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MAY 7TH, 2023 — THE PARALYTIC

Tone 3 — The 4th Sunday of Pascha. The Paralytic. Repose of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America (1909).

The Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem (351). Martyr Acacius the Centurion at Byzantium (303). St. John of Zaden in Georgia, and 12 disciples: Ss. Shio, David, Anthony, Thaddeus, Stephen, Isidore, Michael, Pyrrhus, Zeno, Jesse, Joseph and Abibus (6th c.). St. John of Beverly, Bp. Of York (721). Repose of Ven. Nilus, Abbot of Sora (1508). Ven. Nilus the Myrrhgusher of Lavra (Mt. Athos — 1651). Monk-Martyr Pachomius (Mt. Athos — 1730). The "Zhivovitskaya" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (1470).



Epistle: Acts 9:32-42
Gal. 1:11-19

Gospel: John 5:1-15
John 10:1-9

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 7th:

Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM
Litya for Nicholas Roberts
Coffee Hour

Monday, May 8th:

Preschool Church School — 10:45 AM
Building Committee Meeting — 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 10th:

Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM

Saturday, May 13th:

Great Vespers & Confessions — 6:00 PM

Communion Announcement: As there will be only one Chalice available for the foreseeable future, we ask that you form one line. The altar servers receive first, followed by the children (with their parents, as needed), and then alternating rows, starting from the front Theotokos (left) side. Those who are infirm or unable to stand for too long may wait until others have received, or advise a Parish Council member Father will bring Holy Communion to you. This will contribute to good order and proper reverence during this time. Those on the way should be praying; those returning to their seats, likewise. *The easiest way to do that is to listen to what the choir is singing.* Likewise, when the Thanksgiving Prayers are being said, *there should not be any other voices heard in the Church.* We should all say these prayers, whether on our own or together, being like the one leper who returned to thank the Lord for his healing, rather than the nine who went on their way ungratefully. (Luke 17:11-19)



Our annual parish celebration will occur on Sunday, June 11th (the Sunday of All Saints). His Eminence, Archbishop MARK, will be with us, and we will recognize those celebrating wedding anniversaries in multiples of 5, as well as our graduates, both children and adults. While we are aware of some of each of the above, we want everyone to be included, and so ask that you make us aware of anniversaries during 2023 as well as graduations.

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs **paper towels, cleaning supplies, peanut butter and jelly.** The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Birthdays: Pat Colucci (belated), Barbara Malriat, Stephen Sedor

Name Days: Andy Skordinski, Chris Sremenak

Wedding Anniversaries: Nick and Jamie Bendas, Dorothy and Ken Martiak



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 Edward, Monk Nicodemus, 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, Eugene

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 ANONYMOUS

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SVYATASLAV, NASTY, KIRIL, TIMUR
IN MEMORY OF: MARINA, SVETA

FROM IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, MICHAEL, STEPHANIE, PETER, ALEXANDRA, ANNA, LARISSA, HENRY, LUDMILLA, LUDMILLA
IN MEMORY OF: NEWLY-DEPARTED IRINA, GEORGE ALAN, JAKE

FROM CHARLES HENDERSON
IN MEMORY OF: GEORGE WYNN AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS

CHORAL CORNER

Q: Why do the singers, readers and clergy never serve from memory?

A: Clergy, readers and singers are forbidden from serving from memory; the appropriate service book must be open to the proper page, even if it is used primarily for reference at certain points, such as during the Trisagion Prayers and the Creed. There are several reasons for this. First, it reduces the risk of mistakes due to lapses in memory or concentration; very often, the omission, addition or change of a single word changes the entire meaning of a sentence, and this is less likely to occur when the words are being read from a book. The proscription against serving from memory extends even to the “secret” prayers said by the clergy inside the altar.

Serving from an approved liturgical book also assures the faithful that the clergy/reader/singers are not inventing or improvising anything, but are conducting the services decently, reverently and in order, according to the canons of the Orthodox Church, using formulas established by Holy Tradition. During the services, those serving from the books becoming living icons of the Lord, who said, “The word that you have heard is not Mine, but the word of the Father who sent Me,” (John 14:24) and also of the Holy Spirit, of whom Jesus Christ said, “He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you.” (John 16:13-14)

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection (4/30)

Weekly general: \$924

Candles: \$80

Choir books: \$492

Food Pantry: \$10

Total: \$1,506

Online Giving (4/24-30)

General: \$1,517

Parish development: \$250

Total: \$1,767

GRAND TOTAL: \$3,273

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TRACKER

	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	YTD
2023 Total General Contribution	\$30,706.59	\$16,021.00	\$17,413.00	\$19,862.30	\$84,002.89
2023 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	\$111.66	\$72.82	\$79.15	\$90.28	\$90.92
Change from 2022 (Goal >\$8)	\$35.45	-\$21.94	-\$8.91	\$16.82	\$11.01
2022 Avg. Per Week Per Unit	\$76.21	\$94.76	\$88.06	\$73.46	\$79.90
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	YTD
Building Fund Contributions	\$13,055.00	\$4,155.00	\$3,605.00	\$3,305.00	\$24,120.00
% of Goal Obtained (\$100k)	13.06%	4.16%	3.61%	3.31%	24.12%



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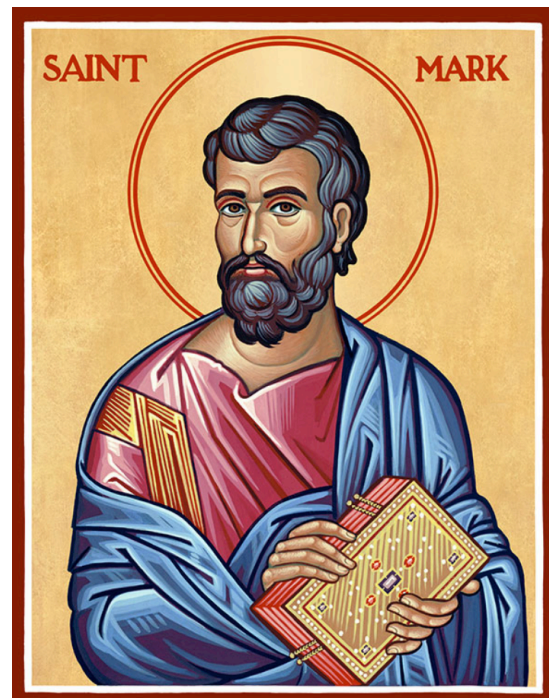
Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Marek Szeliga
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender
Samuel Regen

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.**