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St. Mark's Orthodox Church

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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March 8th, 2026 — St. Gregory Palamas

The 2nd Sunday of Great Lent.
St. Gregory Palamas. Tone 6.

St. Theophilactus, Bishop of Nicomedia. Venerable Lazarus and Athanasius of Murom. Apostle Hermas of the 70. Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch. Venerable Domitius. The "Kurst-Root" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Epistles: Heb. 1:10-2:3; Heb. 7:26-8:2
Gospels: Mark 2:1-11; John 10:9-16

Upcoming events

Sun., March 8th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal & Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 11th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 9:15 AM
Friday, March 13th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 7 PM
Sat., March 14th:	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 to everyone who helped make yesterday's retreat a success, and especially to those who prepared the food.

All women and girls of St. Mark's are invited to a baby shower in celebration of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos, hosted by Martha Moser. The event will benefit the Legacy of Life Foundation. Most-needed donations are Pampers diapers (newborn and sizes 4-7), newborn sleep sacks, swaddle blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, bibs, diaper rash cream, baby lotion and baby wash. For more information, please see the flyer appended to this bulletin.

We need your help to make the St. Tikhon's Summer Camp a success! Being a camp counselor or serving in our kitchen is a fun and meaningful way to serve the Church. Please go to **youth.doepa.org/counselor-application** and apply.

Birthdays: Ken Gula, Buddy Rybny, Sbn. Dustin Crosby, David Gibson, Rebecca Sosedov

Name Days: Pdn. Gregory Moser

VIGIL LIGHTS

From the Moser Family
For the health of: Charla, Raymond, Mara Elizabeth
In Memory of: Dn. John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Sophia, Stephen, Stephanie, Peter

From the Ristvey Family
For the health of: Margaret, Stephanie, Andrew, Margaret, Lorelly, Delores, Helen, Joseph, Michael, Nancy, America, Those in war-torn Ukraine, Africa and the Middle East; Those suffering in American internment camps; Those summering in Gaza
In Memory of: George, Nicholas, Those who have lost their lives in the wars in Ukraine, Africa and the Middle East

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

From Irene Arhipov
For the health of: Kathi, Sergei, Norman, MaryAnne, Ann, Alexandra, Infant Cameron
In Memory of: Elena, Maria, Boris

CHORAL CORNER

Q: Why Is our Lenten service schedule different than in other years, especially during the fifth week?
A: We have the Feast (and Afterfeast) of the Annunciation to thank for this. Because it is one of the 12 Great Feasts (or *Duodenary* Feasts), Annunciation must be served on March 25th, which sometimes means that we must transfer other services to different days. The rubrics for this, and for determining how the hymnography of Annunciation should be combined with the Lenten texts for a given day, are unquestionably the most complex in Orthodoxy. For parishes using the Julian calendar (O.S., or *Old Style*), Annunciation can even fall on Pascha itself! Fortunately for those of us who follow the Gregorian calendar (N.S., or *New Style*), this feast never falls in Holy Week or on Pascha, allowing these unique services to proceed with a consistent *ordo* from year to year. **Be sure to check the St. Mark's service schedule carefully this year!**

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, Charla, Daria

Departed

Newly departed: Bishop Seraphim (Sigrist), Archimandrite Luke, Archpriest John, Monk Kirill (Yefimov), Infant Vladimir
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 — 3/1/26
General — $3,335
Candles — $185
Pledge Pmts. — $2,580
Parish Dev. — $175

Total: $6,275

Online Collection — 2/23 - 3/1/26
General — $3,541
Candles — $14
Parish Dev. — $33
Pledge Payments — $285

Total: $3,873

GRAND TOTAL: $10,148

Monthly Contributions

	Jan-26	Feb-26	YTD
2026 Total General Contribution	$13,517.75	$27,020.00	$40,537.75
2026 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	$43.89	$87.73	$65.81
Change from 2025 (Goal >$8)	-$41.35	$9.12	-$4.05
2025 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	*$85.24*	*$78.60*	*$69.86*

	Jan-26	Feb-26	YTD
Building Fund Contributions*	$4,306.00	$202,232.00	$206,538.00
% of Goal Obtained ($100k)	4.31%	202.23%	206.54%
** Does not include Capital Campaign Pledges*			

JOIN US FOR A

Baby Shower

in Celebration of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

BENEFITING THE

Legacy of Life FOUNDATION

MARCH

SATURDAY 28 11.30 A.M

HOSTED BY MARTHA MOSER

1612 FRANKLYNN DRIVE
FURLONG, PA 18925

RSVP TO 215-738-3468 BY MARCH 21

ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS OF SAINT MARK'S ARE INVITED

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*
(570) 906-1388 (cell)
stmarksorthodoxchurch@gmail.com

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.**