

ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak

December 2, 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 9:30am

Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as

requested.



27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum, Avakkum—6th c. B.C.). Ven. Afanásii (Athanasius) “the Resurrected One”, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1176). Ven. Afanásii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Martyr Myrope of Chios (ca. 251). Ss. John, Heraclemon, Andrew, and Theophilus, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Jesse, Bishop of Tsilkani in Georgia (6th c.). St. Stephen-Urosh, King of Serbia (1367).

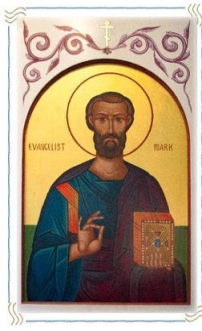
ΕPISTLE: *Ephesians 6:10-17*

GOspel: **Luke:** 18:18-27

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 2: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Coffee Hour.
Mon. Dec 3: Mirrors of Truth: Six Days of Creation: Scientific Inquiry and the Biblical Text. Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk will offer the second part of his presentation focusing on the Biblical Text.
Wed. Dec 5: Akathist followed by Psalms Class - 9:15am Great Vespers for St. Nicholas-7pm.
Thurs. Dec 6: Hours and Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas- 9:15am.

Sat. Dec 8: Vespers and Confessions - 6pm.

Advent Outreach Project: This year we are offering financial and other support to A Woman's Place in Doylestown which assists women and children escape domestic violence. They have many needs, some of which they have shared with us and which we wish to meet with specific donations. Additionally, we will have a second collection next Sunday for them and there will be a speaker from A Woman's Place who will provide us with greater insight into the problem and their role in responding to it and how we are able to help.

Food Sale: Our annual Christmas Food Sale will be on Saturday December 15th from 9am to 1pm. .

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

- ❖ **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!

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 \$28. YTD \$826.86 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: TATYANA

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

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

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, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda and Michael, Catherine, Laura, Stephen. **Good estate of** Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan.
Departed: *Newly departed* Archimandrite Robert, Archpriest Joseph, Priest Athanasius, Protodeacon Dennis and Mat. Helen, Protodeacon Paul, Mat. Susan,

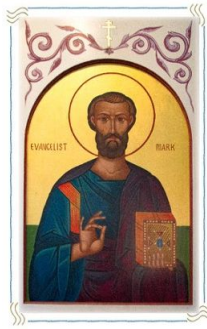
Virginia *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir.

Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries

Names Day: Barbara Malriat, 12/4, John Yates, 12/4, Nicholas Bendas, Nicoleta Vatov 12/6

A Woman's Place Wishlist, from their website www.awomansplace.org





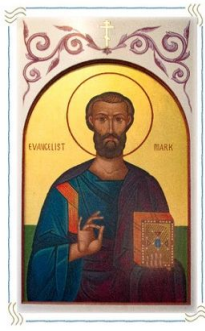
To purchase items at your local Target retailer, you can use our handy Target Registry version of our Wish List:

https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=2d8a51dc1e8946078a2ab465724148d2&lnk=registry_custom_url

We are grateful for our generous community! If you are interested in organizing a collection drive for AWP, please contact Director of Development Jesse Steele at 215.343.9241 x127 or via email jsteele@awomansplace.org. There are often items we are in dire need of, and coordinating with staff will ensure that you will be assisting AWP in the most effective way!

Wish List

- **Gift cards** (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!
- New female adult underwear and bras.
- New children's (boys) underwear.
- New boy's pajamas
- Disinfecting Wipes (e.g. clorox cleaning wipes)
- Paper Towels
- Bedbug covers
- New stuffed animals
- Canned tomato products
- Canned fruit
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Rice
- Boxed Mash potatoes
- Peanut Butter
- Jello
- Cereal
- Canned potatoes
- Kids snacks/juice boxes
- Gift Cards



VERSES ON THANKSGIVING in the New Testament, compiled and published by

Fr. John Jillions on oca.org. Part 2

1. Ephesians 5:4 Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; **but instead let there be thanksgiving.**
2. Ephesians 5:20 always **and for everything give thanks** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.
3. Philippians 4:6 Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.
4. Colossians 1:3 **We always thank God**, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you...
5. Colossians 1:12 **give thanks to the Father**, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
6. Colossians 2:7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, **abounding in thanksgiving.**
7. Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father through him.**
 8. Colossians 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it **with thanksgiving;**
9. 1 Thessalonians 1:2 **We give thanks to God** always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers...
10. 1 Thessalonians 3:9 **For what thanksgiving can we render to God** for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God...
11. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 **give thanks in all circumstances;** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
 12. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 **We are bound to give thanks to God** always for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.
13. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 **But we are bound to give thanks to God** always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.
14. 1 Timothy 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, **and thanksgivings** be made for all men...
15. 1 Timothy 4:4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is **received with thanksgiving...**
16. 2 Timothy 1:3 **I thank God** whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers.
17. Revelation 4:9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and **thanks to him** who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever...
18. Revelation 7:12 "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and **thanksgiving** and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."
19. Revelation 11:17 "**We give thanks** to thee, Lord God Almighty, who art and who wast, that thou hast taken thy great power and begun to reign.

BECAUSE, FOR THE CHRISTIAN, THANKSGIVING IS EVERY DAY!