



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

Confessions:

Choir Directors:

- ❖ Daria Cortese
- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Sergei Arhipov

Church School

Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



Divine Liturgy

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested



Tone 7. Veneration of the Cross. Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (362-363). Martyr Drosida, daughter of Emperor Trajan (1st-2nd c.). Ven. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (4th c.). Monk-Martyr Euthymius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos—1814)

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: **Hebrews 4:14-5:6**

ΓΕΓΟΝΟΤΑ: **MARK 8:34-9:1**

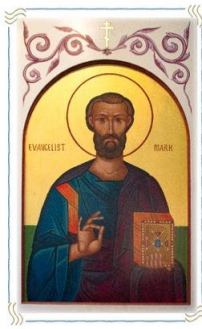
Baptisms: Children must have Orthodox Godparents who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Scheduling arrangements should be made with the Rector by contacting him directly.

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: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, PUBLIC SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED.

Corona Virus Time: When time changed on the 8th who knew there would be another one this week? As you know by now services are suspended until further notice, though I am serving with the assistance of Protodeacon Gregory and Martha and Marek, when he is available. So the life of St. Mark's continues, for the worship of God in and through the Divine Services is the life of the Church, everything



radiates from that center. However, the rest of that life has continued as much as able through the gift of technology. We have had Building, Stewardship and a special Parish Council meeting this week at which the following was approved:

Church will be open on the following days and times for people who might wish to come and light a candle and pray. Monday 3-5pm, Tues 10am-12pm, Thursday 3-5pm, Friday 10am-12pm. Make these visits brief and observe the distancing guidelines if others are there. I will be there and available for confession if you want at that time but I want to keep the density of people to an absolute minimum. This will continue for the duration of the Corona Crisis.

We will be making an online giving option available early in April. This had already been underway but we are able to do it now because our software provider has made it possible at this time. Further information to follow.

Due to uncertainty, we have cancelled the Pascha Food Sale. Those who have submitted orders and payment will be refunded.

An email group has been created by me for the parish as a means of daily and direct communication for those on it. Presently there are 42. If you are not it because I do not have your email, email me and I will happily add you to it.

There are an abundance of resources online, from daily services to activities for children, to prayers and prayer services for use at this time.

Again I strongly encourage you to reach out to fellow parishioners via phones and other media to keep in touch, offer support, pray together and offer or ask for assistance at this extraordinary time. Likewise I am keeping in touch with all and encourage you to contact me if you have questions, concerns or wish sacramental care.

<http://www.orthodoxmonasteryellwoodcity.org/chapel>

Parish Development: As part of our development work we have hired Raphael Architects of Doylestown to assist us in planning future physical development of our plant. They attended the Forgiveness Vespers last Sunday to see our space issues and will visit at other times for the same purpose. But, the most important step in the process is the parish participation in a **workshop is rescheduled for May 31 at the Coffee Hour**. It is vital that everyone participate. **Your input is essential**. The architects need to hear from you about what does and does not “work” for you with our present facilities and what you would like to see. **Save the date: Sunday, May 31 following Divine Liturgy**. Consider it a tithe of your time and talent to God to be there!

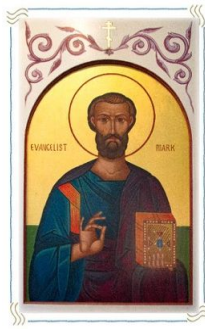
Parish Meeting Minutes: Copies of the unapproved minutes from our Annual Meeting are available on the bulletin board in the Hall and there are copies available in the vestibule.

Scrip: Order forms are in the Hall, hanging above the mugs. Orders will be taken on the 15th. See Jeanette Ruano or Martha Moser. ALSO, PLEASE FILL OUT THE LIST IN THE VESTIBULE OF RETAILERS YOU USE SO WE CAN BETTER CUSTOMIZE THE SCRIP OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH.



Financial Update for Sunday 3/8: General Collection:
\$2133

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 IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, STEPHANIE, PETER, ANTHONY, RAYMONDE, FR. ALEXANDER, EDWARD

IN MEMORY OF: ELENA, NIKOLAI, ALEXANDER, TAMARA, LYDIA

FROM SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MICHAEL, CONSTANCE

IN MEMORY OF: VENUS - 1 YEAR, HELEN - 6 MTS., THOMAS, NEVILLE



Please remember in your prayers

Living: Captives Hierarchs Paul and John III afflicted 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, Archpriests Daniel and Alexander, Priest Stephen, *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia *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, Helen Good estate of Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.

Departed: *Newly departed* Bishop Varlaam, Archpriest Jozef, John, Archpriest Bernard *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George



While we have no birthday or names day for parishioners this week let us remember in our prayers all those medical professionals, scientists, public safety officers, truck drivers, pilots, managers and clerks in the grocery stores and pharmacies. May the Lord grant them peace, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things for many blessed years!

And for ourselves let us say: Lord, have mercy, 3x

Schedule of Lenten Services



Fifth Week -will take place as follows if we are permitted. If not we will not have them for the public.

Matins with Great Canon - Wed. April 1 - 7pm.

Matins with Akathist - Friday - 7pm

Presanctified Liturgies on Wed and Fri. at 9:15am

Sixth Week

Wed/Friday Presanctified Liturgies

Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy

Vigil for Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem

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As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

Once a month we will publish the information on budget to actual and how that reflects our commitment to the average increase of \$8 a week necessary to meet our annual budget, as well as to indicate how well we have done in collecting \$100,000 this year for our building project.

Here is the information for the latest months, January and February:

	Jan-20	Feb-20	YTD
Total General Contribution	\$16,36600	\$10,024.00	\$26,390.00
Avg. Per Week Per Unit (56)	\$73.06	\$44.75	\$58.91
Change from 2019 (Goal >\$8)	\$18.93	\$3.09	\$13.08
	Jan-20	Feb-20	YTD
Building Fund Contribution	\$2,365.00	\$2,415.00	\$4,780.00
% of Goal (\$100k)	2.37%	2.42%	4.80%

“If the topic makes us uncomfortable, and it usually does because of our conditioning, it is because we are not aware of the recorded approach of Jesus to the subject of man’s relationship to his money. Many people are surprised to discover that Jesus understood the deep and compelling potential for good or evil that exists in the relationship of a person to his money. Many people believe Jesus talked only about peace and forgiveness and prayer and sacrifice and the kingdom of God. This is not true. **As recorded in the New Testament, Jesus talked a great deal about the relationship of a person and his material possessions. One sixth of all the words of Jesus are concerned with this one subject. One third of all Jesus’ parables are devoted to it.**” Richard Reidy. Stewardship.
www.doepa.org/stewardship