

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

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**JANUARY 7, 2018**

<b>EPISTLE</b> Eph. 4:7 – 13 Acts 19:1 – 8	<b>GOSPEL</b> Matt. 4:12 – 17 John1:29 – 34	<b>Tone 6</b>
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### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday After the Theophany. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

Sunday	Jan	7	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:40a	Post-Bazaar Meeting
Saturday	Jan	13	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	Jan	14	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
				Installation of Parish Council Members and FOCA Officers
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Jan	16	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Akathist
Saturday	Jan	20	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **Marilyn Macht** in loving memory of grandfather **Peter Petrishin** and Aunt **Gloria Petrishin**. May Their Memory be Eternal!

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
Jan 7	Masick	Stanton	Karas	Tatusko
Jan 14	Burpee	Phelps	Markovich	Tucker

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Jan 7	M. Ahmadi/ C. Berencz	M. Karas	Dn. D. Phelps	M. Nimmer & R. Zabela	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
Jan 14	J. Sokich	K. Lungociu	V. Bumbak	J. Mitchum & C. Williamson	

### Classes

#### Bible Study

January 13<sup>th</sup> - "Moses is dead". **He couldn't bring them into the promised and they are still in the wilderness. "Now therefore, arise" join us for the Jan 13 Vespers and Bible study as we start a series from the book of Joshua about entering the promised land, walking in the Spirit and growing up into Christ.**

**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: Christina Berencz, Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret & Bill Dove; Julie Flick; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; Karen Nichols; Timothy Parrish; Clint Perdue; Mark Phinney; Helen & Francisco Salas; Alexandra Sedor; Peter Sielinski; Olga Skenderska; 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**; Margie Johnson's granddaughter **Nadia**. **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!**

**POST-BAZAAR MEETING:** January 7 - all are welcome to attend this meeting at 11:40 am to contribute comments or suggestions. The meeting will take place in the library.

**FREE-WILL OFFERING LUNCHEON:** Free-Will Offering Luncheon January 28 - please plan to stay and enjoy a luncheon after liturgy. The menu will be halupki, piroggi, piroshki, blini, salad and dessert. Monies collected will be used for the 2018 food festival and bazaar.

**MEMORY ETERNAL:** Mark Helba peacefully fell asleep in the Lord early in the morning of Friday, December 29th. Please keep him, Cindy and their family in your prayers. May his Memory be Eternal!

**YOUTH GROUP RETREAT:** The youth group is hosting a Lenten retreat on February 10th and 2:30 in the church hall. Father Tim will give a lecture about confession, we will make blessing bags, and more! Anyone in 5—12th grade is welcome! Email me if you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list. [leforss@gmail.com](mailto:leforss@gmail.com)

**JAN-FEB-MARCH EVANGELIZER IS READY!** Pick up your copy in the hallway outside of the sanctuary!

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** Fr. Gregory will be contacting parishioners to schedule house blessings, but if parishioners have a preference for a specific date and time, they may contact Fr. Gregory at any time. Thank you!

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**FOCA OFFICER & PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER INSTALLATION** will take place on Sunday, January 14th, immediately following Liturgy.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will take place on Saturday, January 13th, following Vespers. Observers welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE:** FOCA Annual Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, Feb 3, 2018. Please mark your calendars. We will play BINGO!

**FOCA BULLETIN BOARD:** Please feel free to post family or pet pictures on FOCA bulletin board. Thanks for sharing!

**NOVOGODNY BALL:** This year's Novogodny Ball will be on January 14, 2018, sponsored by St. Stephen's parish in Trevose, PA. Please join our chapter in this fun filled weekend. Information and seating chart for dinner-dance is posted on the FOCA bulletin board in the outside hall. Early Bird Special rates are due by 12/16. Come! Enjoy! Mingle! It's fun!

**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).

**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.

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

7 John Bainbridge  
Lisa Cannon  
Ted Koopersmith  
Pamela McHugh  
8 Alexander Masick  
9 Susan Petro  
Debbie Sieff

11 Debbi Dillon  
Anelia Rotunda  
13 Elspeth Berry  
Susan Orban

**2018 LITURGICAL WALL CALENDARS ARE IN!** Please pick up a 2018 Liturgical Calendar if you have not done so already. They are available in the hallway outside of the Church nave. A big Thank You! To Chris German for once again sponsoring this wonderful ministry! Please limit one per household, Thank you!

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!** If you would like offertory envelopes for 2018, they are available in the hallway outside of the church nave. Please be sure to record the box number and your name on the sign up sheet next to the boxes. Thank you!

**FOCA CHAPTER MEETING** will take place on Saturday, January 20th, immediately following Vespers.

**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. January 28th—*Orphan Train* by Christian Baker Kline; February 25th—*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the birth of the FBI* by David Grann and others; March 25th—*Miller's Valley* by Anna Quinlan; April 29th—*Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mat. Sasha for more details.