



# 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



## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. § THE MEETING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, IN THE TEMPLE. Sunday of Zacchæus.

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Hebrews 7: 7-17

ΓΩΣΠΕΛ: LUKE 2:22-40; LUKE 19:1-10

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

**Wed. Feb 5:** Akathist and Psalms Class- 9:15am. The Birches - 11am. John Jay Institute-2:30pm; Prison Ministry - 7pm

**Sat. February 8:** Vespers and Confessions -6pm.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Thank you to all who attended a very productive and enjoyable meeting. Our newly elected council is **Kevin Swan - President, Jennifer Sremanak - Vice President, Andrew Skordinski - Treasurer, Dulany Gibson - Financial Secretary; Charlotte Regen- Secretary and**



**Trustees, James Pitra, Buddy Rybny and Mihaela Milosav.** We are grateful to them for their willingness to serve. Also grateful for the volunteers for other projects as well.

**Condolences** to Julia Petrov on the recent repose of her father, Ruslan, in St. Petersburg, Russia. May Ruslan's memory be eternal and may the Lord grant consolation to Julia, her mother Larissa, and brother.

**House Blessing:** runs through the beginning of Great Lent, the end of February this year. No need to feed or pay priest, as usual. Please consult the online calendar and/or sheet in the vestibule.

**Scrip: Order forms are in the Hall, hanging above the mugs.** As it is the first

Sunday of the month, orders taken today. Orders will be taken on the 16th also.

**Scouting Sunday:** Next Sunday is the annual observance of Scouting Sunday. Attached is a letter from His Eminence, Archbishop David of Sitka on Eastern Orthodox Scouting. We have witnessed the positive impact scouting has on the lives of young men and women in our parish, and have a profound physical reminder in the path and shrine. Thank you to our scouts, past and present, along with their parents and scoutmasters.

**Financial Update for Sunday 1/26:**

Collection: General:.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Meeting to organize Easter Basket collection at Penns Park U.M.C on Thursday, February 6 at 7:30pm.

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM: TIBERIU MILOSAV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: HIEROMONK VALERIAN

FROM: SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MICHAEL, CONSTANCE

IN MEMORY OF: THOMAS, VENUS, HELEN, NEVILLE

FROM: DJOKIC FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF: LOUISE 2/7/1924

FROM IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, PETER, STEPHANIE, ANTHONY, MARY, DN. MICHAEL

IN MEMORY OF: IVAN, PERESVET, DIMITRI, ANNA, LYDIA, BORIS



**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* Archpriest John., Dn. Hennok, Ruslan, Mat. Elizabeth, *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George

Birthday

Raymonde Djokic - 31st

Names Day

Mat. Heidi Browne - 1st

Dorothy Martiak - 6th

Wedding Anniversary

Julia Petrov - 5th





## **Orthodox Scouting Sunday, 2020**

### **February 9, 2020**

*By The Most Rev. Archbishop David, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska*

Each year we come to this Sunday in February to celebrate Scouting in our communities. Throughout our country we will join in recognizing the contributions they have all made to our churches and various institutions through their hard work, dedication to duty and love of country and Faith. They have a comradery not found in any other organization. This idea of fellowship in Faith, love and respect for others is the guiding principle that makes their work so beneficial and important.

Today I address not only our Scouting Youth and Leaders who are before you, but I also address the Families, parents and children in attendance who do not yet know the values that Scouting offers.

We live in an age where it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a harmonious existence with others. Some are quick to judge those not like themselves and others simply want to avoid contact as much as they can. Neither of these options are suitable for a population to coexist. There must be an effort made to not only coexist, but to communicate with and learn from each other so that as a society we can all improve our way of life and social existence.

As our children grow, parents all ponder many questions about their future. Every effort is made to protect them from harmful situations. We all hope they will have a life more fulfilling than our own. In our pursuit for our children we enroll them in various things to aid their maturity and growth. It may be a sports team, or social club, or a hobby group of like-minded people. There is no shortage of organizations vying for their attention. These organizations have no respect for your preferences in Faith, in fact, many times practices or even games are scheduled for Sunday mornings; this leaves the parent with a very difficult choice. Sad to say more often than not, it is the church that seems to be left out. Add to this that other families involved in such organizations may have no pious life at all and it is reflected in the way their own children behave at times.

Scouting gives us all of the good behaviors we aspire our children to have, while minimizing the bad ones. In Scouting, all youth are taught the Scout Oath, which ends with this phrase, “To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.” Each and every Scout lives by this code in every aspect of their life. We can even say, the more involved they are in Scouting, the more likely they are to practice these virtues. Is this not a desire we would want for all young men and women? We can offer it to them with Scouting, BSA.

So today I offer my most heartfelt thanks to the Scouts who work so hard to deliver the good work of Scouting to your community. I extend an invitation to parents of all ages, and grandparents as well, to get involved in Scouting. To help improve the life of those you care so much about; whose futures you long to improve, to help them become the fine outstanding citizens we know they are capable of becoming. And to the youth, your future can be even brighter than you know through your participation in Scouting, BSA.

For more information on the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting and the work of scouting got to their website at <https://www.eocs.org>

God bless our Scouts and Leaders.

*Your servant of Servants,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

**His Eminence Archbishop David**

*Archbishop of Sitka and Alaska*

*Episcopal Liaison to the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting*