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# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## JUNE 1ST, 2025 — HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ŒCUMENICAL COUNCIL

**The Holy Fathers of the First Œcumenical Council. The 7th Sunday of Pascha. Afterfeast of Holy Ascension.** Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome: Martyrs Justin, Chariton and his wife Charity (Caritas), Euelpistus, Hierax, Peon, Valerian and Justus (166 AD). Venerable Dionysii, Abbot of Glushétsk (Vologdá — 1437). Venerable Agápit, Unmercenary Physician, of the Kiev Caves (11th c.).

**Epistles:** Acts 20:16-18,28-36

**Gospels:** John 17:1-3



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. June 1st: Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM

Wed. June 4th: Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM

Sat. June 7th: Panikhida for all departed at our parish — 9:15 AM  
Panikhida for Peter Bohlender (2 yrs), requested by his wife Sandy — 5 PM  
Reception into the Catechumenate of Jack Vergis & Jon Hamilton — 5:40 PM  
Vigil of Pentecost — 6 PM

Sun. June 8th: Hours, Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Vespers — 9:10 AM

**The Wrightstown Food Cupboard** needs **coffee, tea, juice, baked beans, canned fruit and cleaning supplies**. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. The generosity of St. Mark's parishioners shown to the Food Pantry during the holiday season is truly remarkable, but did you know that **the period of greatest stress is now — the summer months?** When schools let out for the summer, students no longer have access to daily school lunches. This need must be filled by their families, and for many this means relying heavily on the Food Cupboard. Also, when schools are in session many of our local high schools sponsor food drives, particularly around the holidays. This is also true for many civic organizations. During the summer months, the Cupboard loses these sources of donations. If you can only donate once or twice per year, please consider donating now instead of around Thanksgiving or Christmas. **If you can donate regularly, please continue to do so during this critical time.** Many families in our community will thank you!



**Birthdays:** Niko Chocheli, Charles Henderson, Erin Lennon, Olga Rosik

**Name Days:** Dulany Gibson, Kevin Karaffa, Kevin McCullough, Mat. Martha Moser, Kevin Swan

**St. Anna Festival:** On June 6-8, St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church will hold its 19th annual Greek Festival at 85 Voorhees Corner Road in Flemington, NJ. The festival offers authentic Greek cuisine, folk music dancing, carnival games and prizes, inflatables and a vendor fair. Parking is free. For more information please visit [Facebook.com/opafestival](https://www.facebook.com/opafestival).

**The next Burnt Offering Sunday** will be Sunday, June 22nd. The recipient organization is Advocate for the Homeless and Those in Need, a Bucks County interfaith non-profit that serves the homeless and needy by providing year-long access to emergency shelter, food, and other life-sustaining services with dignity and compassion.

**Graduations:** We would like to be informed of all parishioners who will be graduating from any level of education (middle school, high school, undergraduate, graduate, professional programs). As we usually do, we will recognize these parishioners on Sunday, June 29th, the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Please submit your names and program details so we can recognize all those successfully completing their studies.

**From the Building Committee:** If you or someone you know would like to donate stocks for our building project, please contact any member of the Parish Council for the information stock brokers need to complete the transaction. Thank you!

## **VIGIL LIGHTS**

### **FROM ANGELO**

**FOR THE LIVING:** IRENE, PAUL, CHRISTINE, STEPHANIE, JOHN, MARIA, JOSEPHINE, ANGELA, DOMINICK, MARY, PATRICIA, ELIANA, MICHAEL, ANTHONY, CHRISTINA, ANGELO

**IN MEMORY OF:** FR. NICHOLAS, FR. JOHN, BISHOP AUGUSTINOS, AMBROSE, DIMITRA, JONATHAN, ALEXANDER, DIMITRIOS, MARIA, PAULA, CONSTANCE, MARTHA, JOHN, ANTONELLA, CAROL, JOSEPHINE, PETER, MARIA, MICHAEL

### **FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY**

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

**IN MEMORY OF:** GEORGE, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN WAR

### **FROM THE SWAN FAMILY**

**FOR THE LIVING:** THEODORE, HUNTER, THOMAS III, DANIEL B.

**IN MEMORY OF:** THOMAS JR., VENUS L., HELEN L., CONSTANCE S., NEVILLE N., MICHAEL V., FRANCIS M., DARYL M., LABRO P.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

### **LIVING**

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

**Ill-afflicted Clergy** Archbishops Alexander, Benjamin, Archpriests Alexander, James

**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, Angela, Hunter, Jon Smith, Anselmo Pappas Scandalis, Katrina, Aidan, Aaron

### **DEPARTED**

**Newly departed:** Protopresbyter Simion, Archpriest Alexander, Igumen Vladimir (Tobin), Deacon Mark, Mat. Eleanor, Christina **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

