

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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ALL SAINTS OF BRITAIN AND IRELAND JUNE 25, 2017

EPISTLE Rom. 5:1 - 10	GOSPEL Matt. 6:22 – 33	Tone 2
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Virgin Martyr Ebronia of Nisbis (ca. 304). Ss. Peter and Febronia (tonsured David and Euphrosyne), Wonderworkers of Múrom (1228). Ven. Dionysius the Hagiorite (1375). Ven. Dometius of Dionysiou (1405). Monk Martyr Procopius of Iveron. **All Saints of Britain and Ireland.**

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
			6:30p	Bible Study
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
Saturday	July	8	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	July	9	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Monday	July	10	11:00a	Vacation Church School Begins!
Tuesday	July	11	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Int. Prayer

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **Marilyn Macht** on the occasion of **Dawn & Harell Little's** birthday and anniversary! May God Grant Them Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
June 25	Phelps	Mogin	Markovich	Korokhov
July 2	JULY	FOURTH	POTLUCK	**

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
June 25	W. Tatusko	M. Karas	D. Golembiewski	P. Masick & T. Sekellick	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch
July 2	J. Sokich	M. Phinney	Dn. D. Phelps	G. Freimann & K. Phinney	J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

July 1st	Following Vespers
July 8th	Following Vespers

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!

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 15th. 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!



SAVE THE DATE: The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Benefit Luncheon for 2017 will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, at Rockville Hilton. We will once again have a table for this event. Mark your calendars and please let Fr. Gregory know ASAP if you plan to attend!

FACEBOOK MINISTRY: St. Mark is planning to launch a parish Facebook page in the near future and is looking for someone to maintain it and keep it up to date. If you enjoy using Facebook and know a thing or two about how this application works and would like to take on this ministry, please contact Dn. David or Father Gregory. Thank you for your consideration!

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/>

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 25th – *Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen* by Susan Gregg Gilmore; July 30th - *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian; August 27th - *The Butterfly and the Violin* by Kristy Cambron; September 24th - *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!

JUNE

JULY

25	Alexsandra (Sunny) Holovac Harell Little Tara Shimer	1	Jackson Tatusko
26	Nicola Ilario Brian Schwartz		
27	Dawn Little		
30	Ella Rose Datch Jenna Datch		

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

* Partially 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.