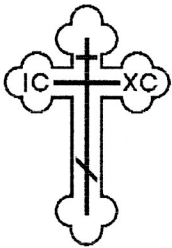


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The place of the Gospel in human society

While proclaiming the Christian faith in a multi-religious society, we stress that the Gospel is not another "theory," but the preeminent news; that the Son and Word of God, who became human and arose from the dead, is always with us. The Christian faith stresses the incarnation of God, who "is love," but at the same time offers divine grace, a transformative journey to "deification" by grace.

Archbishop Anastasios of Albania

Wandering in the Desert

According to the Book of Exodus, after having been delivered from Pharaoh's armies, God's chosen people wandered through the desert for 40 years before reaching the "Promised Land". It was not their choice, but divine providence that they as a people, should endure this purgative time of transition. As unwelcome as it may have been, it was somehow necessary for them and perhaps also for us as a chapter in the history of salvation.

In contrast, but perhaps also in a resonant way, there are those in the history and spiritual tradition of the Church who were called "Desert Fathers and Mothers" - spiritual elders and guides, people who chose to answer God's call to focus the time, energy and labor of their lives on God and prayer in the wilderness "apart". They entered the desert voluntarily. Our Lord too, we are told, went away there apart to pray and fast.

The setting itself is significant and offers us some useful things to ponder in regard to our own spiritual lives. A desert is mostly perceived to be a vast place with few living things; a harsh and barren environment with few comforts to nurture and ease life. Hence it is often a place of solitude - apart from the busyness and rush of collective human endeavors. It is not bereft of beauty, but endowed with a beauty of its own which is rooted in simplicity.

In this way, it can offer the ideal envi-

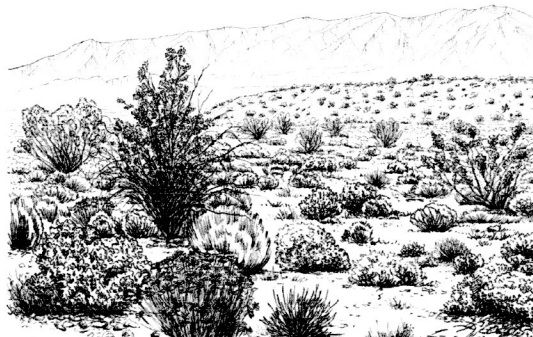
ronment for spiritual growth. We are forced to come closer to God or perish apart from Him. There is no one to help and very little to offer distraction. The conditions there urge a dependancy on God in order to provide for and guide the mind, the heart, the soul and the body.

Although not all of us are literally called to go off and live in the wilderness, the desert can serve as a powerful metaphorical image of what constitutes perhaps the largest

portion of our individual lifetime and spiritual journey. During our time in the desert, our faith is tested, formed and forged directly by the hand of God, although we often feel quite alone, vulnerable and abandoned in our wandering.

An excellent exploration of this understanding can be found in the book: **Remember Thy First Love**, by Archimandrite Zacharias. In it, he writes extensively about the three stages of the spiritual life in the theology of Elder Sophrony of Essex. The second and longest stage can be seen as an amplification of this theme of the desert and our wandering. In his forward, Bishop Basil (Essey) writes: "the second stage consists of a long and arduous struggle through God's providential withdrawal of His grace;" Although He may withdraw from us, He does not abandon us and continues always to instruct us in His ways by His Holy Spirit. An inspiring read - perhaps especially now as we approach the Advent fast.

- Fr. Gregory



PRESERVING OUR SPIRITUAL ENAMEL

Submitted by: Matushka Alexandra Safchuk

Lately, I have been supporting a number of dental health professionals, again. In fact, I was recently visiting my parents and my childhood orthodontist got into the act, asking me if I was keeping up with wearing my retainer. Really? I am only one person. And my total number of teeth seems to be in decline. How will all these dental experts survive when I am reduced to gumming my mashed potatoes?

And though it would be helpful to blame myself for this recent upsurge in dental activity, it is not my personal execution of dental hygiene that bears responsibility. Sure, there may be moments between 2:30 and 4:00 am when I am not brushing, so maybe I could get on that, but during my waking hours I faithfully brush. I floss. I gargle. I wear a night guard. I even use these tiny little instruments of torture that brush between my teeth and gums. Really, it's a job taking care of this mouth.



It is especially frustrating when they swing those x-rays around and point out the “spongy gum tissue” and “fissures” as if I am doing this all deliberately and they would like nothing more than to be able to permanently close their offices and take up water polo. Sometimes, while I am waiting for the assistant to run my credit card (“there’s money in that mouth”), I consider the alternatives.

I could just give up. I could, as they say, “do less.” After all, I am not getting the results I want. Then I could sleep in a little in the morning. Save some money on the array of dental products. Dine on dozens of delicious donuts, and consume quantities of creamy frozen confections, bathing my teeth in sugar. Sublime. But then some months (or in my case days, possibly hours) down the road, things in my mouth will, as they say, “go south” (hmmmmm). I may not notice the changes at first. They will be microscopic. But after a while there will be pain. There will be bleeding. There will be decay.

It is the same with our spiritual life. We can ignore it. Even note that there are those who never seem to devote any attention to a connection with God. We may envy others their lazy Sunday mornings. We may think that some have it so much easier with their forays to Five Guys on Wednesday nights during Great Lent while we battle traffic, weather and the TV schedule to attend Presanctified Liturgy. We can especially feel this way if we are not getting what we “want” from God.

But there is quite a risk of “doing less” in our spiritual life. The time we take, the sacrifices we make, the honor and praise that we offer, closes up those microscopic fissures in our spiritual enamel and protects us from the degrading harm of destructive influences. Our attention to our spiritual life builds our strength. And it happens in microscopic ways, often undetectable except over decades of caring attention. All toward the day when we will hear from our Lord, “well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your Master.” (Matthew 25:23) Great teeth are terrific, but even that sparkling smile will dull in comparison to the splendor of the Kingdom. I’m telling you, it’s going to be good. A place where there are no cavities, or cataracts or cancer awaits us.

With love in Christ,

Matushka Alexandra Safchuk

MY TRIP TO RUSSIA

Submitted by: Matt Jones

Hello everyone,

Matt Jones here. Over the summer, I enrolled in the Summer Language Institute program offered by my school, the University of Pittsburgh. The program helped me improve my knowledge of the Russian language a lot, but the more interesting part of the program was, of course, the month I got to spend in Russia, primarily Moscow.

To be honest, I feel like some people have an incorrect image of Russia. This is completely different from my experience. Moscow is very comparable to a large American city like New York City – generally very modern and full of life. I stayed in the main dormitory of Moscow State University, visited the Kremlin, saw a lot of beautiful Russian Orthodox churches, and even got to walk around the city on my own and appreciate its more mundane facets.

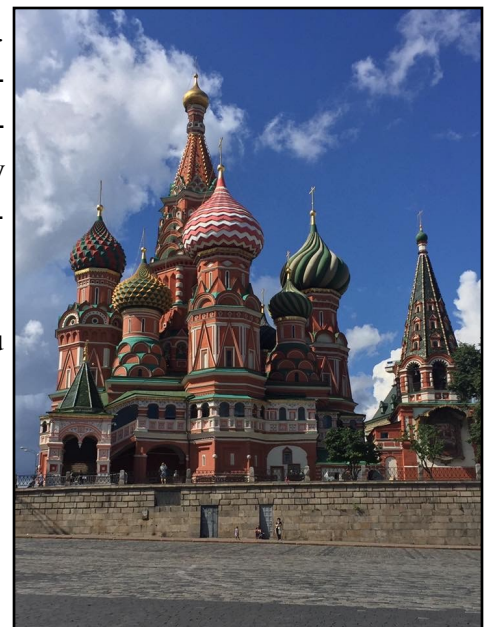


On the weekends my group would travel to other large cities in Western Russia. We visited 3 of these, and one smaller town. First was Tver, a beautiful city of about 400,000 people located along the Volga river to the Northwest of Moscow. We got to stroll around the city and meet some students from Tverskoy State University. Second was Yaroslav and a nearby town, Rostov Velikii. These two places had a large amount of churches and monasteries that date back to hundreds of years ago – all beautiful, of course. Finally was St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg was a much more Western-

European city – it reminded me of France. The canals across the city made for very interesting travel, and I saw Peterhof, the Russian equivalent of Versailles. All in all, a wonderful city.

