

ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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.



·THE SOWER OF GOOD SEEDS·



20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus, of Milan (1st c.). Ven. Paraskeva of Serbia (11th c.). Ven. Nikóla Sviatósha, Prince of Chernigov and Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1143). Hieromartyr Silvanus of Gaza (4th c.).

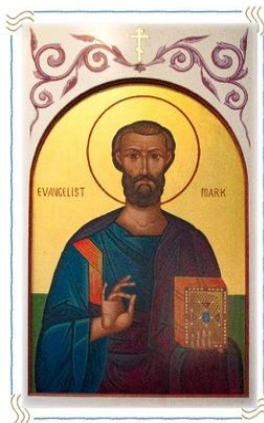
ΕPISTLE: Hebrews 13:7-16; Galatians 1:11-19

ΓOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-13; Luke: 8:5-15

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.



Weekly Schedule of Services and Events

Sun. Oct 14: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Church School, Coffee Hour.

Tues.. Oct 16: Mirrors of Truth. 7pm.

Wed. Oct 17: Akathist and Psalms class following 9:15am. Prison Ministry 7:30pm.

Sat. Oct 20: Vespers and Confessions 6pm.

Incense Donations: Exceeded our need. We are able to purchase five pounds, which is plenty. The rest will be earmarked for future incense purchases. Those who donated are welcome to give Father Martin names for those in whose memory the offerings have been made.

Parish Development: Thank you to those who have made contributions to the Development Fund. It is now in the black with \$1300 in it.

At our last Parish Council meeting it was agreed to establish an advisory Building Committee of seven people which would include parishioners with both financial and building related professional experience. The purpose of the committee is to provide informed opinion in making necessary and prudent decisions in developing our physical plant in light of present and anticipated needs. If you are willing to serve let Fr. Martin know. Membership will be approved by the Parish Council.

Save the Date: Please take note of the following upcoming events.

Saturday November 10, in response to parishioner request, an afternoon (1-4:30pm) presentation on the two O.C.A. documents on preparing for end of life, spiritually and practically. You can review the documents here [A Gift for my Loved Ones](#) and here [Another Gift for my Loved Ones](#). It is an important, though often uncomfortable topic for many. Preparation is a gift for those we leave behind, enabling us to do what we know they wished, and for us to do what is in accord with God's will in facing serious illness and death. All are encouraged to attend. Vespers and Confessions will follow that day at 5pm.

Saturday December 1, our annual Nativity Fast/Advent Retreat with Archpriest Alexander Golubov on Incarnating the Orthodox Christian Faith.

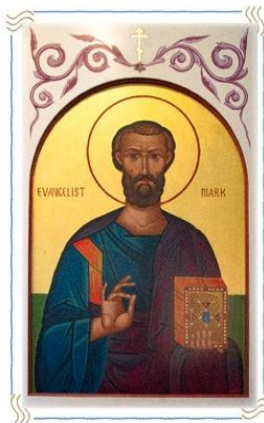
St. Tikhon's Seminary Fall Lectures: The annual series will take place over four Tuesday nights, beginning at 7pm on October 16th with Fr. Lawrence Farley on ***Gender in Genesis***. Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk of St. Stephen's Cathedral will deliver the lecture on the 23rd on the topic of Six Days of Creation: Scientific Inquiry and Biblical Text.. A flyer with full information is attached to today's bulletin.

Sunday Breakfast Mission Collection: Thank you to all who donated. We raised \$363 for Thanksgiving Dinners for some of the needy in our area.

Supporting the Church Financially in addition to regular sacrificial giving. At present we have two ways parishioners can do so, the **Scrip Program** which allows you to purchase gift cards for a tremendous number of retailers of all kinds, percentages of which go to St. Mark's. You get the full value of your purchase, the parish gets a percentage from the program. Please take a closer look at this program and see which vendors you regularly use and consider participating. Also keep it in mind when you have special events, as vendors for those types of products pay a higher percentage.

Additionally: we participate in the **Amazon Smile program**. If you shop Amazon and utilize the Amazon Smile program you can designate St. Mark's Orthodox Church, Wrightstown as the beneficiary of your purchases. They will pay the parish .5% of the purchases made. Individually it may be small, but if everyone in the parish did so it would amount to a significant income. Again, no extra money is required from those who participate.

Scrip: Profit \$59.50. YTD \$641.02.



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, Olga, Joseph, Joseph, Norman. *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir.

Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries

Birthday: Tiffany Milosav, Sarah Browne 10/15, Martha Moser 10/17

Wedding Anniversary: Fr. Michael and Mat. Teresa Sekela 10/14

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: Fr. Michael Sekela 10/16

Banns

Stephanie Bohlender and Pablo DeLeon will be married here on October 27th.

