

ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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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 AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. * All Saints of Britain and Ireland.

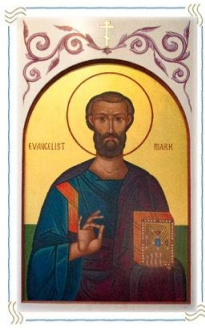
Translation of the Relics of the Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (412). St. Paul the Physician, of Corinth. Ven. Xenophon, Abbot of Robeisk (Novgorod—1262). + **Ven. Sergius and**

Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam (ca. 1353). The “Three Hands” Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Mt. 6:22-23

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:

Monday, June 29: Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:10am.

Saturday, July 4:Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am; Great Vespers - 6pm

Sunday, July 5: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am

There will be no coffee hour at this time. It will resume at an appropriate time in the future.

Parish Directory: 20 remain to be returned. Please return yours TODAY. If you did not receive one or lost the one you did receive, please let us know and we will resend it to you. We very much want all accurately recorded in our contact list and we want all who wish to be included to be in the new Directory.

Stewardship:

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Do not forget the online giving option for both one time and repeat donations. See our website for the portal.

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

Birthdays

Charla Bendas - 7/3

Names Day

Peter Bohlender - 6/29

Wedding Anniversary

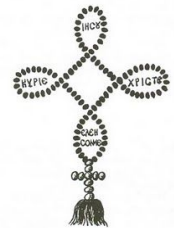
Patrick and Maria Colucci - 6/28

George & Ekaterina Lekveishvili - 6/30



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, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra, Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Vitaly, Helen, Valerie, Nicholas, Elena, Jamie and her unborn child, Nicholas, Valerie Good estate of Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.



Departed: *Newly departed* Matushka Linda, Anatoly, William, Arthur, David *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George.

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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



Archbishop Mark on sacrificial offering as shown by Noah in Genesis 8:

The idea of a *burnt offering* literally means to “**let ascend**,” as in the smoke. The whole animal was offered to God as an act of atonement for sin and to renew one’s relationship with God. As we look at this passage, it is unclear whether Noah is making an offering to atone for the sins of mankind prior to the flood, or as an act of gratitude for the Lord’s saving action in preserving Noah and his family. Yet, we know it is **not God who needs man’s offerings or sacrifices; it is mankind who feels the need to offer something to God in times of repentance or as an expression of gratitude for His saving acts**. Mankind needs something tangible to offer to God in order to grasp God’s mercy and grace. Yet what can we truly offer to God that is not already His?

What shall I offer unto the Lord for all He has given unto me? Ps.115

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