In the end, I had a great time and would not hesitate to visit again. If you ever get the chance to visit Russia, I recommend it!

Matt Jones



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Submitted by: Ginny Albert

It's time to plan how you can use your special baking talents to help Saint Mark's at the Bazaar! Our **Bake Sale** customers come looking for all kinds of yummy homemade sweet or yeast breads and ethnic specialties. Several workshops will be held in the church kitchen this fall; if your schedule permits, we hope you will join in the fun!

Oct. 5 – 10:00 am – Poppy Seed Roll Baking

Oct. 11 – 10:00 am – Nut Roll Baking

Oct. 17 – 10:00 am – Black Bread Baking

Oct. 22 – 9:00 am – Apricot Roll Baking

Oct. 29 – 9:00 am – Nut/Poppy Seed Roll Baking (*if needed*)

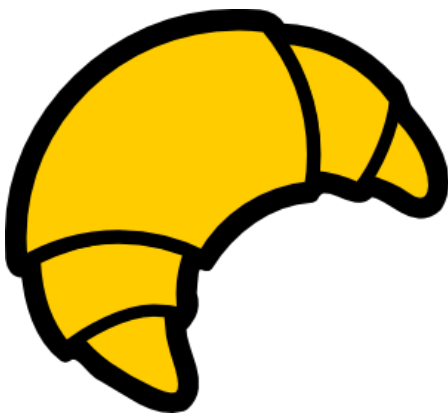
If this is your first Bazaar, you may want to pick up a copy of “*Suggested Recipes For Baked Goods For Our Bazaar*” from the table in the church hall. It contains suggestions for donations to the Bake Sale and the Desert Table, along with instructions for at-home preparation and storage. On that same table you will find a clipboard with a sign-up sheet where you can list the baked goods you will donate to the Bake Sale. **Please sign up!**

Questions?

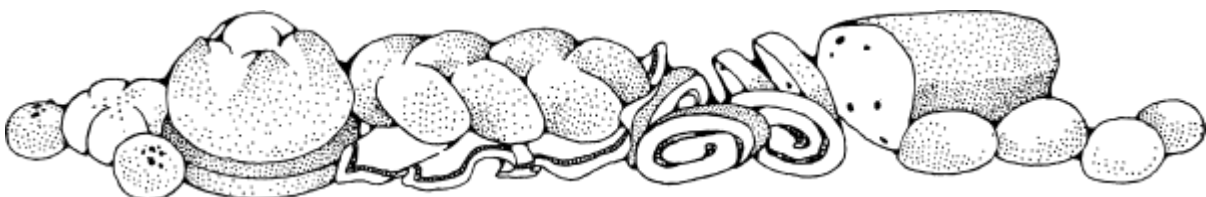
Contact Ginny Albert (ginny.albert@gmail.com)

or

Paula Zabela (pzabela@comcast.net)



BAKE
SALE

Three mittens are arranged horizontally between the words 'BAKE' and 'SALE'. From left to right, they are blue with white plaid, orange with white plaid, and red with white plaid.

LADY LOCKS COOKIE WORKSHOP

Photos by: Fr. Gregory Safchuk

Photos from the Lady Locks Cookie Workshop that took place Tuesday September, 20th at 9:30 AM.



ST. MARK BAZAAR

Submitted by: Tina Burpee

St. Mark Annual Food Festival and Bazaar is our biggest fund raiser and takes place on Friday Nov 4th from 11am-7pm, Saturday Nov 5th from 11am-7pm, & Sunday Nov 6th from 12-4pm. It requires every parishioner's help both during the three-day festival and in the two months prior to the bazaar.

