

ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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❖ 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

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

❖ 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



38th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Sunday of the

Prodigal Son. Ven. Basil the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius at Decapolis (750). Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia (250). Ven. Marina (Marana), Cyra (Kira, Kyra) and Domnica (Domnina), of Syria (ca. 450). Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria (457). Bl. Nikolai, Fool-for-Christ at Pskov (1576). Ven. John Cassian the Roman (435)

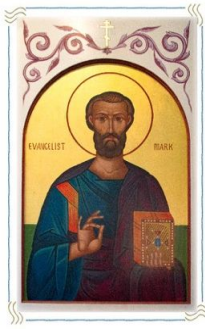
Epistle: 1 Cor 6: 12-20

Gospel: Lk: 15:11-32

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, February 28: Hours and Divine Liturgy-9:10am.

Wednesday March 3: 9:30am Akathist and Litya; Book Group Discussion 7-8:30pm

Saturday, March 6: Vespers and Confessions - 6pm

Lenten Book Group: As already announced in the Daily Diary, we will read together **Thinking Orthodox** by Dr. Eugenia Constantinu, in two parts. The first will be during Great Lent, though beginning before it to compensate for the First Week and the

Annunciation. The second part will be during Pascha Time. If you wish to participate you must get and read the book. There are 12 signed up so far. It will be on Zoom, starting this Wednesday at 7pm.

Birthdays

Ann Kasmer
Charlotte Regen
Catherine Petrascu
Veronica Tyshko

John Wanko
Kevin Swan

Vigil Lights

FROM: ALAN LITVIN

For the Health of: Samantha Bell that God would shed His grace on her in her illnesses.

In Loving Memory of: Fred Bell, William and Lena Gecker, Morris and Rose Bell

Samuel & Amelia Litvin, Shane Jarrod Litvin

From: Perdikis

For the Health of: Demetrios, Evangelia, Shane, Kathryn, John, Elsa, Katherine, Kevin, Justin, Nikolas, Jacque, Natalia, Stephen, Raymond, Theodore, Basil, Raymonde

In Loving Memory of: Demosthenes, Carmen, Evangelia, Angelo, Arthur, Angela, Colleen, Ekaterini

From: Pitra Family

In Loving Memory of: Michael Smirniw, Memory Eternal! February 19.1988.



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. III afflicted Archpriests Daniel, Emilian *Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia, Servants of God* Archpriest Michael, Pdn. Gregory, 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, John, Patricia,

Departed: Newly departed Protopresbyter Daniel, Archimandrite Alexander, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Archpriests John, John Joseph, Pdn. John. Servants of God Alan, Nina, Jaroslav, Mary. *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul & Kh. Shirley.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 21st	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 28th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 7th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 14th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 21st	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 28th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 4th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 11th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 18th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 25th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 30th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 2nd NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

As each has received a gift,
employ it for one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace:

1 Peter 4:10

Sunday Donation 2/21

Weekly \$4934

Parish Development \$10,000

Candles \$94

Total: \$15028



The Scripture shows us that the sacrifices we offer, great or small, are an aroma of sweetness to

The Lord.

If our offerings are truly sacrificial, they are great no matter their size.

The Forgiving Father's sacrifice was far greater than his wealth and in that he was like the

Widow who offered her mite.

Let us imitate the Forgiving Father in the sacrificial offerings we make

To the Lord