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APRIL 27TH, 2025 — ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

St. Thomas Sunday. Antipascha. The 2nd Sunday of Pascha. Hieromartyr Symeon, the Kinsman of the Lord (107). Venerable Stephen, Abbot of the Kiev Caves and Bishop of Vladimir in Volyn' (1094). St. Eulogius the Hospitable, of Constantinople (4th c.).

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31



*Who preserved the disciple's hand unconsumed when it drew nigh to the fiery side of the Lord? Who gave it boldness to touch the bone ablaze with flame? Had not that side furnished power unto that earthen right hand, how could it have touched what, through its sufferings, caused things both above and below to quake? This grace was granted to Thomas, that he might touch Christ and cry out to Him: Thou art my Lord and my God! — **Ikos of the Matins Canon for St. Thomas Sunday***

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 27th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Blessing of Graves — 12:30 PM*
Wednesday, April 30th::	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM
Thursday, May 1st:	Capital Campaign Kickoff Meeting — 7 PM
Saturday, May 3rd:	Great Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM
Sunday, May 4th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Holy Myrrhbearers & St. Joseph Organizational Meeting

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, canned fruit, canned meat, pancake syrup, rice/pasta side dishes, cookies and crackers. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.



Holy Myrrhbearers & St. Joseph of Aramathea Ministry: As announced at the annual meeting in January, we will have an organizational meeting next Sunday (when we remember the Holy Myrrhbearers and St. Joseph) for this ministry, which will replace the Sisterhood. It is for men and women, and any young people who wish to join, and will include already-existing ministries such as the Wrightstown Food Cupboard, T.A.S.K., Woods Services Secret Santa, St. Francis Veterans' Home and other regular outreach ministries of our parish. It may also initiate new ministries, with approval of the rector and the parish council. An equally important task will be to organize and bring about social activities for our parish, including regular coffee hour, monthly socials, small home gatherings for specific groups (e.g. moms, dads, children, young adults). All with any interest in participating in any of these (**no one is expected to participate in all**) should attend the meeting, along with those already involved.

Birthdays: Gillian Crosby, Alan Litvin, Melanie Stanek

Name Days: Valerie Ristvey

Grave blessings will take place today according to the following schedule:

12:30 PM — *All Saints*

1:15 PM — *Mechanicsville*

Followed by *Doylestown, Mt. Airy (NJ), Washington's Crossing, and Newtown.*

The Capital Campaign Kickoff Meeting will take place on this Thursday, May 1st, at 7 PM at St. Mark's. Everyone is welcome.

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM ALENA

FOR THE LIVING: ALICE N., BEATRICE, ZHANNA, ALENA, SEVEGA

IN MEMORY OF: ANNA, MISH, LUDA, YRA, TAMARA, MAMARA, VICTOR, SOFIA, MARIA

FROM ANONYMOUS

FOR THE LIVING: KATERYNA, DANILA, NICOLS, DAYNA, YEGOR, JOSEPH, LAILA, LIFE, LEO, SOPHIA

IN MEMORY OF: VERA, VALENTINA, ARKADIY,

FROM ANONYMOUS

FOR THE LIVING: PETER, SOFIYA, IRINA, ELENA, GALINA, ELENA, LUBOV

IN MEMORY OF: PETER, EKATERINA, BORIS, PETER

FROM NATALLIA K.

FOR THE LIVING: NATALLIA, RUSLAN, ALEX (ALEXEI), NICHOLAS (NICHOLAI), LINUYDAS

IN MEMORY OF: EVA, ANNA, STEPAN, NICHOLAI

FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY

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

IN MEMORY OF: GEORGE, FR. EUGENE; DEPARTED MEMBERS OF THE TATUSKO & RISTVEY FAMILIES; ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE WARS IN UKRAINE, GAZA, SYRIA & 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-illuminated David

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 Alexander, Archpriest Daniel (Skvir), Mat. Evangeline, Mat. Mary, Mat. Sophia, 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

...And since, of all the events in the life of Christ, the Resurrection is by far the greatest, more exalted than any other, we celebrate it and commemorate it not only every year, but always, additionally, on the eighth day. The first festal commemoration is the actual Sunday which one may quite legitimately call [both] the eighth and the first: the eighth, counting from Pascha, and the first, as the beginning of the others. Furthermore, it is called the eighth because it is set forth as an image of that endless day in the age to come, which will also be the first and only one which will not be cut short by night...

Thomas is called the Twin, either because he was born a twin, or because he was of two minds concerning the Resurrection, or because by nature his middle finger grew longer than the index finger; but it would be more accurate to say that he was of two minds and desired to touch [Christ] with these lengthened fingers. Others say, and this is more in accordance with the truth, that the very name "Thomas" means "twin."

... And appearing after the Resurrection, He performed many extraordinary works in the sight of the disciples (yet showed them to few). The Evangelists do not record them, because it would not have been possible for many of the people in the world to hear of them, so greatly did they transcend nature. O Christ our God, through the supplications of Thine Apostle Thomas, have mercy upon us! Amen. — From the Synaxarion for St.

Thomas Sunday

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

Sunday Collection (4/20/25)

General — \$2,276

Candles — \$470

Pascha — \$1,890

Subtotal — \$4,636

Online Collection (4/14-4/20/25)

General — \$1,231

Parish Dev. — \$715

Subtotal — \$1,946

GRAND TOTAL — \$6,582



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*

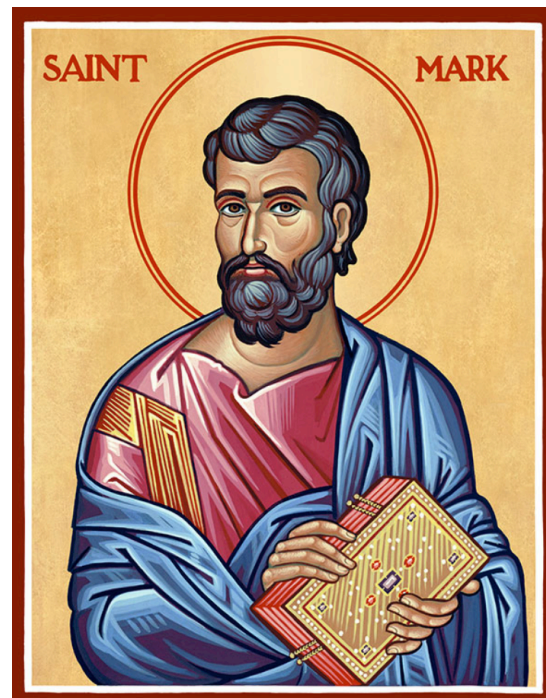
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Marek Szeliga

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.**