HOW CAN YOU HELP PRIOR TO THE BAZAAR?

✝ **Food Workshops** – A workshop calendar may be viewed online at: <http://stmarkoca.org/calendar/>. We ask that everyone plan to attend and assist at as many workshops during September and October as possible. After the foods are made in advance, they are frozen until the bazaar. This is also a great way to learn how to make many of the ethnic foods. Children are encouraged to help if they are supervised by their parents. **Remember that the workshops don't end when food preparation is finished. The kitchen and other areas must be cleaned, dishes/pans washed, and everything put back in its place.** FOOD PREP CHAIRPERSONS: *Halupki*: Chris Cacic; *Piroshki*: Matushka Sasha & Martha Vance; *Blini*: Susanna Needham & Sharon Sielinski; *Pirog*: Pat Ihnat & Tina Parish; *Chicken Kiev*: John Ihnat; *Spanakopita*: Marsha Zelle; *Beef Stroganoff*: Mary Ann & Doug Fitzgerald; *Piroghi*: Daniella Mihailov & Helen Kerch.

✝ **Baked Goods Room – Chairpersons, Ginny Albert & Paula Zebela** – Parishioners are asked to donate as many baked goods as they can to the baked goods room. Apricot, poppyseed and raspberry fillings will be provided free of charge to help defray some of the cost. We would like to concentrate this department on yeast and sweet breads and ethnic cookies. Other cookies do not sell well. Some suggested ethnic baking recipes will be located on the filling/nuts table. If absolutely needed, you may bring your baked goods wrapped well in plastic wrap and put them in the designated freezers in the small storage class room – all other freezers are for prepared kitchen foods only. All baked goods should be made from scratch. We are advised that Friday & Saturday have the most sales in the bakery. Please plan to bring your baked goods Thursday night or Friday morning. Montgomery County requires each baked good to have label listing ingredients and the initials of the baker.

✝ **Dessert Table – Chairperson, Nancy Stanton** – Parishioners are asked to donate as many dessert items as possible for each day of the bazaar (don't forget about Sunday). Desserts should be able to be easily cut into serving-size pieces. Walnuts, apricot, poppyseed and raspberry fillings will be provided free of charge to parishioners to help defray some of the cost. All baked goods should be made from scratch. Montgomery County requires each baked good to have label listing ingredients and the initials of the baker.

✝ **Candy Table – Chairperson, Tammy Jacobsen** – Please consider contributing your favorite homemade candy.

✝ **Beverages – Chairperson, Justin Barber**

✝ **Advertising – Chairperson, Nina Bilyeu**

✝ **Grand Raffle – Chairpersons – Shirley & Paul Dean**

✝ **Lucky Draw – Chairpersons: Vicky Jacobsen** – Gift certificates for dinners or services in the Bethesda/Chevy Chase/Rockville/McLean/Tysons area will be gladly accepted as gifts for this room as well as gift baskets and other gift donations.

Remember that the cost of food ingredients and donations can be written off of your income taxes as a donation.

HOW CAN YOU HELP DURING THE BAZAAR?

✝ **Sign Up To Work!** – We need everyone's help each day during the bazaar. Sign-up sheets are posted at the rear of the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen door. **Everyone who will be working MUST sign up on the sheets prior to the bazaar to make sure all shifts are covered!** Please plan to be there each day to lend your support.

✝ **Teenagers** – Did you know that working at the bazaar can be counted as part of your community service requirement for graduation? (You must be **14 years of age** to work at the kitchen order window.)

