

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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BLIND MAN **MAY 13, 2018**

EPISTLE Acts 16:16 – 34	GOSPEL John 9:1 – 38	Tone 5
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177). Righteous Virgin Glykéria of Novgorod (1522). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Makáary, Archimandrite of Obruch (or Kanev – 1678). Martyr Alexander of Rome (284 – 305). St. Pausiacius, Bishop of Synnada (6th – 7th c.). St. George the Confessor, with his wife Irene, and their children, of Constantinople (9th c.). St. Euthymius the New (1028), Founder of the Iveron Monastery, and his fellow Georgian Saints of Mt. Athos: his father, John, his cousin, George and Gabriel. Monk Martyrs of Iveron (Mt. Athos).

Sunday	May	13		Mother's Day
			9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Blind Man
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	May	15	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Akathist
Thursday	May	17	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Ascension of Our Lord
Saturday	May	19	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
Sunday	May	20	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Semi-Annual Meeting

The **Sanctuary Candles** are donated by **Joan Mitchum** in memory of mother **Jessie Fritzky**. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels
May 13	M. & T. Karas	M. Macht Korokov
May 20		

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
May 13	J. Sokich	M. Phinney	Dn. D. Phelps	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch
May 20	C. Berencz	M. Lungociu	Mka. G. Phelps	M. Nimmer & Renee Zabela	E. Pederson N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, May 19 th	Following Vespers
Saturday, May 26 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 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**. Paula Zabela's brothers-in-law **Leonard & Thomas** Broskey. Rose Zabela's father **Ed Dumm** who is hospitalized from a stroke.

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!

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CALLING ALL 2018 GRADUATES! Graduations are approaching! If you have a graduate in your family, please let us know so that we can honor him/her following Liturgy in early June. **Tell us all the details by Sunday, May 27th** (when, where, what his/her plans are for a career, major, grad school etc. and what honors he/she has received – don't be afraid to brag a little because we are family). E-mail the information to the Church office at: admin@stmarkoca.org. Thank you!

ST. MARK FOCA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Our FOCA chapter is accepting applications from college and post-graduate students of St. Mark for scholarships. Applications can be obtained by e-mailing Paul Dean at: PVDean@fcps.edu. **The deadline for submission is Sunday, June 1st.**

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place Sunday, May 20th, following Liturgy. Read-ahead materials are available online and in hard copy on the table in the hallway outside of the sanctuary.

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING A big thank you to everyone who completed and returned their 2018 pledge cards! We very much appreciate your efforts! If you haven't yet completed a pledge card for 2018, please do so before the semi-annual parish meeting on Sunday, May 20th. There are extra copies of the pledge card on the table in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. Please return completed pledges to Gene Jacobsen or Sharon Sielinski. Thanks so much!

HEARING AIDS: Do you wear hearing aids? Are they blue tooth enabled? Please let us know the make and model of your hearing device so that we may check compatibility with listening technology available with the new sound system. Please inform Father Gregory, Michael Thompson, or Sharon Sielinski.

SPRING FROZEN FOOD SALE Poppy Seed Rolls—\$15.00; Spanakopita (4) - \$20.00/pan; St. Mark Piroghi—\$5.00; See Tina Burpee if you are interested.

A BOOK DISCUSSION will take place on Madeline Albright's new book *Fascism: A Warning* on Sunday, June 3rd following Liturgy. The group will meet in the library. Questions? See Jerry Marti or Kim Lungociu.

ASCENSION: We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for Ascension on Thursday, May 17th, at 10:00 am. Please mark your calendars and attend if you are able.

VIGIL for Pentecost will take place on Saturday, May 26th, at 5:30 pm.

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

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR DOUG PIERCE: As many of you may not know this year I was chosen to be a Maryland Arts Council grantee and fellow. I will need your help to make my project a reality. In 2006, Laura and I were Chrismated into the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith. During this time I came up with a three movement suite entitled "Suite for the Panaghia: Songs for the Theotokos." The piece will involve quite a few different moving parts and because of the need for rehearsals and planning with a high caliber group of musicians and technicians I need your help to pull this off. Here is the link to my GoFundMe Page. Please check out the video and we thank you for anything you are able to donate to help make this project happen. In Christ, Doug Pierce. The link is www.gofundme.com/douglaspiersesuite

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.

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

13	Ellen Barber	17	Sherry Safchuk
14	Alexander Norton	19	Carol Mary Ashley
15	Antonina Riscuta		Stephen Ilario
16	Alexandra Brasoveanu-Tarpy		Estelle Klirs
	Dorothy Dillon		

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!

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.

SYNERGY WITH GOD discussion will take place at Orthodox Church of St. Matthew, 7271 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia, MD 21046. Attend one or both. Everyone is invited, teens included! Vespers 5pm.

Sat., 2 Jun., 2:30-4:45pm: Orthodox Prayer - What is the Orthodox view of salvation (Theosis)? What is its origin? What are we saved from? Why is prayer important? How should we pray? What should we pray for? Examination of six prayers.

Sat., 9 Jun., 2:30-4:45pm: Orthodox Life - Seeing with Spiritual Eyes; Baptism, Repentance, Confession & Forgiveness; Praying for our "Enemies"; Christ, Apostles, Saints and Orthodox Theologians on Salvation. How can we discern God's will? What, specifically, are we to do? What is the Orthodox Life?

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!

A TALE OF TWO CONVENTS Saidnaya & Maaloula. A fundraising event to benefit the ancient convents of Saidnaya and Maaloula in Syria and their orphanages will take place at Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church. 10620 River Road Potomac, MD 20854. 301.765.3400. Saturday, June 2, 2018, 7-9 pm. Featuring live classical Oud music, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. All net proceeds to benefit the convents. Donations accepted at the event.

SERBFEST DC SPRING 2018 Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church of Potomac, MD Presents SerbFest DC Spring 2018!

Friday, May 18th (11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
Saturday, May 19th (11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
Sunday, May 20th (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Enjoy authentic Serbian food, drinks, musical and dance performances, boutique gift items and family-friendly rides and activities. Admission and parking are free. All a la carte food item proceeds benefit Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church. Location: Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, 10660 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854. For More Information Additional details regarding the event including live updates can be found by following @SerbFestDC on Twitter and Facebook and online at www.serbfestdc.com.

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