



# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
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- ❖ 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 9:30 am*

**Confessions:**

*Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.*

**Akathist Service**

*Wednesdays at 9:15am.*

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

request.



**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (6<sup>th</sup> of Luke) — Tone 2.** Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica (ca. 306). Martyrs Capitolina and Erotheis of Cappadocia (304). Martyr Mark and those with him, on the Isle of Thasos. Ven. Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—ca. 1114). St. Dumitru (Dimitrie) the New, Protector of Bucharest (13<sup>th</sup> c.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Andrew, Prince of Smolensk (1540).

ΕΠΙΣΤΛΗ: **2 Cor 11:31-12:9**

ΓΟСПΕΛ: **LUKE 8:26-39**

**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. 27: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am. Church School. Coffee Hour.**

**Mon. Oct. 28: Building Committee 6:30pm.**

**Tues. Oct 29: Bible Study - 7pm.**

**Wed. Oct 30: Akathist, Bible Study - 9:15am-10:45am. John Jay-2:30pm.**

**Sat. Nov 2: Vespers and Confessions - 6pm.**



**Adult Bible Study:** Will meet on Tuesday for the final time at 7pm. Beginning on November 18 we will have a parish Book Study in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity. All are welcome. Further details next week.

**Nativity Fast:** In a little over two weeks we will begin the Nativity Fast to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Start planning now how you will keep the fast - what acts of charity you will do, what special prayer rule you will follow, prepare to make a good confession, how you will fast, not just from food, but from sin - gossip, violent, inhuman, anti-human and blasphemous images in all media. **Please note** we will have a Parish Retreat with Fr. Alexander Golubov on Saturday December 7th which will focus on living an Orthodox Christian life in this place and at this time.

**Parish Festivals:** Two of our OCA parishes are holding festivals in the coming weeks. Next Saturday St. Stephen's Cathedral will hold its "Old World Food Festival" - see attached flier. The following week St. Herman of Alaska in Gradyville will have its' festival. See Bulletin Board for more information, flier will be attached to next week's bulletin.

**Stewardship Sunday:** Today the Orthodox Church in America observes Stewardship Sunday. Stewardship is something we are all called to do - it is a Christian virtue, not restricted to any one Christian tradition. Read Genesis - God appointed the human race to be stewards of creation. It is about far more than money - it is about our life and what we do with it and the life and lives around us.

**Veterans Day:** On Sunday November 10th the Church School will offer a program of recognition for our Veterans. We strongly encourage our veterans to attend and bring a friend if they are not churched so we can recognize them too for their service in both war and peace.

**Scrip:** YTD \$257.65.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:**

**Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.** NOTE: tea and coffee are especially needed.

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM: THE SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MICHAEL, CONSTANCE

IN MEMORY OF: HELEN, VENUS, NEVILLE

FROM: IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, STEPHANIE, PETER, ANTHONY, ALAN, LUDMILLA, JEANETTE

IN MEMORY OF: ANTHONY, BORIS, LYDIA, LYDIA, EUGENE, ANNA, ANNA



**Please remember in your prayers**

**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John III afflicted *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne; *Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Anthony, Samuel, Sergei, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Anthony, Helen, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Stephen, Jason, Katina, Donna, Nina, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra. **Margaret, Good estate of Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.**

**Departed:** *Newly departed* Mitred Archpriest Philip, Alexander, Barbara, Helen, *Simeon* *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir, Priest George



Birthdays

Jeanette Ruano -27th

Elza Tyshko - 27th

Wedding Anniversary

Buddy & Judy Rybny



October 27, 2019  
Steward Sunday

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Christ is in our midst!

I greet you, my coworkers and stewards, in the joy of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and I offer my prayerful gratitude to God for the love, courage, and generosity you have shown for the Orthodox Church in America. Today in the Orthodox Church in America we commemorate Steward Sunday, a day where I invite you to join me, and the members of the Holy Synod, in supporting our Orthodox Church in America, by prayerfully contributing to the great work we are called to do here in North America.

We have much work to do, but we must first give thanksgiving to Almighty God for the very fact that we, you and I, are here, 225 years after the arrival of Saint Herman, 195 years after the arrival of Saint Innocent, and 125 years after the arrival of Saint Tikhon on these shores. We are here, as a faithful community of bishops, clergy, monastics, and faithful Christians, to receive the blessing of these saints and to strive to emulate their example, so as to offer an Orthodox presence as a genuine local church here in North America.

Next year, we will celebrate fifty years of autocephaly. To be sure, this is a tremendous milestone for us, and in those fifty years we have accomplished much. But as we begin to plan our celebrations I note that the granting of autocephaly was not a reward or a recognition but rather a call to service: service to Holy Orthodoxy on this continent and to the sharing of the refreshment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a dry and thirsty land. Today, on this Steward Sunday, I am asking each of you to express your love for the Orthodox Church in America and for our Lord in a tangible way - through a sacrificial gift to the Stewards.

May the Lord continue to grant you every blessing for your salvation and for the growth of His Body, the Church.

With love in Christ,

+Tikhon  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada