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APRIL 2ND, 2023 — THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Tone 1 — St. Mary of Egypt.

Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.).

Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and

Edesius (Ædesius) of Lycia (306).

Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4th c.).

Epistle: Heb. 9:11-14; Gal. 3:23-29

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 2nd:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM
Monday, April 3rd:	Preschool Church School — 10:45 AM
Wednesday, April 5th:	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts — 9:15 AM
Thursday, April 6th:	Building Committee Meeting — 6:30 PM
Friday, April 7th:	Baptism of Jacob Hawthorne — 6:00 PM Great Vespers — 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 8th:	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM Vigil for Palm Sunday — 6:00 PM

Lenten Book Group: On the sixth Wednesday of Great Lent (April 5), we will meet on at 7 PM (in person and on Zoom) to discuss C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters. There is much practical spiritual advice in this work for Great Lent and throughout the year.



Confessions: As we enter the sixth week of the Great Fast, please do not wait to go to Confession. Confessions will not be heard after Holy Wednesday. Confessions are available before and after most scheduled services, and by appointment. It is an experience to be prayerfully prepared for, and should be done with sufficient time and attention, not squeezed in hastily.

On Lazarus Saturday, after the Divine Liturgy, all are invited to help make palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. Younger children can decorate the Crosses. There will be pancakes for all who can stay.

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs **pasta sauce** and **jelly beans**. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 from 10 AM-2PM. This year's Take Back event will feature 48 public collection sites throughout the county. Simply walk or drive up and drop in any unused, unneeded or expired medications for safe disposal. The addition to prescription medications, law enforcement officers will be collecting over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, vaping products and more. Plus, select sites throughout the county will be collecting medications and sharps and distributing Narcan. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/takebackapril2023> for site locations and what's accepted. (Can't make it to Take Back Day? You can still safely dispose of your medications at one of the collection boxes located in Bucks County Police Departments. Find a box near you: <https://tinyurl.com/v3ece48u>.)

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

Name Days: Charla Bendas, Gillian Crosby, Charlotte Regen

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 Archpriests Stephen, Daniel and Michael

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

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

DEPARTED

Newly departed: Kathleen, Douglas, Robert, Irene

Departed: Archpriest Daniel, 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 IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, STEPHANIE, PETER, ALEXANDRA, ANNA, FR. ALEXANDER, HELEN
IN MEMORY OF: NEWLY-DEPARTED IRINA, ANNA, ANNA, BORIS, NIKOLAI, PAUL, ANTHONY, ANTHONY,
KATHERINE, DIMITRI, MARIA, MARIA, MARIA, IVAN, EUGENE, VICTOR, NATALIA

FROM THE MOSER FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: STEPHANIE, PETER, LARISSA, LUCY, VERONICA
IN MEMORY OF: DN. JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, STEPHEN, SOPHIA, KATHLEEN

FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARGARET, ANDREW, STEPHANIE, MARGARET, LORELLEY, LUCY, CHARLOTTE,
STEPHANIE, JOHN, EILEEN, INFANT CARMELLA, KRISTIN
IN MEMORY OF: GEORGE, KATHERINE, PETER, THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE WAR IN
UKRAINE, KATHLEEN

FROM THE SWAN FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: JEFF, THOMAS, CONSTANCE
IN MEMORY OF: MICHAEL, THOMAS, VENUS, NEVILLE, MICHAEL, HELEN

CHORAL CORNER

Q: How are the hymns of the sixth week of Lent (this week), and also of Holy Week, different from those sung earlier in this liturgical season?

A: In The Lenten Triodion, translated and edited by Met. KALLISTOS and Mother Mary, there is an excellent discourse on this topic, far more eloquent than I could produce, so I am sharing it here:

“During the services of this week, and to a still greater extent during Holy Week, the Triodion assumes the character of a historical narrative. Day by day we accompany Christ: we are with Him as He draws near to Jerusalem, as He reaches Bethany to raise Lazarus, as He enters the Holy City on Palm Sunday, as He approaches His Passion. The daily offices [services] are marked by a sense of advancing movement and dramatic realism. Each day we call to mind, as exactly as possible, the things that must have occurred on the corresponding day during the last year of Christ’s earthly ministry.

