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SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022 — 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 6 — Repose of Ven. Sergius (Sérgii), Abbot and Wonderworker of Rádonezh and All Russia

(1392). Ven. Euphrosyne of Alexandria (5th c.). Martyr Paphnutius and 546 companions in Egypt (3rd c.). Ven. Euphrosyne of Suzdal' (1250). Translation of the Relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1525). New Martyr Aleksey (Alexius) Voróshin, Fool-for-Christ (1938 — Sept. 12th O.S.).

Epistle: 2 Cor. 4:6-25

Gal. 5:22-6:2

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke 6:17-23



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 25th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour Sisterhood Potluck at Julie Stell's House
Monday, Sept. 26th:	TASK — 8:45 AM - 1 PM Preschool Church School — 10:45 AM - 12 PM
Tuesday, September 29th:	Stewardship Committee Meeting — 7 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 28th:	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:30 AM
Saturday, Oct. 1st:	Hours & Divine Liturgy for the Protection of the Theotokos — 9:10 AM Parish Work Day (Shrine & Path Cleanup) Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM
Sunday, Oct. 2nd:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour

In honor of the Theotokos, whose Protection icon is at our shrine, we will have a work day on Saturday, October 1st, after the Divine Liturgy for the Protection of the Theotokos. The path and area surrounding the icon shrine need to be cleaned, so weed whacking, etc., is needed. Also, we will cover the path with the wood chips we have recently acquired. While all are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy, if you cannot make it, but are available later in the morning, you are most welcome to join us.



Giving brochure: Every family will receive a brochure from the Stewardship Committee on opportunities to make special gifts and offerings to St. Mark's. Printing services were donated by a parishioner; we received 100 copies, so please take only one per household at this point.

St. Basil's House: The coffee hour presentation on St. Basil's House in Trenton has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 16th.

The Sisterhood of the Holy Myrrhbearers will have a potluck luncheon after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 25th at Julie Stell's house; the address is 1115 Gloria Lane, Yardley/Morrisville PA, 19067. Bring your favorite dish or just come and get to know each other. If you have any questions, please see Julie. We hope to see you there!

Suicide Prevention Training: Doylestown Township Parks & Recreation offers a free two-hour training that helps individuals to understand and recognize a mental health crisis. Trainees will learn to recognize the warning signs, clues, and suicidal communications of people in trouble, and gain the skills to act vigorously to prevent a possible tragedy. For more information or to register, please visit https://doylestownpa.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29089

TASK: We will have a group go assist with lunch service at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen tomorrow. We will meet at St. Mark's at 8:45 AM. All who signed up and are available then should be here by that time. If you did not sign up and are interested/able to come, please let Fr. Dn. Gregory know beforehand.

Elementary Church School will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during Coffee Hour, except for October, when it will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. **Preschool Church School** occurs every Monday from 10:45-noon in the Fellowship Hall.

50th Anniversary: If you would like to help organize our 50th anniversary celebration, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

The Wrightstown Food Pantry needs **juice, tea and jelly**. This organization recently received federal 501(c)3 status, which means that donations to the Pantry are now tax-deductible.

Birthdays: Yuri Tyshko, Joe Durshaw

Wedding Anniversaries: Michael Bitny-Shlahto & Erin Lennon

Name Days: Sbn. Sergei Arhipov, Charla Bendas, Sergei Borichevsky, Gillian Crosby, Christina Hadgimallis, Marie Hamerstone, Monia Pitra, Charlotte Regen, Mary Anne Swan, Erin Lennon

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

LIVING

Captive Hierarchs PAUL and JOHN

All those, everywhere, who care for the sick, the suffering and the vulnerable.

Ill-afflicted Clergy Archbishop +MELCHIZEDEK, Archpriests Daniel and Michael

Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne and Jennifer

Servants of God Charlotte, infant Luke, Larissa, Nicholas, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Anna, Raymond, Andrew, Valerie, Charles, Margaret, Elena, Ayla, Sandra, Anatole, Maria, Julia, Charla, infant Jacob, Michael, Nancy, Eileen

DEPARTED

Newly departed: His Beatitude Met. +HERMAN, Met. +KALLISTOS, Archpriest John (Reeves)

Departed: All those who have died in service to their country, Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir, Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul, Kh. Shirley

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM THE ARHIPOV FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, STEPHANIE, PETER, ALEXANDRA, ANNA, LARISSA

IN MEMORY OF: NEWLY DEPARTED MET. HERMAN, MARIA, MARIA, ANNA, BORIS

FROM THE MOSER FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: STEPHANIE, PETER, CHARLOTTE, MICHAEL

IN MEMORY OF: MET. HERMAN, DN. JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, STEPHEN, SOPHIA

Having heard the words of the Gospel, O Father, thou didst set aside the wisdom of the flesh, and didst count as dust all wealth and glory; and by fighting against the passions as one without flesh, wast thou vouchsafed to join the choirs of the bodiless hosts. Thou didst receive the gift of understanding, which thou dost now bestow upon those who sing thy praises:

Rejoice, O venerable and God-bearing Sergius, thou heavenly man and earthly angel;

Rejoice, thou dwelling place of the Holy Spirit!

