

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
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## Choir Directors:

- ❖ Sergei Arhipov
- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Daria Cortese

## Church School Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak

December 16, 2018

## 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 requested.



**29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Sunday of the Forefathers.** Prophet Haggai (Aggæus—50 B.C.), Martyr Marinus of Rome (3rd c.). Bl. Empress Theophano (Theophania—893-4). St Sophia (1542).

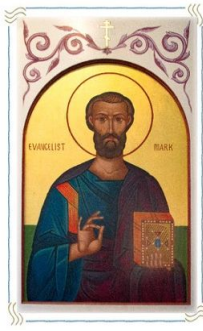
ΕPISTLE: *Colossians 3:4-11*

GOspel: **Luke:** 14:16-24

**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.** Dec 16: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Litya for Maria, mother of Catherine Petrascu, 1st Anniversary. For Zoran Djokic, 4th Anniversary. Coffee Hour.
- Mon.** Dec 17: Reading Revelation 7-8pm.
- Wed.** Dec 19: Akathist followed by Psalms Class - 9:15am Prison Ministry-7pm.
- Thurs.** Dec 20: Parish Council Meeting - 7pm.
- Sat.** Dec 22: Vespers and Confessions - 6pm.

**Advent Outreach Project:** We are grateful to all who stayed for the presentation from Leisbeth from A Woman's Place and those who donated stuffed animals and made monetary donations. We collected \$240 last Sunday and encourage further giving, either through the parish or directly. Also, if you wish to donate any of the items on the wish list, we are collecting here and will deliver them before Christmas.

**Calendars:** 2019 Calendars from St. Tikhon's Monastery are available starting today. One calendar per family. If there are any left over after New Year people can take additional ones. Please be considerate of all the members of the parish.

**Food Sale:** Thank you to all who made our annual sale another success! We especially thank those who cooked, preparing stuffed cabbage, soup, as well as those who helped with every stage of the ordering process, as well as baggers and sales help on the day itself. Your generosity of time and talent is deeply appreciated.

**Nativity Fast:** As we draw closer to the end of this Fast period, you are strongly encouraged to prepare your hearts and minds as well as homes and families. Take the time to sit quietly and examine your conscience (Fr. Hopko's *If We Confess our Sins* is highly recommended for preparation. Copies available in the church store and upstairs). Please do not wait until the end. Set the tone for a joyful rather than a stressful Nativity.

### **Nativity Festal Service Schedule**

December 23rd - Royal Hours - 7pm.

December 24th - Vespers Liturgy - 9am.

Holy Supper - 5pm.

Vigil of Great Compline with Matins - 7pm.

December 25th - Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am.

December 26th - Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am.

**82nd Novogodny Ball** will take place on Sunday 1/20/19 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email [novogodnyball@gmail.com](mailto:novogodnyball@gmail.com) or call Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.

**Scrip:** Easy opportunity for Christmas shopping that offers hundreds of choices, convenience and the ability to benefit the parish in the process. Please make use of the program this Christmas season, not only for presents but for purchases related to celebrations, i.e. food, clothing, entertainment. Profit \$155.92. YTD \$982.78 Thank you for your continued support.

### **Wrightstown Food Cupboard:**

Thank you for your contributions. They made a big difference in our ability to help 140 families have a truly Happy Thanksgiving. The need continues. Please continue to bring your offerings.

### VIGIL LIGHTS

#### **FROM: MOSERS**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** HELEN, PETER, STEPHANIE, ANTHONY, ANDREW, PETER

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

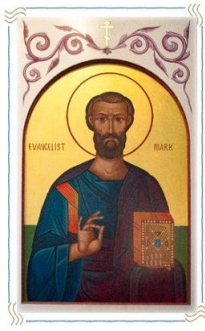
#### **FROM: IRENE ARHIPOV**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** ALEXANDRA, SERGEI, ALAN, LUDMILLA, HELEN, M. ELENA, STEPHANIE, PETER,

ANTHONY

**IN MEMORY OF:** SUZANNE, BORIS, MARIA, ANNA, KATHERINE, IVAN, DIMITRI, ANTHONY





**FROM SWAN FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** VENUS LOVE, HELEN LOVE, MICHAEL LOVE, RYAN SWAN ON HIS BIRTHDAY

**FROM: KASMER**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** KYRA, NADINE, HAROLD, CHARISSA, DEBBIE

**FROM: MIHAELA**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** LUCIA, MARIA, SOPHIA, CHRISTINA, TIFFANY

**Please remember in your prayers**

**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John, orphans of St. Thekla's, **Ill afflicted** *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, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda and Michael, Catherine, Laura, Stephen. **Good estate of** Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan.

**Departed:** *Newly departed* Archpriest Joseph, Priest Athanasius, Protodeacon Dennis and Mat. Helen, Protodeacon Paul, Mat. Susan, Josephine *Departed* Archpriests

Stephen and Vladimir.

**Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays:** Maggie Crosby 12/22

**Names Day:** Lucy Znak 12/13, Tiffany Milosav 12/16

**A Woman's Place Wishlist, from their website [www.awomansplace.org](http://www.awomansplace.org)**

To purchase items at your local Target retailer, you can use our handy Target Registry version of our Wish List:

[https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=2d8a51dc1e8946078a2ab465724148d2&Ink=registry\\_custom\\_url](https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=2d8a51dc1e8946078a2ab465724148d2&Ink=registry_custom_url)

**Wish List**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Gift cards</b> (especially for stores where clients can buy staple items such as clothing, groceries, etc...) Next to financial contributions, gift cards are one of the most useful donations for our clients!</li> <li>● New female adult underwear and bras.</li> <li>● New children's (boys) underwear.</li> <li>● New boy's pajamas</li> <li>● Disinfecting Wipes (e.g. clorox cleaning wipes)</li> <li>● Paper Towels</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bedbug covers</li> <li>● Canned tomato products</li> <li>● Canned fruit</li> <li>● Canned cranberry sauce</li> <li>● Rice</li> <li>● Boxed Mash potatoes</li> <li>● Peanut Butter</li> <li>● Jello</li> <li>● Cereal</li> <li>● Canned potatoes</li> <li>● Kids snacks/juice boxes</li> </ul> |
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