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FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023 — THE LAST JUDGMENT

Tone 3 — Sunday of the Last

Judgment. Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.). Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at Antioch (363). St. Rabulas of Samosata (ca. 530). Ven. Dositheus of Palestine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus (7th c.). Ven. Theodore of Sanaksáry (1791).

Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2

Gospel: Matt. 25:31-46



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 19th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour
Monday, Feb. 20th:	Preschool Church School — 10:45 AM
Tuesday, Feb. 21st:	Stewardship & Jubilee Committee Meetings — 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 22nd:	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM Mirrors of Truth — 7:00 PM
Thursday, Feb. 23rd:	Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 25th:	Great Vespers & Confessions — 6:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 26th:	Hours, Divine Liturgy & Forgiveness Vespers — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour

The Church School Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 4th from 11 AM - 3 PM. We will have Vespers at 4 PM. All children ages 5+ are invited.

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs **cleaning supplies** and **coffee**. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.



Lenten service schedule: Please see the last page of this bulletin.

Birthdays: Jim Pitra, Judi Rybny, Lucy Znak

Wedding anniversaries: Benjamin and Julianna Stell

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

LIVING

Captive Hierarchs PAUL and JOHN

All those, everywhere, who care for the sick, the suffering and the vulnerable.

Ill-afflicted Clergy Archbishop +MELCHIZEDEK, Archpriests Stephen, Daniel and Michael

Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, and Jennifer

Servants of God Monk Nicodemos, Charlotte, infant Luke, Larissa, Nicholas, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Anna, Raymond, Andrew, Valerie, Charles, Margaret, Elena, Ayla, Sandra, Maria, Julia, infant Jacob, Michael, Nancy, Eileen, Steven, Constance, Angela, Hunter, Jon Smith, Anselmo Pappas Scandalis, Shirley

DEPARTED

Newly departed: Archpriest Daniel, Olga, Anatole, Katherine, Mat. Katrina

Departed: Archpriest Theodore, Shirley (Stewart), Jonathan, Mat. Emily, Mat. Mary, Met. +HERMAN, Louis, Ruth, Nicholai, Thomas, Michael, Venus, Helen, Anthony, All those who have died in service to their country, Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir, Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul, Kh. Shirley

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM THE MOSER FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: STEPHANIE, PETER, MICHAEL, REBECCA, LARISSA

IN MEMORY OF: DN. JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, STEPHEN, SOPHIA

FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARGARET, ANDREW, STEPHANIE, MARGARET, LORELLY, EILEEN

IN MEMORY OF: GEORGE, OLGA, KATHERINE, THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN UKRAINE

FROM THE SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARY ANNE, HUNTER, CONNIE, THOMAS III

IN MEMORY OF: THOMAS JR., VENUS, MICHAEL, NEVILLE

FROM SONJA LENGEL

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SBN. SERGIUS, SOPHIA, DAVID, ANN P.

IN MEMORY OF: JOHN, ANASTASIA, JIM

FROM JEANETTE RUANO:

IN MEMORY OF: SHIRLEY STEWART

CHORAL CORNER

Q: What is Forgiveness Vespers?

A: Forgiveness Vespers is a unique form of Sunday Lenten Vespers served on the Sunday of the Expulsion from Paradise, otherwise known as Cheese-fare Sunday. As Vespers is the first service of the Orthodox liturgical day, Forgiveness Vespers is the first service of Great Lent. The Lenten transition happens after the Great Prokeimenon ("Turn not Thy face from Thy servant, for I am afflicted. Hear me speedily; attend to my soul, and deliver it." — *Psalms* 68), when the vestments and liturgical linens are changed from light to dark, and the choir begins singing Lenten melodies.

After the dismissal comes the beautiful Rite of Mutual Forgiveness, during which we personally reconcile with everyone present, so that we may enter the Fast in humility and tenderheartedness. During this ceremony, the choir quietly sings the Paschal Stichera ("Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered"). Why, at the outset of our Lenten pilgrimage, are we already singing hymns of the Resurrection?

Inside *chronos* time, the time of clicking clocks and calendars that is itself part of creation, Great Lent has just begun. *Outside* of created time, however, Christ is already risen, becoming both the source and goal of our struggle. This is why we never say "Christ *has* risen," but rather "Christ *is* risen". Yes, our Lord's Resurrection occurred at a specific time in human history, and is commemorated on a specific day every year, but it is also truly an eternally *present* reality. In Greek, this is one example of the *dramatic aorist* tense, which describes a complex action as happening in the present to emphasize its certainty, even if all or part of that action has already occurred in *chronos* time. (The word *aorist* is about to get a lot of attention at St. Mark's. Stay tuned.)

As we strive to make a good new beginning, embarking on the course of the Fast by entering it in loving peace with all people, we draw strength from the assurance that Christ has *already* shattered the gates of hell, destroying its power (*Resurrection Kontakion, Tone 7*), delivering His people from bondage to the enemy, so that we may obtain to the glorious liberty of the children of God (*Romans 8:21*).

