

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

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### **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AUGUST 6, 2017**

<b>EPISTLE</b> 2 Peter 1:10 – 19	<b>GOSPEL</b> Matt. 17:1 – 9	Tone 8
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#### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. (Second "Feast of the Savior" in August).

Sunday	Aug	6	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Transfiguration of Our Lord
				Blessing of Fruit immediately following Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Saturday	Aug	12	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Parish Council Meeting
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Aug	13	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	Aug	15	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Dormition of the Theotokos
Saturday	Aug	19	2:00p	Wedding of Steven Sekellick and Samantha Portuondo
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
Sunday	Aug	20	9:15a	Reading the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship

The **Altar & Sanctuary Candles** are donated by **Drs. Anna and Mary Nemesh** in loving memory of parents **Charles and Annie Nemesh** and brother **Dr. Walter Nemesh**. May their Memory be Eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candle** is also donated by **Nancy Stanton** in celebration of **Daniela Mihailov's** birthday. May God Grant her Many Years!

<b>Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>				
Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
Aug 6	T&G Jacobsen	Prose	S. Jacobsen	Phelps
Aug 13	Gleason-Lacko	Albert	Hottle	Thompson

<b>Choir Directors, Readers, Preparers, Greeters, &amp; Altar Servers</b>					
Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Aug 6	D. Pierce	P. Dean	D. Golembiewski	N. Kumar	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
Aug 13	J. Sokich	M. Ahmadi	Dn. D. Phelps	T. Sekellick & P. Masick	

<b>Classes</b>	
<b>Bible Study</b>	
<b>August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Following Vespers</b>
<b>August 19<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; Claire & Caroline German; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Mark Helba; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; Susie & Lucas 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-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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Wear Green or Orange! Corned beef & cabbage 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)

**PRAYERS NEEDED:** Karen Nichols needs help with frozen meals as she is staying in an extended stay hotel until repairs are made to her apartment. Please let Marsha Zellem know if you are 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. **by August 13th!** 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!

**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!

**MEMORY ETERNAL:** Irene Brozowski of Wilkes-Barre Pa., mother of Cathy Markovich, fell asleep in the Lord on August 1st. Please keep her, Cathy and their families in your prayers.

**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 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.

**DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS:** We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos on Tuesday, August 15th, at 10:00 am. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend if you are able!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a parish council meeting on Saturday, August 12th, following Vespers. Observers are welcome!

**FOCA CHAPTER MEETING:** There will be a FOCA Chapter meeting on Saturday, August 19th, following Vespers.

**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.

**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://wdcoca.org/files/flyers/2017/Diocesan-Day-2017.pdf>.

**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 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.

**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. 10, 14, 17 and 21. For details call Jackie Stippich, Exec. Dir. At 301-963-6223.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

- 6 Martha Dellermann  
Constantine Ilario  
Cristina Lindsay  
Daniela Mihailov
- 7 Robert Hottle  
Igor Nakshin
- 8 Philip William Masik
- 10 Christine Busenberg
- 11 Kathy Petro  
Astrid Sheppard
- 12 Nicole Johnson  
Sharon Sielinski