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FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE)

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

EPISTLE
Rom. 13:11 – 14:4

GOSPEL
Matt 6:14 – 21

Tone 4

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE. The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461). Ven. Cosmas of Yakhromsk (1492). St. Agapitus the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia (4th c.). St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (449 – 450).

Sunday	Feb	18	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
				Forgiveness Vespers
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Monday	Feb	19		Lent Begins!
			7:00p	Compline and Canon of St. Andrew
Tuesday	Feb	20	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group
			7:00p	Compline and Canon of St. Andrew
Wednesday	Feb	21	6:30p	Presanctified Liturgy
			7:30p	Lenten Lecture
Thursday	Feb	22	7:00p	Compline and Canon of St. Andrew
Saturday	Feb	24	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Feb	25	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Sunday of Orthodoxy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
				<i>Schedule continued on back page</i>

11:30a Church School

11:30a Choir Rehearsal

11:30a Women's Book Club Meeting

5:00p Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. Sophia

The **Altar & Sanctuary Candles** is donated by **The Mihailov's** in honor of **Nancy Stanton's** birthday! May God Grant Her Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
Feb 18	Sekellick	Datch	Balamaci	Vance
Feb 25	Corbin	Looby	Bumbak	Hydock

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Feb 18	S&D Hardy	P. Dean	C. German	M. Nimmer & Renee Zabela	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
Feb 25	W. Tatusko	K. Lungociu	V. Bumbak	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, February 24th

Following Vespers

Saturday, March 3rd

Following Vespers

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, Migs & Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret & Bill Dove; Julie Flick; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; Timothy Parrish; Clint Perdue; Alexandra Sedor; Peter Sielinski; 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; **Carole** Roberts, mother of Tammy Karas; **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 **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; Sharon Sielinski's niece **Taylor**; Olga & Slavina Skenderska's cousins, **Desi & Stanislav**, and friends **Catherine & Justin**; **Fr. Basil Summer**; 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!



THANK YOU! A big thank-you goes out to the Sedor family for volunteering to manage the food pantry during 2018. Please respond positively to their appeals for contributions and assistance this year. Thank you!

FORGIVENESS VESPERS will take place immediately following Liturgy today.

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 19th! Lent is almost here! Please see below the schedule of services for the first week of Lent. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Monday, February 19th — Compline and Canon of St. Andrew 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 20th — Compline and Canon of St. Andrew 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 21st — Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM

Lenten Lecture 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 22nd — Compline and Canon of St. Andrew 7:00 PM

SOUP FOR PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 16, March 21, and March 28 are all currently available) please let Matushka Sasha know either in person, on the phone (301-320-0739), by email (asafchuk@hotmail.com) or carrier pigeon what date you could bring soup for. We can do this the easy way, where others bring soup, or the hard way, where week after week Sasha's Cabbage Soup is the only choice, making it a true Lenten experience. All Lenten soups and bread are gratefully accepted. If you would like to bring a soup, but don't have a Lenten recipe, never fear, we have a number of seasoned soup makers who would share a recipe. Thank you, all.

ST. MARK FOCA: Thank you and God Bless you for your donations to the Gifts of Love 2018 appeal for IOCC Hurricane Relief.

MID-WINTER FROZEN FOOD SALE Meat piroshky \$8.00/bag; cabbage pirog (1) - \$8.00/pan; spanakopita (5) - \$20.00/pan; St. Mark piroghi -\$5.00/dozen; walnut roll - \$8.00/roll. See Tina Burpee if you are interested.

ST. MARK FOCA CHILI COOK OFF WINNERS! 3rd prize Tina Burpee, 2nd prize John Sedor, 1st prize Regina Kundell. Congratulations! Thank you to all who supported the event and to the Jacobsen/Prose family for chairing the 8th annual FOCA Cook Off!

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: The 2018 St. Mark Food Festival and Bazaar will take place November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2018! Mark your calendars!

WAYS TO HELP STEPPING STONES: Stepping Stones Shelter has a list of items it always desperately needs. These are detergent, dishwasher soap, hand soap, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo. Just household staples. Lately, I have been buying one or two extra items when I go shopping to take to them - like whatever is on sale - and taking it over. If you'd like to participate but don't live in Rockville you can give stuff to me to run over. Kim Lungociu

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!

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

18 Peter McHugh

19 Nina Borissow

Mary Ann Fitzgerald

Donna Glenn

21 Roberta (Mitchum) McCunney

22 Nancy Stanton

24 Caleb German

Michael McCunney

GOLF TOURNAMENT The 15TH annual St. Andrew Orthodox Church Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 1ST at The Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen, MD. Registration will begin at noon, with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm. More information regarding registration and sponsorship will be sent in the near future. In the meantime, please mark your calendars, and hope to see you there!

BIBLE STUDY: will take place on February 24th, following Vespers. "Crossing Over Into the Promised Land"

FR. BASIL SUMMER: is home recovering and grateful to all who have offered prayers on his behalf for another successful surgery. Please continue to pray for his recovery. His address is: 304 Centre Island Rd Oyster Bay, NY 11771-5017.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers is scheduled for 5pm at St. Sophia Cathedral on February 25th. Constantine (Dean) Triantafilou, Executive Director of IOCC, will be our speaker this year.

BULLETIN SICK LIST: If you have someone listed on the sick list, please provide us with an update on how they are doing? If they are no longer ill, please let Fr. Gregory or Sharon Sielinski know so that we can remove them from the list. Going forward, names that are submitted will be included for 40 days, then deleted unless a request has been made to continue the prayers for chronic or long term reasons. Thank you!

LENTEN LECTURE SOUP AND BREAD: The Lenten Lecture series continues this year, following the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies. The St. Mark tradition of bringing a sack "lunch" continues as well, but for those who are visiting, those who forget their dinner, those who are moved at the last minute to attend the Presanctified Liturgy, and those who are just plain hungry, we will have peanut butter, jelly and bread to make sandwiches, and (hopefully) at least one pot of hot soup. Questions? See Mka. Sasha!

LENTEN LECTURE SCHEDULE:

FEBRUARY 21st — Jonathan Allen—Topic: "*Jerusalem: Fear, Love, and Loathing in the Holy City: Notes on Pilgrimage, the Passions, and the Present Age.*"

MEETING FOR COFFEE HOUR HOSTS MARCH 11th: We've been trying a new format for coffee hour for about 5 months and want to have a chance to hear feed-back on the changes from our volunteers. Rather than doing another survey, we decide to hold a meeting for all coffee hour hosts, scheduled for March 11th. Our goal is to find out how the changes are working for hosts, clear up any confusion, and possibly work on other options. Our volunteer list did not grow much, and we are still looking for ways to decrease the frequency of hosting. One idea we want to speak with you about is decreasing the number of host families per coffee hour from three to two. We realize that not everyone will be able to make it to the meeting, so if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions please don't hesitate to speak to Daniela, Debbi, or Renee.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MEETING: will take place next Sunday, February 25th, following Liturgy.

MEMORIAL SATURDAY: is Saturday, March 3rd. We will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will take place next Sunday, February 25th, immediately following Liturgy.

