on the given day, and Father will arrange them if there are any timing conflicts due to travel between houses. As usual, do not feed the priest; he is back on his strict regimen and wants to stay there — nor does he require compensation. For those who are new to this, you will need to provide a bowl for Holy Water, have an icon with a candle on a cleared surface, and have a list of names (living and departed) you would like remembered. **Also, this is not restricted to Orthodox Christians.** Any inquirer is welcome to have their home blessed. If you have further questions, please speak with Father.

Birthdays: Nick Bendas, Nicholas Bitny-Shlahto, Marlene Lucas, Rdr. Samuel Regen, Margaret Ristvey

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25th, in the temple after the Divine Liturgy. In case of inclement weather, this will occur on Sunday, February 1st.

2026 Parish Council elections will occur at the Annual Parish Meeting in late January. There will be no floor nominations during the meeting. If you would like to nominate someone to serve, please speak with any member of the current Parish Council **after ensuring that the nominee is willing to accept.**

Today is Burnt Offering Sunday. Proceeds will be contributed to the Wrightstown Food Cupboard for their new windows.

Vigil Lights

From Angelo
For the health of: Maria, John, Paul, Irene, Penny, Dimitrios, Anthony, Michael, Eliana, Kristina, Josephine, Miriam, Eleni, Stephen, Justine, Vasilios, Nicholas, Frank. Emily, Sophia
In Memory Of: Bp. Augustine, Fr. Nicholas, Fr. John, Vasiliki, Ambrose, Dimitra, Maria, John, Peter, Paula, Maria, Dimitrios, Alexander,

From Irene Arhipov
For the health of: Kathi, Donna, Sergei, Anna, Alexandra, Fr. Alexander
In Memory Of: George, Elena, Ludmilla, Peresvet, Dimitri, Ivan, Stephanie

From the Moser Family
For the health of: Pdn. Gregory, Boris, Margaret, Raymond, Mara, Gloria
In Memory Of: Gloria, Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen, Sophia, Peter, Stephanie, Barbara

From the Swan Family
For the health of: Thomas S. III, Josh H., Jacob, Peter M.
In memory of: Thomas S. Jr, Venus L., Helen L., Michael L., Constance S., Neville N., Michael V., Francis M., Daniel B.

From the Ristvey Family
For the health of: Margaret, Andrew, Stephanie, Margaret, Lorelly, Helen, Joseph, Delores, Jennifer, Michael, Nancy, Eileen, America
In memory of: George; Those who lost their lives in the wars in Ukraine, Gaza and Africa

From Jeanette Ruano
For the health of: Donna Jenkinson

Please remember in your prayers

LIVING

All those, everywhere, who care for the sick, the suffering and the vulnerable.
Ill-afflicted Clergy Archbishops Alexander & Benjamin; Archpriests Alexander & James
Matushki Mary Sedor, Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Myra, Suzanne, and Jennifer
Inquirers Adam, Chris, Quin, Tyler, Karsyn, Angie
Newly illumined: Elaine, Jon
Servants of God Paul, Elaine, Richard, Jon Thoenebe, Jeanette Ruano, Amanda, Thomas, Zina, William, Margaret, Ayla, Stephen, Deborah, Charlotte, Delores, Joseph, Margie, Michael, Eileen, Emily, John, Lucy, Karen, Rosemary, Sophia, Joyce, Rachael, Thomas, Julianna, Carmen, Sharon, Tovi, John, Anastasia, Shelby, Suzanne, Ned, Larissa, Nicholas, Samuel, Sergei, Anna, Raymond, Andrew, Valerie, Charles, Elena, Sandra, Maria, Julia, child Jacob, Angela, Hunter, Jon Smith, Anselmo Pappas Scandalis, Katrina, Aidan, Aaron, Gloria, Margaret, Dennis, Shane

DEPARTED

Newly departed: Archpriest Paul (Pyrch)
Departed: Archpriest Daniel, Archpriest Theodore, Peter, Jonathan, Mat. Mary, Met. +HERMAN, Louis, Ruth, Nicholai, Thomas, Michael, Venus, Helen, Anthony, Robert, Michael, All those who have died in service to their country, Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir, Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul, Kh. Shirley, Susan, Maria, George, Natalie, Louis, Dorothy, Katherine, Alexander, Anthony

Weekly Contribution Information

Sunday Collection (1/4/26)

General — $2,029.25
Candles — $143
Pledge Pmts. — $22,520
Christmas — $200
Perish Dev. — $225

Total: $25,117.25

Online Collection (12/29-1/4)
General — $2,575
Christmas — $100
Parish Dev. — $48
Pledge Pmts. — $185
Total — $2,908