Rejoice, thou who through prayer received a gift bestowed by God;

Rejoice, thou who before thy birth didst cry out glorifying the Holy Trinity, who hath glorified thee both in this life and in life after death!

Rejoice, pillar of whole-mindedness beneath which every passion is crushed;

Rejoice, for from thy youth thou didst follow Christ!

Rejoice, mediator of salvation for those who come to thee;

Rejoice, thou beacon of great radiance, guiding multitudes of monks to Christ!

Rejoice, thou boast of thy fatherland;

Rejoice, thou who being adorned with prophecy foretold the future as though it were today!

Rejoice, for by thy prayers the adversary is vanquished;

Rejoice, boast and confirmation of Orthodox people!

Rejoice, for by thy prayers we are preserved unharmed by the enemy, so that we may cry out to thee:

Rejoice, O divinely-wise Sergius!

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

St. Mark's now has an Amazon Smile wishlist, which will allow donors to purchase needed supplies such as paper towels and have them shipped directly to the parish. The list may be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/2s4fc5zp>.

Purchasing an item from this list will generate a receipt from Amazon you may use for tax purposes. **If you want your donation to appear on your parish contribution statement, please submit your receipt to Andy Skordinski.**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Sunday Collection (Sept. 18)

Weekly general: \$1,364

Candles: \$89

Parish Dev.: \$150

Cupola: \$20

Secret Santa: \$20

Total: \$1,643

Online Giving (Sept. 12-18)

Weekly general: \$1,383

Parish Dev.: \$515

Total: \$1,898

Grand total: \$3,541

— *Ikos of the Canon to St. Sergius of Rádonezh*



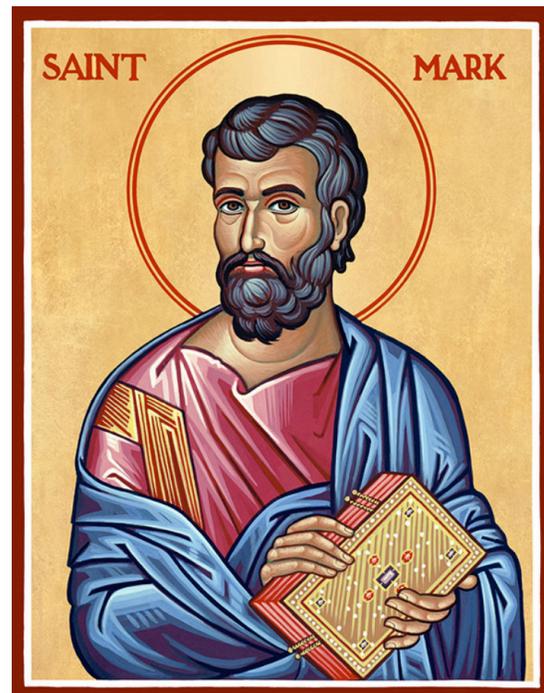
SERVICE SCHEDULE

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:	9:30 AM (Wednesdays)
Panikhidas/Lityas:	as requested

CLERGY

V. Rev. Raymond Martin Browne, *Rector*
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Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender
Marek Szeliga



LAY LEADERSHIP

CHOIR DIRECTORS: Daria Cortése
Mat. Martha Moser
Sbn. Sergei Arhipov (Emeritus)

CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATORS: Mat. Martha Moser
Julie Stell

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.**



SAVE THE DATE

The Greater Philadelphia Committee of IOCC invites you to the
11TH ANNUAL BANQUET TO BENEFIT IOCC
 Sunday, October 30, 2022

3:30pm Hors d'Oeuvres & Silent Auction • 5:00pm Dinner & Program

Come and learn about IOCC's programs around the world and how your support makes a difference in places like USA, Greece, Ukraine, and Ethiopia.

Adelphia Restaurant • Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom
1750 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford, NJ 08096

For tickets and sponsorships, see your parish rep or visit

iocc.org/philadelphia

Or make checks out to IOCC and mail to
 Connie Bandy, 2147 Robin Dr., Warrington, PA 18976

Questions? Call or e-mail Connie: 215.343.4709, hbckb@msn.com



Tickets: \$75 per person

The following sponsorship opportunities are available:

- Grand Benefactor (\$5,000+) Will receive 12 tickets
 - Great Benefactor (\$2,000) Will receive 10 tickets
 - Benefactor (\$1,000) Will receive 8 tickets
 - Sponsor (\$500) Will receive 6 tickets
 - Patron (\$350) Will receive 4 tickets
 - Friend (\$200) Will receive 2 tickets
- Sponsorships received by Oct. 15 will be recognized in the program.*

Pick up tickets from your parish representative:

OCTOBER 2, 2022

CHURCH MUSICIAN SUNDAY

Recognizing the important role of music in our Orthodox Christian worship and honoring the directors, singers, chanters, readers, composers, arrangers, and bell-ringers who serve in this sacred ministry.

*"...beautiful sacred art—and sacred music especially—forces and threatens no one. Rather, it works to soften their hearts, preparing them to receive the things of God without their even realizing it."
-Metropolitan Tikhon*



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