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MARCH 9TH, 2025 — THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Tone 4— The Sunday of Orthodoxy. The 40 Martyrs of Lake Sebaste in Armenia (ca. 320). Martyr Urpasianus of Nicomedia (ca. 295). St. Cæsarius, Brother of St. Gregory the Theologian (ca. 369). Righteous Tarasius. The “Albazin” Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (“The Word Was Made Flesh” — 1666).

Epistle: Hebrews 12:24-26,32 — 12:2
Hebrews 12:1-10

Gospel: John 1:43-51
Matthew 20:1-16



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 9th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Coffee Hour
Monday, March 10th:	TASK Carpool — 8:30 AM Building Committee Meeting — 6:30 PM
Wed., March 12th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 9:15 AM
Friday, March 14th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 7 PM
Saturday, March 15th:	Memorial Saturday Liturgy — 9:15 AM Great Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs **coffee, pancake mix & syrup, jelly beans (for Easter)** and canned fruit. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.



Our next TASK outing is Monday, March 10th. As usual we will be carpooling from St. Mark's, leaving at 8:30 AM. Please let Fr. Pdn. Gregory know if you would like to join the group that day but haven't been initially signed up.

Our Lenten retreat will take place on Saturday, March 29th. On that day there will be a Soul Saturday Panikhida at 9 AM; the first retreat session will last from 10-12:30, and the second from 1:15-3 PM. Fr. Martin will be presenting on the topic of *Chastity: It's More Than You Think You Know*. All are welcome. If you are willing to provide food for the potluck lunch, please speak with Father. Vespers will be at 4 PM that day.

Birthdays: Buddy Rybny, Sbn. Dustin Crosby, David Gibson, Anna Crosby

The next Burnt Offering Sunday is March 30th; the recipient charity will be Covenant House, an organization that works with young people facing homelessness and with survivors of human trafficking.

Registration for the St. Tikhon's Summer Camp is now full, but there is a waiting list. Visit the camp website at <https://www.sttikhonscamp.org> for more information.

Moses, in the season of abstinence, received the Law and proclaimed it to the people. Elijah by fasting closed the heavens, and the three children of Abraham through fasting overcame the lawless tyrant. Count us also worthy, O Christ, through fasting to attain to the Feast of Thy Resurrection, as we cry aloud: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. — The Lenten Triodion, trans. Mother Mary & Kallistos Ware. The Service Books of the Orthodox Church (South Canaan, PA: St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2002), 310.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 19th	Presanctified Liturgy	9:15 AM
Friday, March 21st	Presanctified Liturgy	7 PM
Saturday, March 22nd	Memorial Saturday Liturgy	9:15 AM
Monday, March 24th	Vigil for Annunciation	7 PM
Tuesday, March 25th	Hours & Divine Liturgy for Annunciation	9:15 AM
Wednesday, March 26th	Presanctified Liturgy	9:15 AM
Friday, March 28th	Presanctified Liturgy	7 PM
Saturday, March 29th	Memorial Saturday Panikhida	9 AM
Wednesday, April 2nd	Presanctified Liturgy	9:15 AM
	5th Thursday Matins w/ Great Canon	7 PM
Friday, April 4th	Presanctified Liturgy	9:15 AM
	Akathist Matins to the Theotokos	7 PM
Wednesday, April 9th	Presanctified Liturgy	9:15 AM
Friday, April 11th	Presanctified Liturgy	7 PM
Saturday, April 12th	Vigil for Palm Sunday	6 PM

**NOTE: This list is subject to change and does not include services listed on the schedule on page 1. It also does not include regular services such as Great Vespers & Confessions on Saturday nights.*

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM THE MOSER FAMILY

FOR THE LIVING: SHARON (ELIZABETH), DOUG (JOHN), MICHAEL

IN MEMORY OF: DN. JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, STEPHEN, SOPHIA, PETER, STEPHANIE

FROM THE SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE LIVING: 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 RISTVEY FAMILY

