Welcome to St. Mark's Orthodox Church, a parish of the Orthodox Church in America Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania!

We have seen the True Light.
We have found the Heavenly Spirit
We have encountered the Holy Trinity.
For the Trinity has saved us!
(Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)

Originating in the Russian Orthodox Church, which established the Orthodox Church in America in 1970 as an Orthodox Church for all Americans, of every tribe and tongue and people and nation (Rev. 5:9), St. Mark's includes multi-generational Orthodox Christians of various nationalities, together with first generation Orthodox Christians from other faiths.

The parish exists to worship God, preach the Gospel, witness to the Faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3).
Our common life includes worship, fellowship, educational and charitable ministry.
(Wrightstown Food Cupboard, clothing drives for the Trenton Rescue Mission, Christmas Box project for Samaritans Purse, regular Prison Ministry at the County Prison, discussion group on Orthodoxy in the Public Square in addition to regular Adult Education and Church School for children and young adults)

Services are in English, our common tongue, though our conversations outside of worship are often in a variety of tongues.

Please sign our guest book or contact us at info@stmarksoca.org. You are welcome to join us for all our activities, liturgical and social. See Fr. Martin or any member if you have questions.

In order to avoid confusion, please note that Holy Communion is given only to Orthodox Christians as a sign of their full communion in the Church. Those wishing to explore reception into the Church or actually desiring it should speak with the Pastor

History of our Parish

St. Mark's Church was founded on November 15, 1972 by a small group of people who had in mind a parish open to Orthodox believers of all national backgrounds. Although the worship services were initially held in the parishioner's homes, the services were eventually moved to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Doylestown, PA. His Eminence, Archbishop KIPRIAN confirmed the name of the new mission as St. Mark's Church (the Apostle and Evangelist) on November 2, 1974.

In July 1973 the V. Rev. Vladimir S. Borichevsky was appointed to serve the parish and the Liturgies came to be celebrated in Old Historic Trinity Episcopal Church in Buckingham, PA. Fr. Borichevsky continued to serve the parish until he was appointed Dean of Faculty of St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary in 1977.

Fr John Kowalczyk served St. Mark's from 1977 to 1979. He was succeeded by the reappointment of Fr Vladimir, who remained until 1986. On June 1, 1986, Fr Stephen Karaffa was assigned to the parish. Under Fr Stephen's term the parish acquired its own property, some five acres of wooded land with a home in Wrightstown, PA (the present location). The grounds initially held in the parishioner's homes, the services were eventually moved to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Doylestown, PA. His Eminence, Archbishop KIPRIAN confirmed the name of the new mission as St. Mark's Church (the Apostle and Evangelist) on November 2, 1974.

In September of 1992 Very Rev. Theodore Heckman, was assigned to St. Mark's, serving until his retirement in 2012. In December 2012 Rev. Martin Browne was assigned as Acting Rector.