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# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**OCTOBER 30TH, 2022 — 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **Tone 3 — Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, Of Aegae in Cilicia (285).**

Apostles Tertius, Mark, Justus and Artemas, of the Seventy (1st c.). Hieromartyr Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse (2nd c.). Martyr Eutropia of Alexandria (ca. 250). Martyr Anastasia of Thessalonica (3rd c.). St. Stephen Militia, his brother Ven. Dragutin (Theóctist in monasticism), and their mother, St. Helen (Jelena), of Serbia. The "Ozeriánskaya" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (16th c.).

**Epistle:** Gal. 1:11-19

**Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 30th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour
<b>Monday, October 31st:</b>	Preschool Church School — 10:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 2nd:</b>	Akathist w/ Litya — 9:15 AM
<b>Saturday, Nov. 5th:</b>	Vespers & Confessions — 6 PM
<b>Sunday, Nov. 6th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour & Church School

**Adult Education for the Nativity Fast:** The book group study on St. Nicholai of Zhicha's Prayers by the Lake will begin on Wednesday, November 9th at 7 PM. The next session of Mirrors of Truth will be held on November 16th at 7 PM. The book group will also meet on November 30th and December 7th.



**Beginning in November, choir rehearsals** will take place after the Divine Liturgy on the second Sunday of each month. **If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak with Daria Cortése.**

**On Sunday, November 6th,** we will begin collecting food for the St. Basil's House Thanksgiving food drive. On Sunday, November 20th, the Church School will assemble the donation bags, so that is the last day to donate. Please give what you can from the following list: *cash or \$20 gift cards for turkeys (Walmart only), packaged stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, canned turkey gravy, canned corn, canned green beans, canned yams, packaged corn muffin mix, packaged rolls, large white baking potatoes, large yams, and bags of onions.* (Please wait until the last week to donate the rolls, onions and fresh yams). Thank you, and God bless you!

**The Wrightstown Food Cupboard** needs **cranberry sauce** and **stuffing**. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

**Birthdays:** Marlow Bendas, Michael Bitny-Shlahto

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Stephanie Bohlender & Pablo de Leon

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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, 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, infant Jacob, Michael, Nancy, Eileen, Steven, Constance, Angela, Hunter, Jon Smith, Anselmo Pappas Scandalis

### DEPARTED

**Newly departed:** Igumen Victorin, Ivan, Jonathan, Matthew

**Departed:** Met. +HERMAN, Thomas, Michael, Venus, Helen, Anthony, 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, VALERIE, MAT. TAMARA, FR. DANIEL

**IN MEMORY OF:** NEWLY-DEPARTED MATTHEW, BORIS, ANNA, ANNA, EUGENE, HELEN

**FROM ALAN LITVIN**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** RICHARD LAWRYSH, TINA MERCURIO, PAUL MERCURIO, HELEN DONNA, DARYLL HARRIS

**IN MEMORY OF:** SAMUEL LITVIN, AMELIA LITVIN, SHANE LITVIN, PHYLLIS LITVIN, ALL MY AUNTS AND UNCLES, ALL MY GRANDPARENTS

**FROM THE MOSER FAMILY**  
**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** STEPHANIE, PETER, CHARLOTTE, MICHAEL  
**IN MEMORY OF:** DN. JOHN, VERONICA, REBECCA, CHARLES, SOPHIA, STEPHEN

**FROM THE PITRA FAMILY**  
**IN MEMORY OF:** JULIUS IGNATIUS (10/27/94)

**FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY**  
**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** VALERIE, EILEEN, GUS  
**IN MEMORY OF:** GEORGE

**GROCERY & TOILETRY ITEMS**  
**NEEDED FOR ST. BASIL'S**  
**HOUSE\***

- Canned pasta sauce & soup
- UHT milk (in tetraboxes, low-fat and whole, and non-dairy "milk" products)
- Canned peaches, pears, mixed fruit
- Jarred applesauce
- Fruit juice (cans/bottles)
- Grape jelly & strawberry jam
- Canned tuna, sardines, salmon, mackerel, chicken and turkey
- Canned prepared food (e.g. SpaghettiO's, ravioli, chili)
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, etc.)
- Canned legume (chickpeas, kidney beans, etc.)
- Peanut butter, jelly, jam, honey, pancake syrup
- Dried pasta
- White & brown rice
- Oatmeal
- Cold cereals
- Bath & face soap
- Skin lotion
- Toilet paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Toothpaste and individually-wrapped toothbrushes
- Women's sanitary products
- Adult urinary incontinence products
- Deodorant

**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.**

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**Sunday Collection (10/23)**

Weekly general: \$1,9431

Candles: \$93

Parish Dev.: \$100

**Total: \$2,136**

**Online Giving (10/17-23)**

Weekly general: \$2,505

Candles: \$9

**Total: \$2,514**

**Grand total: \$4,650**

*\*Please see back pages for more information*



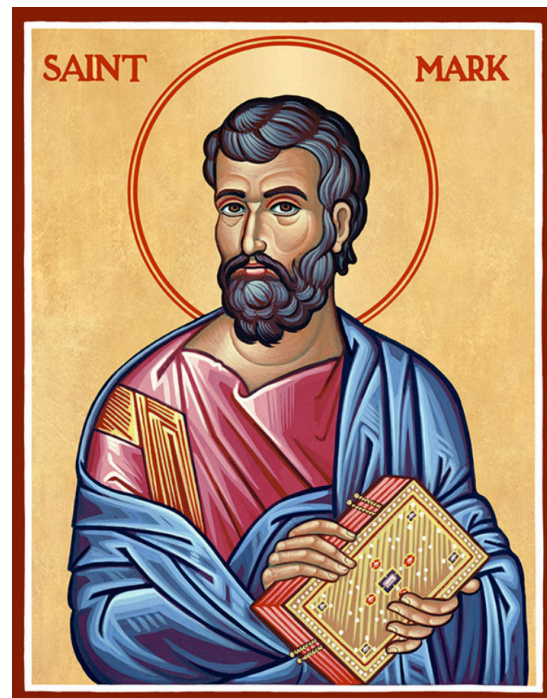
## SERVICE SCHEDULE

<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  
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**.

