

## Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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### ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA JUNE 18, 2017

<b>EPISTLE</b> Rom. 2:10 - 16 Heb. 11:33 – 12:2	<b>GOSPEL</b> Matt. 4:18 - 23; Matt. 4:25 – 5:12	<b>Tone 1</b>
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### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia).** Martyr Leontius, and with him Martyrs Hypatius and Theodulus, at Tripoli in Syria (70-79 A.D.). Ven. Leonty, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Leonty the Hagiorite (1605). The **“BOGOLIUBSKAYA”** Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1157).

Sunday	June	18		Father's Day
			9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	June	20	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Saturday	June	24	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	June	25	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Women's Book Club Meeting
Thursday	June	29	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Ss. Peter and Paul
Saturday	July	1	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
Sunday	July	2	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			3:30p	Wedding of Michael Cipu and Melinda Hines

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **Joan Mitchum** in celebration of **Bailey McCunney's** birthday! May God Grant Her Many Years!

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
June 18	Burpee	Zabela	Zellem/Bumbak	Bilyeu
June 25	Phelps	Mogin	Markovich	Korokhov

### Choir Directors, Readers, Preparers, Greeters, & Altar Servers

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
June 18	D. Pierce	M. Baxtresser	V. Lutes	N. Stanton & Mka. G. Phelps	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
June 25	C. Berencz	M. Karas	D. Golembiewski	P. Masick & T. Sekellick	

### Classes

#### Bible Study

<b>June 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Following Vespers</b>
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Following Vespers</b>

**TO OUR VISITORS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:** If you are seeking a quiet place to nurse or calm a rambunctious child, there are two rooms off of the main hallway on this floor to serve you. Our library is the second door on the left as well as our teen classroom, the last door on the left, at the end of the hallway. The library has rocking chairs, and both rooms offer comfortable couches and moderate privacy. Changing tables are located in the Ladies room on the upper level and in the Men's room on the lower level.

**PRAYER REQUEST – O Christ, You alone are our Defender: Visit and help Thy servants who are in need of your help, protection and healing. Among them:** John & Marti Badila; Kaitlin & Rebekah Barber; Christina Berencz, Nina Bilyeu, Tina Burpee, Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret & Bill Dove; Julie Flick; George Freimann; Claire & Caroline German; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Mark Helba; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; Susie & Baby Needham; Karen Nichols; Stacy & Chloe Nimmer; Nicholas & Maura Moser; Timothy Parrish; Mark Phinney; Helen & Francisco Salas; Alexandra Sedor; Katie & Elowen Sheppard; Peter Sielinski; Olga Skenderska; Andrea Ticich; Don & Peter Truitt.

Please pray for **Margaret**, Mary Carol Ashley's mother; Ellen Barber's friends **Bruce** and **Pamela**; Tina Burpee's mother **Margaret**, cousin **Andrew** and friend, **Edward**; Christine Cacic's friend, **Carmen**; **John & Suzette** Eremin; Julie Flick's son, **James** Shimer, and her stepdaughter, **Jeanie** Folton; Marge German's brother, **John**, sister in-law, **Cecilia**, sister, **Elaine**, grandson, **Joshua**, and sister **Love**; **Jeff** Jordan, friend of the Hardy family; Jurretta Heckscher's father, **Stevens**; **Will & Janie** McNamara, friends of Christina Kalavritinos; **Olga**, friend of Helen Kerch; Mat. Jan and Fr. Mark Koczak's friend, **Metropolitan Isaiah** (Georgian Patriarchate); **Mary** Everhart, mother of Ted Koopersmith; Michael Lungociu's brother-in-law, **Douglas**, and a friend's mother, **Gitta** Finch; Marilyn Macht's friend, **Priscilla** Colby and Marilyn's cousins **Evelyn**, **Helen** and **Linda**; Joan Mitchum's daughter **Roberta**, and her unborn child. Anelia Rotunda's father, **Ivan**; Friend of Debbie Sieff, **Fr. Taras** Chubenko, of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret, NJ, who is recovering from esophageal surgery; Peter Sielinski's friends **Brenda & Jim** Hall, **Kelly**, **Samuel**, **Ron**, **Pat**, **Bailey**, **Jenn** and **Matt**; Sharon Sielinski's Mother, **Marjorie**, her niece **Taylor**, and her friend **Laura**, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; Olga & Slavina Skenderska's cousins, **Desi & Stanislav**, and friends **Catherine & Justin**; Ellen Thompson's daughter, **Sonya**; **Don Truitt's parents**; friends of St. Mark, **Tanya & James** Twyman; Friend of St. Mark **Linda** Weir.

