



*Saint Mark's Orthodox Church*  
*Orthodox Church in America*  
*Rte. 413*

*452 Durham Road*  
*Wrightstown, PA 18940*

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- Jeanette Ruano, Warden
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### Schedule of Services

#### Regular Services

The Hours	Sunday, 9:10 am
Divine Liturgy	Sunday, 9:30 am
Vespers	Saturday, 6:00 pm
Confessions	Saturday, Following Vespers and By appointment

#### Lenten Services

*(In Addition to Regular Services)*

Mission Vespers (See Bulletin for location)	Sunday, 5:00 pm
Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts	Wednesday, 9:00AM
Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts	Friday, 7:00 pm
Divine Liturgy for the Departed	Saturday, 9:00 am

*Other Services as scheduled. Please check the website  
listed above for the weekly bulletin and other timely  
announcements.*

#### Religious Education:

Youth Class	After Liturgy on Sunday
Adult Class	Wednesday, after Service
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, 7:00 pm

#### Healing Services

Services of Intercession for Healing of Soul and Body  
are held throughout the year and are open to all.  
Consult the parish website for announcements.

#### Special Services

Contact the pastor to arrange for  
Panikhida/Memorial Services for the Departed  
Baptisms and Weddings.

For Baptisms and Weddings please consult with the  
pastor before making other arrangements because of  
potential scheduling or other conflicts.

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**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 received the Heavenly Spirit  
We have found the True Faith,  
Worshipping 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  
(Jude1:3).

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](mailto: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  
were cleared for a church edifice and parking area.  
Construction began in August, 1988, and on October 14,  
the new building was consecrated by His Grace, Bishop  
HERMAN.

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.

