

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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AUGUST 20, 2017

EPISTLE 1 Cor. 9:2 – 12	GOSPEL Matt. 18:23 – 35	Tone 2
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Prophet Samuel (11th c. B.C.). Hieromartyr Philip, Bishop of Heraclius, and with him Martyrs Severus, Memnon, and 37 soldiers in Thrace (304).

Sunday	Aug	20	9:15a	Reading the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Saturday	Aug	26	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Aug	27	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Women's Book Club Meeting
Tuesday	Aug	29	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Saturday	Sep	2	11:00a	Baptism of Lucas Matthew Needham
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Sep	3	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	Sep	5	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Int. Prayer
Friday	Sep	8	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Nativity of the Theotokos

The **Altar Candle** is donated by **Nicholas Lapato** in loving memory of daughter **Linda**. May Her Memory be Eternal! The **Altar Candle** is also donated by **Sharon Sielinski** in celebration of **Marcella Hydock's** birthday! May God Grant Her Many Years!

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **Marilyn Macht** on the occasion of **Ken Reed's** birthday! May God Grant Him Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
Aug 20	H. Kerch		M. Macht	Bilyeu
Aug 27	E. Barber	J&K Barber	Masick	Korokhov

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Aug 20	W. Tatusko	D. Rodak	C. German	G. Freimann & K. Phinney	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
Aug 27	S&D Hardy	M. Mihailov	Mka. G. Phelps	M. Nimmer & R. Zabela	

Classes

Bible Study

August 26th	Following Vespers
September 2nd	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, Tina Burpee, Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret & Bill Dove; Julie Flick; Claire & Caroline German; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Mark Helba; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; Susie & Lucas Needham; Karen Nichols; 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-in-law **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!

♣**SAVE THE DATE!** ♣ “September in Ireland.” September 30th, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Wear Green or Orange! Shepherds Pie with potatoes and shamrock salad. Plus dessert, drinks and more! Kiss the Blarney Stone or throw coins into the pot 'o gold for a prize. Or for \$1 participate in the "Cake Walk" to win a scrumptious Irish cake. The "Cupcake Walk" for kids is FREE! There is also a raffle for an emerald bracelet and bottle of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Entertainment provided by our own "Celtic Rose" band and singers. Proceeds go to the St. Mark FOCA Orthodox Study Bibles for Kenya Project. Stay tuned for more info.

LUCKY DRAW! Sorry for being so late to the Bazaar Party bandwagon. That being said it's time to talk about the Lucky Draw. I have to say that the most popular thing is handcrafted items like pillows, blankets, shawls, and scarves. So please if you have anything that is handcrafted that you or someone you know would be willing to donate please let me know. A close second is typically gift cards to various restaurants and stores. If you wish to donate something but are unsure as to what I will either accept cash or at least give suggestions. If I am not there in church personally to accept any donations please give it to anyone with the last name of Jacobsen or Prose (Gene, Tammy, Stacy, Patty, and Aaron). Thank you so much for all your support over the last few years and I hope to make this year's Lucky Draw even better than the last. See you there! With Luck, Vicky Jacobsen, Lucky Draw Chair (Jacobsen.vicky@gmail.com)

COFFEE HOUR ANNOUNCEMENT: Dear St. Mark Parish Family, we are kicking off a project to improve the Coffee Hour experience for everyone involved. Please help us achieve this goal by: 1) completing our Coffee Hour survey and 2) participating in our September 10 workshop after church. We will use the survey results to help develop plans for refining Coffee Hour, collaboratively, during the workshop. The survey will be available next week-please standby for further details. With love in Christ, your Coffee Hour coordinators, Daniela and Debbie

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!

45TH ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL & BAZAAR: St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church will hold their annual food festival and bazaar on Saturday, September 9th, 12pm—10pm, and Sunday, September 10th, 12pm—5pm. St. George is located 4335 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20011. For details and more information, please see the flier on 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. 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.