Previous articles may be found at dariacortese.com/my-blog.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Sunday Collection (2/12)

Weekly general: \$3,258

Candles: \$107

Parish Dev.: \$100

Total: \$3,465

Online Giving (2/6 — 2/12)

Weekly general: \$2,423

Parish Dev.: \$1,000

Total: \$3,423

Grand total: \$6,888

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TRACKER

JANUARY 2023

	Jan-23	YTD
2023 Total General Contribution	\$30,706.59	\$30,706.59
2023 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	\$111.66	\$111.66
Change from 2022 (Goal >\$8)	\$35.45	\$31.76
2022 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	\$76.21	\$79.90
	Jan-23	YTD
Building Fund Contributions	\$13,055.00	\$13,055.00
% of Goal Obtained (\$100k)	13.06%	13.06%



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Hours + Divine Liturgy:	9:10 AM (Sundays & feast days)
Great Vespers / Vigil:	6 PM (Saturdays) 7PM (Eve of feast) 6PM (Eve of feast – Sundays)
Confessions:	Saturdays after Vespers & by appointment
Akathist Service:	9:15 AM (Wednesdays)
Panikhidas/Lityas:	as requested

CLERGY

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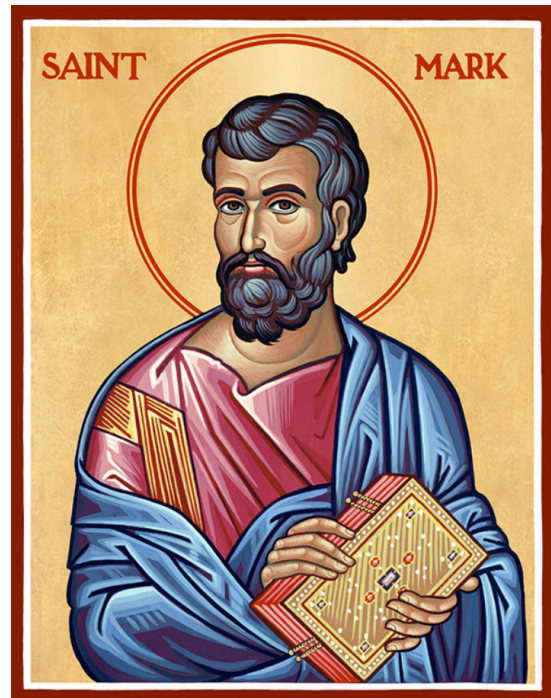
Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender
Marek Szeliga

LAY LEADERSHIP

CHOIR DIRECTORS: Daria Cortése
Mat. Martha Moser
Sbn. Sergei Arhipov (Emeritus)

CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATORS: Mat. Martha Moser
Julie Stell

SISTERHOOD OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS: Julie Stell, President



Baptisms: Children must have **Orthodox Godparents** who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Please make scheduling arrangements by contacting Fr. Martin directly.

Weddings: Arrangement should be made **at least six months** prior to the wedding; scheduling is subject to the Church's liturgical calendar. Please speak with Fr. Martin **before making reception arrangements**.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

NOTE: This list does not include regular Saturday Vespers services and Sunday Divine Liturgies.

Monday, Feb. 27th	7:00 PM	Great Compline w/ Great Canon
Tuesday, Feb. 28th	7:00 PM	Great Compline w/ Great Canon
Wednesday, March 1st	9:10 AM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
	7:00 PM	Great Compline w/ Great Canon
Thursday, March 2nd	7:00 PM	Great Compline w/ Great Canon
Friday, March 3rd	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Wednesday, March 8th	9:15 AM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday, March 10th	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 11th	9:15 AM	Memorial Saturday Panikhida
Wednesday, March 15th	9:15 AM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday, March 17th	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 18th	9:15 AM	Memorial Saturday Panikhida
Wednesday, March 22nd	9:15 AM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday, March 24th	7:00 AM	Vigil for Annunciation
Saturday, March 25th	9:15 AM	Hours & Divine Liturgy for Annunciation
Wednesday, March 29th	9:15 AM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Thursday, March 30th	7:00 PM	Matins w/ Great Canon
Friday, March 31st	9:15 AM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
	7:00 PM	Akathist Matins
Wednesday, April 3rd	9:15 AM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday, April 7th	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, April 8th	6:00 PM	Vigil for Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 9th	4:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 10th	7:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 11th	7:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 12th	9:15 AM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
	TBA	Unction Service (St. Stephen's Cathedral)
Thursday, April 13th	9:15 AM	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
	7:00 PM	Matins of Holy Friday (12 Passion Gospels)
Friday, April 14th	9:15 AM	Royal Hours of Holy Friday
	3:00 PM	Vespers of Holy Saturday
	7:00 PM	Matins of Holy Saturday (Lamentations)
Saturday, April 15th	9:15 AM	Vesperal Divine Liturgy (15 OT Prophecies)
	11:30 PM	Paschal Nocturns, Matins & Divine Liturgy
Sunday, April 16th	12:00 PM	Paschal Vespers