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## MARCH 12TH, 2023 — THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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### **Tone 6 — St. Gregory Palamas. Ven.**

Theophanes the Confessor, of  
Migraine (818). St. Gregory Dialogus,  
Pope of Rome (604). Ven. Simeon the  
New Theologian (1021). Righteous  
Phineas, grandson of Aaron (ca. 1500  
B.C.).

**Epistle:** Heb. 1:10-2:3  
Heb. 7:26-8:2

**Gospel:** Mark 2:1-12  
John 10:9-16



### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, March 12th:</b>	Hours, Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Choir Rehearsal & Coffee Hour
<b>Monday, March 13th:</b>	Preschool Church School — 10:45 AM Building Committee Meeting — 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, March 15th:</b>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 9:15 AM Book Group — 7:00 PM
<b>Friday, March 17th:</b>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 7:00 PM
<b>Saturday, March 18th:</b>	Panikhida (Memorial Saturday) — 9:00 AM Lenten Retreat on the Shroud of Turin — 10:00 AM Great Vespers & Confessions — 4:00 PM

**Lenten Book Group:** On the third, fourth and sixth Wednesdays of Great Lent, we will meet on Wednesdays at 7 PM (in person and on Zoom) to discuss C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters. The next meeting will be this Wednesday, March 15th. There is much practical spiritual advice in this work for Great Lent and throughout the year.



**Sunday of the Cross:** On March 19th, His Eminence Archbishop MARK will be with us to tonsure Sam Regen as a reader and ordain Marek Szeliga to the subdiaconate. We will have a Lenten meal after the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to provide a dish or dessert, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

**On Saturday, March 18th,** we will have our Lenten retreat here from 10 AM-3PM, preceded by a Memorial Saturday Panikhida at 9AM, followed by Great Vespers at 4PM, with Confession available afterwards. Lunch will be served at noon.

**Confessions:** As we enter the third week of the Great Fast, please do not wait until the fifth week or Holy Week to go to Confession. Confessions are available before and after most scheduled services, and by appointment. It is an experience to be prayerfully prepare for, and should be done with sufficient time and attention, not squeezed in hastily.

**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. **Please check the list weekly for changes due to illness or another serious reason.**

**Birthdays:** Sbn. Dustin Crosby, David Gibson, Anna Crosby

**Name Day:** Patrick Colucci, Pdn. Gregory Moser, Gregory Swan

## **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, Robert, Michael, Shirley, Olga, Katherine and Anatole

**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 BENNETT FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** BARBARA, WILLIAM, MARY

**IN MEMORY OF:** NEWLY-DEPARTED MICHAEL (2/25/23)

## **FROM THE PITRA FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** DOUG, RICHARD (DICK)

**IN MEMORY OF:** IRENE

## **FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** MARGARET, NANCY, MICHAEL, VALERIE, LUCY, ELAINE

**IN MEMORY OF:** GEORGE, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE WAR IN UKRAINE, KATHERINE, PETER

## **FROM THE SWAN FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** KEVIN (BIRTHDAY), TOM, WYNNE

**IN MEMORY OF:** VENUS, HELEN, MICHAEL, THOMAS, NEVILLE

## **CHORAL CORNER**

### **Q: What is the Triodion?**

**A:** Colloquially, some Orthodox use the word “Triodion” to refer to Great Lent and its three preparatory weeks; choir directors, in particular, love to exclaim in a panic that “We’re in the Triodion next week!”. This is a reference to the Lenten Triodion, the collection of liturgical hymnography and Scripture readings used during Great Lent and the three weeks beforehand. The term “Triodion” refers to the fact that most of its Matins Canons contain three Odes, rather than the usual eight. The non-Biblical texts in the Lenten Triodion are the product of over 1,000 years of prayerful efforts, beginning in Syria and Palestine around the 6th century; the majority of the Triodion’s hymns were composed by 9th-century monks of the Studion Monastery (St. John the Forerunner at Stoudios) in Constantinople, who also established most of the collection’s organizational structure. Two monks from this monastery, St. Joseph the Studite and St. Theodore the Studite, composed all of the first and second Lenten weekday Canons, respectively. Other texts were added as late as the 14th (and perhaps 15th) centuries.

### **Coming next week: What is the Menaion?**

*Previous articles may be found at [dariacortese.com/my-blog](http://dariacortese.com/my-blog).*

## **50th Anniversary Jubilee Committee**

**Call for photographs:** In preparation for St. Mark's 50th anniversary celebration in 2024, we are asking any parishioners who have photographs from the first three decades if they would please make them available for scanning, or scan and send them directly to us, for possible use in a commemorative book and slide show. Originals will be returned once we have scanned them for use. This will greatly aid us in preparing a proper commemoration of parish life at St. Mark's over the past half-century, Thank you!



### **FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTION TRACKER**

	Jan-23	Feb-23	YTD
2023 Total General Contribution	\$30,706.59	\$16,021.00	\$46,727.59
2023 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	\$111.66	\$72.82	\$91.76
Change from 2022 (Goal >\$8)	\$35.45	-\$21.94	\$11.86
2022 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	\$76.21	\$94.76	\$79.90
	Jan-23	Feb-23	YTD
Building Fund Contributions	\$13,055.00	\$4,155.00	\$17,210.00
% of Goal Obtained (\$100k)	13.06%	4.16%	17.21%

### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

#### **Sunday Collection (3/5)**

Weekly general: \$3,581

Candles: \$162

Church school: \$486.59

Diocese of Alaska: \$1,500

**Total: \$5,729.59**

#### **Online Giving (2/27-3/5)**

Weekly general: \$2,107

Candles: \$3

**Total: \$2,110**

**Grand total: \$7,839.59**



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

### CLERGY

V. Rev. Raymond Martin Browne, *Rector*  
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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



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**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.*

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
	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	6:00 PM	Baptism of Jacob Hawthorne
	7:00 PM	Great Vespers
Saturday, April 8th	9:15 AM	Divine Liturgy (Lazarus Saturday)
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

