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August 30th, 2026 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 4—Afterfeast of the Beheading of the Forerunner. Ss. Alexander (340), John (595) and Paul the New (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople. Repose of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1533). Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Great Prince Alexander Nevsky (1724). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Daniel, Prince of Moscow (1652). St. Christopher of Palestine (6th c.). St. Fantinus of Calabria (9th c.). Synaxis of the Serbian Hierarchs: Ss. Sava I (1237), Arsenius 1 (1266), Sava II (1269), Eustathius I (ca. 1285), Jacob (1292), Nicodemus (1325), and Daniel (1338), Archbishops; Joannicus II (1354), Spyridon (1388), Ephraim II (after 1395), Macarius (1574), Gabriel I (1659), Patriarchs; and Gregory, Bishop.

Epistle: 1 Cor. 16:13-24
Gospels: Matt. 21:33-42

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 30th:	Reception of Angie Capece into the Catechumenate — 9:10 AM Hours & Divine Liturgy Litya for Judy Ens, req. by the Cortése family Coffee Hour
Monday, August 31st:	TASK Carpool — 8:30 AM
Wednesday, Sept. 2nd:	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM
Friday, Sept. 4th:	St. George Brotherhood — 6 PM
Saturday, Sept. 5th:	Great Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM
Sunday, Sept. 6th:	Hours and Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour Catechesis Class — 12:15 PM

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs **rice, dried beans, jelly** and **cleaning supplies** Also, monetary donations to fix a roof leak would be appreciated. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Church School: Open to K-4 through grade 12, Sundays starting at 9:30 AM. The first class will be held on Sunday, September 13th. If you have any questions you can reach Ruth Pavlik at ruth.pavlik@gmail.com and/or Riley Tanner at Riley.r.tanner@gmail.com.

Catechumen class will begin on Sunday, September 6th, from 12:15 to 1 PM in the temple. Classes will be held weekly. Any interested adults are welcome; *catechumens are expected to attend*. **See the schedule on page 4 of this bulletin.**

Birthdays: Dorothy Martiak
Name Days: Mat. Renee Szeliga
Wedding Anniversaries: Dmitrii & Rebecca Sosedov, David & Dulany Gibson

The next Burnt Offering Sunday will be on September 20th, and will benefit the Salute to Mothers Scholarship Fund. The Fund was established in 2007 and provides financial assistance to students balancing their education with raising a family. These scholarships ease the financial burden on parents pursuing a college education, allowing them to invest in their future without sacrificing their family's stability. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded more than 265 scholarships, providing over $366,000 in financial aid.

To all parishioners, catechumens and inquirers: **an invitation to join the rector in memorizing the Psalter during the coming Church year.** If you can do all in one year, God bless you! That is not the expectation. There are the Psalms we already know from repeated exposure, praying them ourselves or listening to them in Church. Why do this? Because it is a practice that goes back to the beginning of the Church. It is the treasury of prayer, it is the summary of the story recorded in Scripture, it is a way of embedding, metabolizing the Scriptures not only in our mind but also our hearts and hopefully our life. It is an ascetical act that combines prayer (the Psalms), fasting (from frivolous or useless pastimes like scrolling), almsgiving (the time to memorize,) the talent of your memory is given to God through this, treasure (your very life, intellect and senses). Maybe at the end of the Church year you know 100/150, or 50/150, or 25/150 or 10/150. But that number, whatever it is, is more than you knew this year. If you want to try this, let me know so we can pray for one another and encourage one another throughout the year. Review the ones you already know, then start from the beginning. As for translation, I recommend **Aorist Press** as it is the translation we use for all our services here at St. Mark's.

In support of the Psalter-memorization initiative, **Aorist Press** is offering a 10% discount on the RLE Liturgical Psalter. Copies are $45/ea. To purchase one, please see Daria Cortése or Sergei Arhipov.

