

# 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 9:30am

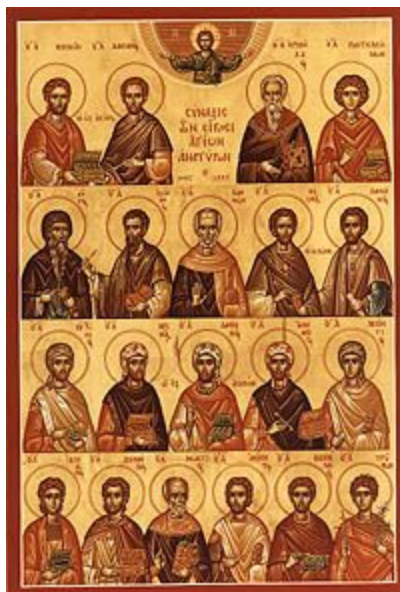
**Confessions:**

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

**Akathist Service**

Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



**23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries.** Ven. Joannicius the Great (846).

Hieromartyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra, and Hermas, Presbyter (1st c.). Ven. Merkúry, Fasteer, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Nikander, Abbot of Gorodénsk (Novgorod—16th c.).

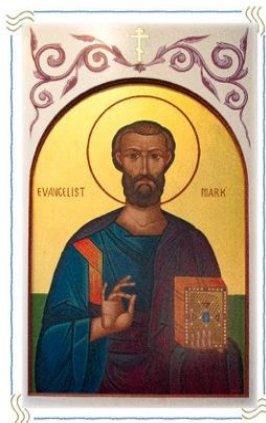
ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ:; 1 Cor. 12:27-13:8; Ephesians 2:4-10

ΓΕΓΟΝΟΣ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ 10:1, 5-8; ΛΟΥΚΑ: 8:41-56

**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.** Nov 4: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Church School, Coffee Hour.  
**Mon.** Nov 5: Mirrors of Truth: Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk on Six Days of Creation: Scientific Inquiry and Biblical Text. 7pm  
**Wed.** Nov 7: Akathist and Psalms Class - 9:15am. Visit from The George School 10:25-11:40am; John Jay Fellows 5:30pm; Vigil for Archangels 7pm.  
**Thurs** Nov 8: Hours and Divine Liturgy for Holy Archangels 9:15am..  
**Sat.** Nov 10: Presentation on End of Life issues 1-4:30pm. Vespers and Confessions - 5pm.

**Mirrors of Truth:** The November meeting will be tomorrow evening at 7pm with a presentation by Fr. Victory Gorodenchuk, Dean of St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral, on Six Days of Creation: Scientific Inquiry and Biblical Text. Father Victor is currently completing a doctorate in liturgical theology at Catholic University of America and holds a master's degree in laser physics from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. All are encouraged to attend and hear an Orthodox presentation on this frequently discussed yet poorly understood topic. He will address the scientific inquiry tomorrow and the biblical text in another presentation on Monday December 3rd.

**Condolences:** St. Mark's extends its condolences to our partner in the Wrightstown Foodcupboard, Penns Park United Methodist Church in the repose of their pastor, Virginia Miles. Pastor Ginny as she was known reposed on Tuesday. Her viewing will be on Tuesday evening at Varcoe Funeral Home in Doylestown from 6-8pm and her funeral service at the church on Second Street Pike on Wednesday at 1:30pm. Her death is a loss for all who knew her, but especially 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.

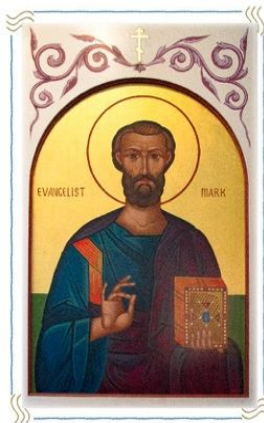
**Grounds Cleanup:** There are tasks in need of completion internally and externally in the Church and on the property. Gutters need cleaning, basement window sills also need cleaning out on the south side, wax removal on carpets in the Altar especially, but also elsewhere in the church, items need polishing 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.

**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.
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- ❖ **Saturday December 1**, our annual Nativity Fast/Advent Retreat with Archpriest Alexander Golubov on *Incarnating the Orthodox Christian Faith*.
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- ❖ **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:** NEXT Sunday, November 11, 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 \$40.62. YTD \$681.64. 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: HELEN, VENUS, MICHAEL



FROM: PITRA FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF: JULIUS PITRA, 24 YEARS, 10/27/94

FROM: TATYANA

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MICHAEL, TATYANA, IRENE, ANNA, LUCY, JOEL, DAVID, OLGA, MASHA, PAVEL, SVETLANA, VOLOGYA

IN MEMORY OF: NICHOLAY, ANNA, ALEXANDRA, OLA, RITA, VASILY

FROM: ALAN LEE LITVIN

FOR THE HEALTH OF: THE WORLD; HOLLY WILLIAMS

IN MEMORY OF: ALL THE DEPARTED LAWRYSH'S, LITVINS, PRICES, HENNESSY'S WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.

**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* Archimandrite Robert *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and

Vladimir.

Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries

*Birthday: Michael Bitny 11/4*

*Names Day: Michael Bitny, Michael Browne, Mihaela Milosav, Michael Vatov*

*Wedding Anniversary: Buddy & Judy Rybny 10/30*