

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

DIOCESE OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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### **AUGUST 28TH — 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

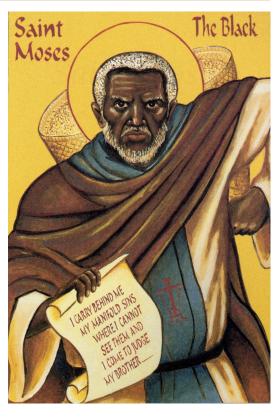
Tone 2 — Ven. Moses the Black of Scete. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev (1659). Righteous Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, who met the Lord at the Temple in Jerusalem (1st c.). Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia (5th c.). Synaxis of the Saints of the Kiev Caves, whose relics repose in the Far Caves of Ven. Theodosius.

**Epistle:** 1 Cor. 9:2-12

Gal. 5:22-6:2

**Gospel:** Matt. 18:23-35

Luke 6:17-23



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 28th:** Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM

Coffee Hour & Sisterhood Meeting

Great Vespers w/ Litya for the Beheading of the Forerunner — 6 PM

**Monday, August 29th:** Hours & Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of the Forerunner — 9:10 AM

**Wednesday, August 31st:** Molieben for the Church New Year - 9:30 AM

**Saturday, Sept. 3rd:** Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM

**Sunday, Sept. 4th:** Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM

Litya for Raymonde Ďjokic (40th day)

There will be a Litya for Raymonde Djokic (40th day) after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 4th.

On Sunday, September 11th, we will have a blessing for all those beginning their school year, including St. Mark's Church School.

St. Philip Orthodox Church in Souderton will host its 10th Annual International Food Festival on September 16th & 17th, from 12 PM to 8 PM. More information is available at https://www.st-philip.net/festival.html.



TASK: We will have a group go assist with lunch service at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen on either Monday, September 26th or Monday, October 3rd from 9:45 AM to 1 PM. There is a signup sheet in the narthex with choices available. Please do this no later than next Sunday (Sept. 4th) so we can give TASK a solid commitment. We have three volunteers so far.

**50th Anniversary:** If you would like to help organize our 50th anniversary celebration, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

All Saints' Cemetery Plots: All those who indicated interest in purchasing a plot will receive a copy of the proposal, which will then be shared via the parish email list. In order to have a dedicated Orthodox section, they need a minimum of 8-9 singles and 3 doubles. However, the terms are available to all parishioners who choose to be buried there, whether in a dedicated section or elsewhere in the cemetery.

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs desserts and cake mixes.

Birthdays: Mat. Heidi, Ellie Crosby, Nancy Letzo, Anna Yates

**Ordination Anniversary:** Fr. Martin (diaconate)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### LIVING

Captive Hierarchs PAUL and JOHN

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and

friends: Charles and Erin, Ann Marie, Joseph, Alexis, Aphrodite, Charla, Sandy

III-afflicted Archpriests Daniel and Michael

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

Servants of God Charlotte, infant Luke, Ada, Larissa, Nicholas, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, David, Garry, Vincent, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Jason, Katina, Donna, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra, Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Helen, Nicholas, Elena, Nicholas, John, Alice, Edward, Sydney, Susan, John, Patricia, Ayla, Elizabeth, Sandra, Paul, Anatole, Maria, Julia, Charla, infant Jacob, Alexei, Michael, Nancy

### **DEPARTED**

**Newly departed:** Met. +KALLISTOS, Archpriest John, Archpriest Alexander, Mat. Patricia, Mat. Anne, Mat. Helen, Raymonde, Sasha, Kevin, Stella, Phyllis

**Departed:** 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 RISTVEY FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARGARET, STEPHANIE, ANDREW, MARGARET, JIM, KATHERINE, JOSEPH, HELEN, NANCY, DELORES

IN MEMORY OF: GEORGE, PETER, RAYMONDE, THOSE WHO HAVE PERISHED IN THE WAR IN UKRAINE

### FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

St. Mark's now has an Amazon Smile wishlist, which will allow donors to purchase needed supplies such as paper towels and have them shipped directly to the parish. The list may be viewed at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2s4fc5zp">https://tinyurl.com/2s4fc5zp</a>. Purchasing an item from this list will generate a receipt from Amazon you may use for tax purposes. If you want your donation to appear on your parish contribution statement, please submit your receipt to Andy Skordinski.

# **Online Giving Program:**

As a reminder, St. Mark's offers an online giving program to contribute to the support of the parish. One of the biggest benefits of online giving is the ability to set up scheduled recurring donations. This allows you to be faithful and consistent in your generosity and allows us to plan and budget consistently as a church.

Having more parishioners participate in scheduled, recurring giving is also important to financial institutions as we seek funding for our building expansion project by showing consistent month-to-month contributions.

If you are interested in participating in the online giving program:

- 1. Start here: https://www.stmarksoca.org
- 2. There is a DONATE button near the top of the page.
- 3. Help can be found by clicking on the Learn How or FAQ buttons next to the DONATE button.
- 4. If you have other questions, you may contact Kevin Swan at kswan353@verizon.net, or Andy Skordinski at andy.home@comcast.net.

### COLLECTION

### **INFORMATION**

### **Sunday Collection (August 21)**

Weekly general: \$914 Candles: \$96 Cupola: \$10 Food pantry: \$90 **Total: \$1,110** 

### **Online Giving (August 15-21)**

Weekly general: \$1,544 Parish dev.: \$515 **Total: \$2.059** 

Grand total: \$3,169

With what tears of compunction shall we destroy the corruption in our hearts /
As we gaze upon the incorrupt body of Job, /
Which in death is preserved as if in life, /
But which in life was wasted away as if it were dead by fasting and vigilance? /
Let us all try to follow his example, /
So that in the coming life Christ our God will have compassion on us, /
For He hath great mercy.

- Sticheron on "Lord, I Call" for St. Job of Pochaev — Tone 2



### 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:** 9:30 AM (Wednesdays)

Panikhidas/Lityas: as requested

### **CLERGY**

V. Rev. Raymond Martin Browne, *Rector* (570) 906-1388 (cell) stmarksorthodoxchurch@gmail.com

Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby

Sergei Arhipov

Readers: G. Peter Bohlender

Marek Szeliga

### LAY LEADERSHIP

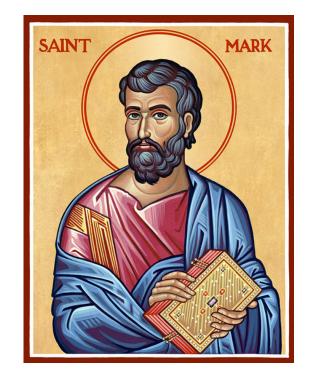
CHOIR DIRECTORS: Daria Cortése

Mat. Martha Moser

Sbn. Sergei Arhipov (Emeritus)

CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATORS: Mat. Martha Moser

Julie Stell



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.