

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Readers:

- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
- ❖ 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



**25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (12th of Luke) — Tone 8.** Ven. Patapius of

Thebes (8th c.). Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar, and Onesiphorus (1st c.). Martyr Anthusa, at Rome (4-5th c.). Holy 362 Martyrs of Africa, martyred by the Arians (477). Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Chelmogórsk (1378).

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: **Ephesians 4:1-6**

ΓΕΓΟΝΟΣ: **LUKE 17:12-19**

**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

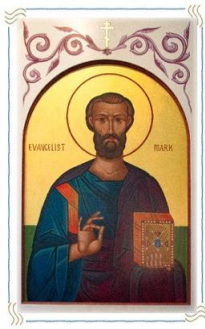
**Sun. December 8: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am. Church School. Coffee Hour.**

**Tues. Dec 10: Finance Committee Meeting - 7:30pm**

**Wed. Dec 11: Akathist & Psalms Class 9:15am. The Birches - 11am.**

**Thurs Dec 12: Great Vespers for St. Herman of Alaska - 7pm**

**Fri Dec 13: Hours and Divine Liturgy for St. Herman of Alaska 9:10**



**Sat. Dec 14: Vespers and Confessions - 4pm.**

**Change:** As of December 1, the position of Chief Choir Director is held by Daria Cortese. Sergei has decided to step down from direction, though he will not cease his invaluable service for the choir. A proper recognition of Sergei's service will take place in January, but in the meantime a profound thank you to him for his many years of service in this vital ministry in the church. We are delighted to welcome Daria back and look forward to her direction of the choir in the years to come. Our first responsibility to God is to offer Him beautiful worship, which requires each of us to offer the best of ourselves. Let us recommit ourselves to liturgical services that are beautiful to see and to hear. May the Lord bless all who sing and serve!

**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.

**Nativity Fast:** Donations for the Food Cupboard Christmas baskets, donations to the Philadelphia Breakfast Mission, Starting on December 1, read one chapter of St. Luke's Gospel each day. By Christmas Eve you will be on the final chapter. A beautiful way to prepare for the Nativity.

**Attend the festal services** during the period. This week we celebrate the memory of the first Orthodox saint of North America, St. Herman of Alaska (13th).

**Scrip:** YTD \$257.65.

**Thank You!** To all who attended the Advent Retreat yesterday. Thank you also to those who provided food for our luncheon. Fr. Alexander's presentation on Authentic Orthodoxy was very insightful and provocative and those in attendance are reminded to share what they learned.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Thank you for the donations. 150 baskets are needed for Christmas, which will be packed on December 14th. We are responsible for 35 items. Check the list at the collection point and bring some of the necessities for the Feast Day or next weekend.

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM: MOSER

FOR THE HEALTH OF: FR. DIMITRIOS, ANTHONY, PETER, STEPHANIE, RAYMOND

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

FROM: A FRIEND

FOR THE HEALTH OF: ALEXANDRA, TATYANA, LYUDMILA

FROM: MIHAELA

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

IN MEMORY OF: NICOLAE, ION

FROM A FRIEND

IN MEMORY OF: FATIMIA



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

**Departed:** *Newly departed* Dn. Gregory, Mat. Anastasia, Martha *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George



Names Day

Lucy Znak - 13th

Birthday

Pdn Gregory - 13th

Maria Milosav - 13th

Elliot Hamerstone - 14th