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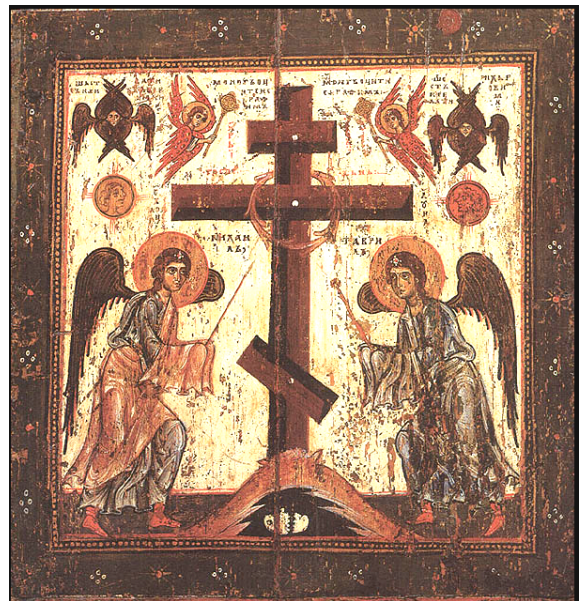
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MARCH 23RD, 2025 — VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Tone 6— The Third Sunday of Great Lent. The Veneration of the Precious Cross. Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples with him in Sicily (251). Venerable Nikon, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (1088). Martyrs Philetas the Senator, his wife Lydia, their sons Macedon and Theoprepus, Chronides the Notary, and Amphilochius the Captain, in Illyria (117-138). Righteous Basil of Mangazea in Siberia (1600). Monk- Martyr Luke of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos — 1802).



Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 23rd:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Coffee Hour
Monday, March 24th:	Vigil for Annunciation — 7 PM
Tuesday, March 25th:	9th Hour & Vesperal Liturgy for Annunciation — 9:30 AM
Wed., March 26th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 9:15 AM
Thursday, March 27th:	Parish Council Meeting — 7 PM
Friday, March 28th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 7 PM
Saturday, March 29th:	Memorial Saturday Panikhida — 9 AM Lenten Retreat — 10AM-3PM Great Vespers & Confessions — 4 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 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

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.

Name Days: Leeanna Gula, Lydia Yates
Wedding Anniversaries: Riley & Nick Tanner

The Stewardship Committee will be kicking off the capital campaign for the building project shortly after Pascha. We are doing this before final approval of the project by the parish to establish our financing levels for the project. Our plan is to solicit pledges to help determine what, if any, outside financing could be needed. The Committee is looking for volunteers to assist in the drive. You will receive training and materials before it begins. We have been fortunate to receive a donation of assistance for this from a close relative of one of our parishioners, who lives in this area. If you are interesting in assisting the Committee, please contact any of its members: Fr. Martin, Pdn. Gregory, Kevin Swan, Andy Skordinski, Joe Durshaw or Michael Bitny. Thank you!

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.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

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
Sunday, April 13th	Bridegroom Matins	4 PM
Monday, April 14th	Presanctified Liturgy	9:15 AM
	Bridegroom Matins	7 PM
Tuesday, April 15th	Presanctified Liturgy	9:15 AM
	Bridegroom Matins	7 PM
Wednesday, April 16th	Presanctified Liturgy	9:15 AM
	Matins of Holy Thursday	7 PM
Thursday, April 17th	Vesperal Liturgy	9:15 AM
	Matins of Holy Friday (12 Passion Gospels)	7 PM
Friday, April 18th	Royal Hours of Holy Friday	9:15 AM
	Vespers of Holy Friday	3 PM
	Matins of Holy Saturday (Lamentations)	7 PM
Saturday, April 19th	Vesperal Liturgy with 15 Old Testament Prophecies	9:15 AM
	Nocturns	11:30 PM
Sunday, April 20th	Matins, Hours and Divine Liturgy of PASCHA	12:00 AM
	Paschal Vespers	12:00 PM

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM THE MOSER FAMILY

FOR THE LIVING: SHARON, DOUG (JOHN), MARA, RAYMOND, ANASTASIA

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

FROM ANGELO

FOR THE LIVING: MARIA, PAUL, IRENE, CHRYSIE, ANNA, PETER, JOHN, PANAYIOTA, ANTHONY, GREGORY, MICHAEL, ELENA, CHRISTINA, PETER, PAUL, MIRIAM, DOMINICK, ANGELA, JOSEPHINE, ANGELO

IN MEMORY OF: FR. NICK, BP. AUGUSTINE, AMBROSE, DIMITRA, MARIA, JOHN, PETER, MARY, CHRISTINE, DIMITRIOS, ALEXANDER, JOSEPHINE, MICHAEL, PAULA, NICHOLAS, JOHN, MARIANNE

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, THOSE IN WARTORN UKRAINE, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

IN MEMORY OF: GEORGE

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

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 Paul, Hieromonk Pedro, Priest Jonas, Douglas (Robinson), Paul (Bihuniak)

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 (3/16/25)

Weekly General — \$2,518.95

Candles — \$156

Church Store — \$10

Food Pantry — \$10

Parish Dev. — \$205

Subtotal — \$2,899.95

Online Collection (3/10-16/25)

Weekly General — \$1,385.94

Parish Development — \$565

Subtotal — \$1,950.94

GRAND TOTAL — \$4,850.89



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*

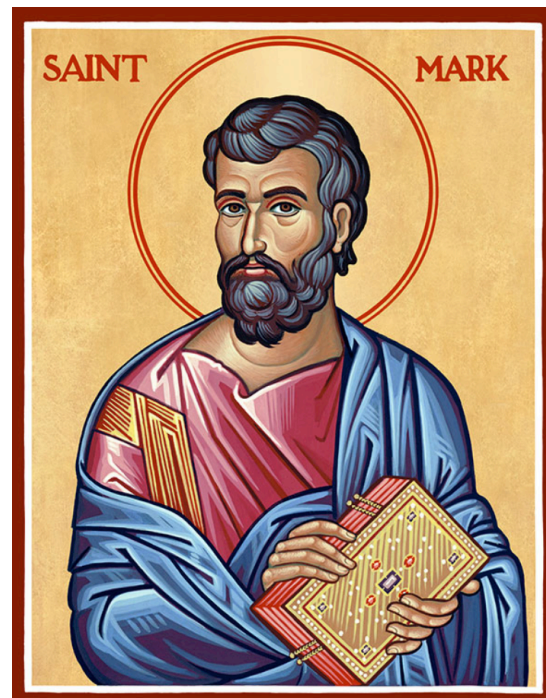
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Marek Szeliga

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.**



Our Great Lenten “Baby Bottle” Drive Fundraiser is This Weekend!

Many of the women who come through our doors believe there is no other choice but abortion. They are scared, confused, and feel they have no support. Because of caring people like you, **over 4,200 lives have been saved!** Our advocacy program gives women a community of support and empowers them through mentoring and hands-on life skills classes throughout their pregnancy and **for at least three years after** their babies are born.

Please support the 2025 Legacy of Life Foundation “Baby Bottle” Drive Fundraiser by donating now! Envelopes are in the back of the church with the Legacy of Life Foundation display.

Make your check payable to the **Legacy of Life Foundation**. Note *Baby Bottle Drive* and your *parish name* along with all of your information so we can report back about the success of the Baby Bottle Drive, then:

1. Return to the church OR
2. Mail to: 25 S. Main Street, #217, Yardley, PA 19067 OR
3. Go to www.legacyoflifefoundation.org or scan the QR code to make a secure online gift.



THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!

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

Teresa