



ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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 9:30am

Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested.



19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (290-303). Ven. Sergius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 13th c.). Ven. Sergius, Abbot of Nurma (Vologdá—1412), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh. Uncovering of the relics of Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1514). Martyrs Julian the Presbyter and Cæsarius the Deacon, at Terracina (1st c.). Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus (290). Martyr Polychronius the Presbyter (4th c.).

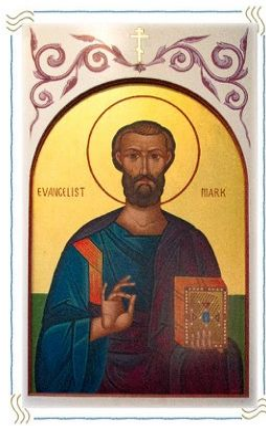
ΕΠΙΣΤΛΗ: *2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9*

ΓΟСПΕΛ: **Luke:** 7:11-16

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 7: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Church School, Coffee Hour.

Mon. Oct 8: Of What Life do We Speak Discussion 7pm.

Wed. Oct 10: Akathist and Psalms class following 9:15am. Prison Ministry 7:30pm.

Sat. Oct 13: No Vespers.

Memory Eternal Joseph Wawrzyniak. Joe reposed last Monday morning after a rapid decline in his health. He resided at Harbor View Nursing Home in Doylestown (formerly Golden Living). Some of you met him there, but to most he was unknown. His faith was lively, his intelligence quick and deep, his

thoughtfulness and humility notable. He bore his cross with patience and perseverance. Despite his disability, he was an advocate for an Orthodox presence there, one which the administration responded to favorably. In his conversations and efforts, either from a bed or wheelchair, he was an effective missionary. He will be missed by his family and friends. A Panikhida is scheduled for his Ninth Day Memorial at 10am on Tuesday, October 2nd.

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 would be to bring an informed point of view to potential plans in light of best providing for the spatial needs of the parish moving forward. 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.

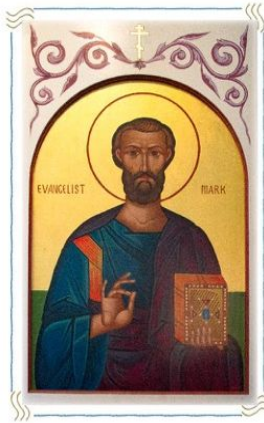
Saturday November 10, in response to parishioner request, an afternoon (1-4:30pm) presentation on the two O.C.A. documents on preparing for end of life, spiritually and practically. You can review the documents here [A Gift for my Loved Ones](#) and here [Another Gift for my Loved Ones](#). It is an 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. Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk of St. Stephen's Cathedral will deliver the lecture on the 23rd on the topic of Genesis. A flyer with full information is posted upstairs and downstairs or you can go to www.stots.edu.

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.

Walk for Life & 5K Run 2018: Saturday October 13, 2018 Univest Performance Center, The Park @4th 10AM to 1PM. Register at 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

FROM PERDIKIS

For the Health of: Evangelia, Demetrios, Kathryn, Shane, Anthony, Bruce, Michele, Tom, Terri, Raymond, Zografia, Demetra, Samantha, Olivia, Tom, Debra

In Memory of: Angelo, Evangelia, Arthur, Colleen, Ekaterini, Spyridon, Christopher, Anna, Kleo, Nikolas, Angel, Demetrios, Zografia

FROM RYBNY

For the Health of: Scott, Keri, Anna, Charles, Caitlin Rybny. Joe, Alexis, Max, Stella, and Sophia Rybny..

In Memory of: Peter, Helen Muha, Marie & Charles Rybny, Daniel Muha, Rose Chabay

FROM SWAN FAMILY

For the Health of: Helen, Venus, Michael



Please remember in your prayers



Living: Captives Hierarchs Paul and John, orphans of St. Thekla's, Ill 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, Joseph, Joseph, Norman. *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir.

Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries

Birthday: Charles Bendas 10/12

Wedding Anniversary: Douglas Yates and Sharon Burkett 10/10