



ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Readers:

- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
- ❖ Dustin Joseph Crosby

Choir Directors:

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

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

Church School

Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



Divine Liturgy: Sundays and Feast Days
9:30am

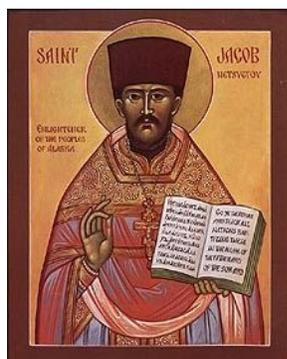
Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested



7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Hieromartyr Hermolaus and Martyrs Hermippus and Hermocrates at Nicomedia (ca. 305). Martyr Parasceva of Rome (2nd c.). + **Repose of St. Yakov (Jacob) Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska (1864). Ven. Gerontius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos). The "Emvolon" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos in Constantinople.**

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7; Phil. 3:7-14

Gospel: Mt 9:27-35; Mk 10:29-31, 42-45

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:

Sunday, July 26: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am,



Monday, July 27: Akathist to St. Panteleimon with anointing - 7pm

Saturday, August 1: Vespers & Confessions 6pm.

Sunday, August 2: Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am.

Parish Survey: Thank you to all who responded. Next we will organize the three groups focused on three areas. Those who volunteered will be contacted shortly.

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

Birthdays

Julia Petrov 7/30

Jesse James Killough 7/26

Names Day

Wedding Anniversary

Kevin & Margaret Karaffa

Vigil Lights

❖ From: Irene Arhipov

For the Health of: Sergei, Stephanie, Peter, Anthony, Raymonde, Vera, Alan, Ludmilla, Elizabeth.

In Memory of: Newly-departed Stephen, Peresvet, Ludmilla, Ivan, Maria, Anna, Anna, Lydia, Lydia, Boris, Anthony

❖ From: Pitra Family

For the Health of: Edward

In Memory of: Pelageja, anniversary on 7/23

❖ From: Lucy Znak

For the health of: Michelle, John, Michael, Amanda



Please remember in your prayers



Living: Captives Hierarchs Paul and John 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. **Ill afflicted** Archpriests Daniel, 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, 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, Helen, Nicholas, Elena, Jamie and her unborn child, Nicholas, Valerie, John,

Alice, Edward

Departed: *Newly departed* Protodeacon Gregory Norris, Matushka Linda, Anatoly, Peter, Harry *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George.

Encyclical for Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday 2020 from Archbishop Mark, Episcopal Liaison, Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

“Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who suffer evil, as though you yourself were suffering.” (Hebrews 13:3)

To the Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and Pious Faithful of our Holy Orthodox Church in the United States:

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and blessings to you all!



We are blessed to observe the Sunday before the feast of St. Silas, the patron saint of prison ministry, as Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday. This year we remember this sacred ministry on July 26, 2020.

Over the last several months, our communities have suffered from isolation and division as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and now, the backlash of the tragic racial injustices in our society. With so many people suffering from anxiety, seperation, depression, and anger, how will the Lord answer our prayers for peace? Usually, as men and women living in the world, we can most readily find the Lord's answer in small, personal acts of love and mercy.

He tells us very clearly how we are expected to treat and heal one another in Matthew 25:

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

This mandate, like so much of the scripture, instructs us to proactively serve those in our community in love. Each of us can be the solution to the anxiety around us by doing the little things that are in our control with humility, empathy, and patience.

Part of this calling to serve includes those who are in prison, where true, deep isolation has enveloped our brothers and sisters incarcerated. In prison, the simple acts of kindness are magnified: a letter to someone serving a long sentence, a Bible Study in the local jail, making the wife of a prisoner feel welcome in church. These are the acts of proactive mercy our Lord calls us to that Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry and many of our clergy and parishes participate in every day.

As the Episcopal Moderator of Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry, I respectfully request you observe this day of awareness. The Holy Orthodox Church, through Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry, brings the mercy, forgiveness, and love of Christ to those people who need hope and healing living in the darkness of prison.

As Saint John of Kronstadt states, "the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement." Please remember and help our brothers and sisters in jails and prisons across the United States on July 26th. We humbly ask that after passing a tray for the ongoing work of your parish, you please pass a second tray on Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday for the work of the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry.

With much love and thanks in our risen Lord,

†Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, OCA



“To judge sins is the business of one who is sinless, but who is sinless except God? Whoever thinks about the multitude of his own sins in his heart never wants to make the sins of others a topic of conversation. To judge a man who has gone astray is a sign of pride, and God resists the proud. On the other hand, one who every hour prepares himself to give answer for his own sins will not quickly lift up his head to examine the mistakes of



others.” *St. Gennadius of Constantinople, The Golden Chain, 53-55*

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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



What have you that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift? Already you are filled! Already you have become rich!. **First Epistle to the Corinthians 4:8**

