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## SEPTEMBER 4TH — 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Tone 3 — Hieromartyr Babylas (Vavila), Bishop Of Antioch, and with him Martyrs Urban, Prilidian and Epolonius; and their mother, Christodula (251).** Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (16th cent. B.C.). Martyr Hermione, daughter of St. Philip the Deacon (ca. 117). Martyr Babylas of Nicomedia, and with him 84 children (4th c.). Martyrs Theodore, Mianus (Ammianus), Julian, Kion (Oceanus) and Centurionus, of Nicomedia (305-311). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod (1911). The Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "The Unburnt Bush" (1680).

**Epistle:** 1 Cor. 15:1-11

**Gospel:** Matt. 19:16-26



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, Sept. 4th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Litya for Raymonde Djokic (40th day) Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 7th:</b>	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:30 AM Vigil for Nativity of the Theotokos — 7 PM
<b>Thursday, Sept. 8th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos — 9:10 AM
<b>Saturday, Sept. 10th:</b>	Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM
<b>Sunday, Sept. 11th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour & Presentation on St. Basil's House in Trenton

**On next Sunday, September 11th**, we will have a blessing for all those beginning their school year, including the students and teachers of St. Mark's Church School. There will also be a short presentation during coffee hour on St. Basil's House in Trenton, given by Julie Stell.



**Church School** classes will begin on Sunday, September 18th. Pre-school Church School begins Monday, September 19th at 11 AM, and will be held every Monday from 11 AM to noon.

**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 today (Sept. 4th) so we can give TASK a solid commitment.

**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 Pantry** needs **desserts** and **cake mixes**.

**Birthdays:** Laura Sedor

**Name Days:** Sharon (Elizabeth) Burkett, Renee (Elizabeth) Szeliga

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Dulany & David Gibson, Rebecca & Dmitrii Sosedov

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## 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

**Ill-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, Raymonde, Sasha, 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 IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, STEPHANIE, PETER, ALEXANDRA, ANNA

IN MEMORY OF: ANNA, VLADIMIR

FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARGARET, STEPHANIE, ANDREW, MARGARET, LORELLY, MICHAEL, NANCY,  
DELORES

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

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## 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 <https://tinyurl.com/2s4fc5zp>.

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](mailto:kswan353@verizon.net), or Andy Skordinski at [andy.home@comcast.net](mailto:andy.home@comcast.net).

## COLLECTION

### INFORMATION

#### **Sunday Collection (August 28th)**

Weekly general: \$1,775

Candles: \$121

New Collection Baskets: \$90

Cupola: \$20

Parish dev.: \$100

**Total: \$2,106**

#### **Online Giving (August 22-28)**

Weekly general: \$2,304

Candles: \$9

**Total: \$2,313**

**Grand total: \$4,419**



## 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>	9:30 AM (Wednesdays)
<b>Panikhidas/Lityas:</b>	as requested

### CLERGY

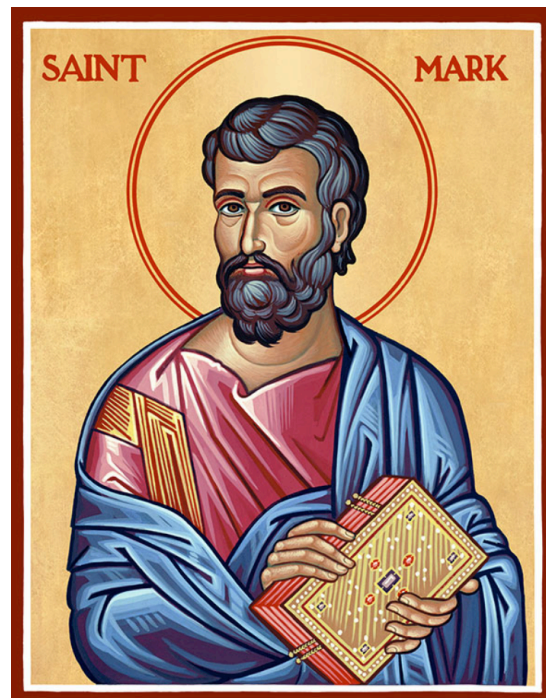
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Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*  
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*  
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby  
Sergei Arhipov  
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender  
Marek Szeliga

### LAY LEADERSHIP

**CHOIR DIRECTORS:** Daria Cortése  
Mat. Martha Moser  
Sbn. Sergei Arhipov (Emeritus)

**CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATORS:** Mat. Martha Moser  
Julie Stell



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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**.





