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# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**DECEMBER 25TH, 2022 — THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

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**The Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar. Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem, who were watching their flocks and went to see the Lord. Massacre of Monk-Martyr Jonah and with him 50 monks and 65 laymen at St. Tryphon of Pechenga Monastery, by the Swedes (1590).**

**Epistle: Gal. 4:4-7**

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, Dec. 25th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM
<b>Monday, Dec. 26th:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Theotokos — 9:15AM
<b>Saturday, Dec. 31st:</b>	Great Vespers and Confessions — 6 PM
<b>Sunday, Jan. 1st:</b>	Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM Coffee Hour

**The Wrightstown Food Cupboard** needs **coffee, tea and juices.** The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

**Birthdays:** Margaret Crosby, Marie Hamerstone, Betzy Werner

**Name Days:** Stephanie Ristvey, Stephen Sedor, Julie Stell

**Wedding Anniversary:** Fr. Martin & Mat. Heidi Browne



### **THEOPHANY SCHEDULE**

<b>Thursday, Jan. 5th:</b>	Hours, Vespers Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water — 9:15 AM Vigil for Theophany — 7 PM
<b>Friday, Jan. 6th:</b>	Hours, Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water — 9:15 AM

## **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 Stephen, Daniel and Michael Matushki** Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, and Jennifer

**Servants of God** Olga, Monk Nicodemos, 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:** Louis, Ruth

**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, PETER, STEPHANIE, ALEXANDRA, ALEXANDRA, ANNA  
**IN MEMORY OF:** NEWLY-DEPARTED RUTH, NIKOLAI, BORIS, ELENA, ANNA

**FROM THE BROWNE FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** HEIDI, SARAH, MICHAEL, JAMES, GRACE, CATHERINE, ETHEL  
**IN MEMORY OF:** NEWLY-DEPARTED RUTH, JAMES, PETER, NANCY, HENRY, PAUL, JAMES, MARGARET, JOHN, JAMES, FRANCIS, PATRICK, BRIDGET, CHRISTIAN, IVAN, MILTON, ISABEL, SARAH, JOHN, MICHAEL, BRIDGET, ISABELLE

**FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** VALERIE, EILEEN, MARGARET, ANDREW,

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

**FROM THE PITRA FAMILY**

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** DONALD, NANCY, STEPHANIE, FATHER VOLODYMYR (BIRTHDAY 12/24), MARIA,  
JAMES, JENNIFER MARIA, ANDREW, OLGA, PETER

**IN MEMORY OF:** IWAN, PELAGEJA, MICHAEL, TATIANA, JULIUS, JULIA

**CHORAL CORNER**

Due to extenuating circumstances, Choral Corner is on vacation for the week.:)

**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 (12/18)**

Weekly general: \$2,684

Candles: \$89

**Total: \$2,773**

**Online Giving (12/11-18)**

Weekly general: \$5,473

Parish development: \$515

Total: \$5,988

**Grand total: \$8,761**



## 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

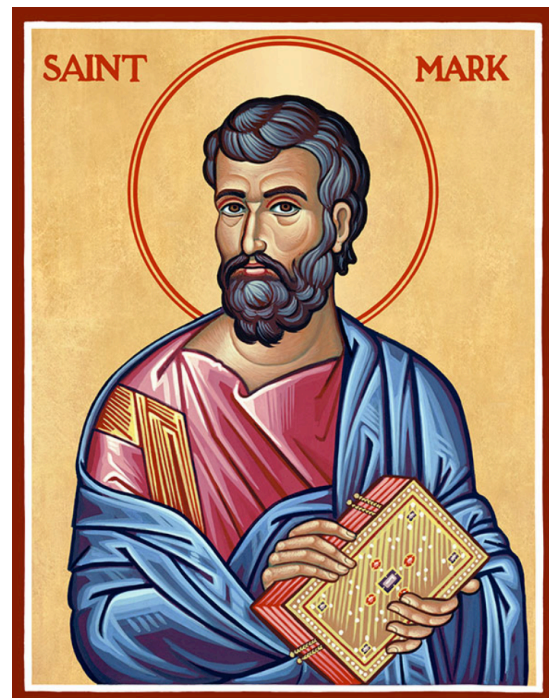
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Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*  
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*  
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby  
Sergei Arhipov  
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender  
Marek Szeliga

### LAY LEADERSHIP

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

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



**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**.