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# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025 — SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

### Tone 8— Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee. Leavetaking of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple.

Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria (ca. 257). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1805). Ven. Pankratii (Pancratius) of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves — 13th c.). Ven. Nikifor (1557) & Gennadii of Vazheozérsk (ca. 1516). Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bishop of Sicily; Philagrius, Bishop of Cyprus; and Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina (1st c.).



**Epistles:** 2 Tim. 3:10-15

Heb. 7:7-17

**Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14

Luke 2:22-40

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 9th:

Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM  
Choir Rehearsal & Coffee Hour

Saturday, Feb. 15th:

Great Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM

Sunday, Feb. 16th:

Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM

**The Wrightstown Food Cupboard** needs **juice, coffee, pasta sauce** and cleaning supplies. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

**Fr. Martin is off this week** but will not be out of town. In an emergency, please call him.



**Sound & Silence will resume** on Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 7 PM on Zoom, for the first of two sessions covering **Grand Compline and the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete**, served on the first four evenings of Great Lent.

**The next TASK service day** is Monday, February 27th; the carpool will depart from St. Mark's at 8:30 AM. If you are interested in participating, speak with Pdn. Gregory. Thank you to all those who participated last Monday

**Birthdays:** Robert Marshall  
**Name Days:** Victoria Gibson,  
Dmitrii Sosedov, Emily Sremenak

**Registration for the St. Tikhon's Summer Camp** opens on **this Friday**, February 14th. The camp is also in need of adult staff and volunteers. Visit the camp website at <https://www.stikhonscamp.org> for more information.

**House Blessings** are strongly encouraged for the purification and sanctification of our homes. If we believe in the healing and protecting power of Jordan Water such that we are blessed by it and drink it, why not extend this to our homes? You need not feed or pay the priest for this service, nor worry that he is on a home inspection. He is not. There is a signup list in the vestibule for the month of January, which is busy so the opportunities are not as many, especially in the evenings. February should offer more evening opportunities.

**Paper Copy Distribution:** There is a signup sheet for those who wish to receive paper copies of parish-related documents. Please fill out by family, and indicate all of the available choices of which you wish to have copies. The list will be available for the next two weeks, and directions are printed at the top of the page. Please note that certain documents, such as parish council and annual reports, are *only available for registered parish members*. Parishioners are strongly advised to be discreet with information that is sensitive (such as the personal contact information of other parishioners). Please do not share such information if it is not in the parish directory. Thank you.

**Warren Caterson's** report is now available on the "Stewardship" tab of our website. You may view it here: <https://stmarksoca.org/stewardship>.

## **VIGIL LIGHTS**

### **FROM ANGELO**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** MARIA, IRENE, PAUL, JOHN, MIRIAM, ELENA, JUSTINA, STEPHEN, ANGELO, EVANGELOS, JOSEPHINE, MARIA, PENNY, DIMITRIOS, NICHOLAS, DIMITRA, TONI, MICHAEL, MARGARET, PETER, VINCENT, JOHN, LINDA, RAPHAEL, MICHAEL, JOHN, ELENI, PETER

**IN MEMORY OF:** FR. NICHOLAS, BISHOP AUGUSTINE, FR. JOHN, DIMITRIOS, JOHN, MARIA, AMBROSE, PETER, MICHAEL, MARIA, CONSTANTINE, DIMITRA, PAULA, CHRISTINA, ANTONIO, ALEXANDER, JOHN, BEATRICE (BESSIE), MICHAEL, MARIA, EMMA, GEORGE, MARIA, DIMITRIOS, CHRISTINA

### **FROM IRENE ARHIPOV**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** SERGEI, ANNA, ALEXANDRA, MARCIA, FR. ALEXANDER, EILEEN, LUDMILLA, LUDMILLA, ELIZABETH, JOHN, JOHN  
**IN MEMORY OF:** MARIA

### **FROM MELISSA BENNETT**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** WILLIAM, DEMETRI, PATRICIA, IRENE, EILEEN, MARGARET  
**IN MEMORY OF:** ANASTASIA, BARBARA, MICHAEL, STAVROULA, CLEOPATRA, JOSEPH, HERMAN

**FROM THE SWAN FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** THEODORE, HUNTER, THOMAS III, DANIEL B.,  
**IN MEMORY OF:** THOMAS JR., VENUS L., HELEN L., MICHAEL L., CONSTANCE S., NEVILLE N., MICHAEL V., FRANCIS M., DARYL M.

