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St. Mark's Orthodox Church

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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March 22nd, 2026 — St. John Climacus

The 4th Sunday of Great Lent.
St. John Climacus. Tone 8.

Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra; Martyr Drosis, daughter of Emperor Trajan, and five Virgin Martyrs with her; Ven. Isaac the Confessor, founder of the Dalmatian Monastery; Monk Martyr Euthymius of Prodromou on Mt. Athos; Martyrs Kalliniki and Basilissa

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19; Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Upcoming events

Sun., March 22nd:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Coffee Hour
Mon., March 23rd:	Matins w/ Great Canon — 7 PM
Tues., March 24th:	Vigil for Annunciation — 7 PM
Wed., March 25th:	Vesperal Liturgy for Annunciation — 9:15 AM
Friday, March 27th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 9:15 AM Matins w/ Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos — 7 PM
Sat., March 28th:	Great Vespers & Confessions, reading of Life of St. Mary of Egypt — 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#/, or use this QR code.

Birthdays: Leeanna Gula

Name Days: Doug Yates, Lydia Yates

Wedding Anniversary: Nicholas & Riley Tanner

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 Suzanne Patterson

For the health of: Very Rev'd. Fr. Jehad Michael, Kh. Salwa Michael, Rawa Michael, Aymen Michael, Ella Michael, Rowayda Michael, Yasmin Michael, Chalida Michael, Sawad Michael, Sammy Michael, Michael Naddour in Syria, Lama Naddour in Syria, Ryland Patterson, Clover Stieve, Daniel Sundream, Cameron

From the Swan Family

For the health of: Thomas S. III, Michelle S., 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 Irene Arhipov

For the health of: Kathi, Sergei, MaryAnne, Ann, Alexandra, Fr. Alexander
In Memory of: Maria, Lydia, Lydia, Vera, Tamara, Angelina, Eda

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: Patriarch Ilia of Georgia, Archimandrite Luke, Archpriest John, Protopresbyter Theodore (Mozes), Monk Kirill (Yefimov)
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,

Weekly Contribution Information

Sunday Collection — 3/15/26
General — $2,106
Candles — $193
Pledge Pmts. — $20,308
Church Store — $2
Parish Dev. — $25

Total: $22,634

Online Collection — 3/9 - 3/15/26
General — $1,775
Parish Dev. — $24
Pledge Payments — $1,110

Total: $2,909

GRAND TOTAL: $25,543

Church Etiquette: "Spinning"

In the Orthodox Church, we customarily face the altar, unless our liturgical role requires us to do otherwise. This extends to the Great Censing, during which the deacon (or priest, if there is no deacon) censes the entire temple. On Sunday mornings, this occurs during the Sixth Hour. When the deacon exits the altar, he censes the faithful, during which we bow our heads. Then, as the deacon circles the temple, we do not "spin" around to follow him. He is censing the icons; the faithful have already been censed, and therefore it is proper to remain facing the altar.

Similarly, during a Vigil Litya, when the clergy and servers are standing by the western doors (or, in some places, in the narthex itself) we may turn towards the middle of the nave, but not all the way around so our back faces the altar.

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.**