

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Readers:

- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
- ❖ Dustin Joseph Crosby

## 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 9:30am

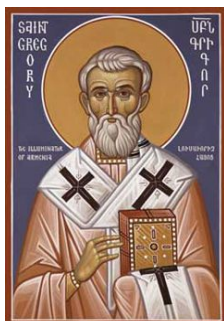
### Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

### Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am

**Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya):** as requested.



**18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1.** Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia (ca. 335). Ven. Gregory, Abbot of Pelshme, Wonderworker of Vologdá (1442). St. Michael, First Metropolitan of Kiev (992). Martyrs Rhipsime, Gaiana and 35 holy virgins with them, of Armenia (4th c.).

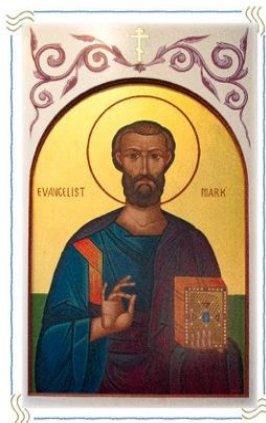
ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟ: Luke: 6:31-36

**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.



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## Weekly Schedule of Services and Events

- Sun.** Sept 30: Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am. Church School, Coffee Hour.  
**Mon.** Oct 1: Of What Life do We Speak Discussion 7pm.  
**Wed.** Oct 3: Akathist and Psalms class following 9:15am. Prison Ministry 7:30pm.  
**Thurs.** Oct 4: Preschool Church School - 9:45am-10:45am.  
**Sat.** Oct 6: Vespers 5pm at Mother of God Orthodox Church in Princeton followed by talk by Sister Vassa at 6pm.

**Memory Eternal Joseph Wawrzyniak.** Joe reposed last Monday morning after a rapid decline in his health. He resided at Harbor View Nursing Home in Doylestown (formerly Golden Living). Some of you met him there, but to most he was unknown. His faith was lively, his intelligence quick and deep, his thoughtfulness and humility notable. He bore his cross with patience and perseverance. Despite his disability, he was an advocate for an Orthodox presence there, one which the administration responded to favorably. In his conversations and efforts, either from a bed or wheelchair, he was an effective missionary. He will be missed by his family and friends. A Panikhida is scheduled for his Ninth Day Memorial at 10am on Tuesday, October 2nd.

**Preschool Church School** began on Thursday, September 20 and will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month for one hour from 9:45 to 10:45am. Questions can be addressed to Jen Sremenak and Martha Moser.

**Parish Picnic** Thank to all who have contributed to this event in every way, donations of food and money, cooking, set up, games, preparation of grills. A great time was had by all despite the inclement weather.. See the parish Facebook page for photos. Looking forward to next year!

**Parish Development:** Thank you to those who have made contributions to the Development Fund. It is now in the black with \$1300 in it. At our last Parish Council meeting it was agreed to establish an advisory Building Committee of seven people which would include parishioners with both financial and building related professional experience. The purpose of the committee would be to bring an informed point of view to potential plans in light of best providing for the spatial needs of the parish moving forward. If you are willing to serve let Fr. Martin know. Membership will be approved by the Parish Council.

**Sister Vassa at Mother of God Parish in Princeton:** Sister Vassa will be speaking following Vespers on Saturday October 6 at 6pm. Vespers will be at 5pm. We have been invited as a parish to attend and will do so. There will be no Vespers here on Saturday October 6. She will speak on "Discovering Your Ministry: Carrying on the Vocation of the Apostles." Should you wish confessions that day but will not attend the Vespers see Fr. Martin about coming earlier that Saturday to St. Mark's. Sunday morning before Divine Liturgy is not an option.

**Supporting the Church Financially in addition to regular sacrificial giving.** At present we have two ways parishioners can do so, the **Scrip Program** which allows you to purchase gift cards for a tremendous number of retailers of all kinds, percentages of which go to St. Mark's. You get the full value of your purchase, the parish gets a percentage from the program. Please take a closer look at this program and see which vendors you regularly use and consider participating. Also keep it in mind when you have special events, as vendors for those types of products pay a higher percentage.

**Additionally:** we participate in the **Amazon Smile program**. If you shop Amazon and utilize the Amazon Smile program you can designate St. Mark's Orthodox Church, Wrightstown as the beneficiary of your purchases. They will pay the parish .5% of the purchases made. Individually it may be small, but if everyone in the parish did so it would amount to a significant income. Again, no extra money is required from those who participate.



**Scrip:** Profit \$53.50. YTD \$581.52.

**Walk for Life & 5K Run 2018:** Saturday October 13, 2018 Univest Performance Center, The Park @4th 10AM to 1PM. Register at [www.crossroadspregnancy.care](http://www.crossroadspregnancy.care) or 215 538-7003 x206. Early registration \$20; Late registration \$22; Day of Registration \$25, includes T-shirt. Crossroads provides free resources that help bring hope, help and healing to hundreds of women, men, and children in our communities.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Please continue to bring pasta, sauce, coffee, tea, juice with you to church throughout the summer months.

#### VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM TATYANA

**For the Health of:** Michael, Tatyana, Irene, Anna, Lucy, Joel, David, Olga, Masha, Pavel, Svetlana, Volodia

**In Memory of:** Anna, Nicolay, Alexandra, Olga, Rita, Vasily

FROM A FRIEND

**For the Health of:** Oleg, Galina, Alex, Dmitriy, Svetlana, Aleksey, Ekaterina, Evgeniy, Balentin.

**In Memory of:** Evgeniy, Aleksandr, Nina, Aleksandr, Elena, Vera, Lida, Nina, Sergey

FROM PERDIKIS FAMILY

**For the Health of:** Evangelia, Demetrios, Shane, Kathryn, Olivia, Samantha, Anthony, Panayiotis, Angelica, George, Demetra, Raymond, Zografia, Demetra, Bruce, Tom, Michele, John, Mohamed, Donna, Evanthia.

**In Memory of:** Angelo, Evangelia, Arthur, Anna, Kleo, Nikolas, Demetrios, Zografia, Christopher, Angela, Spyridon, John, George.

#### **Please remember in your prayers**



**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John, orphans of St. Thekla's, Ill afflicted *Pcdn* Joseph, *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra; *Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Anthony, Samuel, Sergei, Michael, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Anthony, Helen, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Barbara, Daniel, Amanda and Michael, Pastor Ginny (Penns Park UMC/Wrightstown Food Cupboard), Stephen. Good estate of Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan.

**Departed:** *Newly departed* Archpriest Vincent, Archpriest Michael, Protodeacon Theodore, Marie, Mat. Mary, Joseph, Joseph, Norman. *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir.

#### Birthdays, Names Day and Anniversaries

**Birthday:** Eileen McKeown 10/3, Matthew Vatov, 10/4, Tony Kasmer, 10/6,

**Names Day:** Grace Browne 10/5

