

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

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**OCTOBER 1, 2017**

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| <b>EPISTLE</b><br>2 Cor. 6:16 – 7:1<br>Heb. 9:1 – 7 | <b>GOSPEL</b><br>Luke 6:31 – 36<br>Luke 10:38 – 42; 11:27 – 28 | <b>Tone 8</b> |
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### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (2<sup>nd</sup> of Luke) THE PROTECTION (*POKROV*) OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. Apostle of the Seventy Ananias (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Ven. Romanus the Melodist ("Sweet-singer – 5<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbot of Vishera (Novgorod – 1461). Martyr Dominus of Thessalonica (4<sup>th</sup> c.). Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Fathers with him (780 – 790). Commemoration of the Apparition of the Pillar with the Robe of the Lord under it at Mtskheta in Georgia. Ven. John (Koukouzelis) the Hymnographer of Mt. Athos (Albanian – 12<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Gregory of Lavra (Mt. Athos – 12<sup>th</sup> c.). The **PSKOV-PROTECTION** Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

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| 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 |
| Saturday | Oct | 7 | 9:00a  | Piroghi Dough & Filling Making                   |
|          |     |   | 10:00a | Baptism of Chloe Nimmer                          |
|          |     |   | 5:00p  | Private Confession                               |
|          |     |   | 5:30p  | Great Vespers                                    |
|          |     |   | 6:30p  | Bible Study                                      |
| Sunday   | Oct | 8 | 9:15a  | Reading of the Third Hour                        |
|          |     |   | 9:30a  | Divine Liturgy                                   |
|          |     |   | 11:15a | Coffee Hour Fellowship & Piroghi Making          |
|          |     |   | 11:30a | Church School                                    |

The **Altar Candle** is donated by **Marilyn Macht** in loving memory of godfather **Michael Petrishin**. May his Memory Be Eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **The Karas Family** in loving memory of **Helen P. Karas**. May her Memory Be Eternal!

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

| Date   | Hosts/Hostesses |                 |                | Donuts/Bagels |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Oct. 1 | R. Zabela       | Zellem          | Bumak          | Dean          |
| Oct. 7 | <b>Piroghi</b>  | <b>Workshop</b> | <b>Potluck</b> | Tatusko       |

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

| Date   | Director    | Reader      | Preparer       | Greeter                     | Altar Servers   |
|--------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Oct. 1 | S & D Hardy | M. Karas    | C. German      | N. Kumar                    | A. Ahmadi<br>A. Datch<br>C. Datch<br>J. Sedor<br>M. Sedor |
| Oct. 7 | C. Berencz  | K. Lungociu | Mka. G. Phelps | Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton |   |

### Classes

#### Bible Study

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| <b>October 7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Following Vespers</b> |
| <b>October 14<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, **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!**

**BAZAAR SPONSERSHIP:** If you are unable to work at or bake for the bazaar, another way to help is to contribute towards the cost of ingredients. A list of ingredients and their costs is posted on the bulletin board next to the sign-in sheets. Donations can be given to Tina Burpee or directly to Gene Jacobsen.

**MEMORY ETERNAL:** Marge German's sister-in-law, Cecelia, who passed away the morning of September 27th, at 6:40am after a long battle with Alzheimer's. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd, in Toms River, NJ. Marge asks that we please pray for strength for her brother, John, his sons, Chuck and Bruce, and their wives, Lorin and Donna. May Cecelia's Memory be Eternal!

**MEMORY ETERNAL:** Dear friends and families of St. Mark, Thank you for the many prayers you said for my sister Love Kuhl who suffered from kidney cancer. She was diagnosed eleven months ago with a tumor growing over her kidney which had metastasized and had spread to all of her vital organs, causing terrible pain. Through it all she was very positive and never complained. Your many prayers after she fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, September 7th were appreciated and very comforting. She is at peace with the Lord and I am grateful that she is no longer in pain. May her memory be eternal. Thank you again. Marge

**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.

**BUDGET MEETING:** There will be a budget meeting in the library **TODAY** following Liturgy.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** There will be choir rehearsal on Monday, October 2nd, at 7:45pm.

**MAKE AN AFTERNOON WITH THE SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER:** Come hear Irina Grossu, Director of the Center for Human Dignity at the Family Research Council, speak at our Annual Benefit Luncheon – Sunday, October 22, 12:30 p.m. at the Rockville Hilton Hotel. Ms. Grossu specializes in sanctity of life issues. Have fun with our Raffles - 50/50 and more! - and enjoy a delicious seated luncheon while being inspired by what we are doing on the pro-life front. Reservations required; contact Susan Veirs [development@pregnancy-options.org](mailto:development@pregnancy-options.org) or 301-963-6223.

**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!

**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.

**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. We are planning a fall kickoff in October!

**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)

**BLESSED MATUSHKA OLGA PRAYER GROUP:** will meet Tuesday, October 3rd, at 10:30am.

**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).

**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)

**THREE WAYS TO KNOW THE BODY OF CHRIST:** Fr. Chad Hatfield, President of St. Vladimir's Seminary, will be leading a retreat at Holy Archangels Orthodox Mission in Annapolis on Saturday, November 4th, titled "Three Ways to Know the Body of Christ: Incarnation, Mission, Sacrament." For more information and to register for the event visit: [www.OrthodoxAnnapolis.org](http://www.OrthodoxAnnapolis.org)

**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)

**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. 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)



# HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

2 Michael Lungociu  
3 Daniel Lulchuk  
4 Warren Miller  
Matthew Tucker  
Paula Zabela  
5 John McCamant  
6 Nicholas Antich  
Alexander Barge  
Paul Dean  
Philip Hydock  
7 Mark Needham  
Greg Yakubik  
8 Ionel Baleanu  
9 John Petro  
Julia Wickard  
10 Edward Aseev  
Marie Petro-Jenkins  
11 Frank Dellermann  
12 Aleksandra Cacic  
13 Matthew Lobas  
14 Betselot Bezuneh



15 Cristin Kumar  
Tammy Jacobsen  
Yeshimebet Samara  
16 Oleg Jankovic  
17 Martha Baxtresser  
18 Dean Balamaci  
Nikolay Korokhov  
Barbara Mersereau  
21 Rebeka Badila  
23 Lori Hottle  
Aaron Steinberg  
Erika Steinberg  
24 William Hardy  
Francisco Salas  
25 Emily Kerrick  
Jack Ryan Ruzila  
26 Andrew Yakubik  
27 Pierce Berry  
Steven Kreta  
28 George Thompson  
29 Nina Bilyeu  
31 Wayne Tatusko





## 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!

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3 Daniel Lulchuk  
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