

ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
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Choir Directors:

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

Church School Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak

Service Schedule

Great Vespers/Vigil

Saturdays 6pm

Eve of Feast 7pm

(6pm on Sundays).

Hours

Sundays and Feast

Days 9:10am.

Divine Liturgy

Sundays and Feast Days 9:30 am

Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as

requested



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St. Mary of Egypt. St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655). Martyr Ardalion the Actor (4th c.). Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia (ca. 341). Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilnius (Lithuania—1347). The Vilnius Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29

GOSPEL: **Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7-36-50**

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

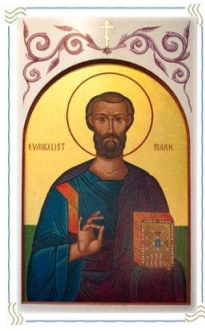
Sun. Apr 14: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Coffee Hour.

Mon. Apr 15: Mirrors of Truth - 7pm.

Wed. Apr 17: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - 9:15am. Prison Ministry -7pm

Thurs. Apr 18: Parish Council Meeting- 7pm.

Fri Apr 19: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - 7pm.



Sat. Apr 20: Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:15am. Church School Retreat to 4pm. Vigil for Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem - 4pm. Confessions to follow.

Building Committee: Based on response to the request for volunteers, the particular qualifications and experience, and the need to have a manageable number to work with, the following parishioners have been appointed to the Building Committee: Kevin Swan, Sergei Arhipov, Buddy Rybny, Dulany Gibson. As things move forward, others will be needed to assist with their qualifications and experience and we hope they will be willing to share them. An update that will be mailed to all parishioners shortly.

Confessions: Before and after services this week and Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week. If regularly scheduled times are not convenient, contact Fr. Martin for an appointment.

Compassionate Care Hospice in Bensalem is looking for volunteers to do a variety of tasks that assist residents and their families, from Arts and Crafts to reading, singing. If you are interested, see the flier on the board in the Hall for more information or contact Volunteer Coordinator Britnee Helm at 215-245-3525.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

- *PALM SUNDAY* - BRIDEGROOM MATINS - 4PM ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL
- *HOLY MONDAY* - BRIDEGROOM MATINS - 7PM
- *HOLY TUESDAY* - PRESANCTIFIED - 9AM; BRIDEGROOM MATINS - 7PM WITH ARCHBISHOP MARK
- *HOLY WEDNESDAY* - PRESANCTIFIED - 9AM WITH ARCHBISHOP MARK. BRIDEGROOM MATINS FOLLOWED BY HOLY UNCTION - 6PM ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL
- *HOLY THURSDAY* - VESPERAL LITURGY OF ST. BASIL - 9AM; MATINS OF HOLY FRIDAY -PASSION GOSPELS - 7PM
- *HOLY FRIDAY* - VESPERS - 3PM; MATINS OF HOLY SATURDAY - LAMENTATIONS- 7PM
- *HOLY SATURDAY* - VESPERAL LITURGY - 9AM; NOCTURNS- 11:30PM
- *PASCHA*; MATINS FOLLOWED BY DIVINE LITURGY - 12AM; BLESSING OF BASKETS AND AGAPE FOLLOWS.

Mirrors of Truth: Will meet on Monday evening at 7pm. The topic will be *Quantum Physics, Relativity and Chaos: The Three Pillars of Modern Physics*.

Pascha Food Sale: Thank you to all who have contributed in so many ways to the success of our annual event. May the Lord bless you!

Scrip: Thank you to all who have participated so far. Purchasing scrip cards for your regular or extraordinary purchases costs you nothing and provides varying financial benefits to our parish. Profit \$72.15, YTD \$202.65.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard:

Our small weekly contributions offered together make a big difference in the lives of many. Christ is hungry and thirsty. We can feed Him. **Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.**

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM OLGA

FOR THE HEALTH OF: EMMA, ELLIOT, ROBER, ELENA, YULIYA, ARTEM, MARIA, ELENA, OLEG, VICTORIA, RUSLAN

IN MEMORY OF: ALEXANDER

FROM MOSERS

FOR THE HEALTH OF: FR. DEMETRI, ,STEPHANIE, PETER ANDREW

IN MEMORY OF: DN JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, STEPHEN, SOPHIA, RACHEL

FROM A FRIEND

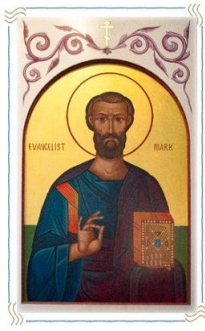
FOR THE HEALTH OF: CHRYSTALLA, JENNIFER

IN MEMORY OF: CHRYSTALLA, ANDRES, CHARALAMBOS, JAMES, DINO, GUS

FROM ALAN LEE LITVIN

FOR THE HEALTH OF: THE WORLD; JOHN LAWRYSH JR, II. , WALTER, ALL WHO SUFFER.





IN MEMORY OF: SAMUEL & AEMELIA, SHANE LITVIN ON THE 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING, PETER & BETTY, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY FOR THEM

FROM JOHN WANKO

FOR THE HEALTH OF: CAROLE, PAUL, LAURETTE

IN MEMORY OF: PETER, WANDA, PETER JR.

FROM THE SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: HELEN

IN MEMORY OF: VENUS LOVE, THOMAS SWAN

FROM EILEEN MCKEOWN

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARGERY, CATIE, MICHAEL

FROM RISTVEY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARGEY, GLENN, WENDY, JAMES, GEORGE, MARGARET

Please remember in your prayers

Living: Captives Hierarchs Paul and John III afflicted *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Gail; *Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Anthony, Samuel, Sergei, Michael, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Anthony, Helen, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda and Michael, Laura, Stephen, Jason, Katina, Donna, Nina, Rebekah, Perry, Alexander, Grover **Good estate of** Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan.

Departed: *Newly departed* Walter, Leonard, Venus, Kyle, George, Vladimir *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir.

Birthday::

Valerie Ristvey - 4/13

Stephanie Ristvey - 4/17



Thoughts for Consideration in Preparation for Confession

Every sin is slavishness, while blamelessness is free.

Indeed, how is each greedy man not a slave, seeing that he auctions himself off for a very tiny sum.

St. Ambrose of Milan. Seven Exegetical Works

The believing mind is a temple of God which it is meet for a man to adorn daily and to burn incense therein, inasmuch as it is God who dwells there.

Palladius. The Paradise of the Holy Fathers.

But those who wait on the Lord renew their strength. Isaiah 40:31

He who loves transgression loves strife. Proverbs 17:19