

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

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**NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

<b>EPISTLE</b> Eph. 4:1 – 6	<b>GOSPEL</b> Luke 13:37 - 44	Tone 8
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### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (10<sup>th</sup> of Luke) Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis (7<sup>th</sup> c.). Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George at Kiev (1051 – 54). Repose of St. Innokenty (Innocent), First Bishop of Irkutsk (1731). Ven. James the Solitary of Syria (457).

Sunday	Nov	26	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Women's Book Club Meeting
Saturday	Dec	2	4:00p	Memorial Service for Nicholas Lungociu
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
Sunday	Dec	3	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
			11:30a	St. Nicholas Workshop!
Tuesday	Dec	5	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Int. Prayer
Saturday	Dec	9	10:00a	Baptism of Liam Church
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
Nov. 26	<b>POTLUCK</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>HOUR</b>	Vance
Dec. 3	Baxtresser-Chow	Borger	Phinney	Hydock

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Nov. 26	S&D Hardy	D. Rodak	V. Bumbak	M. Nimmer & R. Zabela	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
Dec. 3	W. Tatusko	M. Mihailov	V. Bumbak	M. Hydock & C. Williamson	M. Sedor

### Classes

#### Bible Study

Bible Study is finished for the rest of the year. We will meet again in the New Year 2018!

**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; 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; 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; Karina Fortuny's god-daughter infant **Maria**, Maria's parents **Tzvetelina** and **Lyubomir**, and brother **Ioan**; Marge German's sister, **Elaine**, grandson, **Joshua** and friend **Louise**, who is recovering from triple by-pass surgery; **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!**

**MEMORY ETERNAL:** Marge German's brother John fell asleep in the Lord in the early morning of Monday, November 20th, after numerous health problems. May his memory be eternal!

**2018 PLEDGE PACKETS** are ready to be picked up and are located in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. Please have them filled out and returned to Fr. Gregory or Gene Jacobsen no later than January 1st, 2018.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to your new FOCA Officers for 2018, President - Marcella Hydock; Vice-President - Paul Dean; Secretary - Barbara Freimann; Treasurer - Michael Thompson; and District Representative - Michael Hydock. Installation will take place in

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT:** The youth group is hosting an advent retreat on December 9th at 2:00pm in the church hall. We will be cooking meals for Stepping Stones, Father Tim will give a lecture about confession, we will eat holiday cookies, and more! Anyone in 5-12th grade is welcome! Email Sonya LeFors at lefors@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list.

**ST. MARK APRONS** If you have accidentally taken home one of the new St. Mark aprons, kindly launder it and return it to the red bin at the bottom of the gray cabinets near the walk-in refrigerator. These were very expensive and need to be kept for the bazaar and other church events.

**POST-BAZAAR NOTES:** • Please pick up your dishes, pans and plastic containers left at the bazaar on the rack at the back of the social hall. • Please submit all receipts for bazaar expense reimbursement to Matthew Nimmer as soon as possible. • All tabs run by parishioners working at the bazaar should be brought up to date as soon as possible.

**ST. LUKE SISTERHOOD HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** will take place Saturday, December 9th, 9:00am—3:00pm. Featuring lots of homemade specialties including nut rolls, poppyseed rolls, stuffed cabbage (sarma), double smoked sausages and much more. You can find a more complete listing of the goodies below and on their website at <http://stlukemclean.org/bakesale.html>. You may pre-order from the website up through Nov. 26.

**CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY SUPPER & NATIVITY VIGIL:** Come spend Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> with St. Mark! The evening starts at 5:00 PM with children leaving bread for the animals outside and seeking out the first star of the evening. A potluck, candlelight Lenten buffet, a Christmas story or two, and the remembrance of the living and departed of our community take us to the 7:00 PM start time for the Christmas Eve Vigil service. Please bring a Lenten dish to share! Sign-up today on the list posted outside the kitchen to be part of this St. Mark tradition. Please include the number of people attending and what Lenten dish you can bring to share. Questions? Please see Mka. Sasha.

**ANGEL TREE:** The Angel Tree is out together with the Big Red Box to collect gifts for the children of Highland Elementary's families. Once again, we've committed ourselves to supplying gifts to 38 kids, and have them ready to deliver on Monday 12/18.

