



# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Clergy

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## Readers:

- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
- ❖ Dustin Joseph Crosby

## 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*

## Choir Directors:

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

## Church School

### Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



## Divine Liturgy

### Confessions:

*Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.*

### Akathist Service

*Wednesdays at 9:15am.*

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



**29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — TONE 4. SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY. EVE OF THE THEOPHANY.** Hieromartyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and Martyr Theonas (303). Ven. Syncletica of Alexandria (ca. 350). Prophet Micah (9th c. B.C.). Virgin Apollinaris of Egypt (ca. 470). Ven. Phostorius the Hermit (6th c.). Ven. Menas of Sinai (6th c.). Ven. Gregory of Crete (ca. 820). Ven. Martyr Romanos (1694).

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: **2 Timothy: 4:5-8**

ΓΟСПΕΛ: **MARK. 1:1-9**

**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:

**Sun. January 5:** Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am. Great Vespers with Blessing of the Water - 1pm. Vigil for Theophany - 6pm.

**Mon. January 6:** Hours and Divine Liturgy with Great Blessing of Waters 9:10am. House Blessing 1-4pm. Building Committee - 6pm



**Tues. Jan 7: Service at The Birches - 11:30am. House Blessing 1pm - 7pm.**

**Wed. Jan 8: Akathist and Psalms Class- 9:15am. House Blessing 11:30-4:30pm.**

**Prison Ministry-7:30pm.**

**Sat. January 12: Vespers and Confessions-6pm.**

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 following the Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour, during which we will recognize and honor Sergei Arhipov for his many years as our Principal Choir Director. The meeting will include the usual reports, election of the Parish Council, and updates on the parish development project. All eligible, i.e. registered, sacramentally communed,

regularly attending, materially supporting, members are may vote. All members are eligible to attend. Please join us to honor Sergei and to set the course for the coming year.

**House Blessing:** With Theophany we begin house blessing season, which runs through the beginning of Great Lent, the end of February this year. No need to feed or pay priest, as usual. January is not terribly flexible in the schedule. Give me a day and a preference for morning, afternoon or evening and I can let you know available times. Please consult the online calendar and/or sheet in the vestibule.

**Scrip:** Starting today, Scrip orders will be taken on the first and third Sundays of the month by Martha Moser and Jan Ruano. Please use this program for your shopping. It costs you nothing except some time and planning and can benefit St. Mark's greatly the more it is used by more people.

**Water Font:** We are most grateful for the timely arrival of a new Holy Water Font for Theophany donated anonymously which we use for the first time this Theophany.

**Financial Update for Sunday 12/29:**

Collection: General: \$4473, Christmas Offerings: \$1601.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Thank you for the donations. 146 baskets were filled and given to needy families.

VIGIL LIGHTS

**Please remember in your prayers**

**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John III afflicted *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne; *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, Ruslan. Vitaly Good estate of Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.

**Departed:** *Newly departed* Archpriests John, Stephen, Elder Ephraim, Dns. Hennok, Gregory, *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George



Birthday  
Nicholas Bendas -11th

Wedding Anniversary  
Pdn Gregory and Martha Moser-10th