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Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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March 15th, 2026 — Veneration of the Cross

The 3rd Sunday of Great Lent. Veneration of the Precious Cross. Tone 7. Martyrs Agapius, Publius, Tiolaus, Romulus, two named Dionysius, and two named Alexander, at Cæsarea in Palestine (303). Hieromartyr Alexander of Side in Pamphylia (270-275). Martyr Nicander of Egypt (ca. 302).

Epistle: Heb. 4:14-5:6
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Upcoming events

Sun., March 15th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Coffee Hour
Tuesday, March 17th:	Stewardship Committee Meeting — 7 PM
Wednesday, March 18th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 9:15 AM
Friday, March 20th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 7 PM
Sat., March 21st:	Memorial Saturday Panikhida — 9:15 AM Great Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM

From the Wrightstown Food Cupboard: The Cupboard currently needs **coffee, cake mixes, pie crusts** and **feminine hygiene products.**

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. **To sign up to attend, please visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449ADA72EA6FD0-62745861-baby#/.**

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: Anna Crosby

Name Days: Pat Colucci, Daria Cortése, Andy Skordinski

VIGIL LIGHTS

From the Ristvey Family

For the health of: Margaret, Stephanie, Andrew, Margaret, Lorelly, Delores, Helen, Joseph, Michael, Nancy, America, Melissa, 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.

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

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, Vigo, Kristen, Wes
Catechumens Angie, Timothy
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

Church Etiquette: Kneeling

Kneeling during Orthodox Divine Services is very rare. Here are several helpful guidelines:

- As in many Slavic parishes, we do not kneel at the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, even during Great Lent, because the joy of the Resurrection trumps the penitential nature of the Fast. In some Slavic parishes the faithful customarily kneel during the singing of the Lord's Prayer, but this should not happen on Sundays, on any of the 12 Great Feasts (the *duodenary* feasts), or during their forefeasts or afterfeasts.
- At the Divine Liturgy on weekdays (excluding Great Feasts, their forefeasts and afterfeasts), the faithful may kneel at the end of the Anaphora ("We praise Thee, we bless Thee…") and during the Lord's Prayer.
- On September 14th (the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross) and the Third Sunday of Great Lent (the Veneration of the Precious Cross), the clergy and faithful make prostrations while the choir sings "Before Thy Cross." The choir does not make prostrations while singing.
- On any day, we never kneel or make prostrations during Scripture readings, the sermon, or the Six Psalms of Matins.
- We kneel during the singing of the Kontakion "My soul, my soul, arise" during the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (served during the first and fifth weeks of Great Lent).
- At the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, the faithful kneel at the following times:
  - At the exclamation, "Wisdom! The Light of Christ illumineth all!" before the second Old Testament reading (this is usually a prostration).
  - During the singing of "Let my prayer arise" (prostration during verses; kneeling during the refrain)
  - During the singing of "Now the powers of heaven," with a prostration during the silent Entrance of the Gifts.
  - During the Lord's Prayer.

Please do not kneel if you are unable or if it is too difficult for you.

Weekly Contribution Information

Sunday Collection — 3/8/26
General — $3,536
Candles — $135
Pledge Pmts. — $525
Church Store — $1
Parish Dev. — $25

Total: $4,222

Online Collection — 3/2 - 3/8/26
General — $1,776
Parish Dev. — $53
Pledge Payments — $66.25

Total: $1,895.25

GRAND TOTAL: $6,117.25

APPLY TO BE A COUNSELOR TODAY!

AT ST. TIKHON'S SUMMER CAMP 2026

LEAD CAMPERS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, GROW IN LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND FAITH, AND BE PART OF A GREAT WEEK OF FELLOWSHIP AT ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY!

APPLY TODAY AT YOUTH.DOEPA.ORG/COUNSELOR-APPLICATION

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*
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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.**