Time is short. And though like the song says, "Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat" (and we're not). please look out for our Advent Tree, sign up indicating which child you'd like to help (by the number of their "star"), and have fun shopping. Put the silver lining in Black Friday by putting it to work for others. You'll be helping kids who need it.

And as always, if you can't help in concrete ways this year - or find yourself in need at this time, please feel free to speak up - directly if you wish, or privately to Fr. Gregory if you prefer. Know also that if you can give no more than your prayers - these are deeply appreciated and important. "Prayer will save the world."

Finally, please feel free to ask questions at any time. We'll have almost a month to get this done, and plenty of time to answer any puzzles that come up.

With love in Christ,  
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PS: As we did last year, we will also be happy to 1) Collect diapers and very good condition baby clothes for Shady Grove Pregnancy Clinic, 2) Re-start our Giant Gift Card collection (after Thanksgiving), and 3) Find a child you can give a gift to.... even if you miss out on the Angel Tree due to travel or whatever.

**FOCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** It's that time of year to join our fellowship at St. Mark. We need you to continue our good works. If you enjoyed Irish Night or the Chili Cook-Off, consider becoming a member of St. Mark FOCA and participate. Dues are: Adults 18+ \$40, College students regardless of age is \$10, and we will accept any High School Student who wishes to become a member of our Senior Chapter for only \$10. Make checks out to St. Mark FOCA and give them to George Freimann (Membership Chair) or Marcella Hydock (Chapter President)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with this year's bazaar. It is so encouraging to see everyone pitch-in and help with the workshops and all three days of the bazaar. Thank you to those who came to the food workshops; to those who made food at home, to the bread bakers; to everyone who prepared borscht and baked from scratch; to the chicken pounders, rollers & dippers; to the filling and dough makers, pinchers and cookers; to those who helped with workshop cleanup; to those who braved the cold by working outdoors; to those who procured gifts; to those who sold raffle tickets; to those who acted as chairpeople and those who acted as helpers; to those who took off from work on Friday; for those who gave tours and explained our faith; for those who prayed for the strength to keep going; to those who stood on their feet for three days of fellowship and fun and gave unselfishly of their time and money to make our bazaar, once again, a wonderful success. Our bazaar has become a beautiful way to give of ourselves for the Love of our Church; but ultimately it is for the Love of God. May God grant you many years! - The Bazaar Committee

**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. November 26th—*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult; December 31st—a story from Chicken Soup for the Soul and a snack to share! <http://www.chickensoup.com>. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mat. Sasha for more details.

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE!** The bookstore is closing. There will still be a few things, Bibles, prayer books, and materials that Father uses with catechumens, on the top shelf. Everything else is at close out prices. You determine the sale price. We bought these materials at a small discount, but often the shipping fees had us breaking even. We would like to recoup some of these expenses. Please buy what you want and leave a check for a fair price. Please give cash to Joan Mitchum, Pat Ihnat, or Father Gregory. This is a great time to buy for Christmas.

**MEMORY ETERNAL:** George R. Nimmer, born May 7, 1934 at Cedar Rapids, IA., fell asleep in The Lord Nov. 5, 2017 at Omaha, NE. He is survived by many, including his brother Allan Nimmer, father of Matthew Nimmer. George served as the Nimmer family patriarch for over 20 years, was a devout Orthodox Christian, was greatly loved and will be very missed by all who knew him. The majority of George's career, 1963-2000, was as a Patent Attorney serving the greater Omaha area, with regular visits to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in DC. Services were held at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in Omaha, NE; Trisagion Service was held Wednesday 11/8 at 7pm, Funeral Service was held Thursday 11/9 at 10am, followed by Interment at West-lawn Hillcrest Cemetery.

***Happy Birthday To You!***  
***May God Grant You Many Years!***

21	Matthew Balamaci
22	Gregory Mitchum
	Calla (Catherine) Steinberg
23	Deborah Firestone
24	Sarah Borger
	Dn. Matthew Prentice
25	Andrew Dillon
	Diane Kern
	John Thomas Sedor

**EVANGELIZER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** To get a little ahead of the season, please start thinking of articles to write, collecting photos or seeking out your favorite Christmas cookie recipe to share! Deadline for submissions is December 20th!

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** will meet in the library TODAY following Liturgy!

