

ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Church School Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak

DECEMBER 30, 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:

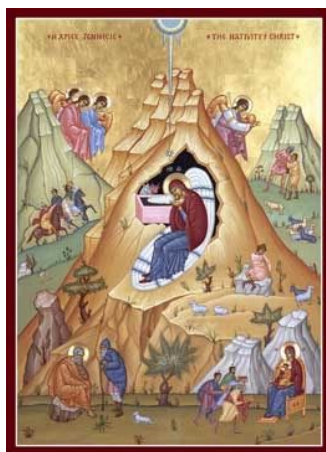
Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as

requested.



31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Virgin Martyr Anysia at Thessalonica (285-305). Martyr Zoticus, Keeper of Orphans (4th c.). Apostle of the Seventy, Timon the Deacon (1st c.). Martyr Philoterus of Nicomedia (311). Ven. Theodora of Caesarea in Cappadocia (8th c.). Ven. Theodora of Constantinople (10th c.). Monk Martyr Gideon of Karakallou (Mt. Athos—1818). St. Makáry, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1563).

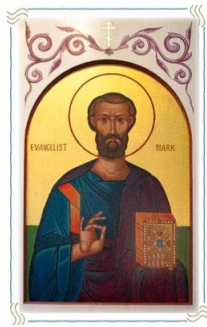
ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: *Galatians 1:11-19*

ΓΕΓΟΝΟΣ: **Matthew 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.** Dec 30: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Service at Harbor View in Doylestown - 2pm.
- Tues.** Jan 1: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:00am at ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL
- Wed.** Jan 2: Moleben for New Year - Psalms Class 9:15am. Prison Ministry

7:30pm.

- Fri** Jan 4: Royal Hours - 9am.
- Sat.** Jan 5: Vespertal Liturgy 9am. Vigil for Theophany- 6pm

House Blessing: It is that time of year again. House blessing begins on the 6th in the afternoon. A schedule of available times is in the vestibule of the Church. Sign up for a time that is suitable for your schedule. This will continue until Great Lent, which begins March 10th. Provision of food or money are not required for this. The last couple of years has seen a growth in the number of homes blessed. Let's keep that trend going this year.

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 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 \$124.20. YTD \$1106.98 Thank you for your continued support.

Theophany: We are delighted that His Eminence, Archbishop Mark will be with us for the Great Feast of Theophany, celebrating the Divine Liturgy for us on the Feast. The schedule for the Feast is as follows: Royal Hours on Friday the 4th at ; Vespertal Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom on Saturday January 5th at 9am; Vigil for Theophany on January 5th at 6pm. Great Blessing of the Water following the Vespertal Liturgy on the 5th and the Divine Liturgy on the 6th.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

Christmas baskets were packed and delivered last Saturday to over 100 families in need. Our small weekly contributions offered together make a big difference in the lives of many. Christ is hungry and thirsty. We can feed Him. **Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.**

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM: MOSERS

FOR THE HEALTH OF: PETER, READER PETER, STEPHANIE, VINCENT

IN MEMORY OF: DN. JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, STEPHEN, SOPHIA (JOSEPHINE)

FROM: IRENE ARHIPOV

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

IN MEMORY OF: IVAN, MARIA, MARIA, MARIA, EUGENE, DIMITRI, KATHERINE, ANNA, BORIS, SISTER KATHY



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* Priest Athanasius, Josephine, Ciprian *Departed Archpriests* Stephen and Vladimir.

Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries

Birthdays: Elizabeth Werner 12/26, Irene Arhipov 12/31, Cecilia Seroka, Emily Sremanak 1/1, Tatyana Azvolinsky 1/4

Names Day: Charles Bendas, Buddy Rybny 1/1, Elliot Hamerstone - 1/2

