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St. Mark's Orthodox Church

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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May 17th, 2026 — The Sunday of the Blind Man

The 6th Sunday of Pascha. The Sunday of the Blind Man. Tone 5.
Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.). St. Euphrosyne (Princess Eudoxia) of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon (284-305). St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople (893).

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34
Gospel: John 9:1-38

Upcoming events

Sun., May 17th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Coffee Hour
Tues., May 19th:	Stewardship Committee Meeting — 7 PM
Wed., May 20th:	Vigil for Ascension — 7PM
Thurs., May 21st:	Hours & Divine Liturgy for Ascension — 9:10 AM

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

There will be NO VESPERS this coming Saturday, May 23rd.

Marriage Blessings: Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary that is a multiple of 5 years (5, 10, etc…) in the coming year (June '26-'27), please make Father aware. While we have the anniversaries of many, we do not have all, especially since we have new members. **Deadline for submission is Memorial Day weekend.**

PLEDGE REMINDER from the Stewardship Committee: For those members of the parish that have made pledges to be paid periodically each year, it would be greatly appreciated that you make your 2026 payment as soon as possible to maximize the amount of money we have "in the bank" before we begin negotiating financing for construction. Thank you!

St. Mark's will host our annual Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Drive on June 7-28th, 2026. For over 15 years, Legacy of Life has supported women and families in our community and helped save more than 5,000 lives. Please mark your calendar and join us in supporting this life-saving mission!

The Paschal beginning of Morning and Evening Prayers:

From Bright Monday through the Leavetaking of Pascha, after making the Sign of the Cross, we say:

- *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those*
  in the tombs bestowing life! (3x)
- *Holy God…*and the rest of the Trisagion Prayers.

From the Leavetaking of Pascha until Holy Pentecost, we begin with *Holy God.*
The prayer *O heavenly King* is not said again until Pentecost.

Birthdays: Melissa Bennett, Sebastian Karaffa

Name Days: Judi Rybny, Peter Hadgimallis, Constantine Hadgimallis, Eileen McKeown, Elaine Klose-Schmidt

Wedding Anniversaries: Sbn. Marek & Renee Szeliga

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
Christos Anesti! Alithos anesti!
Christos a inviat! Adevărat a inviat!
Kriste aghsda! Cheshmaritad aghsda!
Xris-tusaq Ung-uixtuq! Iluumun Ung-uixtuq!
El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!
Le Christ est réssuscité! En vérité il est réssuscité!
Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrlich Er is auferstanden!
Cristo ha resuscitado! En verdad ha resucitado!

VIGIL LIGHTS

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

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.

From the Ristvey Family
For the health of: Margaret, Andrew, Stephanie, Margaret, Lorelly, Delores, Michael, Jeffrey, Helen, Joseph, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Nancy, Andrew, Eileen, Melissa, America, Those suffering in war-torn Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, Iran and Israel; those in internment camps in America
In Memory Of: George, Those who lost their lives in the current wars and disasters

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: Stephanie, Nancy
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 — 5/10/26
General — $2,133
Candles — $116
Pledge Pmts. — $2,130

Total: $4,379

Online Collection — 5/4-10/26
General — $1,333
Pledge Payments — $66.25

Total: $1,399.25
GRAND TOTAL: $5,778.25

CELEBRATING *Over 5,000* LIVES SAVED!

Legacy of Life FOUNDATION

For over 15 years, we have been reaching women who are seeking abortions and helping them choose life through our three women's centers in Bucks County and Philadelphia.

Our Services:

- Free pregnancy testing & ultrasounds
- Compassionate information session & advocacy for women who feel abortion is their only option
- Comprehensive aftercare program that provides ongoing support for at least 3 years

Together, we can save lives!

June 7 - 28, 2026

Please make a gift to support women, children & families during our annual baby bottle drive at St. Mark's Orthodox Church.

215-788-4051 | legacyoflifefoundation.org

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

The St. Joseph & Holy Myrrbearers Society

(A ministry of charitable service and social interaction)

Clergy contact: Pdn. Gregory Moser
Lay contact: Melissa Ciatto

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.**