

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Readers:

- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
- ❖ Dustin Joseph Crosby

## Choir Directors:

- ❖ Sergei Arhipov
- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Daria Cortese

## Church School Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak

## Service Schedule

### Great Vespers/Vigil

*Saturdays 6pm*

*Eve of Feast 7pm*  
*(6pm on Sundays).*

### Hours

*Sundays and Feast Days 9:10am*

### Divine Liturgy

*Sundays and Feast Days 9:30am*

### Confessions:

*Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.*

### Akathist Service

*Wednesdays at 9:15am*

**Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya):** as requested.



**17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8.** The Conception of the Honorable Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Ss. Xanthippa and Polyxena, disciples of the Apostles, who died in Spain (109). Virgin Martyr Irais (Rhais, Raïssa) of Alexandria (ca. 308). Martyrs Andrew, John, and John's children: Peter and Antonius, of Syracuse, martyred in Africa (9th c.).

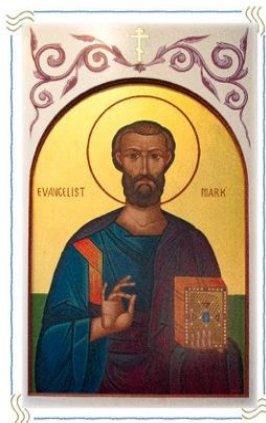
ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: Galatians 4:22-31, 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

ΓΩΣΠΕΛ: LUKE 1:5-25, **Luke:5:1-11**

**Baptisms:** Children must have Orthodox Godparents who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Scheduling arrangements should be made with the Rector by contacting him directly.

**Weddings:** Arrangements should be made **at least** six months prior to the wedding and scheduling is subject to the liturgical calendar of the church.

**Please do not** make arrangements for receptions without speaking with the Rector first.



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## Weekly Schedule of Services and Events

- Sun** Sept 23: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Parish Picnic to follow.  
**Tues:** Sept 25: Mirrors of Truth 7pm.  
**Wed.** Sept 26: Akathist and Psalms class following 9:15am. Prison Ministry 7:30pm.  
**Thurs.** Sept 27: Parish Council Meeting - 7pm.  
**Sat.** Sept 29: Vespers and Confessions 6pm.

**Preschool Church School** began on Thursday, September 20 and will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month for one hour from 9:45 to 10:45am.

Questions can be addressed to Jen Sremenak and Martha Moser.

**Mirrors of Truth:** The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25 at 7pm. The first meeting will provide an overview of the curriculum for this course and an introductory discussion about science, metaphysics, and theology.. Further details and resources will be available on the parish website shortly.

**Parish Picnic Today!** Thank to all who have contributed to this event in every way, donations of food and money, cooking, set up, games, preparation of grills. We look forward to a good time together and hopefully this will become an annual event.

**Sister Vassa at Mother of God Parish in Princeton:** Sister Vassa will be speaking following Vespers on Saturday October 6 at 6pm. Vespers will be at 5pm. We have been invited as a parish to attend and will do so. There will be no Vespers here on Saturday October 6. She will speak on "Discovering Your Ministry: Carrying on the Vocation of the Apostles." Should you wish confessions that day but will not attend the Vespers see Fr. Martin about coming earlier that Saturday to St. Mark's. Sunday morning before Divine Liturgy is not an option.

**Script:** Profit \$53.50. YTD \$581.52.

**Walk for Life & 5K Run 2018:** Saturday October 13, 2018 Univest Performance Center, The Park @4th 10AM to 1PM. Register at [www.crossroadspregnancy.care](http://www.crossroadspregnancy.care) or 215 538-7003 x206. Early registration \$20; Late registration \$22; Day of Registration \$25, includes T-shirt. Crossroads provides free resources that help bring hope, help and healing to hundreds of women, men, and children in our communities.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Please continue to bring pasta, sauce, coffee, tea, juice with you to church throughout the summer months.

### VIGIL LIGHTS

NONE THIS WEEK

**Please remember in your prayers**



**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John, orphans of St. Thekla's, III afflicted *Pcdn* Joseph, *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra; *Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Anthony, Samuel, Sergei, Michael, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Anthony, Helen, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Barbara, Daniel, Amanda and Michael, Pastor Ginny (Penns Park UMC/Wrightstown Food Cupboard), Stephen. **Good estate of** Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan.

**Departed:** *Newly departed* Archpriest Vincent, Archpriest Michael, Protodeacon Theodore, Marie, Mat. Mary, Virginia. *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir.



### Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries

*Birthday:* Michael Vatov, 9/23, Yuri Tyshko, 9/25

*Names Day:* John, 9/23 and 9/25, Sergei 9/26.

