

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.

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Choir Directors:

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

Church School

Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



Divine Liturgy

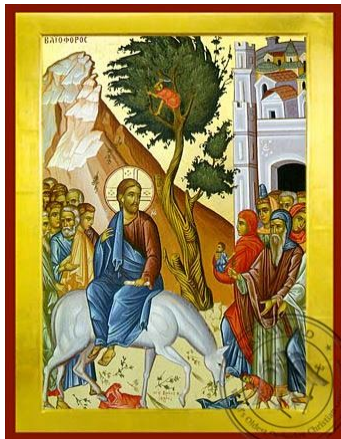
Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested



ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM — Palm Sunday. St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (8th c.). Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona (ca. 260). Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto (550). Monk-Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine (7th c.). Ven. Anthusa the Virgin, of Constantinople (801). Ven. Athanasia, Abbess, of Ægina (860). Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavsokalyvia (Mt. Athos—1730). The “Murom” Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: **Philippians 4:4-9**

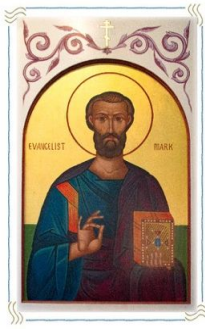
ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟ: JOHN 12: 1-8

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 AND THE CHURCH IS CLOSED.



As we begin Holy Week, let us keep Holy Week as best we can. Here is a link to A Holy Week At Home Prayer Book that you can use on your phone or print out for the week.

<https://ctshbg.org/files/HOLY-WEEK-FROM-HOME-CTS-VERSION.pdf>

We are grateful to the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese for putting it together and allowing us to share it with our faithful. Orthodox unity will come one way or another!

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.



Financial Update for last three Sundays

ENVELOPES AND CASH \$6566, ONLINE \$1784,
TOTAL \$8350.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT.

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

BIRTHDAY

VALERIE RISTVEY - 13

STEPHANIE RISTVEY - 17

NAMES DAY

NONE THIS WEEK

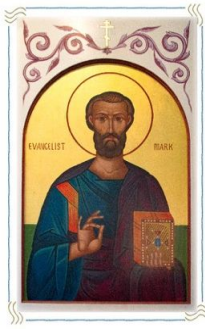


Please remember in your prayers

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* Archpriest Jozef, Helen, Archpriest Bernard *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest Georg





Petition for Medical Workers in the Litany of Fervent Supplication

Look down, O Master Who lovest mankind, upon the sacrificial labors of our medical workers; send them steadfast health, strength and fortitude of spirit, wisdom to accomplish their work for the good of our people; and bring about through them the healing of Thy suffering servants, we earnestly pray Thee, quickly hearken and have mercy.

especially Charla, Valerie, Joseph and Alexis, Aphrodite, Tiberiu, Ann Marie, Charles and Erin. 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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WILL BE SERVED IN THE COMING WEEK BUT ARE NOT OPEN TO ANYONE EXCEPT THOSE BLESSED BY THE PRIEST TO BE THERE TO SERVE OR SING. THIS SCHEDULE IS OFFERED SO YOU CAN JOIN WITH US IN SPIRITUAL COMMUNION AT THESE TIMES OR WATCH SERVICES WHICH ARE LIVE STREAMED.

HOLY TUESDAY: BRIDEGROOM MATINS - 6PM

HOLY THURSDAY - VESPERAL LITURGY - 9AM

MATINS OF HOLY FRIDAY(PASSION GOSPELS) - 6PM

HOLY FRIDAY: VESPERS 3PM; MATINS OF HOLY SATURDAY (LAMENTATIONS)- 6PM

HOLY SATURDAY: VESPERAL LITURGY - 9AM

NOCTURNS - 11:30PM

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY MIDNIGHT

This link will give you a schedule of all Holy Week Services live-streamed in our diocese.

[Holy Week Worship Options](#)

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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

Here is the latest monthly update. You can see the impact the lockdown has had. As you know, we started online giving last week and are pleased that 9 people have used it, four for recurring giving, with a total donated so far through online giving of \$3277.50. Please check out the link on our website, www.stmarksoca.org, and consider signing up for recurring giving, whether by credit card or bill pay from a designated bank account. We are grateful to you for your sacrificial offering, especially at this difficult time.

| | Jan-20 | Feb-20 | Mar-20 | YTD |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Total General Contribution | \$16,366.00 | \$10,024.00 | \$7,672.00 | \$34,062.00 |
| Avg. Per Week Per Unit (56) | \$73.06 | \$44.75 | \$45.67 | \$55.30 |
| Change from 2019 (Goal >\$8) | \$18.93 | \$3.09 | \$2.36 | \$9.47 |
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| | Jan-20 | Feb-20 | Mar-20 | YTD |
| Building Fund Contributions | \$2,365.00 | \$2,415.00 | \$2,403.00 | \$7,183.00 |
| % of Goal Obtained (\$100k) | 2.37% | 2.42% | 2.40% | 7.18% |

Christian Stewardship

Primarily concerned with the development of individuals and their place as members of the Body of Christ

Seeks life-long change for the individual

Concerned with vocational development of the individual

Based on respect for individuals and their place in the community of faith

Secular Fundraising

Primarily concerned with the organization meeting its financial obligations

Seeks to reach an immediate financial goal

Concerned with financial commitment of the individual

Based on estimation of the wealth of individuals and their social standing

*From Michael Hurley-Pitts. **The Passionate Steward.** St Brigid's Press. Toronto, 2002. P. 59*