VIGIL LIGHTS

From Anonymous
For the health of: Ana, Darejan, Mariami, Mose, Elismaria, Tengo, Wuzgari, Vanuli, Ana, Badri, Elisabeth, Xaluna, Wodari
In Memory Of: Grigol, Eteri, Tamari, Tina, Eteri, Rezo, Soso, Darejan, Gia, Anaserka, Rezo, Vitali, Tamari, Tina

From Irene Arhipov
For the health of: Sergei, Anna, Michelle, Kathi, Alexandra, Alexandra, Fr. Alexander
In Memory Of: Newly-departed Liliana, Anna

From the Swan Family
For the health of: Thomas S. III, Michelle G., Peter M., Robert G.
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, Stephanie, Andrew, Margaret, Lorelly, Delores, Helen, Joseph, Jennifer, Nancy, Eileen, Laverne, Those suffering in war-torn Ukraine, Lebanon, Gaza, Sudan and the Middle East; Those suffering in American internment camps
In memory of: George, Stephen, Those who have 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, Vigo, Kristen, Wes, Shannon, Jonah, Ruth, Bethany, William, Jeff
Catechumens Angie, Timothy
Servants of God Paul, Herman, Juliana, Tyler, Natalia, Paul, Elaine, Richard, Jon Thoenebe, Jeanette Ruano, Thomas, Zina, William, Margaret, Ayla, Stephen, Deborah, Charlotte, Delores, Joseph, Margie, Michael, Eileen, Emily, John, Lucy, Karen, Rosemary, Sophia, Joyce, Rachael, Thomas, Julianna, Carmen, 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, Charla, Daria, David

DEPARTED

Newly departed: Hieromonk Basil (Castillo), Pdn. Alexei, Judy, Liliana
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 Collection

Sunday Collection (8/23)
General— $1,854
Candles — $130
Pledge Payments — $263
Church Store — $10
Parish Dev. — $50
Total — $2,307

Online Giving (8/17-8/23)
General — $1,922
Parish Dev. — $35
Pledge Payments — $46.25

Total — $2,003.25

GRAND TOTAL: $4,310.25

This QR code will take you directly to the online donation web form:

Saint Mark's Orthodox Church: Catechumen Class Schedule Fall/Winter 26-27

Catechumen Class Schedule Scope and Sequence
Text: *These Truths We Hold*. St. Tikhon's Seminary Press

Classes will meet on Sundays from Noon to 1 or 12:15 to 1:15 depending on length of Divine Liturgy. If you are absent, you are responsible for the material and if you have questions we can discuss them outside of the class.
This is based on a 6 month schedule of 24 sessions. We will begin Sept 6th.

9/6 History of Orthodox Church pt. 1 Apostolic/Post Apostolic
9/13 History of the Orthodox Church pt. 2 Councils
9/20 History of the Orthodox Church pt. 3 Schisms
9/27 History of the Orthodox Church pt. 4 Mission
10/4 Orthodoxy in North America
10/11 World Orthodoxy today
10/18 Building and Servers
10/25 Building and Servers
11/1 Orthodox Worship
11/8 Orthodox Worship
11/15 Orthodox Worship
11/22 Monasticism
11/29 Dogmas and Doctrines pt. 1
12/6 Dogmas and Doctrines pt. 2
12/13 Dogmas and Doctrines pt. 3
12/20 Icons 1
12/27 Icons 2
01/3 Sacraments1
1/10 Sacraments 2
1/17 Prayer 1
1/24 Prayer 2
1/31 Annual Parish Meeting
2/7 Bible 1
2/14 Bible 2
2/21 Christian Symbolism
2/28 Makeup

Read/scan the chapters for the upcoming class.
I will also provide references for other works for "deeper dives" if you are interested.

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*
Deacon Marek Szeliga, *Attached*

Subdeacons: Sergei Arhipov
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

The St. George Brotherhood

Contacts: Dn. Marek Szeliga, Rdr. Gregory Pavlik, Denis Streltsov

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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.**