

Saint Mark's Orthodox Church, Wrightstown PA.
Summary of 2021

During 2021 St. Mark's saw a resumption of the full liturgical cycle of services, the Church School and Adult Education Programs. We continue to participate in the Wrightstown Food Cupboard and for the Nativity Fast partnered with Woods Services to provide Secret Santa wishes for eighteen of their clients. Moving forward we will provide the birthday wish for at least one resident in the coming year. We also hosted a representative from IOCC who spoke to the parish about the mission and works of this organization and encouraged greater participation of our parish in this ministry of charitable outreach and support to those in need throughout the world.

We welcomed seven new members to the parish during the past year and three children to the Orthodox Faith, and bade farewell to one, entrusting her to the mercy of God and a blessed repose.

We welcomed Archbishop Mark in June for his annual pastoral visit, during which he ordained Dustin Crosby to the Subdiaconate and tonsured Marek Szeliga a Reader. During that same visit, couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in the past year were recognized and given a blessing for their years of marriage, celebrating 51, 50, 45, 25, 15, and 5 years of marriage. His Eminence dedicated the newly reorganized library in memory of Anthony Kasmer, who reposed last year, and was a great proponent of education, serving many years on the board of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Finally, the first in what will be an annual event, a plaque was donated and dedicated in memory of Alla Nakonetchny, one of the founders and a vital presence in the parish until her untimely repose. Her family were able to be here for the occasion.

Various necessary improvements were carried out in the Church and the Rectory, with a new roof and some new appliances in the latter, along with some new appliances and upgrades in the Church. We continue to work on a possible building project, engaging with a new architect and developing conceptual drawings, which we hope to present to the parish at the upcoming annual meeting.