**Deliver them from sickness and grievous pains. Raise them up that they may sing to Thee and praise Thee without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos and all your Saints!**



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!**



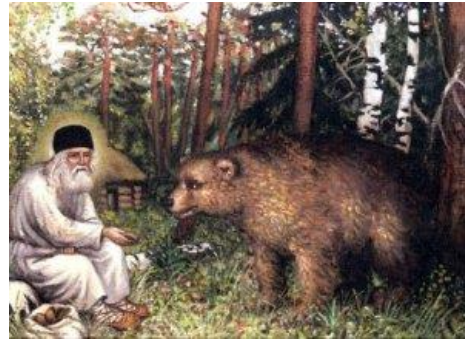
**ST. MARK FOCA:** Thank you to the Jacobsen Family for distributing the Father's Day gifts today.

**PLEASE DONATE TO BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS** The Fall 2017 MCPS Give Backpacks Campaign is now under way and needs our financial help. The campaign addresses but one small need of those suffering poverty in the midst of the riches we have and expect to find here in Montgomery County. And it is this very unexpected and seldom seen condition that makes the scarcity of resources all the more pressing. Currently, one of every three of the children in our schools needs assistance securing their basic school supplies. This is but a small step and a once-a-year effort, but it is a step where for every \$10 given in this way to the Educational Foundation can leverage their much greater resources to supply a backpack full of school supplies that would cost many times that figure to deliver independently. Please consider making a free-will offering through the church before July 15<sup>th</sup>. We have targeted \$1,500 (150 backpacks) for ourselves as a goal. Please help if you can. Collection will be gathered in one of the bowls on the south side of the nave after liturgy. Thank you and God bless!



**SUMMER FROZEN FOOD SALE!!** • Spanakopita (2 pans left) - \$15.00 ea. • Meat piroshki (10 per bag) - \$8.00 ea. • Piroghi (48 per bag) - \$8.00 ea. Please see Tina Burpee during coffee hour if you are interested.

**VCS 2017** St. Mark Vacation Church School will be held July 10th – 13th from 11 am until 2 pm. Students ages 4-11 from St. Mark and nearby parishes are welcome to attend. This year's theme is "Saints and the Animals that Served Them." Participants will have classes, prayers, games, music, crafts and a delicious lunch provided daily by Nancy Stanton. If adults or students 12 and over would like to volunteer, please contact Rachael Datch, Erika Schwartz, Mary Niemi, or Anelia Rotunda. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church. We look forward to a fun week!



**EVANGELIZER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** It's that time again! If you have an article, photos, or an interesting piece that you'd like to submit for the July – August – September Evangelizer, please do so by Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. You may direct your submissions to Sharon Sielinski in person or via email: [admin@stmarkoca.org](mailto:admin@stmarkoca.org).

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Dear parish family, I'm submitting a request for "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" which some of our elementary school children are collecting. The program started in California in 1996. General Mills wanted to create a program to help support education and benefit America's schools – and so, Box Tops for Education™ was born. As part of the initial test program, Box Tops were only available on select Big G cereals, such as Cheerios™, Total™ and Lucky Charms™. Now hundreds of products such as Ziploc brand bags, Hefty bags, Scott tissue are included (a list has been put up on the bulletin board downstairs). Participating schools benefit by receiving checks twice a year. I'll have a container for placing the little pink box tops in next Sunday. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Paula Zabela

**CALLING ALL CROCHETERS!** Do you crochet? Does someone in your family crochet? If so, please consider volunteering to work on a little crochet project for the 2017 Food Festival and Bazaar with us! For details and patterns, please see Sharon Sielinski or Mat. Ann Prentice.

**BAZAAR PURCHASE** We are investigating, online and elsewhere, the purchase of two floor model, glass-fronted bakery cases for our desserts - one refrigerated (for cheesecake, etc.). The cost of new ones is prohibitive, but used cases may be possible. If you should know of a bakery, grocery store, restaurant, cafe, coffee shop that is going out of business and may have a bakery case for sale, please inform Tina Burpee, Nancy Stanton, or Paulina Masick.

**FOCUS SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM** needs volunteers each weekday throughout the summer to prepare meals on June 26 - August 4 from 9–1:30 p.m. at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20007. Volunteers will then transport meals to Pendergrast Alston Consulting Services and serve. Children are most welcome to volunteer but must be supervised by an adult.

To sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9a82da3fb6-summer8>.

To learn more: <http://focusnorthamerica.org/programs/summerfeeding/washington-d-c/>

**BLESSED MATUSHKA OLGA PRAYER GROUP** will meet Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am to pray the Akathist. If you have a name you would like added to the prayer list, please see Mka. Sasha, Marcella Hydock, or Debbi Dillon.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next parish council meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, following Vespers. Observers are welcome!

**RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU!** A big thank you to all who organized, donated, sorted, priced and set up for the rummage sale this year! If you donated treasures to the sale this year, you can pick up a donation letter from the candle counter.

**ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB:** If you enjoy a good read followed by a worthy discussion, please consider attending the St. Mark Woman's Book Club. We choose books well in advance and then meet on the last Sunday of every month to discuss the merits of our choices. June 25<sup>th</sup> – *Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen* by Susan Gregg Gilmore; July 30<sup>th</sup> - *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian; August 27<sup>th</sup> - *The Butterfly and the Violin* by Kristy Cambron; September 24<sup>th</sup> - *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt; Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mat. Sasha for more details.



**SAVING LIVES ~ SUPPORTING FAMILIES**

The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is in **need** of volunteers with a heart for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Looking to train **daytime** volunteers who want to become pregnancy counselors. Training consists of 8 classes held Mon. & Thur. from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dates: July 27, 31 Aug. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21. For details call Jackie Stippich, Exec. Dir. At 301-963-6223.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!**

- 18 Kathryn Balamaci
- 19 David Jefferson  
Rachel LeFors
- 20 Karen Jankovic
- 21 Kimberly Yakubik
- 22 Salomea Jankovic  
Peter Sielinski
- 23 Timothy Dillon  
Michael Hydock  
Ravyn Malatesta  
Timothy Perry
- 24 Benjamin Oleynik  
Joshua Tucker

PRAY • VOLUNTEER • DONATE



Childhood hunger is a problem that affects over 13 million children in the United States, and too many of these children live right here in our community.

For eleven weeks this summer, the Orthodox churches of Washington, D. C. will serve over 2,000 meals to children who suffer from childhood hunger.

We need volunteers to prepare and distribute meals!

**We need you June 26 - August 4!**

Sign up at  
[www.focusnorthamerica.org/summerfeeding.](http://www.focusnorthamerica.org/summerfeeding)

For questions, email [apazzynski@focusna.org](mailto:apazzynski@focusna.org).

FOCUS North America is a national movement of Orthodox Christians, united in faith and joined by a drive to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions to poverty in communities across America. FOCUS has operations and life-changing youth volunteer development programs in more than 50 cities.

# ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT – PHASE III

## ST. MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

### REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Having completed the first two phases of our stunning iconography on the walls surrounding the Sanctuary of St. Mark Orthodox Church, we are now preparing to extend the beautiful and theologically meaningful work into the nave. The preliminary work required covering the cinderblock walls with a clean drywall surface. This has now been completed, and the walls are ready for iconography.

We humbly ask that you join us in contributing towards the completion of the third phase of our iconography project. Any and all donations will be gratefully accepted. Please consider memorial gifts for the departed, or gifts to honor special occasions such as a birth, baptism, marriage, anniversary or other important events in the life of a loved one. We thank you for any donation, however you choose to contribute to the further beautification of our worship space.

After months of meeting and prayerful consideration and research, our parish Iconography Committee has arrived at a consensus on recommending the events to be depicted. There will be three levels



of iconography. The top two levels will be focused on Christ-centered events. The lower level will depict parables used by our Lord as teaching tools. On the left side, the highest level will show Christ raising Lazarus from the dead, and the Great Feast of the Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem. The second level will be especially meaningful to our parish, as it will depict Christ healing the Paralytic to the pool in Bethesda. Because of the size of the space, on either side of this icon will be smaller depictions of Zacchaeus climbing the tree to see Christ, and Christ with the Samaritan woman at the well. At ground level the icon will contain the parable of the Prodigal Son.

On the right side, the highest level, on the left, will depict Christ healing the paralytic who has been lowered through the roof of the home at which Christ was preaching. On the right will be the Myrrh-bearing Women at Christ's tomb. The center of the middle level will show Christ at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. At the left will be Christ, the sower of seeds, and on the right Christ, the Good Shepherd. The ground level will show the parable of the Good Samaritan.

# ICONOGRAPHY – PHASE III

## ANTICIPATED COSTS

Based upon estimates from Dmitry Shkolnik, our principal iconographer, the anticipated costs to complete the Phase III iconography (in excess of the amount already on hand) are shown below:

Marriage Feast at Cana:	\$6,000	Prodigal Son:	\$5,000
Christ Raising Lazarus:	\$5,000	Healing the Paralytic:	\$5,000
Myrrh-bearing Women:	[Commissioned]	Samaritan Woman at the Well:	[Commissioned]
Good Samaritan:	[Commissioned]	Zacchaeus in the Tree:	[Commissioned]
Entrance into Jerusalem:	\$5,000	Christ the Sower of Seeds:	[Commissioned]
Christ at Pool in Bethesda:	[Commissioned]	Christ the Good Shepherd:	[Commissioned]

We ask that donations to this project not reduce your regular tithes and offerings, as the normal parish operating expenses will remain the same throughout this project.



If, after prayerful consideration, you determine that you have the desire to dedicate additional funds to this iconography project, we would be most grateful to receive those donations. There is no need to sponsor a particular icon, if the amounts above are beyond your budget. Each and every donation will help the parish in reaching its fundraising goal.