

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

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

<b>EPISTLE</b> 2 Cor. 6:1 – 10 Rom. 8:28 – 39	<b>GOSPEL</b> Luke 5:1 – 11 Luke 21:12 – 19	<b>Tone 7</b>
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### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (1<sup>st</sup> of Luke) Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815). Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Ven. Nikander, Hermit, of Pskov (1581). Monk Martyr Galacteon of Vologdá (1612). Ven. Coprius of Palestine (530). Ven. Abrámii, Abbot of Mirozh (Pskov). St. Vladislav of Serbia (1230 – 39). Ven. Dorothy of Kashin. **Ven. Silouan of Mt. Athos** (1938 – September 11<sup>th</sup> O.S.). The “**MIROZH**” (1198) and the “**MYRTLE TREE**” Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Sunday	Sep	24	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	First Day of Church School!
			11:30a	Women's Book Club Meeting
Saturday	Sep	30	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Family Irish Night
Sunday	Oct	1	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Budget Meeting in the Library
Monday	Oct	2	7:45p	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	Oct	3	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Intercessory Prayer

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
Sept. 24	Phelps	Markovich	Stanton	P. Zabela
Oct. 1				

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Sept. 24	J. Sokich	M. Baxtresser	Dn. D. Phelps	P. Massick & T. Sekellick	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
Oct. 1	S & D Hardy	M. Karas	C. German		

### Classes

#### Bible Study

<b>September 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Irish Family Night!</b>
<b>October 7<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; Nicholas & Maura Moser; Timothy Parrish; Mark Phinney; Nicholas Rotunda, 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; Julia Flick's son, **James** Shimer, and her stepdaughter, **Jeanie** Folton; Marge German's brother, **John**, sister in-law, **Cecilia**, sister, **Elaine**, and grandson, **Joshua**; **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**. 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; **Christen** and infant **Alexander**

**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!**

**CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!** If your child is not yet registered for the 2017-18 church school year...there is still time! See Lee Malatesta!



**THANK YOU: CHICKEN KIEV!** Thank you to all who came this Saturday morning (9/16) We had a great turn out of 24 people with a handful of new faces. With a couple of us starting to clean chicken before 8:30 am and a pounder starting shortly after that we saw the majority of the helpers arrive at 9:00 am and had everything finished before 12:15 pm. 508 Chicken Kiev this year. Now we will see if we have enough to make it through the Bazaar weekend and maybe a few bags left over. In Christ, Ann and Matthew Prentice, and Jane Cessna — Chicken Kiev Co-Chairs, the next generation

**REFRIGERATED CASE HAS ARRIVED** The refrigerated case we purchased for the bazaar dessert table has arrived. The cost of the case was covered by the generosity of several parishioners.

**WOMENS BOOK CLUB:** Will meet TODAY in the library following Liturgy.

**BAZAAR SIGN UP SHEETS HAVE BEEN POSTED** Sign-up sheets to work at the bazaar are posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen door. Every line must be filled in to have the bazaar run efficiently. Please sign up for a shift for each day of the bazaar.

**UPCOMING BAZAAR WORKSHOPS:** Mark your calendars! The next bazaar workshops are making the piroghi dough and filling on Saturday, October 7th, and piroghi stuffing and pinching on Sunday, October 8th, following Liturgy. Please help make filling and please plan to stay and pinch after Liturgy! We need all hands on deck to make these workshops go smoothly and efficiently! Thank you!

**BUDGET MEETING:** There will be a budget meeting in the library next weekend, Sunday, October 1st following Liturgy. This meeting is in preparation for our Annual Meeting in November. Please have your budget requests in to Matthew Nimmer by Noon on Wednesday, Sept. 27th. If you have any questions, please let Matthew know. Thank you!

**FILLINGS ARE AVAILABLE** Apricot, raspberry, and poppy seed fillings are now available for your use in bazaar baking. New parishioners can find suggested recipes for baking for the bazaar on the table next to the kitchen door. Please see Tina Burpee, Ginny Albert, or Paula Zabela to avail yourself of fillings.

