

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL MAY 20, 2018

EPISTLE Acts 20:16 – 18, 28 – 36	GOSPEL John 17:1 – 13	Tone 6
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Martyr Thalelaeus at Égœ in Cilicia, and his companions Martyrs Alexander and Asterius (ca. 284). Uncovering the Relics of St. Aleksy, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1431). Rt. Blv. Prince St. Dovmont (Timothy), Prince of Skov (1299). Martyr Asclas of Egypt (ca. 287).

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
Saturday	May	26	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Vigil for Pentecost
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	May	27	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Prayers– HOLY PENTECOST
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Women’s Book Club Meeting
Monday	May	28		MEMORIAL DAY
Saturday	June	2	8:00a	Rummage Sale
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Altar Candles** are offered by the **Prose, Jacobsen, and Dove** families in celebration of the safe arrival of our newest addition **Bella Stephania Prose!** May God Grant Her Many Years!

The **Altar Candles** are also donated by **Drs. Anna and Mary Nemesh** in memory of parents **Charles and Annie Nemesh** and brother **Dr. Walter Nemesh**. May Their Memory Be Eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Galina Schneider** in memory of **Richard Brown, Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Paraskevoula, and Vladimir**. May Their Memory Be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels
May 20		
May 27	MEMORIAL	POTLUCK

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
May 20	C. Berencz	M. Lungociu	Mka. G. Phelps	M. Nimmer & Renee Zabela	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor
May 27	W. Tatusko	P. Dean	N. Bilyeu	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, May 26 th	Following Vespers
Saturday, June 2 nd	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**.

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!

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING LITURGY!

ST. MARK FOCA: Thank you to the Jacobsen and Prose families for distributing the Mother's Day gifts last Sunday.

NEW BABY! Congratulations to Patty and Aaron Prose, and the Jacobsen and Dove families, on the birth of their daughter Bella Stephania Prose! All are doing well! Please keep them in your prayers!

CONGRATULATIONS! The Holy Synod of Bishops of the at their most recent meeting agreed to award the blessing of the rank of Mitred Archpriest to Fr. Basil Summer. He will receive the award on Sunday, June 17th. (Father's Day) at St. Sergius Chapel in Syosset NY. May God bless him and grant him many years!

HEIRLOOM TOMATOES FOR SALE—Benefit Church Growth & Evangelization
Don Truitt will be offering approximately 60-65 home grown heirloom tomato seedlings at \$5 per seedling before and after the semi-annual meeting on Sunday and during coffee hour on Sunday, May 26, while supplies last. These were all grown from seed since late March and are now ready to be planted. There are 14 different hard to find varieties, such as Cherokee Purple, Ferris Wheel, Green Giant, Abraham Lincoln, Sun Sugar, and Mexico Midget, as well as three different Russian varieties: Black Krim, Purple Russian and Persimmon. All money collected from this tomato seedling sale will be donated to the St. Mark Church Growth and Evangelization fund.

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.**

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE: You may begin to bring your donations to St. Mark starting THIS WEEKEND, May 20th. There will be no Church School on this date, so we can store the donations in the classrooms. See signs on the classroom doors to indicate where to put your items.

PLEASE, NO BLACK PLASTIC TRASH BAGS! These black trash bags have a tendency to tear open, or are too heavy for the volunteers to lift. Put your donations into paper bags or boxes. All appliances and electrical devices **MUST BE IN WORKING CONDITION.**

Follow the donation guidelines that were included in the last issue of the EVANGELIZER. (No broken, chipped, dirty items)

We can only accept FLAT screen T.Vs and computer monitors because disposal of the older devices are an issue.

Any questions? email Marsha Zellem: marshazellem@alumni.pitt.edu Thank you!

As a reminder, as there many small children running around, if you are planning to donate old kitchen knives to please make sure they are either sheathed or otherwise contained safely (meaning they are not just loosely laying around). Otherwise, please do NOT donate them.

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/douglaspiercesuite

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.

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

21	Coy Williamson	24	Nicholas Paul Moser
22	Simina Lal Ciubotaru	25	Talia Sieff
	Renee Zabela		Florin Vasilian
	Dominic Rotunda	26	Christina Berencz
23	Kenneth Bernstein		Andrew Bumbak
	Carl Firestone		
	Cindy Jefferson		

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!

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!

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?

PIROGHI LUNCHEON a piroghi luncheon will be held after liturgy on Sunday, July 22. This luncheon is scheduled to use up the remaining St. Mark piroghi. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of this year's bazaar ingredients. Help will be needed in the kitchen to serve the food. Please let Tina Burpee know if you can help.

CONCERT: Concert pianist Kevin Ayesh, a former St. Mark member and choir director, will be presenting a house concert on the Emerson Avenue Salons series in McLean next Sunday, May 27. The evening begins with appetizers and drinks at 6:30; the performance is at 7:30, followed by a pot-luck dinner at 8:30. All are invited. Admission is free; attendees are asked to bring a dish for the buffet table. For complete information and to make a reservation, visit the website: emersonavenuesalons.com.

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!

Last Day! - 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.

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING Sunday, July 15 at 11:30 in the teen room. Food and department chairpersons are asked to attend, but the meeting is open to everyone.

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL PICNIC will take place Sunday, June 3rd. Hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls will be provided, but please consider bringing other things on a potluck basis. Let Nancy Stanton know what you can offer. Thanks!

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.

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND TEACHERS: I am honored to serve as the church school director for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be having a "Let's Get Started" meeting on **Sunday, June 10th** immediately after church to discuss some changes with St. Mark Church School for the 2018-2019 school year. Please grab something to eat and come up to the Teen Classroom (end of the hallway top floor, next to Fr. Gregory's office). **My intent is to keep the meeting to 45 minutes or less.** We will be focusing on one or two changes for the year, along with some other admin. changes. **Our goal** is to have a team in place to run the various aspects of this program. I have a small list of people currently that are willing to serve, and I am hoping to gather a list of any others beforehand or at this meeting, that are interested in serving, and that are gifted in certain areas. If you are interested in serving on the church school team, please take time to think about what your spiritual gifts or talents are before the meeting, so that we can best place you. If you are interested in expressing your thoughts on changes to the Church School Program, please send me 1-2 desired changes *before the meeting to my e-mail at pedersenclan4@gmail.com.* You're also encouraged to just come and listen in on the meeting if you'd like. - Stacy Pedersen