### **MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TRACKER**

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	YTD
2025 Total General Contribution	\$21,821.59	\$20,122.19	\$24,652.69	\$19,607.06	\$86,203.53
2025 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	\$99.19	\$91.46	\$89.65	\$89.12	\$88.25
Change from 2024 (Goal >\$8)	\$3.41	\$5.51	-\$10.32	\$9.03	\$5.80
2024 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	\$95.78	\$85.96	\$99.96	\$80.09	\$82.45
	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	YTD
Building Fund Contributions	\$13,865.00	\$4,490.00	\$5,170.00	\$4,765.00	\$28,290.00
% of Goal Obtained (\$100k)	13.87%	4.49%	5.17%	4.77%	28.29%

### **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

#### **Sunday Collection (5/25/25)**

General — \$1,372

Candles — \$309

Pledge Payments — \$2,000

Adult Education — \$40

Parish Dev. — \$145

**Subtotal — \$3,866**

#### **Online Collection (5/19-5/25/25)**

General — \$3,292.94

Candles — \$9

**Subtotal — \$3,301.94**

**GRAND TOTAL — \$7,167.94**



# Something *BIG* is happening!

## CAMPUS MISSIONARY INITIATIVE

One year ago, OCF launched its pilot Campus Missionary location, placing a full-time staff member on campus at Texas A&M University. Student participation and engagement were beyond our expectations. Highlights included:

- 100+ student participants
- 110+ hours of one-on-one student discipleship
- 7 different breakout groups meeting regularly
- 1/3 of participants are new to Orthodoxy

Two new locations launched this year, at Arizona State University and in Atlanta (serving Georgia Tech, Emory, and local students). Our heartfelt dream is continued expansion to more locations in years to come.

## FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION

### STUDENTS GROWING CLOSER IN CHRIST

During the 2023-24 school year, over 700 student participants attended a retreat, conference, or other OCF-hosted event, including:

- 7 regional weekend retreats
- 2 College Conferences (East & Midwest)
- Summer Leadership Institute
- Real Break

Events were led by OCF Staff alongside prominent Orthodox speakers including bishops, priests, and lay individuals.

To keep student registration fees affordable and provide scholarships for students in need of financial assistance, OCF raises over \$100,000 to help underwrite annual program expenses.





# How is OCF *Serving* College Students?

With a presence on over 250 campuses, a wide range of local, regional, and national programming, and the most exciting effort in recent campus ministry history, the Campus Missionary Initiative, OCF is more present and engaged with college students than ever, keeping them close to Christ and the Orthodox Faith during their time in school.

## SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SLI is a seven-day summer leadership training program designed to help college students understand what it means to be a young Orthodox leader in OCF, the Church, and the world.

## COLLEGE CONFERENCE

College Conference hosts hundreds of students annually for faith education and fellowship. The program takes place from December 27-30th, in two locations: East at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, Pennsylvania, and Midwest at St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, Wisconsin.

## REAL BREAK

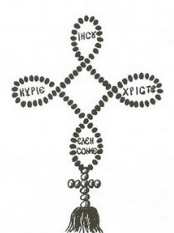
Real Break provides college students with the opportunity to engage the Orthodox faith through trips of pilgrimage and service. Students travel during spring and summer breaks to participate in the work of the Church alongside the ministries, monasteries, parishes, and people of each host city.



**Our Mission:** OCF transforms the lives of college students by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church, cultivating a campus community of worship, witness, service, fellowship, and education.

*Support OCF with  
a donation today!*





## 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*  
(570) 906-1388 (cell)  
stmarksorthodoxchurch@gmail.com

Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*

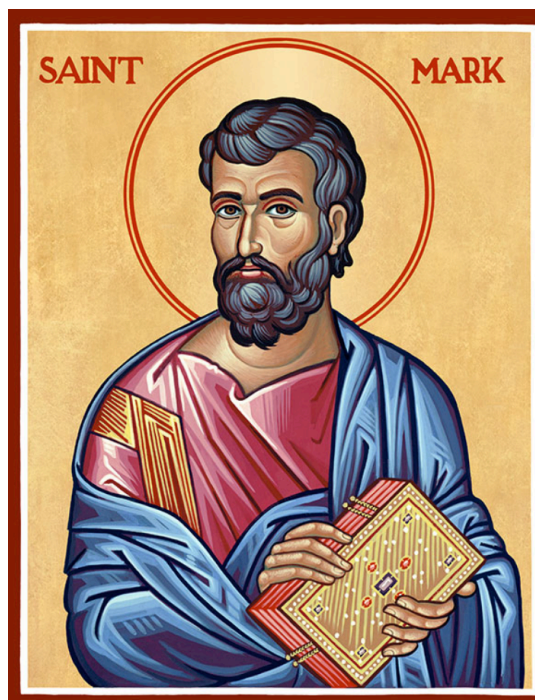
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby  
Sergei Arhipov  
Marek Szeliga

Reader : Samuel Regen

### LAY LEADERSHIP

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

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



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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**.