*“All this is not to be seen merely as the bare commemoration of occurrences in the distant past. On the contrary, through the liturgical celebration we relive those events, participating in them as contemporaries. We are raised from the level of secular time [chronos time], as measured by the clock or calendar, to the level of liturgical or sacred time; we are transferred to the point where the vertical dimension of eternity breaks into linear time. This transposition of the past into present, of remembrance into reality, is expressed in the liturgical texts above all in the word **today**. So we sing on Lazarus Saturday, ‘Today Bethany proclaims beforehand the Resurrection of Christ.’ On Palm Sunday, we affirm: ‘Today Christ enters the Holy City.’ ‘Today Christ comes to the house of the Pharisee,’ we sing on Holy Wednesday, ‘and the sinful woman draws near and falls down at His feet... Today Judas makes a covenant with the chief priests.’ ‘Today the Master of Creation stands before Pilate,’ we sing on Holy Friday... ‘Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is hung upon the Tree.’*

“So also at Pascha Midnight we affirm: ‘Yesterday I was buried with Thee, O Christ, and today I

rise with Thine arising. Yesterday I was crucified with Thee...'

"We shall not understand the meaning of these last two weeks in the Triodion unless we listen to this word **today**, which resounds at each service. It is not a mere metaphor or an instance of poetic license, but embodies a specific spiritual experience. All that was witnessed by the crowds in Holy Week, all the words addressed to the disciples, all the sufferings undergone by Christ — these are all to be experienced here and now by me." *

* Kallistos Ware. "The Inner Unity of the Lenten Triodion" in *The Lenten Triodion*, ed. Mother Mary and Kallistos Ware (South Canaan, St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2002), 56-57.

Previous Choral Corner articles may be found at www.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!



FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Since our last update at the end of January, we received the formal documentation from the Zoning Board granting the requested variances, and began the Land Development phase. The Building Committee has met several times since then, and discussed next steps that may be undertaken in parallel with the Land Development phase. To that end, we are researching and preparing to interview potential firms to assist us with the completion of the architecture and design, as well as with the management of the construction. We are considering both design-and-build firms and owner-representative firms. We are early in this process, and do not expect any decisions on either one before mid-year. We have reached out to other Orthodox parishes (such as Mechanicsburg) that have done improvements and built buildings in the recent past, to learn who they worked with and how pleased they were with the overall process.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Sunday Collection (3/26)

Weekly general: \$2,415

Candles: \$224

Flowers: \$20

Total: \$2,659

Online Giving (3/20-26)

Weekly general: \$2,344

Candles.: \$12

Total: \$2,356

Grand total: \$5,015



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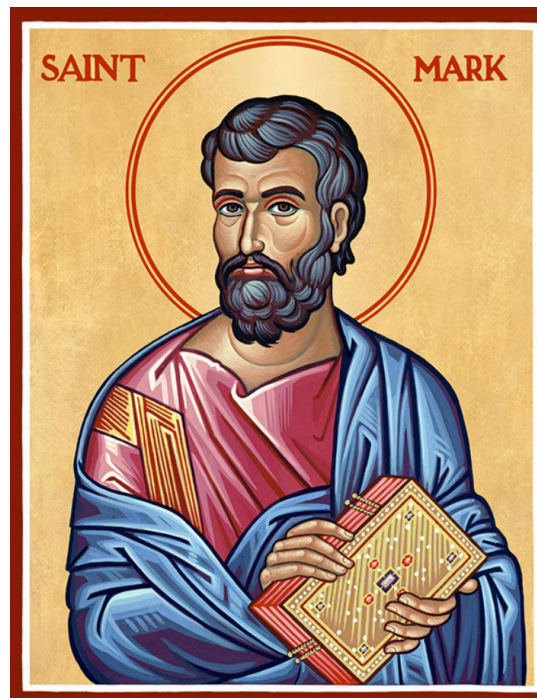
Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Marek Szeliga
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender
Samuel Regen

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.

Wednesday, April 5th	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 (St. Stephen's Cathedral)
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
	5:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins (St. Stephen's Cathedral)
	6:30 PM	Holy Unction (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 Friday
	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

