

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST APRIL 8, 2018

EPISTLE Acts 1:1 – 8	GOSPEL John 1:1 – 17	
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

HOLY PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS [Beginning of the Pentecostarion.] Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Herodion, Agabus, Asyncritus, Rufus, Phlegon, Hermes, and those with them (1st c.). St. Niphon, Bishop of Novgorod (1156). Ven. Rufus the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14th c.). Martyr Pausilippus of Heraclea in Thrace (2nd c.). St. Celestine, Pop of Rome (432). The **SPANISH** Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Saturday	Apr	7	9:30a	Vesperal Divine Liturgy
			11:30p	Nocturns, Matins & Divine Liturgy for Pascha
Sunday	Apr	8		PASCHA – CHRIST IS RISEN!!!
			2:30a	Pascha Agape Meal
Monday	Apr	9	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Bright Monday
Saturday	Apr	14	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	Apr	15	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas
			11:15a	Fellowship in Church Hall
			11:30a	Easter Egg Hunt
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Apr	17	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Saturday	Apr	21	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
Apr 8	PASCHA	CHRIST	IS	RISEN!!
Apr 15	M. Baxtresser & M. Chow	S. Borger		Freimann

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Apr 8	PASCHA! (All)	M. Karas	N. Bilyeu	CHRIST IS RISEN!	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
Apr 15	J. Sokich	M. Ahmadi	C. German	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, April 7th	Will Resume after Pascha
Saturday, April 14 th	TBA

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; Mary Ann Fitzgerald; Julia Flick; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; Timothy Parrish; Clint Perdue; David Rodak; 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 brother-in-law **James**; Christine Cacic's friend, **Carmen**; 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 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 Kopcha's mother-in-law **Barbara Durynski**; Larisa Looby's daughter **Lisa** and granddaughters **Chelsea** and **Alexandra**. Marilyn Macht'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**, and her friend **Marilyn**. 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!



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher Barnewolt and Regina Kundell. Christopher was baptized, and both were chrismated on Holy Saturday morning. May God grant them both many years!

THANK YOU: To all who helped bake, cook, decorate, set up, tear down and organize things around our church for Holy Week and Pascha. Special thanks to our choir, directors, readers and servers for all their hard work and time spent practicing and preparing for services. Your efforts have added greatly to the beauty and joy of this Holy season. Thank you!

BRIGHT MONDAY LITURGY & POTLUCK will take place on Monday, April 9th at 10:00 am. Our potluck agape and fellowship will take place immediately following Liturgy. Stay and break the fast and bring a dish to share!

EASTER EGG HUNT: will take place next Sunday, April 14th, following Liturgy.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will take place on Saturday, April 14th following Vespers. Observers are welcome!

THANK YOU to Nikolay Korokhov and Vera Simonenko for chairing the Pascha bread making workshop and to all the many hands who came to knead and braid. Over \$1,600 was raised for the iconography fund.

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place Sunday, May 20th, following Liturgy. Stay tuned for details regarding read-ahead materials.

ST. MARK FOCA ST. ANDREW APPEAL COLLECTION: The St. Andrew Appeal is an appeal to support the various orthodox charities throughout America. Previously called the United Appeal. Annually FOCA runs the appeal encouraging individuals and its membership to support orthodox charities. To designate a specific charity list the charity on your check in the note field. Some of the supported charities are listed here: Seminaries, seminarian assistance, Alaskan Orthodox project, college scholarships, IOCC, OCMC, OCF, orphanages, summer camps. Collections will be held Sunday, April 22. Please make checks to St. Mark FOCA.

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. April 29th—*Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan; May 27th—*Gilead: A Novel* by Marilynne Robinson; June 24th—*A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel* by Amor Towels; July 29th—*I Was Anastasia: A Novel* by Ariel Lawhon. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mat. Sasha for more details.

COFFEE, JUICE, PAPER PRODUCTS: A reminder that, although coffee hour food is donated by parishioners, the coffee, juice, cups, napkins, plastic utensils are purchased by St. Mark. Dropping a dollar or two in the baskets provided on the serving window and tables will help reduce the cost of these purchases.

PRESENTATION ON THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN KENYA: Marsha Zelle's Lenten Lecture presentation on the Orthodox Church in Kenya was unfortunately cancelled. Thankfully, Marsha will still give her presentation at a later date. Please stay tuned for details!

EARLY SPRING FROZEN FOOD SALE Spanakopita (4) - \$20.00/pan. See Tina Burpee if you are interested.

LIFE LINE SCREENING will take place here at St. Mark on July 18th, 2018 at 9:00 am. Please stay tuned for registration details!

