



# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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January 24, 2021

## Clergy

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## Readers:

- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
- ❖ Dustin Joseph Crosby

## Choir Directors:

- ❖ Daria Cortese

## 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*

❖ Mat. Martha

Moser

❖ Sergei

Arhipov,

Emeritus

## Church School

### Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays and Feast Days

9:30am

## Confessions:

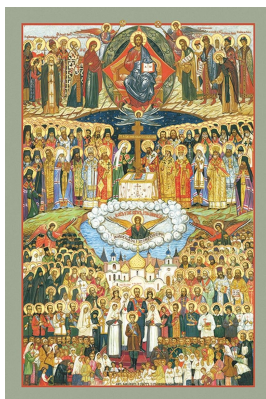
*Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.*

## Akathist Service

*Wednesdays at 9:15am.*

**Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya):** as

requested



**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. & Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.** Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5<sup>th</sup> c.). Martyrs Babylas (Vavila) of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). St. Macedonius, Hermit, of Syria (ca. 420). Translation of the relics of St. Anastasius the Persian (7<sup>th</sup> c.). St. Gerásim, Bishop of Perm (1441). Martyr John of Kazan' (1529). Ven. Dionysius of Olympus (16<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Philotheus, founder of Philotheou Monastery (Mt. Athos—10<sup>th</sup> c.). + **Bl. Xenia of St. Petersburg (19<sup>th</sup> c.).**

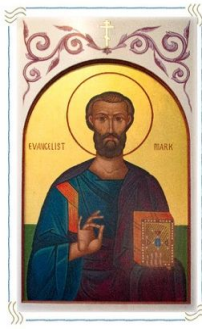
**Epistle:** Colossians 3:4-11; Romans 8:28-39

**Gospel:** Lk 18:35-43; Lk 21:8-19

**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:

**Sunday, January 24:** Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am.

**Wednesday, January 27:** Akathist, with Litya for Departed - 9:30am

**Saturday, January 30:** Vespers and Confessions - 6pm

**Sunday, January 31: Hours and Divine Liturgy-9:10am. Annual Parish Meeting 11:45am**

**Parish Meeting:** Next Sunday our annual meeting will take place after Divine Liturgy - part in person, part on Zoom. If you have not yet registered, please do so. Note, parishioners who are on the census are eligible and have received invitations.

**Calendars:** St. Tikhon's calendars are now available. One per household so everyone has the opportunity to get one. If you would like one and cannot come to church, please let Father Martin know.

**House Blessing:** If anyone else is interested at this time, please speak with Fr. Martin. If you wish to wait until later this year, after Pascha, that is fine too.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** At this time the needs are great. Pasta sauce, tea, coffee, juice are particular needs.

**Birthdays**

None this week

**Names Day**

Brian Maximus Deely

Isaac Chappe

**Vigil Lights**

From: Lucy Znak

For the Health of: Michael, Michelle, Myroslav, Amanda, John, Lucas, Lucy Cate

In Memory of: Theodore, Alexandra, Eugene

**Please remember in your prayers**



**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our family and friends Charles and Erin, Ann Marie, Joseph, Alexis, Aphrodite, Charla, Sandy. Ill afflicted Archpriests Daniel, Emilian *Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia, Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Jason, Katina, Donna, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra. Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Helen, Nicholas, Elena, Nicholas, John, Alice,



Edward, Sydney, Susan

**Departed:** Newly departed Mitred Archpriest Daniel, Archpriests Joseph, Joseph, Eugene, Ernesto, Pr. James, Nina, Jaroslav, George, Mary Departed Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul & Kh. Shirley.



January 24, 2021

Protocol 01/003

**Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon  
Sanctity of Life Sunday  
Sunday, January 24, 2021**

To the Esteemed Clergy, Reverend Monastics, and Beloved Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

Over the past year, Orthodox Christians have become urgently aware of the need to protect the most vulnerable members of our society. In the face of a global pandemic, it became necessary for the world and even our Church to take a series of extraordinary measures in order to safeguard the life and the health of the elderly, the infirm, the defenseless, and the weak. In doing so, we pray that we were given the grace to fulfill the prophetic word, the evangelical command, and the apostolic exhortation not only to show mercy to one another, but also to defend the well-being of all members of the Church and of the world.

In exactly the same spirit, as the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, I take this Sunday—the Sunday that we as a Church dedicate to the proclamation of the Sanctity of Life—as an opportunity to reiterate unequivocally our commitment to the defense of the defenseless, and the protection of the most vulnerable, and thus our opposition to abortion. As Christians it cannot be any other way. Our Lord has taught us throughout the Holy Scriptures to be merciful as He is merciful, to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill His law, to defend the widow and the orphan, to welcome the stranger and the sojourner, and to love one another even as He has loved us. This essential message found throughout Scripture must be all-encompassing and extend to the precious lives carried in the womb. If we are to love even our enemies, as He has commanded us, surely we must also love, defend, and seek to protect precious lives being formed within their mothers' wombs.

Beloved children in the Lord, following the example of our response to the pandemic, we can look to concrete ways in order to fulfill what our Lord has commanded us to do. In other words, the teaching of the Lord should inspire us to seek out ways to provide necessary support for mothers or families who might otherwise consider having an abortion. I, together with the members of the Holy Synod, exhort our

**Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate**

clergy and faithful to consider different ways that we might be able to serve and assist pregnant mothers, especially within our own local communities. To this end, we should extend the right hand of fellowship to these mothers and their families, provide material support when needed, and assist them in caring for the children who will be born of them. Above all, I believe, we should affirm to the world—to anyone considering an abortion, to anyone counseling someone to have an abortion, or to anyone who supports this practice—the lessons we have been taught by our Master: the ways of mercy, compassion, and love. In so doing, I pray that we will enkindle in their hearts and minds a change, so that they too will learn to walk in these same ways, and will be moved to protect and defend the most vulnerable among us.

May our Lord Jesus Christ inspire us to remain faithful to the vision of human life as a sacred gift, as we recommit ourselves to defending the lives of the unborn, to offering acts of mercy and kindness to struggling single mothers and families facing hardship, and to praying for the salvation of all of mankind.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Tikhon".

+ Tikhon  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Saint Mark's Orthodox Church, Wrightstown, Pennsylvania: Becoming Good Stewards

	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	YTD
<b>Total General Contribution</b>	\$16,366.00	\$10,024.00	\$8,212.00	\$25,713.91	\$10,173.50	\$12,509.00	\$11,053.00	\$10,213.00	\$8,752.00	\$15,442.00	\$10,138.00	\$23,028.00	\$161,624.41
<b>Avg. Per Week Per Unit (56)</b>	\$73.06	\$44.75	\$29.33	\$114.79	\$36.33	\$55.84	\$49.34	\$36.48	\$39.07	\$68.94	\$36.21	\$102.80	\$55.50
<b>Change from 2019 (Goal &gt;\$8)</b>	\$18.93	\$3.09	\$13.98	\$61.78	\$0.83	-\$0.77	\$15.69	\$0.63	\$2.36	\$25.69	-\$5.17	\$33.57	\$9.67

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<b>Building Fund Contributions</b>	\$2,365.00	\$2,415.00	\$2,403.00	\$2,668.00	\$2,440.00	\$2,960.00	\$2,840.00	\$3,444.00	\$2,840.00	\$2,840.00	\$2,940.00	\$3,340.00	\$33,495.00
<b>% of Goal Obtained (\$100k)</b>	2.37%	2.42%	2.40%	2.67%	2.44%	2.96%	2.84%	3.44%	2.84%	2.84%	2.94%	3.34%	33.50%