

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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ANTIPASCHA – ST. THOMAS SUNDAY APRIL 15, 2018

EPISTLE Acts 5:12 – 20	GOSPEL John 20:19 – 31	Tone 1
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA. St. Thomas Sunday. Apostles of the Seventy: Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus (ca. 67 A.D.). Martyrs Basilissa (Vasilissa) and Anastasia of Rome, disciples of Apostles Peter and Paul (1st c.). Martyr Suchias and his company in Georgia (2nd c.). Martyr Sabbas the Goth, of Wallachia (372).

Sunday	Apr	15	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			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	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
Sunday	Apr	22	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Myrrbearing Women
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Saturday	Apr	28	2:00p	Baptism of Lucy Moser
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Altar Candles** are donated by **The Rodak Family** in loving memory of dear parents and grandparents, **George and Mary Dranchak**. Christ is Risen!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are donated by **Marilyn Macht** in honor of granddaughter **Chloe Little's** birthday. May God Grant Her Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels
Apr 15	M. Baxtresser & M. Chow	S. Borger Freimann
Apr 22	J&K Barber	E. Barbar & C. Berencz Bilyeu

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Apr 15	J. Sokich	M. Ahmadi	C. German	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch
Apr 22	S&D Hardy		V. Bumbak	P. Masick & T. Sekellick	J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, April 21 st	Following Vespers
Saturday, April 28 th	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; Mary Ann Fitzgerald; Julia Flick; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; 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**, co-worker **Dan** 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!

EASTER EGG HUNT: will take place next TODAY following Liturgy.

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!

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.

BIBLE STUDY: "When God's way seems flat-out stupid" the Vesper's Bible study continues thru the book of Joshua. The children of Israel have crossed the Jordan and are preparing for the really big battles to come when the Lord asks them to do something that seems flat out stupid. Join us next (4/21) Saturday after Vespers to discuss what happens next and its application to our own lives. Is this part of what that Orthodox emphasis on "humility" is all about?

LAST CALL for OCMC Banquet Tickets and reservations. Vera Bumbak will have a table during coffee hour TODAY following Liturgy where you may purchase dinner and raffle tickets.

RUMMAGE SALE PLANNING MEETING April 22nd after Liturgy. Any questions? Call Marsha 301-881-3407

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.

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

15	Christopher Safchuk
16	Sophia Nimmer
17	Helen Salas
18	Nina Uritsky
19	Ashley Albert
20	Mary Rudin
21	Doug Burns
	Anastacia Jacobsen
	Melania Schwartz

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

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

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.

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.

CALLING RISING SENIORS! Would you like to represent the Archdiocese of Washington at the IOCC Serve X-treme Youth Leadership Conference? The conference is to be held in Minneapolis from July 28th - August 3rd 2018 and all expenses will be paid. Young people entering their senior year of high school in the fall of 2018 are to be considered. If you are interested, please see Fr. Gregory!

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.