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

8 Darlene Marti
10 Martin Riskam
Don Truitt
Aaron Wickard
11 Melanie Firestone
12 Eric Williams

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!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: 2018-2019 Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships Available from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Applications for two scholarships administered by the Department of Philanthropy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are now available to students from Orthodox Churches affiliated with the Assembly of Bishops. The Malta Scholarship is for undergraduate studies, and the Paleologos Scholarship is awarded for graduate work of a non-theological nature. Each of these scholarships was established through generous gifts from dedicated Greek Orthodox Christians who wanted to provide financial assistance towards the education of young people from the Orthodox Christian community. Applications can be downloaded from the website of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America at www.goarch.org (on the spotlight section on the home page). For more information, please email scholarships@goarch.org or call 212-774-0283. The deadline for submitting an application for these scholarships is May 4, 2018.

GIFT CARDS FOR SEMINARIANS:

Dear Sisters and Brothers at St. Mark,

St. John Chrysostom quote on fasting: "The fast is of real value only when it stems from a pure heart, when one is ready to deny wealth, and stand above money, when one is ready to give alms to the poor, when one has love and affection, not only for one's own children but also for the orphans and the poor..."

Several years ago I sponsored a fund-raiser to collect gift cards (to walmart, weis, etc.) for the seminarian families here at St. Tikhon's. St. Mark's has always been so generous in supporting our monastery and seminary so I wanted to let you know that we are going to sponsor this fund-raiser again this year since we have 18 seminarian families this year.

If you would like to participate in this lenten fund-raiser, just purchase a gift card in the amount of \$25 or \$50 (or more if you'd like) and we will give them out to the seminarians that have the most need. Some of our single seminarians could also use some help and encouragement during this time. So if you would like your gift to go to one of the single students, just specify that on your gift. You can mail the gift cards to me at:

Attention: Mary Carol Ashley
St. Tikhon's Monastery Bookstore
175 St. Tikhon's Road
Waymart, PA 18472

Thank you and God bless you for reaching out to these men and their families who have sacrificed so much to come to seminary to be trained as our future priests. Have a blessed Lenten struggle!

In Christ,
Mary Carol Ashley

ROOM FOR RENT: Furnished room in Rockville Townhouse available to rent with private bath, kitchen and laundry usage. Parking out front. \$600.00 per month (includes all utilities). References requested. Call Dee at 301-424-4214. Please let Dee know you heard about it from Mary Carol and St. Mark.

CENTER FOR THE BYZANTINE ARTS EVENTS:

A STUDY ON ANGEL WINGS: Join the Center for Byzantine Material Arts in the study of angel wings in Byzantine iconography April 21st 11-3pm Cost is \$125.00 Under the instruction of Colette Kalvesmaki, the class will practice drawing various angel wings, then transfer them to colored paper with chalks and ink. Visit the website under "Events" to sign up or contact Colette at cbma@byzarts.com with questions.

BOOK CLUB: If you would like to be part of a book club all about icons, join us once a month to discuss a chapter in our chosen book. We hope to meet the last Saturday of every month at 10 am at the Center. This first book will be, *BEAUTY, SPIRIT, MATTER* by Aiden Hart. We have some of this book available in our bookstore. Or I can do a large order if needed — just let me know if you are interested. Our first meeting will be Feb 17th at 10 AM. Cost is free. To RSVP or to join email cbma@byzarts.com

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES FOR THE SPRING: Join us for insightful lectures from scholars, archaeologist, priests and iconographers to explore and better understand the Holy Icon. This spring's line up:

April 13th at 7pm: Robin Darling Young, TBA, (professor at Catholic University)

May 4th at 7pm: "Persons or Principles: The meaning of the Byzantine icon revisited", by Alexis Torrance (Visiting fellow currently at Dumbarton Oaks)

RSVP if possible: cbma@byzarts.com - Suggested donation \$10

OCMC BENEFIT DINNER AND RAFFLE: Join us for a Pan-Orthodox celebration of Orthodox Christian Missions on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041. Evening Vespers at 4:30 pm; with dinner to follow. Enjoy a wine reception and dinner, with music, raffles & guest speaker Father George Liacopoulos, Ph.D., of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Egg Harbor, NJ. Your support assists the Orthodox Christian Mission Center spreading our Orthodox faith throughout the world! Tickets \$60/student rate \$30; tables of ten (10) are \$500. For more information, contact Nia Vroustouris at email eroutouris@gmail.com or Linda Jouvanis at email ljouvanis@gmail.com to purchase raffle/dinner tickets.