

# 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*

January 3, 2021

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

## Church School

### Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays and Feast Days  
9:30am

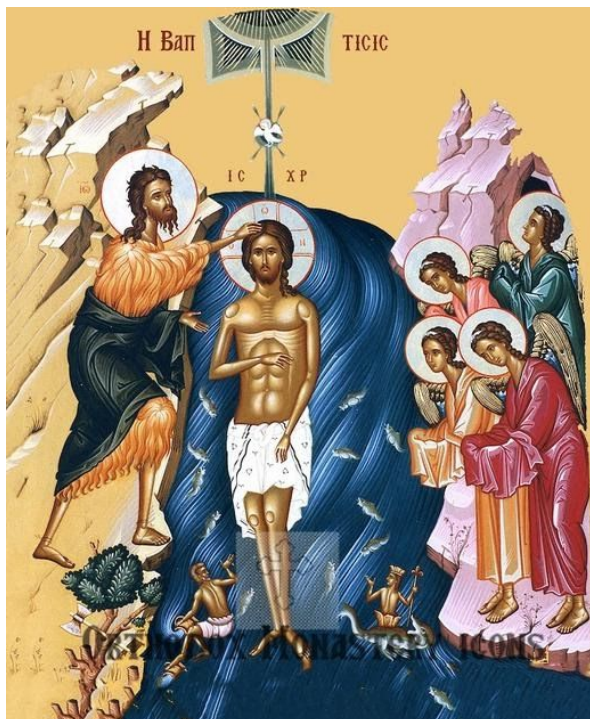
## Confessions:

*Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.*

## Akathist Service

*Wednesdays at 9:15am.*

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



## **30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — TONE 5.** **SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY.**

**Forefeast of the Theophany. Holy Prophet Malachi (ca. 400 B.C.). Martyr Gordius at Cæsarea in Cappadocia (4th c.). Ven. Genevieve of Paris (5th c.).**

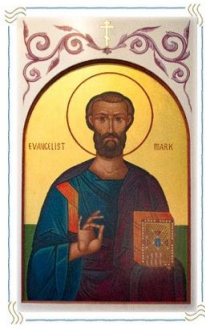
**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 4:5-8

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

**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:

**Sunday, January 3:** Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am;

**Tuesday January 5:** 8:30am Royal Hours and Vesperal Divine Liturgy with Great Blessing of Water; 7pm Vigil for Theophany.

**Wednesday, January 6:** Hours and Divine Liturgy for Theophany with Great Blessing of Water - 9:10am

**Saturday, January 9:** Vespers and Confessions-6pm.

**Calendars:** Are available courtesy of Fletcher-Nasevich Funeral Home. The St. Tikhon's were ordered a couple of months ago, but a new ordering system and the pervasive shipping delays have prevented us in having them in a timely fashion. Once received, they will be available.

**Theophany:** Services are listed above, contact Fr. Martin about attending any, all of them. Jordan Water will also be available next weekend. You may use your own bottle or take one of the ones prepared by St. Mark's.

**House Blessing:** Though less than 50% of the parish had their homes blessed last year, and this year being what it is, I don't expect much demand at this time, but if you wish me to come bless, I am willing. Schedule a time with me. As usual I require neither food nor payment. I do urge all to have their homes blessed later this year as an essential dimension of our recovery from the stress of the past year.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Make an offering of food or a donation of cash during the Nativity Fast. The needs are great, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Be mindful of the poor and the needy

**Names Day**

Charles Bendas 1/1

Charles Henderson 1/1

Charles Buddy Rybny 1/1

**Vigil Lights**

**From: Irene Arhipov**

For the Health of: Sergei, Stephanie, Peter, Vera, Raymonde, Richard, Alla, Irina, Anatole, Jon, M. Herman, Fr. Alexander, Marcia

In Memory of: newly departed George, Mary, Robert; departed Maria, Ivan, Katherine, Dimitri, Anna



**Please remember in your prayers**

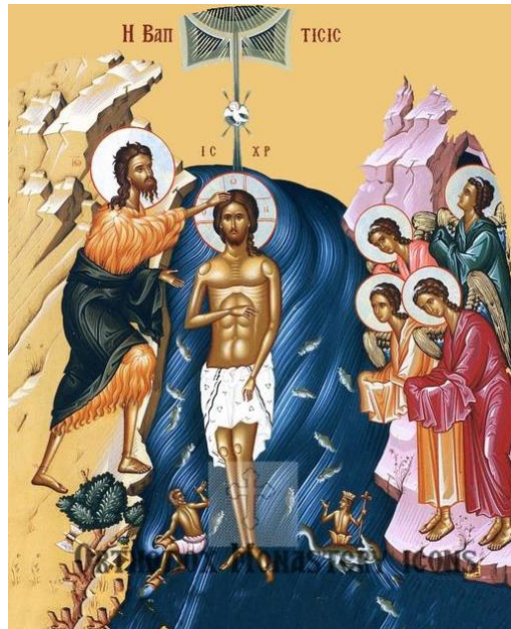


**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our family and friends Charles and Erin, Ann Marie, Joseph, Alexis, Aphrodite. Ill afflicted Archpriest Daniel, Priest Stephen *Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia, Myra Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Stephen, Jason, Katina, Donna, Rebekah, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra. Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Helen, Nicholas, Elena, Nicholas, Valerie, John, Alice, Edward, Marina and the child to be born of

her, Anastasia and the child to be born of her..

**Departed:** Newly departed Archbishop David,, Pr. Demetrios, Pr. James, George, Henrietta. Departed Archpriests Stephen, Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul & Khouria Shirley.

*What Shall I Give unto the Lord for All He has given unto Me?*



The Savior, Who is Grace and Truth,  
shone forth in the streams of the Jordan,  
and enlightened those who slept in darkness and shadow;  
for He has come and revealed Himself,  
the Light unapproachable. **Exapostelaron of Theophany**

“Wash yourselves,” says Isaiah, “make yourselves clean!  
Put away the evil of your doings from before the Lord!

Everyone who thirsts, come to the living water!”

For Christ will sprinkle those who run to Him in faith  
with the water that gives renewal.

He baptizes them with the Spirit unto life that grows not old.

**Ode 9 of Canon of Theophany**

***Our Stewardship of time, talent and treasure is our personal response to all that Christ has done for us.***

- ***Whatever blinds us to the reality before our eyes,***
- ***Whatever restrains our souls and bodies from going to the Jordan,***
- ***Whatever we have that we do not need that claims our attention,***
  - ***Let us cleanse ourselves of these things***
- ***Giving them to God and to those who really need them and can use them.***