

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

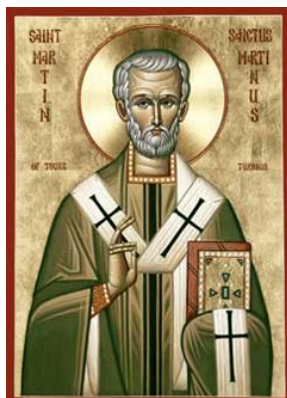
Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested.



24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Martyrs Menas of Egypt (304), Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) and Vincent of Spain (204). Martyr Stephanida (Stepanida, Stephanie) of Spain (2nd c.). Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion (826). Repose of Bl. Maxim, Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker in Moscow (1434). Ven. Martýrii, Abbot of Zelénsk (Pskov—1603). Repose of Saint Stephen Dečani of Serbia. Saint Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (397).

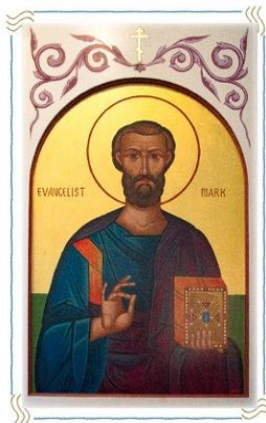
ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: *Ephesians 2:14-22*

ΓΕΓΟΝΟΣ: **Luke:** 10:25-37

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. Nov 11: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Litya for Fr. Karaffa, Coffee Hour in Honor of Veterans..

Wed. Nov 14: No Services: Diocesan Clergy Retreat.

Thurs Nov 15: Parish Council Meeting 7pm..

Sat. Nov 17: Wrightstown Food Cupboard Thanksgiving Baskets 10am, Penns Park United Methodist Church. Vespers and Confessions - 6pm.

Condolences: St. Mark's extends its condolences to our partner in the Wrightstown Food Cupboard, Penns Park United Methodist Church on the repose of their pastor, Virginia Miles. Her death is a loss for all who knew her, but especially her family and the flock she tended, who loved her and was loved by her. May God grant them the grace of consolation, and her a blessed repose in the Lord.

Food Sale: Our annual Christmas Food Sale will be on Saturday December 15th from 9am to 1pm. Order forms have been sent out to those on the email list. Copies are found on our website and Facebook page and in the vestibule of the church. Deadline for orders is November 30th.

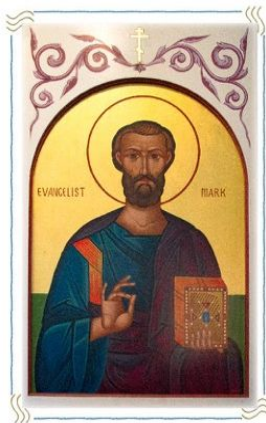
Grounds Cleanup: There are tasks in need of completion internally and externally in the Church and on the property. Gutters need cleaning, basement window sills also need cleaning out on the south side, wax removal on carpets in the Altar especially, but also elsewhere in the church, items need polishing again, as the candle stands need to be cleaned. Volunteers are welcome to do any tasks on the times convenient to them. Please speak with Fr. Martin if and when you can help with any of these, partially or completely.

Memory Eternal: Today marks the tenth anniversary of the falling asleep of Fr. Stephen Karaffa, the third pastor of this parish and the first resident priest. In his six years here he did much to build our parish (literally as well as in other ways), a foundation others have built upon since. He served other parishes throughout the Orthodox Church in America, dying suddenly at the All American Council in Pittsburgh. On this day we offer prayers for his blessed repose and for the consolation of his family, which includes his son and our brother here at St. Mark's, Kevin. May Father Stephen's Memory be Eternal!

Nativity Fast: This week, (on the 15th) we begin the annual Nativity Fast, a.k.a Philips Fast or Advent. Whatever you call it, keep it, please. It is a forty day devoted to preparing to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh. It should be a time of attentive prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Attend the various festal services that occur during this time. Educate yourself in the faith by attending the lectures/presentations but especially the Advent Retreat. And give alms - that is share your time with those in need, whatever those needs are, as God makes them known to you. Not only for those we love, but those we don't. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and the imprisoned (not all those imprisoned are in government jails - hospitals, nursing homes, one's own home can be a prison for those suffering physically, psychologically and spiritually). And be generous, again, especially with those from whom there is nothing you can gain, nor anything you need to prove. If we do this, we will be ready to greet Our Lord when He comes, this time in glory.

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

- ❖ **Saturday December 1**, our annual Nativity Fast/Advent Retreat with Archpriest Alexander Golubov on *Incarnating the Orthodox Christian Faith*.
- ❖ **Saturday December 15**, our annual Christmas Food Sale. NOTE order forms have been emailed and are posted on the parish website. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS NOVEMBER 30!



Supporting the Church Financially in addition to regular sacrificial giving.

As we approach the largest gift giving season of the year, please investigate our Scrip program as a way to support the parish as you generously gift your family and friends beyond the parish. Additionally, if you shop Amazon, consider using Amazon Smile with St. Mark's as the beneficiary.

Veterans Day: Today, we will have a special Coffee Hour and Church School Program to recognize and honor our veterans. Please come and show your appreciation for our honorees and those who are working on the program.

Scrip: Profit \$40.25. YTD \$721.89 Thank you for your continued support.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Approximately 140 Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled on Saturday November 17. We are asked to provide pasta sauce, canned vegetables, rice/beans, coffee, tea and juice.

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM: THE SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: VENUS LOVE, MICHAEL LOVE, HELEN LAVORATA, CONNIE SWAN

FROM: THE MOSER FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: ANDREW, ANDREW, PETER, STEPHANIE

IN MEMORY OF: DN. JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, STEPHEN, MICHAEL

FROM: MICHAEL BITNY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: ERIN, ANATOLY, OLEG, THOMAS, PETER, JENS, RAFFAELA, JOHN, JOANN, MICHAEL, LISA, THOMAS, ANNIE, MICHAEL, MILANKA.

IN MEMORY OF: IGOR, INGBORG, NATALIE, ELIZABETH, EUGENE, VALENTINA, ALEXANDRA, NICHOLAI, MYRA, JULIA, ANATOLY, MARIA, JOSEPH, MICHAEL, MARRIETTA, RUDY, LUDMILLA, BASIL, OLEG, IGOR.

FROM: ALAN

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SHILOH WILL FIND A NEW HOME.



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, Catherine, Laura, Stephen. **Good estate of** Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan.

Departed: *Newly departed* Archimandrite Robert, Virginia *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir.

Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries

Birthday: Vera Shemiatovets 11/11

Names Day: Protodeacon Gregory 11/14, Mat. Heidi 11/17,

Wedding Anniversary: Anastasia and Raymond Killough 11/9, Dustin and Gillian Crosby 11/11