## SEASONAL GIFT ITEMS NEEDED FOR ST. BASIL'S HOUSE

- Small toiletry items (e.g. lip balm, body wash, lotion)
- Re-usable folding shopping bags
- Pocket packs of antiseptic hand wipes and/or tiny bottles of hand sanitizer
- Pocket packs of tissues
- Tiny notepad-and-pen sets
- Socks
- Gloves
- Beanie hats
- \$25 gift cards (Wal-Mart or Visa)
- Icon cards
- Seasonal candy
- Granola/protein bars

## ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AT SATURDAY OPEN HOUSES

- New socks for men & women
- New underpants for men & women
- Crayons
- Colored chalk
- Bottles of soap bubbles

# Thank You



Thank you all that participated in the Veterans Drive!!

All the veterans were extremely grateful for the abundance of donations they received this year.

*"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

1 Corinthians 13:13

*"For if we all took only what was necessary to satisfy our own needs, giving the rest to those who lack, no one would be rich, no one would be poor, and no one would be in need."*

*—St. Basil the Great*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THROUGH ST. BASIL'S HOUSE

**Wednesday breakfast, Bible study, and distribution of groceries, clothing, and produce.** We gather from 9am-11:30am. At present, Fr. Peter Baktis, and two volunteers from Mother of God (Princeton) are handling this activity on the second Wednesday of each month. Other volunteers are welcome, every week; help is needed with serving, cleaning up, and distributing items. Help would also be appreciated with the Bible study.

**Saturday morning open house.** We currently have volunteers hosting an open house on the morning of the first Saturday of each month. At 9am, coffee, snacks, and clothing are available. At 11am, there is a prayer service. Sometimes contributions of books or toys or new socks or new underwear are also available. Volunteers are needed to host open houses on the other Saturday mornings. Contributions of items to be distributed are also needed.



**Open house.** We need to expand our hours of simply being present in the house, offering hospitality, conversation, prayer, clothing, and internet access. For safety reasons, we prefer to have two volunteers present at all times.

**Food and toiletries.**

- Groceries, fresh produce, and toiletries are distributed on Wednesday mornings after the breakfast and Bible study. A **separate list** of the items usually given is available, but any canned goods are welcome.
- Help would be appreciated picking up seasonal produce from Mother of God in Princeton/Montgomery and delivering it to the house on Tuesdays or early Wednesdays.
- We need a person take responsibility for making out the shopping list (after Wednesdays at noon), shopping, delivering items to the house, and organizing the items for distribution (no later than Wednesdays at 8:30am).
- The Giant supermarket on West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, PA, participates in the “Flashfood” program, donating their unmarketable items to charities. A person is needed to register us and to pick up and deliver the items. Fresh food would need to be delivered to the house on Tuesdays (any time) or on Wednesdays (before 8:30am) or on time for a Saturday open house.
- Consider having a “Soup-er-Bowl” Sunday at your church on February 12, 2023. Encourage members of your congregation to bring canned food to church that Sunday, and deliver it to St. Basil’s House.

**Clothing.** Used clothing is distributed on Wednesday mornings after the breakfast and Bible study. Contributions of in-season clothing are welcome. Periodic help is needed sorting donations and organizing and vacuuming the garage.

- As seasons change, help is needed carrying clothes between the second floor of the house and the garage. Parishioners from St. John the Baptist in Alpha, NJ, have helped with this in the past.
- Consider having a clothing drive at your church. Encourage members of your congregation to bring used, clean clothing to the church, and deliver it to St. Basil’s House.

**Computer instruction needed.** We have received 3 MacIntosh computers, and we would love to have someone come and help our neighbors learn to use these.

**Craft or Art or Class.** We formerly offered a lunch and painting class on the first Saturday of each month. Volunteers from St. Anianus Coptic Orthodox Church (Monroe Township) provided lunch and clean-up help. Such a meal-plus-activity would be a wonderful addition to our regular offerings, on a weekday or weekend, any meal. A cooking class? Journaling? Candle making? Christian meditation? A book group?

**Prepared food.** We would welcome help with the food that we serve at breakfast and at the first-Saturday morning open house. Several people have brought home-made bread, muffins, soup, quiches, pancakes, and desserts. These are very much appreciated by our neighbors, and our volunteers really appreciate the help.

**House plants.** House plants are also appreciated by our neighbors: spider plants, jade plants, wandering Jew, and aloe vera are easy to propagate, pot up, and give away.

**Facebook.** We would appreciate help setting up and maintaining a Facebook account.

**Tutoring.** There is a need for local tutoring for both children and adults. Commitment to a given time slot would be required. Macintosh computers are available, as is internet service. For safety reasons, we prefer to have two volunteers present at all times.

**One-time projects.**

- We need help cleaning up the back yard, doing the autumn clean-up and planting in the small front garden, and planting in the back yard.
- A bake sale or craft sale for the benefit of St. Basil's House would be appreciated; our neighbors might be willing to get involved with cooking, crafting, or selling.
- We need a volunteer to prepare and maintain a loose-leaf book to help volunteers give referrals for health care, housing, food sources, banks, and social services.
- There must be many, many other projects that need doing; often new-comers can identify these better than those of us who have grown accustomed to our defects and shortcomings.

