

# 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



## MEATFARE SUNDAY — Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment.

Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167). Ven. Gorgonia, sister of St. Gregory the Theologian (ca. 372). Ven. John, Antiochus, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, Ascetics, of the Syrian deserts (5th c.). Ven. Alexander, founder of the Monastery of the "Unsleeping Ones" (ca. 430). Ven. Damian of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos—1280). Monk- Martyr Damian of Philotheou (Mt. Athos—1280). Monk-Martyr Damian of Philotheou (1568). Ven. Polycarp of Briansk (1620-1621).

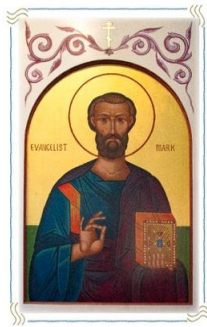
EPISTLE: **1 Cor 8:8-9:2**

GOSPEL: **MARK 16: 9-20**

**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. February 23: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am. Coffee Hour.**

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**Mon. February 24: Building Committee Meeting - 6:30pm**

**Tues. February 25: Mirrors of Truth - 7pm**

**Thursday, February 27: Parish Council - 7pm.**

**Sat. February 29: Vespers and Confessions -6pm.**

**Sat. March 1: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am; Forgiveness Vespers, Coffee Hour. Beginning of the Great Fast.**

**Amazon Smile:** St. Mark's is part of the Amazon Smile program. If you regularly shop there, a percentage of your purchases will be donated to St. Mark's if you designate us as your recipient. If everyone who shops Amazon did this, it could significantly benefit our parish. Additionally, you can invite others to do the same if they are not already supporting some other church or charitable organization. There is a link on our website to signup:

**Great Lent:** Next Sunday is Forgiveness Sunday. As is our custom, Forgiveness Vespers will immediately follow the Divine Liturgy. All are strongly encouraged to attend both so we may begin the Great Fast well, together. During the **First Week** we will have the **Great Canon of St. Andrew Monday through Thursday at 7pm. Additionally Wednesday morning at 9am and Friday evening at 7pm we will have the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.** The Presanctified schedule will remain such for the remainder of Great Lent. Again, all are encouraged to attend at least one Presanctified each week, and bring a friend.

**Lenten Retreats:** Next Saturday, February 29th, *Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 7921 Old York Road* in Elkins Park will host a retreat with Fr. George Parsenios on the Parables of Jesus from 10:30am to 2:30pm on *Preparing for Lent with the Parables of Jesus.* Fr. George is Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary and pastor of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. If you want to attend and need a ride, speak with Fr. Martin.

**Parish Health Inventory Model:** We will spend 25 minutes on at Coffee Hour each Sunday starting today, going through Great Lent, though not next week or March 15, the second Sunday of Great Lent. This is work we need to do to improve the life of our parish as an Orthodox Christian community. Copies of relevant documents will be available with the bulletin each week prior to the topic for you to read and respond to, which will be the subject of our discussions.

**Scrip: Order forms are in the Hall, hanging above the mugs.** Orders will be taken March 1st, on the 16th. See Jeanette Ruano or Martha Moser.

**St. Tikhon's Summer Camp.** The Diocese sponsored Summer Camp at St. Tikhon's has posted information on dates and signup. You can access that information at this link.  
[https://www.sttikhonscamp.org/?fbclid=IwAR3dVZ90U148Jx8U4w\\_RDyyJh2klvH3XbMzV5w6tjKJYuyb-McZ9V2zZBYY](https://www.sttikhonscamp.org/?fbclid=IwAR3dVZ90U148Jx8U4w_RDyyJh2klvH3XbMzV5w6tjKJYuyb-McZ9V2zZBYY).

**Financial Update for Sunday 2/16:** General Collection: \$1415

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Looking forward to the Easter Baskets, at the meeting of the FoodCupboard members we have been asked to provide the following: Jelly Beans, Coffee, Tea, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Cereal, Tuna & Canned Meat.

#### VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM THE SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MICHAEL LOVE, CONSTANCE SWAN

IN MEMORY OF: THOMAS SWAN, VENUS LOVE, HELEN LAVORATA





Please remember in your prayers

**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John III afflicted Priest Stephen, *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer *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,

