



# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Readers:

- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
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## Choir Directors:

### Service Schedule

Great Vespers/Vigil

*Saturdays 6pm*

*Eve of Feast 7pm (6pm on Sundays).*

Hours

*Sundays and Feast Days 9:10am.*

*Sundays and Feast Days 9:30 am*

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

- ❖ Daria Cortese
- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Sergei Arhipov

## Church School

### Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays and Feast Days  
9:30am

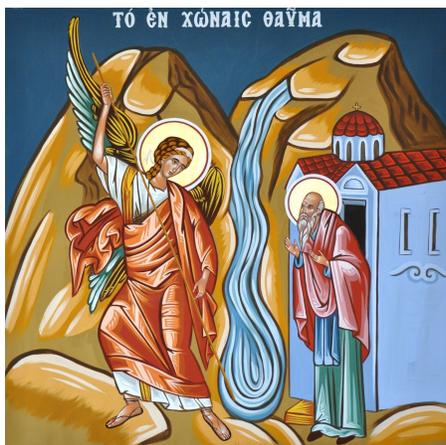
## Confessions:

*Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.*

## Akathist Service

*Wednesdays at 9:15am.*

**Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya):** as requested.



**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. \***

## Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel

**Michael at Colossæ.** Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius (311-312). St. Archippus (Arkhipp) of Herapolis. Martyr Romulus, and with him many others (107-115). Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Cyriacus, Faustus the Presbyter, Abibas the Deacon, and 11 others, at Alexandria (ca. 250). St. David of Hermopolis in Egypt (4th c.). **Hieromartyr Priest Maksym (Sandowicz) of Carpatho-Rus' (1914).** The "Arápetskaya" and "Kievo-Brátskaya" Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos.

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

**Gospel:** Mt. 21:33-42

**Baptisms:** Children must have Orthodox Godparents who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Scheduling arrangements should be made with the Rector by contacting him directly.

**Weddings:** Arrangements should be made **at least** six months prior to the wedding and scheduling is subject to the liturgical calendar of the church.



Please do not make arrangements for receptions without speaking with the Rector first.

Weekly Schedule of Services and Events:

**Sunday, September 6:** Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am. Litya for Helen Lavorata, sister of Mary Anne Swan, on her first anniversary of repose.

**Monday, September 7:** Vigil for Nativity of the Theotokos - 7pm.

**Tuesday, September 8:** Hours and Divine Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos 9:10am.

**Saturday, September 12:** Vespers and Confessions - 6pm

**Sunday, September 13:** Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am; Vigil for Exaltation of the Cross- 6pm.

**Monday, September 14:** Hours and Divine Liturgy for Exaltation of the Cross - 9:10am

**Stewardship:** Please look out for a letter from the Stewardship Committee this coming week. As mentioned already in the Daily Diary, we would like you to consider making an annual pledge to St. Marks, offered weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Please read the letter, prayerfully discern what proportion of your blessings you will offer to God in this way and return the pledge form in a stamped, self-addressed envelope provided for you.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** At this time the needs are great. Pasta sauce, tea, coffee, juice are particular needs.

**Wedding Anniversary**

David and Dulany Gibson - 9/6  
Dmitri & Rebecca Sosedov - 9/4

**Birthdays**

Dorothy Martiak 9/5

**Vigil Lights**

❖ From: **Pitra Family**

In Memory of: Tatiana Smirniw

❖ From: **Litvin**

For the Health of: Katie

In Memory of: Amelia, Shane, Samuel



Please remember in your prayers



**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our family and friends Charles and Erin, Ann Marie, Joseph, Alexis, Aphrodite. **Ill afflicted** Archpriests Daniel, Priest Stephen *Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia, Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Anthony, Samuel, Sergei, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Stephen, Jason, Katina, Donna, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra. Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Helen, Nicholas, Elena, Jamie and her unborn child, Nicholas, Valerie, John,

Alice, Edward

**Departed:** *Newly departed* Mat. Anastasia, Mat. Janet, Tatiana, Joseph, *Incigul Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George.

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*Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Malachi 3:10*

**Archbishop Mark on the patriarch Jacob (Genesis Ch. 27-28)**

While there is certainly much more to say about Jacob, we see he was beginning to discern a difference between his needs and his wants. Additionally, rather than making his own way, he would look to the Lord as the source of all his needs. **This recurring theme—of God being the source of all blessings—is written quite large and repeated quite often in Holy Scripture.** Jacob was not worthy of God's blessings. He was a scoundrel in flight from his brother. Yet the Lord is the One Who searches out the

scoundrels who have made a mess of their lives and transforms them.

**As Jacob was unworthy of God's many blessings, so are we.** As we pray each time before receiving the Holy Gifts, "I believe, O Lord and I confess, that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." How can we each be chief or first among sinners? Because we each know that His Grace is sufficient to keep us, yet we continue to nurture our passions, continue to sin even though we sense the presence of the Holy Spirit attempting to restrain us from our sinful behavior. Nevertheless, no matter how many times we fall, He is there to lift us up again and restore us to communion with Him.

The Lord not only provides us with our daily bread and clothing, but He has given us eternal life together with Him. As we look at Jacob's vow, he asked the Lord to provide the necessities and allow him to return to his earthly home in peace, promising the Lord that He would be his God, Luz (Bethel, literally "house of God") would be the Lord's house and he would give the Lord a tenth. Jacob only asked to be able to return to his earthly home in peace, yet we are promised freedom from slavery to Satan, our sins and eternal Life. **Let us at least do as much as Jacob did and show our gratitude to the Lord for His many blessings, known and unknown.**