UPCOMING BAZAAR WORKSHOPS

OCTOBER 2016



October 5th - 10:00 am - Poppyseed Roll Baking Workshop

October 8th - 9:00 am - Spanakopita Workshop

October 11th - 10:00 am - Nut Roll Baking Workshop

October 13th - 10:00 am - Piroshki Workshop

October 17th - 10:00 am - Black Bread Baking Workshop

October 20th - 9:00 am - Halupki Workshop

October 22th - 9:00 am - Apricot Roll Baking Workshop

October 30th - Bazaar able set-up after Liturgy

NOVEMBER 2016



November 3rd - Final Bazaar set up

November 4th - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm - Bazaar

November 5th - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm - Bazaar

November 6th - 12:00 am - 4:00 pm - Bazaar



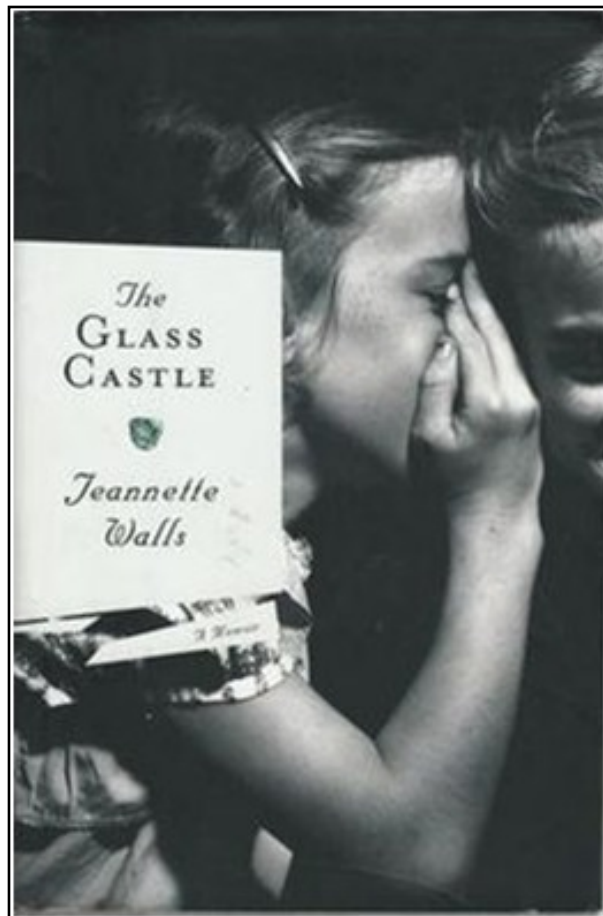
WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Submitted by: Barbara Freimann

The St. Mark Women's Book Club meets after Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month. Our book selections have included a wide-range of genres, often fiction. We try to do a spiritual book once or twice a year. We don't choose best sellers, because they are harder to get from the library. Some of us get the audio book and listen to it in the car or on a smart phone. Or some just download the book to their Nooks or Kindle.

In theory we all have read the book and discuss it. In actuality, sometimes we haven't quite finished it or even started it. After hearing the discussion, we usually decide to make time to read it. Our talks are lively and as diverse as we are. We would love to have more women join us. Just grab your coffee and doughnut and join us while your kids are in Sunday School! Or just come and listen. Suggestions are welcome for good reads.

The October selection is "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. This is a must read choice. The November selection is "When I'm Gone" by Emily Bleaker. The December selection is "Touching Heaven" by Chauncey Crandell. Hope to see you October 30, 2016!



LIBRARY NEWS

Submitted by: Joan Mitchum

As a reminder, both the library and bookstore are self-serve.

If you want to buy something from the bookstore, check inside the cover for the post-it tag with the price. Attach that to your check and leave it in the envelope hanging on one of the shelves. If you have cash, please give it to me, Pat Ihnat (at the gift store) or Father Gregory.

There are still a couple copies of Sacramental Living available. The author spoke after a presanctified liturgy this past Lent. Our Women's Book Club just read that in September, and the author joined us. It is a very thought provoking book with short chapters that makes the reading easier!

Parents, there are also books for children. There are copies of Divine Liturgy for Children as well as others explaining our faith. Also check the library; I usually have the same books there.

