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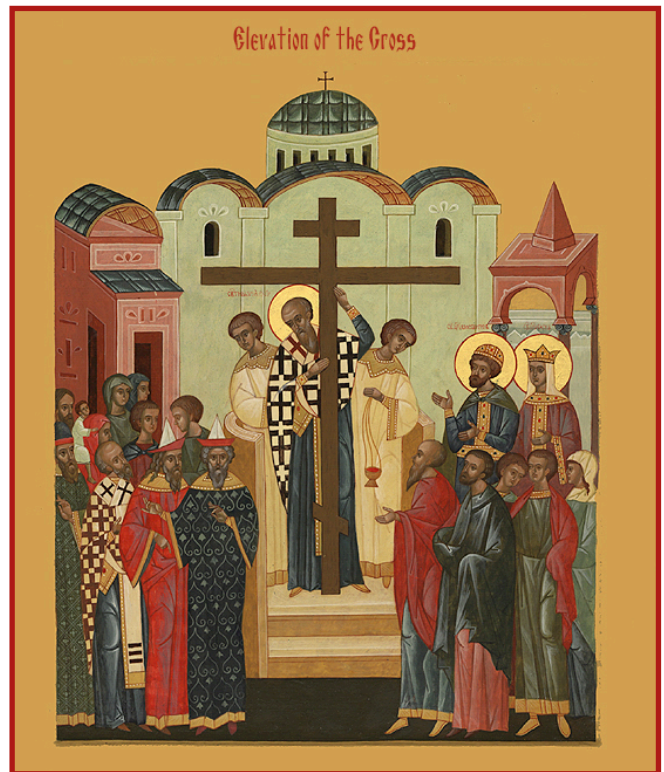
**SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2022 — 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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**Tone 5 — Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross.** St. Eumenius, Bp. Of Gortyna (6th c.). Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia (2nd c.). Martyrs Sophia and Irene of Egypt (3rd c.). Martyr Castor of Alexandria. Greatmartyr Prince Bidzini and Martyrs Princes Elizabar and Shalvi, of Georgia (1660).

**Epistle:** Gal. 2:16-20  
2 Cor. 1:21-2:4

**Gospel:** Mark 8:34-9:1  
Matt. 22:1-14



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, Sept. 18th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 21st:</b>	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:30 AM
<b>Thursday, Sept. 22nd:</b>	Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 PM
<b>Saturday, Sept. 24th:</b>	Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM
<b>Sunday, Sept. 25th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour Sisterhood Potluck at Julie Stell's house

**Giving brochure:** Every family will receive a brochure from the Stewardship Committee on opportunities to make special gifts and offerings to St. Mark's. Printing services were donated by a parishioner; we received 100 copies, so please take only one per household at this point.



**Prayers for the Sick:** As we begin a new church year, we wish to have an up-to-date prayer list. Those not known to be presently ill have been removed. If you wish them to be added, please notify Father or Daria. There is no intention to exclude anyone, but to keep the list current for all of us. As people recover, or, as sometimes happens, repose, please make us aware so that we too can take them off the list.

**Birthdays, Anniversaries and Name's Day List:** If you would like immediate family remembered on these days, please provide names and dates to Father or Daria for inclusion on the list. Years are not required; month and day suffice, although in the case of wedding anniversaries it is helpful to know the year.

**St. Basil's House:** The coffee hour presentation on St. Basil's House in Trenton has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 16th.

**Pre-school Church School** begins tomorrow (Monday, September 19th) at 10:45 AM, and will be held every Monday from 10:45 AM to noon. All children aged 4-5 are welcome to attend. If your child is planning to come, please speak with Julie Stell or Martha Moser. Thank you!

**The Sisterhood of the Holy Myrrhbearers** will have a potluck luncheon after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 25th at Julie Stell's house; the address is 1115 Gloria Lane, Yardley/Morrisville PA, 19067. Bring your favorite dish or just come and get to know each other. If you have any questions, please see Julie. We hope to see you there!