**FROM THE MOSER FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** ANASTASIA, RAYMOND, MARA, MICHAEL, JOHN  
**IN MEMORY OF:** DN. JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, STEPHEN, SOPHIA, PETER, STEPHANIE

**FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** MARGARET, STEPHANIE, MARGARET, ANDREW, LORELLY, DELORES, EILEEN, EILEEN, MICHAEL, NANCY  
**IN MEMORY OF:** GEORGE, THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES UKRAINE, GAZA, AFRICA AND THE AIR DISASTERS

*Do almsgiving from your possessions to all who do righteousness. When you do almsgiving, do not let your eye be envious. **Do not turn your face away from any poor man, so the face of God will not be turned away from you.** Do almsgiving based on the quantity of your possessions. If you possess only a few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. You are storing up a good treasure for yourself on the day of necessity. **For almsgiving delivers us from death and prevents us from entering into darkness.** Indeed, almsgiving is a good gift for all who do it before the Most High. — Tobit 4:7-11 (Orthodox Study Bible)*

**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 Nathaniel, Archpriests Alexander (Golubov), Stephen & Daniel

**Matushki** Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Myra, Suzanne, and Jennifer

**Newly illumined:** Dean

**Servants of God** 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, Constance, Angela, Hunter, Jon Smith, Anselmo Pappas Scandalis, Katrina, Aidan, Aaron

**DEPARTED**

**Newly departed:** Archpriest John, Mat. Susanne, Mat. Tatiana (Marilyn), Mat. Eugenia, Mat. Jeanne, Robert, Julian

**Departed:** Archpriest Daniel, Archpriest Theodore, Peter, Shirley (Stewart), 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

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

**Sunday Collection (2/2/25)**

Weekly General — \$2,076.21

Candles — \$169

Parish Dev. — \$125

**Subtotal — \$2,370.21**

**Online Collection (1/27-2/2/25)**

Weekly General — \$4,195.94

Parish Dev. — \$100

**Subtotal — \$4,295.94**

**GRAND TOTAL — \$6,666.15**



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

<b>Hours + Divine Liturgy:</b>	9:10 AM (Sundays & feast days)
<b>Great Vespers / Vigil:</b>	6 PM (Saturdays) 7PM (Eve of feast) 6PM (Eve of feast – Sundays)
<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturdays after Vespers & by appointment
<b>Akathist Service:</b>	9:15 AM (Wednesdays)
<b>Panikhidas/Lityas:</b>	as requested

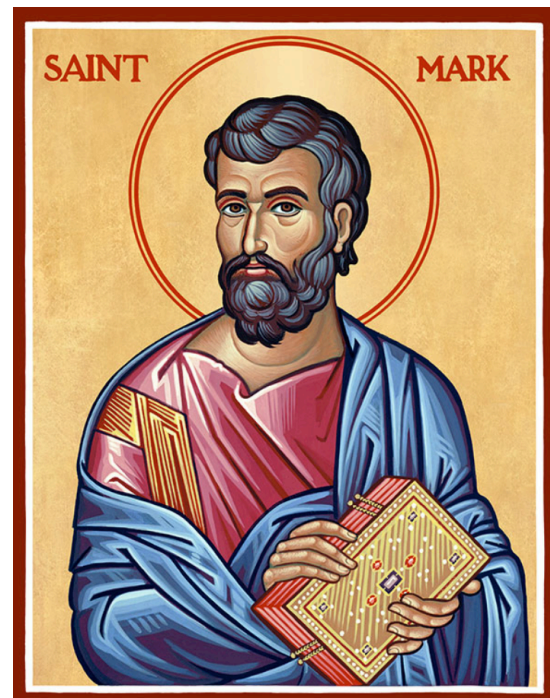
### CLERGY

V. Rev. Raymond Martin Browne, *Rector*  
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Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*

Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby  
Sergei Arhipov  
Marek Szeliga

Reader : Samuel Regen



### LAY LEADERSHIP

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATOR:** Mat. Martha Moser

### SISTERHOOD OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS

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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.**

