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Readers:

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- ❖ Dustin Joseph Crosby

Service Schedule

Great Vespers/Vigil

Saturdays 6pm

Eve of Feast 7pm (6pm on Sundays).

Hours

Sundays and Feast Days 9:10am.

Sundays and Feast Days 9:30 am

Choir Directors:

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

Church School

Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



Divine Liturgy

Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as

requested

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Sunday After the Nativity.



Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the

King, and James (Jacob) the Brother of the Lord. The

14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod at Bethlehem. Ven.

Thaddæus the Confessor, of the Studion (818). Ven. Marcellus, Abbot of

the Monastery of the "Unsleeping Ones." Ven. Mark the Grave-

Theophilus, and John, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—11th-12th c.). Ven.

Theophil (Theophilus) of Luga and Omutch (15th c.). Ven. Vasilisk of

Siberia (1824).

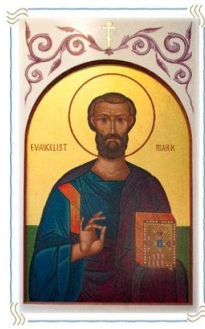
ΕPISTLE: Galatians 1:11-19

GOspel: MATT. 2:13-23

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. December 29: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Carolling at The Birches - 1pm.

Tues. Dec 31: Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil for Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great - 6pm

Sat. Jan 4: Vespers and Confessions - 6pm.

Sun. Jan 5: Hours and Divine Liturgy:9:10am; Coffee Hour. Vespers with Great Blessing of Waters 1pm. Vigil for Theophany- 6pm.

Mon. Jan 6: Hours and Divine Liturgy with Great Blessing of Waters - 9:10am

Envelopes and Calendars for 2020: Envelopes are in the vestibule for parishioners to pick up. Also, calendars for 2020 are available. **One calendar per household** until all have one.

First Confession: Among the confessions made during this Nativity Fast, four were made for the first time by some of our youngest members Jack and Elie Crosby, Julia Sremanak, Valerie Tyshko. Their desire to experience this Mystery of God's Mercy, the seriousness with which they approached it and their joy at receiving it were a privilege to witness and an inspiration. May God bless them and their families for teaching, encouraging and supporting them in this major step in their Christian life.

House Blessing: With Theophany we begin house blessing season, which runs through the beginning of Great Lent, the end of February this year. No need to feed or pay priest, as usual. January is not terribly flexible in the schedule. Give me a day and a preference for morning, afternoon or evening and I can let you know available times. Please consult the online calendar.

Scrip: Beginning in January orders will be taken Jan Ruano or Martha Moser . Last Week: \$99.91, YTD \$357.56.

Thank You: to our Church School families and the other parishioners who supported our drive to collect items for those serving in a particular unit of our armed forces in Afghanistan. Ten large boxes of items they like/need along with 83 cards made by our Church School students were sent.

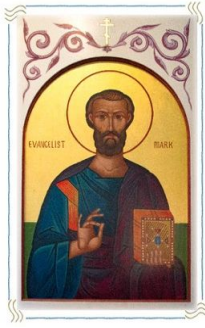
Water Font: We are most grateful for the timely arrival of a new Holy Water Font for Theophany donated anonymously.

Financial Update for Sunday 12/22:

Collection: \$5859.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Thank you for the donations. 146 baskets were filled and given to needy families.

VIGIL LIGHTS



FROM: RISTVEYS

FOR THE HEALTH OF: GEORGE, MARGARET, STEPHANIE, ANDREW, LORELLY, MARGARET, PETER

FROM: JOHN WANKO

IN MEMORY OF: PETER WANKO, WANDA WANKO, PETER WANKO, JR.

FROM: PERDIKIS

FOR THE HEALTH OF: DEMOSTHENES, CARMEN, PATRICIA, OLIVIA, SAMANTHA, DEMETRA

IN MEMORY OF: ANGELO, EVANGELIA, EKATERINI, COLLEEN, ARTHUR, SPYRIDON, CHRISTOPHER, ANNA, KLEO, NIKOLAS, DEMETRIOS, ZOGRAFIA

FROM: IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, PETER, STEPHANIE, ANTHONY, KATHERINE, MARCIA, JOHN, LAUREN, LUDMILLA, ALAN

IN MEMORY OF: NEWLY-DEPARTED VICTOR, PETER, LYDIA, FEODOR

FROM: JEANETTE RUANO

FOR THE HEALTH OF: GROVER FRIEND. **IN MEMORY OF:** VICTOR IVANCHENKO

FROM: OLGA ROSIK

IN MEMORY OF: VALENTINA, GRIGORIY, ULYANA, KATERINA, ZINA, MICHAIL

FROM: IRENE

IN MEMORY OF: NEWLY-DEPARTED LUDMILLA

FROM: A FRIEND

FOR THE HEALTH OF: JAMES, OLIVIA. **IN MEMORY OF:** ANA, SOFIA, VASILE, EMANUEL

FROM: MIHAELA

FOR THE HEALTH OF: CRISTINA, ALINA, ALEXANDRA, DUMITRA, NICHITA

IN MEMORY OF: VLAD, ION, TEOFIL, MIHAI

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, Arlene, Vaughn, Ruslan. **Good estate** of Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.

Departed: *Newly departed* Archpriest Stephen, Elder Ephraim, Dn. Gregory, Perry *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George

Names Day

Charles Basil Henderson

Charles Basil Rybny

Birthday

Irene Arhipov - 31st

Emily Sremanak - 1st
Tatyana Azvolinsky - 4th



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