**EVANGELIZER DEADLINE:** It's that time again! Did you have an interesting summer? Did you go on an amazing trip or stay at an amazing camp? Please consider putting your experience into words and sharing it with our parish! Please submit an article or photos to Sharon Sielinski: [admin@stmarkoca.org](mailto:admin@stmarkoca.org) by **TODAY**. All ages are welcome to contribute!

**THANK YOU** everyone for your participation in our coffee hour survey. We had unprecedented participation in the process. It helped us tremendously to figure out how to best update this ministry. For the next three months we are asking hosts to bring a specific item: fruit, veggies, or bagels. Donuts will be provided by another family. On the Sundays we have potluck we will ask that **everyone** bring a dish to share. We will also be asking families, by last name, to help with set up and clean up. We'll have a sign-up sheet for specific duties so there won't be any confusion. In mid-December we'll be asking for more feedback about how this new set-up is working and where we may need to adjust it a bit. Please be patient with us all as we move ahead on these changes. Thank you! Debbi & Daniela

**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!

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT:** Now that the school year is starting, it is time for the youth group to start up again! If you are in grades 5—12 and are interested in being a member, please send Sonya LeFors an email with your name: [leforss@gmail.com](mailto:leforss@gmail.com). We are planning a fall kickoff in October!

**♣FAMILY EVENT! ♣** Wear your GREEN or ORANGE! September 30th at 6:30 pm (next weekend!!!) for September in Ireland. Enjoy Irish food, our own Celtic Rose band and Singers, Games for kids and adults. Bring your single \$ to play in the cake walk. Kiss the Blarney Stone for a prize. Raffle! Proceeds go to purchase Orthodox Study Bibles for Kenya. Please support this project! **Tickets are on sale NOW! See George Freimann during coffee hour!**

**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.

**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)

**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.

**KITCHEN REMINDERS:** If you put food items in the freezers or walk-in refrigerator and do not want them used for coffee hour or a meeting, please be kind enough to put your name on the items. Otherwise they will be considered usable.

If you host coffee hour or an event at church, please remember to take home the towels and aprons you use, wash them, and return them to the church.

Please do not use magic marker to write on a single thickness of paper that is laying on the kitchen serving window counters. The magic marker will bleed through and stain the counter. Thank you!

**AN ORTHODOX VIEW OF ISLAM** will be presented by Fr. Thomas Soroka on Saturday, November 18th, from 12:00 pm—5:00 pm. Admission is \$10 and includes lunch. Sponsored by St. Mark FOCA. If you have any questions see Marcella Hydock.

**COUNTRY WESTERN HOEDOWN!** Strap on your cowboy boots and hang on to your hats! St. Mary Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA, is hosting it's 11th annual fundraiser Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction on September 30th, 2017. There will be door prizes, games, drinks and even line dancing! RSVP by September 17th. For more information and to RSVP, please visit: [dinnerdance.weebly.com](http://dinnerdance.weebly.com)

**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.

**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](mailto:standrewbull-roast@gmail.com). See the flier on the candle counter at the back of the church.

**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](http://www.stmatthewfestival.org) or see the flier on the candle counter at the back of the church.

**FALL BAZAAR:** St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C., will hold their 54th annual Fall Bazaar. Saturday, October 7th, 11:00 am—7:00 pm; Sunday, October 8th, 11:00 am—5:00 pm; For more information see the flier on the candle counter in the vestibule or visit: [www.stnicholasdc.org](http://www.stnicholasdc.org)

**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. September 24<sup>th</sup> - *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt; Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mat. Sasha for more details.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS! WE NEED YOU!** It's time to plan how you can use your special baking talents to support Saint Mark at the Bazaar!

Our Bake Sale customers come looking for all kinds of yummy homemade sweet or yeast breads and ethnic specialties. Examples of popular items last year include: baklava; fruit/nut breads; apricot, pecan, raspberry and prune kolache; filled cookies; black Russian mini cakes; Lebanese butter cookies, pecan tassies; Welsh cookies; Serbian mocha nut balls; Russian tea cookies; poppy seed cake; and just about any gluten free cookie, muffin or bread you can bake!

