

## ***Saint Mark Orthodox Church***

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### **HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS      JULY 16, 2017**

<b>EPISTLE</b> Rom. 12:6 – 14 Heb. 13:7 - 16	<b>GOSPEL</b> Matt. 9:1 – 8 John 17:1 - 13	Tone 5
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#### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples (ca 311). Martyrs Paul and two sisters Chionia (Thea) and Alevtina (Valentina), at Cæsarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Antiochus, Physician, of Sebaste (4<sup>th</sup> c.). Virgin Martyr Julia of Carthage (ca. 440 or 613).

Sunday	July	16	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	July	18	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Saturday	July	22	4:00p	Baptism of infant Liam Vatamaniuc
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
Sunday	July	23	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Bazaar Planning Meeting
Saturday	July	29	4:30p	Memorial Service for Cathryn Tatusko, Tim Masick & Michael Sekellick
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
Sunday	July	30	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Women's Book Club Meeting

The Altar Candle is donated by **Tina & David Burpee** in commemoration of mother **Margaret Hutchko's** 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle is donated by **Joan Mitchum** in celebration of **Andrew Mitchum's** birthday and the birth of **Madelyn McCunney**. May God Grant Them Many Years!

#### **Coffee Hour Fellowship**

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
July 16	S. Petro	Petro-Jenkins	K. Petro	Hydock
July 23	Looby	Balamaci	Corbin	Freimann

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
July 16	S & D Hardy	M. Mihailov	Dn. D. Phelps	M. Nimmer & R. Zabela	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
July 23	W. Tatusko	M. Ahmadi	V. Bumbak	M. Hydock & C. Williamson	

#### **Classes**

##### **Bible Study**

<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Following Vespers</b>
<b>July 29<sup>th</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, 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; Beth Tucker.

Please pray for **Margaret**, Mary Carol Ashley's mother; Ellen Barber's friends **Bruce** and **Pamela**; Tina Burpee's mother **Margaret**, brother **James**, 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 **Madelyn**. 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!**



**NEW BABY!** Congratulations to the Needham family! Lucas Matthew Needham was born on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:37pm weighing in at 8lbs 12oz and 21 inches long. Everyone is doing great!

**MEMORY ETERNAL:** Robert Rudin's (husband of Kathy Mytryshyn Rudin) mother, Cynthia Jean Rudin, passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. May her Memory be Eternal. Please keep the Rudin/Mytryshyn families in your prayers.

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to all of the parents and children who participated in this year's Vacation Church School Program. Special thanks to the teachers and helpers who made it such a success! Look for an article in the next newsletter with photos and a review of what was covered. - Fr. Gregory

**FOCA STOCK AWARD** tickets go on sale TODAY! 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$100, 4th thru 7th prize - \$50 each. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Winners will be drawn at the FOCA National Convention on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in Hershey, PA. See George Freimann.

**BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING:** All food and department chairpersons are asked to join in a 2017 bazaar planning meeting after liturgy in the teen room on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. All other parishioners are also welcome to attend and give their suggestions and input.

**NEW BABY:** Catherine and James Miller are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Sophie Ann Miller, born on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She will be baptized Sunday September 17, 2017 at 12pm. Her godparents are Kathleen McLoughlin and John Steger.

**NEW BABY:** Congratulations to Joan Mitchum who has a new granddaughter! Madelyn McCunney was born Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:49 am. She is almost 8 pounds, 20 inches, healthy and beautiful. Mom and Dad are doing well!

**PRAYERS NEEDED:** **Beth Tucker** is recovering from hip surgery at Wilson Health Care Center, Riderwood Village, Silver Spring, Maryland. Please keep her in your prayers. **Karen Nichols** is recovering at home after surgery. She needs help at home for a few days. Please let Marsha Zellem know if you are available and able to help out!

**NATIONALS FAITH DAY:** It's that time again! If you are interested in attending the Nationals Faith Day event, please let Sharon Sielinski know: admin@stmarkoca.org. The game is scheduled for Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:05pm vs. the New York Mets. This is always a fun event and we hope you will join us!

**ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT UPDATE** Please see the article in the new edition of the Evangelizer for more detail. In brief, the Iconography Committee is delighted to announce that, as of June 25<sup>th</sup> – only five weeks from the semi-annual meeting at which the project was formally approved by the Parish – the fund raising goal of \$100,000 has been reached! The Parish now has the funds to pay the estimated costs of Phase III. Unfortunately, our iconographer is in demand, so he and his team are not immediately available to commence work. We had hoped that the project could be completed before the Nativity Feast, but it now appears that we can expect the new iconography to be installed before Pascha 2018. The Committee expresses its gratitude to all those who contributed so generously to reach the fundraising goal much sooner than it was thought possible. The Committee will endeavor to keep the parish updated as additional information becomes available.

**SUMMER FROZEN FOOD SALE!!** • 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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Benefit Luncheon for 2017 will take place on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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!

**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.

**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. 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!**

17	Mat. Alexandra Safchuk	21	Laura Jefferson
18	Aiden Moser		Lee Malatesta
	Charity Pearson		Peter Shiller
19	Cynthia Helba	22	Fr. David Arnold
20	Daniel Golembiewski		
	Vicky Jacobsen		
	Mat. Kelly Oleynik		