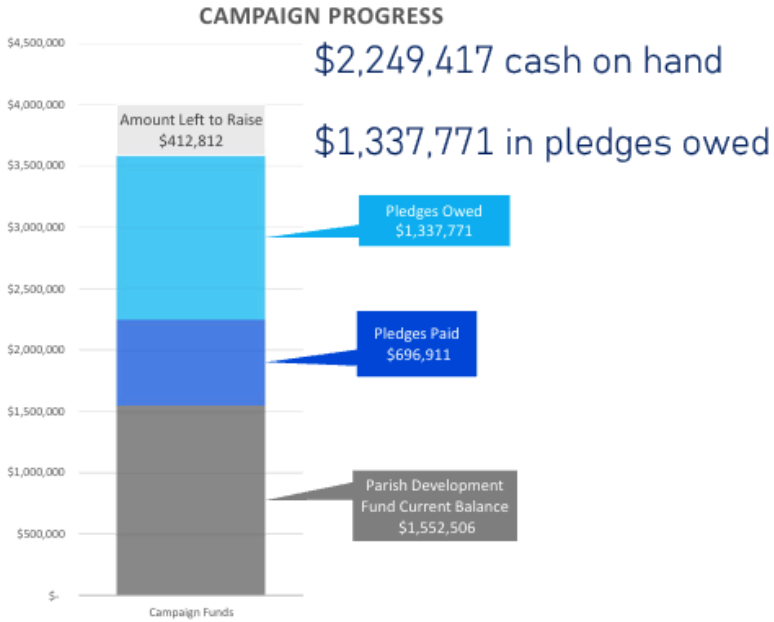
Grand Total: $28,025.25

Campaign Milestones as of 31 December 2025

$3,587,188* raised
(PD Fund + Pledges Paid + Pledges Owed)

>89% of $4M goal

* *does not include final proceeds from Zamerovsky estate*



Service Schedule

Hours + Divine Liturgy:	9:10 AM (Sundays & feast days)
Great Vespers / Vigil:	6 PM (Saturdays)
	7PM (Eve of feast)
	6PM (Eve of feast – Sundays)
Confessions:	Saturdays after Vespers & by appointment
Akathist Service:	9:15 AM (Wednesdays)
Panikhidas/Lityas:	as requested

CLERGY

V. Rev. Raymond Martin Browne, *Rector*
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Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*

Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Marek Szeliga
Readers: Gregory Pavlik
Samuel Regen

LAY LEADERSHIP

Choir Directors: Daria Cortése
Mat. Martha Moser
Sbn. Sergei Arhipov (Emeritus)

Church School Coordinators: Ruth Pavlik & Riley Tanner

Baptisms: Children must have **Orthodox Godparents** who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Please make scheduling arrangements by contacting Fr. Martin directly.

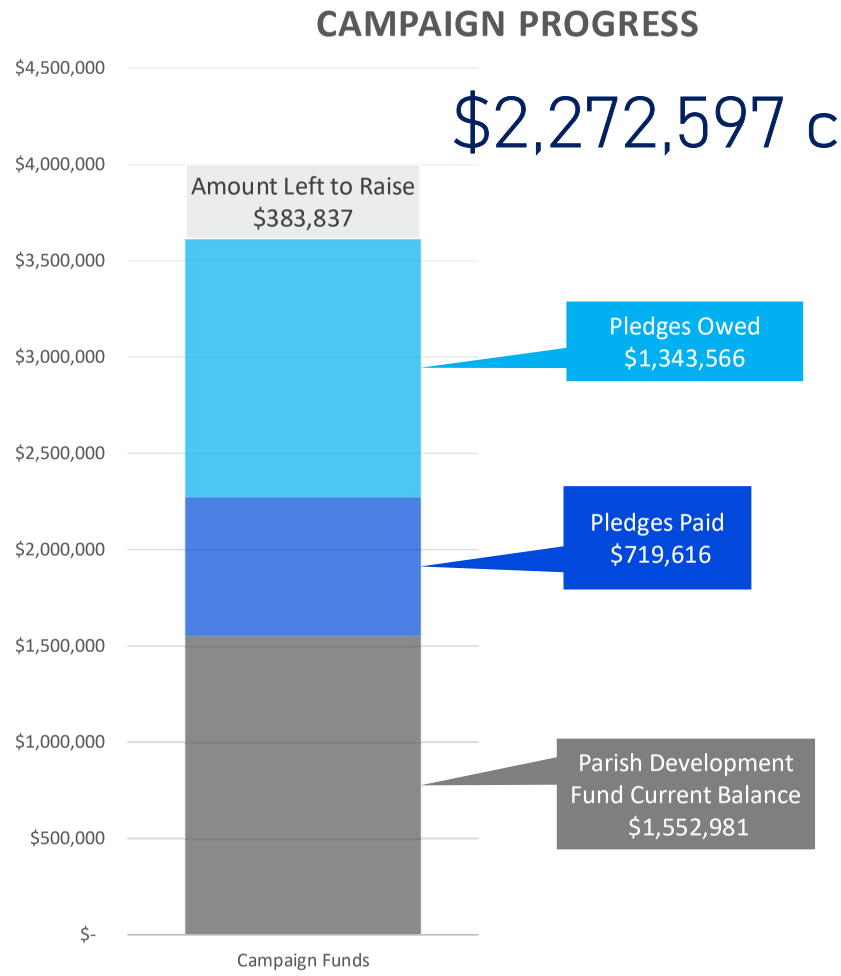
Weddings: Arrangement should be made **at least six months** prior to the wedding; scheduling is subject to the Church's liturgical calendar. Please speak with Fr. Martin **before making reception arrangements.**

Campaign Milestones as of 4 January 2026

$3,616,163* raised
(PD Fund + Pledges Paid + Pledges Owed)

90.4% of $4M goal

** does not include final proceeds from Zamerovsky estate*



$2,272,597 cash on hand