

ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Daria Cortese

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- ❖ 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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 4. St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). +Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America (1925—March 25th O.S.). Martyr Calliopos at Pompeiopolis in Cilicia (304). Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina, and 200 soldiers with them at Sinopè (ca. 310). Ven. Serapion of Egypt. St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mitylene (9th c.). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Pereyaslavl'-Zalesski (1540).

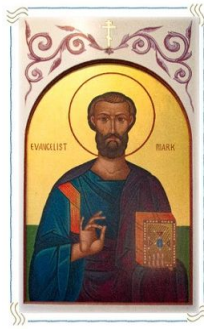
ΕPISTLE: Hebrews 6:13-20: Ephesians 5:8-19

GOspel: **Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12**

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 7: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Coffee Hour.
Wed. Apr 10: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - 9:15am. Matins with Great Canon of St. Andrew - 7pm
Fri Apr 12: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - 9:15am. Matins with Akathist 7pm.
Sat. Apr 13: Pascha Food Sale 9am-1pm. . Vespers and Confessions -6pm

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. The Committee met on Wednesday evening last and prepared an update that will be mailed to all parishioners, bringing you up to date.

Confessions: This season of repentance is incomplete without a prayerful, honest and humble confession of the sins we are aware of. Please take the time to prepare prayerfully. Aids to confession will be made available during the coming weeks for you to take and use. And please do not put it off until the last minute.

Lenten Mission Service Schedule: Please make the effort to attend one of the local services during the Lenten Fast. It is an opportunity to meet our Orthodox brothers and sisters from all the Orthodox Churches in the Greater Philadelphia area. This week at Holy Assumption Orthodox Church in South Philadelphia at 4pm.

Pascha Food Sale: We will hold our annual Pascha Food sale on Saturday April 13 from 9am to 1pm. Order forms are posted online and the deadline is April 5. We will not take outside orders for Pascha Bread, though a limited number will be for sale on a first come, first served basis on the sale day.

Save the Date: Sunday June 30, Parish Picnic with Mortgage Burning and Blessing of Prayer Trail and Shrine to the Theotokos, Joy of All Who Sorrow - Annual Pastoral visit of His Eminence, Archbishop Mark.

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 \$44.00, YTD \$130.50.

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 IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, PETER, STEPHANIE, VALENTINA, HELEN, LAUREN

IN MEMORY OF: NEWLY DEPARTED VLADIMIR

FROM MOSERS

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

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

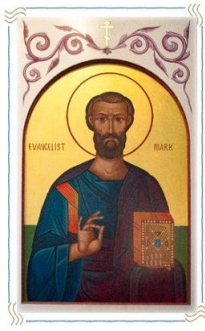


Please remember in your prayers

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, John, Grover **Good estate** of Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan.

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





Birthday:

Lenten Reflections from St. John Climacus: Portrait of “The Fool”

3. He who has lost sensibility is a brainless philosopher, a self-condemned commentator, a self-contradictory windbag, a blind man who teaches others to see.

He talks about healing a wound, and does not stop irritating it.

He complains of sickness, and does not stop eating what is harmful.

He prays against it, and immediately goes and does it.

And when he has done it, he is angry with himself; and the wretched man is not ashamed of his own words.

‘I am doing wrong,’ he cries, and eagerly continues to do so.

His mouth prays against his passion, and his body struggles for it.

He philosophizes about death, but he behaves as if he were immortal.

He groans over the separation of soul and body, but drowns along as if he were eternal.

He talks of temperance and self-control, but he lives for gluttony.

He reads about the judgment and begins to smile.

He reads about vainglory, and is vainglorious while actually reading.

He repeats what he has learnt about vigil, and drops asleep on the spot.

He praises prayer, but runs from it as from the plague.

He blesses obedience, but he is the first to disobey.

He praises detachment, but he is not ashamed to be spiteful and to fight for a rag.

When angered he gets bitter, and he is angered again at his bitterness; and he does not feel that after one defeat he is suffering another.

Having overeaten he repents, and a little later again gives way to it.

He blesses silence, and praises it with a spate of words.

He teaches meekness, and during the actual teaching frequently gets angry. Having woken from passion he sighs, and shaking his head, he again yields to passion.

He condemns laughter, and lectures on mourning with a smile on his face. Before others he blames himself for being vainglorious, and in blaming himself is only angling for glory for himself.

He looks people in the face with passion, and talks about chastity.

While frequenting the world, he praises the solitary life, without realizing that he shames himself.

He extols almsgivers, and reviles beggars.

All the time he is his own accuser, and he does not want to come to his senses—I will not say cannot.

St. John Climacus. The Ladder of Divine Ascent. Step 18, 3.