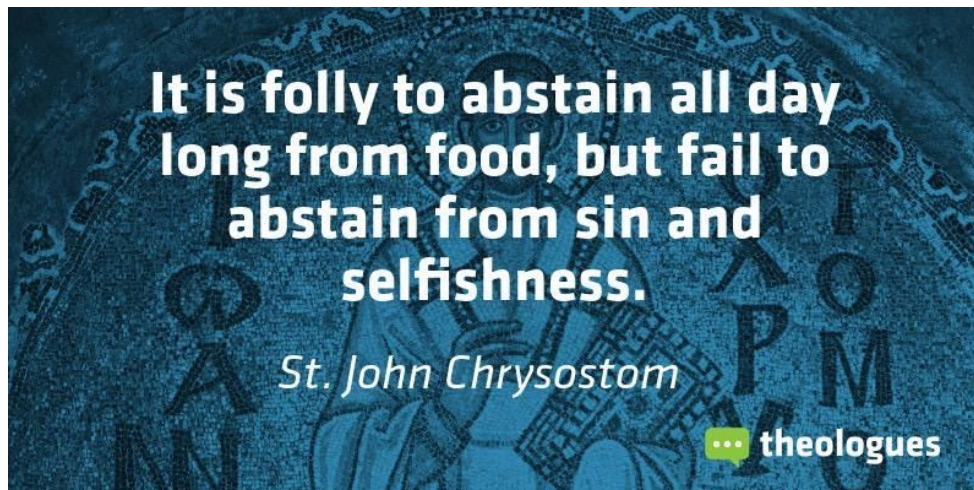
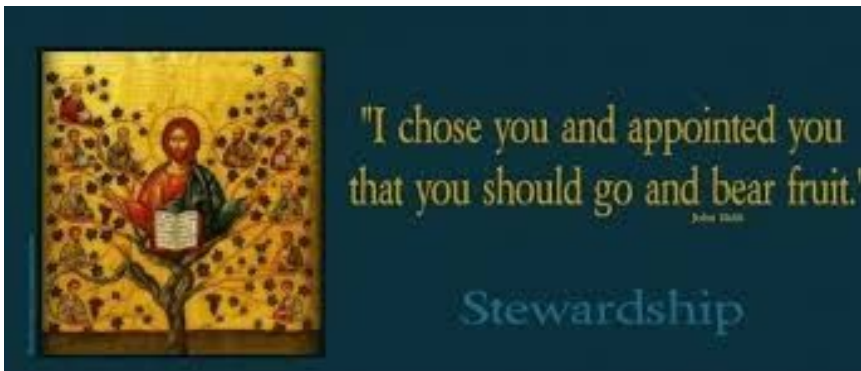


Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra, Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Vitaly Good estate of Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.

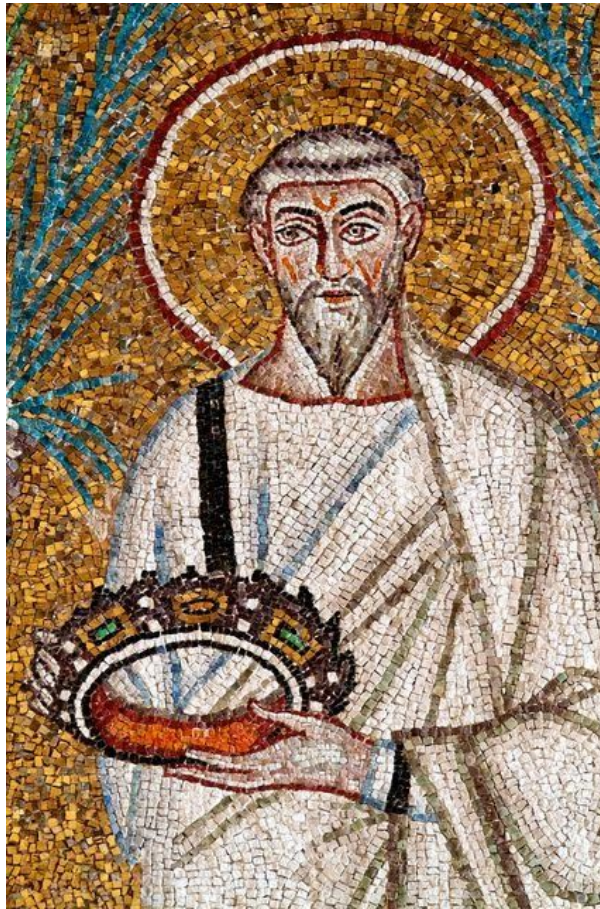
**Departed:** *Newly departed* Bishop Varlaam, Archpriest John, Ruslan, Kathryn, Milos, Mat. Elizabeth, *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George

Birthday

Emily Sremanak 2/15; Jim Pitra 2/23; Anastasia Killough 2/27



A Word from the Fathers



### St. Polycarp of Smyrna to the Roman Proconsul at his martyrdom:

The proconsul then said to him, *I have wild beasts at hand; to these will I cast you, unless you repent.*

But he answered, *Call them then, for we are not accustomed to repent of what is good in order to adopt that which is evil; and it is well for me to be changed from what is evil to what is righteous.*

But again the proconsul said to him, *I will cause you to be consumed by fire, seeing you despise the wild beasts, if you will not repent.*

But Polycarp said, *You threaten me with fire which burns for an hour, and after a little is extinguished, but are ignorant of the fire of the coming judgment and of eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly. But why do you tarry? Bring forth what you will.*

Martyrdom of Polycarp. 11. <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0102.htm>. Accessed 2/21/20