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## MAY 21ST, 2023 — THE BLIND MAN

**Tone 5 — The 6th Sunday of Pascha. The Blind Man.** Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Constantine and Helen (Elena). St. Constantine (1129) and his children, Ss. Michael and Theodore, Wonderworkers of Múrom. Ven. Cassian the Greek, of Uglich (1504). Bl. Andrei (Andrew) of Simbírsk (1841). The Meeting of the Vladimir Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (in commemoration of the saving of Moscow from the invasion of the Crimean Khan, Mikhmet-Girei, in 1521), and the "Our Lady of Tenderness" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos at Pskovo-Pechersk (1521).

**Epistle:** Acts 16:16-34  
Acts 26:1-5, 12-20

**Gospel:** John 9:1-38  
John 10:1-9



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Sunday, May 21st:**

Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:15 AM  
Coffee Hour  
Sisterhood Luncheon at Pineville Inn — 12:00 PM

#### **Monday, May 22nd:**

Preschool Church School — 10:45 AM

#### **Wednesday, May 24th:**

Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM  
Vigil for Ascension — 7:00 PM

#### **Thursday, May 25th:**

Hours & Divine Liturgy for Ascension — 9:15 AM  
Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 PM

#### **Saturday, May 27th:**

Great Vespers & Confessions — 6:00 PM

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



**From the Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** *The generosity shown to the pantry by St. Mark's parishioners during the holiday season is truly remarkable, **but did you know the period of greatest stress is now — the summer months?** When schools let out for the summer, students no longer have daily access to school lunches. This need must be filled by their families, and for many this means relying heavily on the food cupboard. Also, when schools are in session, many of our local high schools sponsor food drives, particularly around the holidays. This is also true for many civic organizations. During the summer months, the cupboard loses these sources of donations. If you can only donate once or twice per year, please consider donating now instead of around Thanksgiving or Christmas. If you can donate regularly, please continue to do so during this critical time. Many families in our community will thank you.*

**Birthdays:** Isaac Chappe, Christina Hadgimallis

**Name Days:** Michael Bitny-Shlahto, Peter Hadgimallis, Eileen McKeown, Judi Rybny

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Charles & Charla Bendas, Myron & Linette Sedor



## 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** Suzanne, Edward, 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, 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:** ILIA, ALEKSEI, MARINA, TANYA

**IN MEMORY OF:** PAVEL, VALENTINA, LUDMILA, LORI, VIKTOR

### FROM JIM PITRA

**FOR THE HEALTH:** MARIA, ANNA, JENNIFER MARIA, SHELLY ANN

**IN MEMORY OF:** APALONIA, JULIA, VICTORIA, JOANNA, DELORES, MARY, PELAGEJA, TATIANA

### FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** MARGARET, ANDREW, STEPHANIE, MARGARET, LORELLEY, DELORES, HELEN, JOSEPH

**IN MEMORY OF:** GEORGE, PETER, KATHERINE, THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE WAR IN UKRAINE

### FROM THE SWAN FAMILY

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** CONSTANCE, THOMAS

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

## **CHORAL CORNER**

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

**A:** The *Kliros* is the area of the nave (the area west of the iconostas) where the choir stands; the term also refers to the podium and analogia (music stands) found in that location. *Kliros* comes from the Greek word for “clergy”, a reference to the fact that in the early Church, non-celebrating clergy stood in this area during services, while the singers originally stood on the *ambo*, which (at the time) was an elevated pulpit in the center of the nave. As Slavic liturgics evolved in the centuries following the Baptism of Rus’ (988), the singers gradually moved from the ambo to the areas to the right and left of the Royal Doors, forming two choirs that sang antiphonally (back and forth), much as the seraphim singing in Isaiah 6:3.

Interestingly, some Russian churches included elevated galleries in the western nave, but they were reserved for women with children, or sometimes for the ruling prince. *The choir did not sing from these rear lofts.* As liturgico-musical scholar Dr. Johann von Gardner writes, “The positioning of singers in this fashion enabled them to function as co-participants in the service, rather than as ‘musicians’ who ‘accompanied’ the service. Direct contact existed between the singers, readers, clergy, and to some degree, the congregation.”\*

\*Johann Gardner, The History of Russian Church Singing, Vol. II, p. 78

Previous entries can be found at [www.dariacortese.com/my-blog](http://www.dariacortese.com/my-blog)

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

### **Sunday Collection (5/14)**

Weekly general: \$742

Candles: \$80

**Total: \$822**

### **Online Giving (5/8-14)**

General: \$1,657

**Total: \$1,657**

**GRAND TOTAL: \$2,479**

## **MY OWN CHURCH**

St. Mark's has been using a web-based suite of applications for several years now to track the parish finances and contributions as well as member demographic data. One of the features of this set of applications is the ability for individuals and their families to access their personal contributions and demographic information and to provide updates and download their own contribution statements called

My Own Church. Here is how to create or access your account:

**The URL is <https://oca.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/>**

1. Then click on the New User link highlighted below and follow the directions to request access. Fill in all of the fields marked with a red \*and then click Submit.

2. Once you submit your request, and if all of the information you supplied matches what is in the system, you will be sent an email with a temporary password which you should change after you login for the first time.

3. If the system cannot match your data, the system administrator will be notified to review the information and approve your account.

**If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Swan at [kswan353@verizon.net](mailto:kswan353@verizon.net).**



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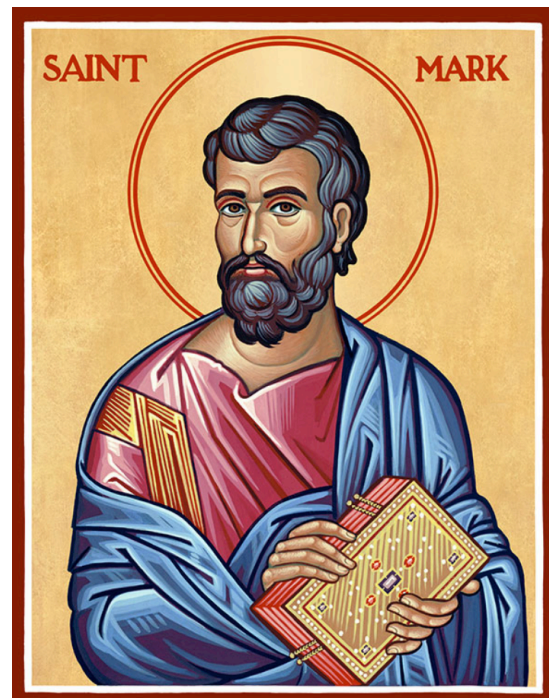
Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*  
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*  
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby  
Sergei Arhipov  
Marek Szeliga  
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender  
Samuel Regen

### 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



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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**.