FOR THE LIVING: MARGARET, STEPHANIE, ANDREW, MARGARET, LORELLY, EILEEN, DELORES, JENNIFER, HELEN, JOSEPH, AMERICA

IN MEMORY OF: GEORGE; THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE WARS IN GAZA, UKRAINE & AFRICA

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 John Rumsey, 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, Paul (Bihuniak), Edward, Aleksandra, Olivia, Ruth

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 Paul, Kh. Shirley, Susan

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

Sunday Collection (3/2/25)

Weekly General — \$2,483.56

Candles — \$170.86

Funeral — \$1,000

Parish Dev. — \$175

Subtotal — \$3,829.42

Online Collection (2/24-3/2/25)

Weekly General — \$2,110.94

Subtotal — \$2,110.94

GRAND TOTAL — \$5,940.36

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR OUR 2025 GREAT LENTEN BABY BOTTLE DRIVE: MARCH 23RD!



We are inviting **St. Mark's OCA** parishioners to join us in saving lives and transforming families! The Legacy of Life Foundation works to fund three crisis pregnancy centers in Philadelphia and Bucks County. Every year more than 1,000 women walk through our doors seeking an abortion. They are scared, confused, and they have no support. Because of caring people like you, we are able to provide them with the financial, material, and emotional support they need to choose life for their baby.

The result? **436 babies got a chance at life last year and to date over 4,200 babies have been saved!** Our advocacy program empowers women, giving them a community, teaching life skills, and providing job coaching throughout their pregnancy and **for at least three years after** their babies are born.

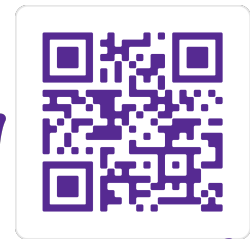
Our mission is to *save lives and transform families* by providing:

- Free pregnancy tests, counseling, and ultrasound exams
- Free life skills classes **for 3+ years!**
- Free basic baby essentials **for 3+ years!**
- Free ongoing counseling and support

We can't do any of this without YOUR generous support! This year's baby bottle drive will take place during Great Lent on **March 23rd with the collection on March 30th.**

Please make checks payable to the **Legacy of Life Foundation**, write your information on the envelope for tax purposes, and bring it back to church the following week or just mail it in. Or you can donate securely online by scanning the QR code or visiting www.legacyoflifefoundation.org.

THANK YOU for your dedication to *saving lives and transforming families!*



SCAN ME

“Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.” - St. Mother Teresa



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*

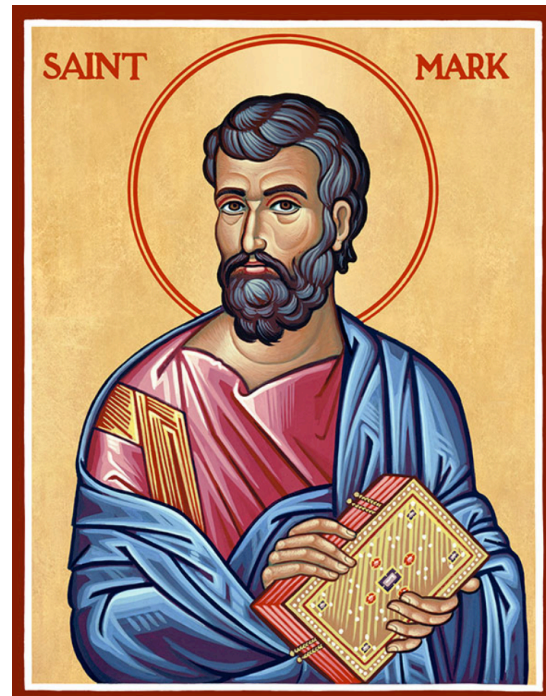
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Marek Szeliga

Reader : Samuel Regen

LAY LEADERSHIP

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

CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATOR: Mat. Martha Moser



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.**