**Suicide Prevention Training:** Doylestown Township Parks & Recreation offers a free two-hour training that helps individuals to understand and recognize a mental health crisis. Trainees will learn to recognize the warning signs, clues, and suicidal communications of people in trouble, and gain the skills to act vigorously to prevent a possible tragedy. For more information or to register, please visit [https://doylestownpa.myrec.com/info/activities/program\\_details.aspx?ProgramID=29089](https://doylestownpa.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29089)

**TASK:** We will have a group go assist with lunch service at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen tomorrow. We will meet at St. Mark's at 8:45 AM. All who signed up and are available then should be here by that time. If you did not sign up and are interested/able to come, please let Fr. Dn. Gregory know beforehand.

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

**The Wrightstown Food Pantry** needs **juice, tea and jelly**. This organization recently received federal 501(c)3 status, which means that donations to the Pantry are now tax-deductible.

**Birthdays:** Fr. Martin, Peter Bohlender, Serge Borichevsky, Melissa Ciatto, Jack Crosby, Michael Vatov

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## 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 Archbishop +MELCHIZEDEK, Archpriests Daniel and Michael**

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

**Servants of God** Charlotte, infant Luke, Larissa, Nicholas, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Anna, Raymond, Andrew, Valerie, Charles, Margaret, Elena, Ayla, Sandra, Anatole, Maria, Julia, Charla, infant Jacob, Michael, Nancy, Eileen

### DEPARTED

**Newly departed:** His Beatitude Met. +HERMAN, Met. +KALLISTOS, Archpriest John (Reeves)

**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 ARHIPOV FAMILY

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

**IN MEMORY OF:** NEWLY DEPARTED MET. HERMAN, NEWLY DEPARTED ELIZABETH, MARIA, MARIA, ANNA, ANNA, BORIS, ALL WHO SUFFERED AND DIED IN THE 9/11 ATTACKS

## FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** MARGARET, STEPHANIE, ANDREW, MARGARET, LORELLY, MICHAEL, NANCY, JIM, DELORES, EILEEN, CHARLOTTE

**IN MEMORY OF:** GEORGE, PETER, 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.**

### 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).**

### COLLECTION

### INFORMATION

#### **Sunday Collection (Sept. 11th)**

Weekly general: \$1,218

Candles: \$133

Food Cupboard: \$10

**Total: \$1,361**

#### **Online Giving (Sept. 5 -11)**

Weekly general: \$1,634

**Total: \$1,634**

**Grand total: \$2,995**



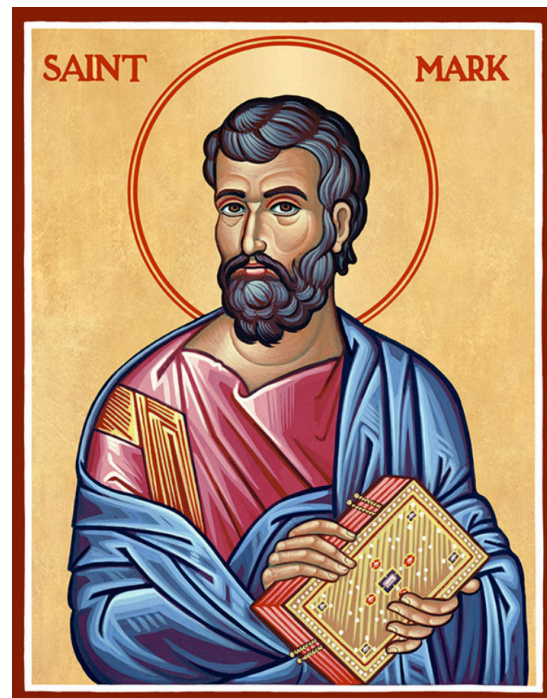
## SERVICE SCHEDULE

<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

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

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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**.