Several workshops will be held in the church kitchen this fall; if your schedule permits, we hope you will join in the fun!

- Oct. 12 – 9:00 am – Russian Torte Baking
- Oct. 17 – 9:00 am – Nut Roll Baking
- Oct. 18 – 9:00 am – Nut Roll Baking
- Oct. 24 – 9:00 am – Poppy seed & Apricot Roll Baking
- Oct. 28 – 9:00 am – Black Bread Baking

If this is your first Bazaar, you may want to pick up a copy of "Suggested Recipes For Baked Goods For Our Bazaar" from the table in the church hall. It contains suggestions for donations to the Bake Sale and the Dessert Table, along with instructions for at-home preparation and storage.

The Health Department requires that ingredients be listed and that items are packaged individually for sale (i.e., cookies are packaged by the half dozen or dozen). If you can let us know ahead of time what you are making by either emailing us or signing up on the clipboard in the church hall, we will prepare labels in advance and have packaging ready for your goodies.

Please sign up!

Questions? Contact Ginny Albert

(ginny.albert@gmail.com) or Paula Zabela (pzabela@comcast.net)



**ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT UPDATE** Please see the article in the current 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.

**IOCC RACE TO RESPOND:** Do you want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable families around the world? Join our IOCC team at the Baltimore Running Festival on October 21, 2017 and help raise money for those in need in places like Syria, Greece, Ethiopia, and the US Gulf Coast. For the past five years at the Baltimore Running Festival, IOCC's team has included a wide range of participants, from kindergarteners to an Orthodox priest and retired grandmothers! All abilities of walkers and runners are welcome, as there is a range of participation options: a Kid's Fun Run, 5K, Team Relay, Half Marathon and Full Marathon. Signing up is easy at [www.iocc.org/Baltimore](http://www.iocc.org/Baltimore).

**RUSSIAN LESSONS:** Are you interested in learning Russian? Marina Koker, PhD, is offering beginning Russian lessons for anyone interested in learning. Right now, she has opened an enrollment to a course called "Jump Start Russian". This course is focused on teaching Russian intensively from zero to Intermediate level based upon an innovative method. This small group (5-8 students) will start October 23, 2017 and will meet M-W-F 6:30-8:30 PM in Reston. No homework is required. If you are interested in this opportunity. For more information or to enroll:

[marina@RussianMobileAcademy.com](mailto:marina@RussianMobileAcademy.com)



## CENTER FOR BYZANTINE ARTS

**Calling all Students:** The 1st Annual Student Show will be held October 13th—December 30th. If you have had instruction by Colette Kalvesmaki, Richard Christin, Wayne Hajos, and Karen Ward you are invited to submit your work to the Center's first Student Icon Exhibit. Details can be found on the flier down stairs in the parish hall. For questions or inquiries contact Colette Kalvesmaki: [paraskeve@gmail.com](mailto:paraskeve@gmail.com) or call 301-977-7297.

**"Behind the Exhibit"** An exclusive opportunity to go behind the scenes of the regular museum display to see and study objects not normally seen. This is a continuation of the Ivory Lecture held at the CBMA by Dr. Gudrun Buehl, Museum Director and Curator of the Byzantine Collection at Dumbarton Oaks. When: November 4th, at 10:00 am. Where: 1703 32nd St NW, Washington, DC 20007. For more information see the flier down stairs in the parish hall or visit [byzarts.com](http://byzarts.com).

**Icon Drawing Class 2:** For those who have attended the Icon Drawing Class 1 or have previous drawing experience and would like to enhance their drawing ability, this course will, emphasizing how to depict the light that emanates from the figures. Basic supplies will be provided. Contact Karen Ward [Karen@mandorla-arts.com](mailto:Karen@mandorla-arts.com) for questions and sign up at [byzarts.com](http://byzarts.com).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

25	Ashley Hottle	27	Russell Jowell
	Vasilisa Lyubimova	28	Kathy Rudin
	Katie Sheppard	29	John Sokich
26	John Michael Niemi	30	Fr. Nicholas Dellermann
	Mary Niemi		Peter O'Halloran
			Douglas Pierce
			Martha Vance