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ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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APRIL 23RD, 2023 — ANTIPASCHA

Tone 1 — The 2nd Sunday of Pascha. St. Thomas Sunday. Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Trophy-bearer and Wonderworker George (303).

Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (303). Martyrs Anatolius and Protoleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George (303). New Martyr George of Ptolemais (1752).

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
Acts 12: 1-11

Gospel: John 20:19-31
John 15:17-16:2



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sunday, April 23rd: | Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM
Litya for Douglas Paschale (40th day) — after the Liturgy
Wedding of Elaine L. Klose & Paul W. Schmidt, Jr. — 3:00 PM |
| Monday, April 24th: | Preschool Church School — 10:45 AM |
| Tuesday, April 25th: | Stewardship Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday, April 26th: | Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM |
| Thursday, April 27th: | Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 PM |
| Saturday, April 29th: | Great Vespers & Confessions — 6:00 PM |

Fr. Martin will bless graves on Sunday, April 30th, after the Divine Liturgy. Blessings will occur in Mechanicsville, Doylestown, Newtown, All Saints' Cemetery; Mt. Airy, NJ; and Washington's Crossing, NJ.



The Jubilee Committee will meet in person at St. Mark's on May 2nd at 7 PM.

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

Birthdays: Gillian Crosby, Mara Elizabeth Killough, Gregory Swan

Name Days: Sandra Miller, Valerie Ristvey, Sbn. Marek Szeliga, Yuri Tyshko

Wedding Anniversaries: Sandra & Colin Miller

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, Paul Wanko (brother of John), 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: Mat. Galina, John, Kathleen, Douglas, Irene

Departed: Archpriest Daniel, Archpriest Theodore, Shirley (Stewart), Jonathan, Mat. Emily, Mat. Mary, Met. +HERMAN, Louis, Ruth, Nicholai, Thomas, Michael, Venus, Helen, Anthony, Robert, Michael, 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, MICHAEL, STEPHANIE, PETER, ALEXANDRA, ANNA, LARISSA, HENRY, LUDMILLA, LUDMILLA

IN MEMORY OF: NEWLY-DEPARTED IRINA, VERA (2 YEARS), GEORGE ALAN, JAKE

FROM MARINA

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARINA, ANNA, LARISSA

IN MEMORY OF: VALENTINA, NIKOLAY, VESA

CHORAL CORNER

Q: Why are the services, especially the Divine Liturgy, a little different during the 40 days after Pascha?

A: Most great feasts are followed by a short festal period, during which time the rubrics prescribe certain hymns of that feast to be repeated in various services. The final day of this period is called the leavetaking, or *apodosi*s, of the feast; on the apodosis, most of the festal hymns are used for the last time in the given liturgical year. The length of the festal period varies; the apodosis of the Annunciation occurs on the day after the feast, while the apodosis of Christmas falls on December 31st, six days after the feast itself. As Pascha is the feast of feasts, its festal period lasts for 40 days, with the Feast of the Ascension taking place on the day after the apodosis.

Perhaps the most noticeable aspect of the Paschaltide services is the frequent singing of the Troparion of Pascha: *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life*. This hymn replaces some other material normally sung at the beginning and end of services, as the joy of the Resurrection supersedes everything else.

Another distinctive element is the singing of the Paschal Megalynarion, "The angel cried to the Lady full of grace", during the Divine Liturgy, in place of "It is truly meet". This beloved hymn first appears at the end of Ode 9 of the Canon of Pascha, directly before the choir repeats the 9th Irmos ("Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem"). At St. Mark's, we also traditionally sing the Paschal Stichera ("Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered,") during Clergy Communion, although this is not mandated by the rubrics.

Previous entries can be found at www.dariacortese.com/my-blog

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection (4/16)

Weekly general: \$2,959

Candles: \$450.30

Church School: \$30

Pascha: \$2,285

Total: \$5,724.30

Online Giving (4/10-4/16)

General: \$1,677

Parish development: \$515

Total: \$2,192

GRAND TOTAL: \$7,916.30



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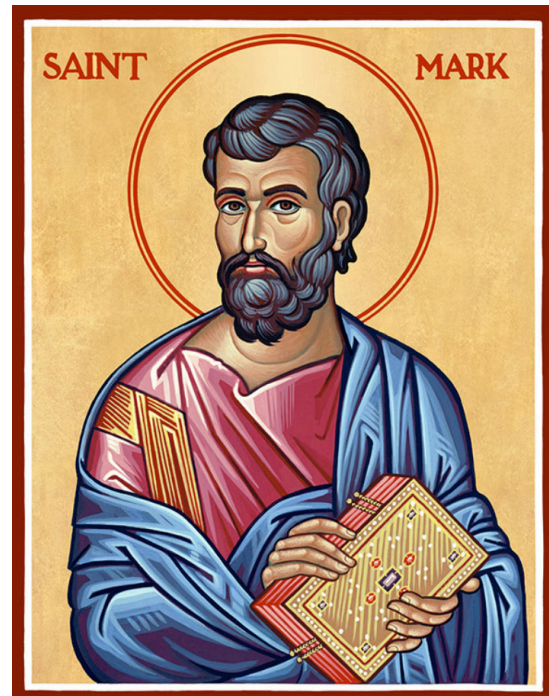
Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Marek Szeliga
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender
Samuel Regen

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.**