MISSING SOMETHING? A pair of shoes, a cold bag, a container you might have brought something delicious for coffee hour in? These and other treasures have been accumulating in our kitchen, pantry and the walk-in fridge. Some of these finds have made their way to the table outside the kitchen. Some of the cold bags are still in the fridge. And there is that snazzy blue drink container and the beige book bag. Check if anything is yours. Soon, what's left will go up to the Lost and Found box and then, who knows... With the Bazaar coming there will be a whole new line-up of orphaned containers, so let's make room for them.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: it has been suggested that we do a placemat to be put on food trays during the bazaar. The placemats would have ads on it from various businesses in the Bethesda, Rockville area. A volunteer is needed to send letters (or approach in person if desired) to various businesses asking if they would like to purchase an ad on the placemat. A sample letter and placemat will be provided. The placement of ads and copying can be done on our copy machine. Please see Tina Burpee if you can help with this project.

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 25th – 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.

MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL: Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD, will hold their annual Middle Eastern Festival the weekend of September 23rd. Friday, September 22nd 4pm—9pm; Saturday, September 23rd 11am—9pm; Sunday, September 24th Noon—4pm. For more details and information, please see the flier on the candle counter.

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER is in need of volunteers with a heart for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. They are looking to train daytime volunteers who want to become pregnancy counselors. Training consists of 8 classes held Mon. & Thurs. from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dates: Aug. 14, 17 and 21. For details call Jackie Stipich, Exec. Dir. At 301-963-6223.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

20	Anna Arnold Marcella Hydock Francisco LeFors Hannah Oleynik Inna Schwartz	23	JoAnna Balamaci Mary Lulchuk
21	Job Henning	24	George Freimann Matthew Jones Fr. John Vitko
22	Andrea Burns Kimberly Lungociu Andrew Sekellick	25	Aurora Thompson
		26	Ann Bumbak

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL St. Matthew Orthodox Church will hold their annual Multi-Cultural Festival on Saturday, October 7th, from 11 am—8 pm and Sunday, October 8th, from 11:30 am—6:30 pm; with the return of Oktoberfest Happy Hour on Friday, October 6th from 6pm—9pm. There will be dancing, delicious food, ethnic entertainment, silent auction and kid's area. St. Matthew is located at 7271 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia, MD 21046. For more information visit www.stmatthewfestival.org or see the flier on the candle counter at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN DAY 2017 will take place on August 26th—27th at Christ the Savior in Berlin, MD. For more information, see the flier here: <https://wdcooca.org/files/flyers/2017/Diocesan-Day-2017.pdf>.

HOLY ARCHANGELS BOOKS & ICONS will hold it's grand opening on Saturday, September 9th from 11 am—4pm. They are purveyors of unique Icons from Romania, Georgia, and elsewhere; A wide selection of Orthodox books and cards; Handmade Linden-wood crosses, hand-censers, incense from Mt. Athos, and unique devotional items. For more information visit: www.orthodoxannapolis.org or see the flier located on the candle counter.

BULL & OYSTER ROAST: St. Andrew Orthodox Church will hold their Bull & Oyster Roast Sunday, October 1st from 1:00pm—5:00pm. Tickets are \$45 per person. All proceeds go to benefit St. Andrew Orthodox Church. Menu includes turkey, pit beef, oysters, meat balls, salads, and desserts. Door prizes, raffles, gift baskets, money wheel and more. For more information or tickets email Daria at standrewbull-roast@gmail.com. See the flier on the candle counter at the back of the church.

OUTREACH: Dear Friends: Just a quick reminder that again, we will be collecting Cash, Checks, and Giant Grocery Cards for our Pastor's Discretionary Fund to provide for those who come knocking on our doors. This is a great, but simple Outreach that really helps. Yes, we have a Pantry of food items, and these can always use restocking, too... but collected cash and grocery cards simply up the number of options and ways we can help. Please be generous! Thank you!

Stepping Stones Meal Deliveries will begin again in September (Sunday 9/17), and if all goes well, I'll have a sign-up list posted outside the Parish Hall on the bulletin board (downstairs) this weekend. Every bit of help is welcome!

If you'd like to help out but don't know how; if you've got another way to help you'd like us to pursue; or if you simply have questions, please feel free to ask

With love in Christ, Skip

