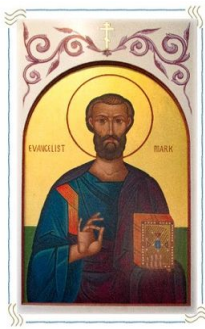


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- ❖ Daria Cortese
- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Sergei Arhipov

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.

Sundays and Feast Days 9:30 am

Divine Liturgy

Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested



3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Holy Myrrhbearing Women. Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antinoë in Egypt (ca. 286). St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argolis (10th c.). + **Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism in Rus' (1074).** The "Svenskaya" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (1288)

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: Acts 6:1-7

ΓΩΣΠΕΛ: MARK 15:43-16:8

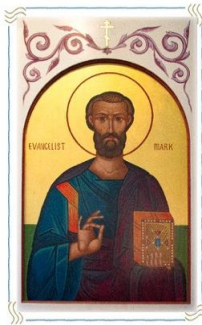
Baptisms: Children must have Orthodox Godparents who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Scheduling arrangements should be made with the Rector by contacting him directly.

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.

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Parish Development: The May 31 meeting with Raphael Architects has been postponed for obvious reasons.

Monthly Financial Update

The table with the monthly data is on the Stewardship Information page at the end. Please note the following information regarding the amounts posted:

- On 4/6 we deposited everything collected since 3/15, so March was only 1/2 of the month.
- On 4/27 we deposited everything since 4/5.
- So, April actually includes 1/2 of March and almost all of April.
- \$7985 was online donations in April.



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: At this time the needs are great. Pasta sauce, tea, coffee, juice are particular needs.

VIGIL LIGHTS

NONE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAY

ALAN LITVIN - 3

PAT COLUCCI - 5

BARBARA MALRIAT - 7

STEPHEN SEDOR - 9

NAMES DAY

CHRIS SREMANAK - 9

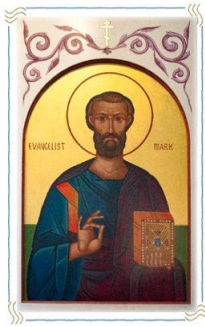


Please remember in your prayers

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, Valerie, Nicholas, Elena **Good estate of** Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.



Departed: *Newly departed* Archpriest Bernard, Mat. Nina, Mat. Raphaela, Nina, Rosalie, Carl and Marsha, Helen *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George.



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!

The conclusion of our contrast between Christian Stewardship and Secular Fundraising.

Christian Stewardship

- Provides an opportunity for people to give witness to their faith in proportional means.
- Concerned with retaining each and every member of the community.
- Believes that offerings stem from people's commitment to their faith and community.
- Thematically promotes the idea that giving is a sign of appreciation and returns to God that which is God's own creation.

Secular Fundraising

- Provides an opportunity for people to self-identify their level of commitment, e.g. Sustaining Member
- Concerned about growing the database, even at the expense of some current donors.
- Believes that donations are the best way to build commitment from the database of donors
- Thematically promotes the idea that people are the masters and possessors of their own wealth, and that a gift can promote their standing.

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

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Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Malachi 3:10

Church Bulletin Display (Monthly)

	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	YTD
Total General Contribution	\$10,024.00	\$8,720.00	\$25,725.91	\$60,835.91
Avg. Per Week Per Unit (56)	\$44.75	\$51.90	\$114.85	\$72.42
Change from 2019 (Goal >\$8)	\$3.09	\$8.59	\$61.83	\$26.59
	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	YTD
Building Fund Contributions	\$2,415.00	\$2,403.00	\$328.00	\$7,511.00
% of Goal Obtained (\$100k)	2.42%	2.40%	0.33%	7.51%

- ⊕ Here is a link for assistance in digital giving:
<https://www.givinghelpdesk.com/2020/03/31/giver-guides-step-by-step-tutorials-for-digital-giving/>
 Text giving - text 215 999-8771