Next to the bookstore on the wooden bookcase are books we did not need in the library. They are free or you can leave a donation. There is a small box in the basket on the top shelf for donations. Most, but not all, are religious in nature. You can also leave books there for people to take.

Like the bookstore, the library is self serve. I am now putting new books on the wooden shelves straight ahead when you come in to the library.

When your child needs to do a book report, he/she can read something from our library. Your child will learn about our faith, and so will the teacher!



ICONOGRAPHY UPDATE

Submitted by: Gail Rutan

What a beautiful sight: the apse and sanctuary of our Church! The icon committee has met several times to start planning the continuation of our project. The next phase will be illuminating the nave. As Fr. Gregory discussed in his homily on August 21st, we can think of the nave as a ship, with us heading toward the “transfigured creation,” as the famous iconographer Ouspensky (1) wrote. Hopefully the murals and frescoes will create an atmosphere conducive to prayer and as an aid in teaching the precepts of our faith.

The sacred space of an Orthodox Church is divided into 3 distinct areas:

1. The sanctuary, where heavenly events are illustrated;
2. The nave, where New Testament events are portrayed;
3. The narthex, where we enter the church. The narthex usually illustrates Old Testament events and the martyrdom of the ascetics. These icons give us spiritual courage to continue our prayer as we enter the nave.



Iconography Project - Our Church Decorated for Pascha, 2016. Photo Credit: Victor Lutes

Thus, there is a progression not only in time but also in theology as we transition to the various sacred spaces of the church building. We enter through the Old Testament and the struggles of the martyrs and ascetics. We then enter the New Testament events (the nave), keeping our eye on the heavenly events illustrated in the sanctuary.

In addition to the horizontal progression in theology as mentioned above from the narthex to the sanctuary, there is also a vertical progression from top to bottom. The top tiers in large naves, for example, illustrate scenes from the life of Christ, with lower rungs showing figures of saints. Thus, by this arrangement (metaphorically speaking), God descends to man as man ascends to God (2).

At the meeting on August 21st, we discussed illuminating the nave in light of these precepts. We may be looking at other festal icons that were not already painted in the sanctuary. Additionally, illustrations of the parables of Christ are good examples of New Testament teachings of our faith. There may be more icons of saints, also.

Stay tuned! More thoughts will be presented at the annual parish meeting in November.

1. Leonid Ouspensky: *The Theology of the Icon*. St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press: Yonkers, NY. 1992.

2. Aidan Hart: *Icon and Wall Painting: Egg Tempera, Fresco, Secco*. Gracewing: Herefordshire, England. 2001. Pg 311.

METROPOLITAN TIKHON'S VISIT



Metropolitan Tikhon visited St. Mark on Sunday, September 18th. His Beatitude celebrated Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with us and blessed our Iconography. His Grace is pictured here, with the St. Mark Iconography Committee. Photo Credit: Victor Lutes.



PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE PARISH



Nationals Faith Day—Members of St. Mark and St. Luke enjoy a day of baseball fellowship at the annual Nationals Faith Day at Nationals Park! Photo Credit: Michael Ahmadi



The cross beautifully decorated for feast of the Elevation of the Cross. Photo credits: Victor Lutes

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PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

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Churching of Katie and Elowen Sheppard -
September 4th, 2016

Elowen Marie arrived in the early morning of
July 25th. Katie, Theo and Astrid are thrilled!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



Deacon David speaks to the kids during Vacation Church School. VCS was held at St. Mark on July 19th to July 22nd. The theme was “Special Agents of Christ.” We had lots of participation and lots of learning and fun were had by everyone!



2016 CHURCH SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH** — First day back.
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH** — No class; Bazaar.
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th** — No class; Annual parish meeting.
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH** — No class; Thanksgiving break.
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd** — St. Nicholas Workshop (Grades 4 & under).
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH** — No class; Nativity Play.

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School



MEMORY ETERNAL

CATHRYN TATUSKO AND PROTODEACON BASIL SAFCHUK

CATHRYN TATUSKO



Cathryn Tatusko peacefully fell asleep in the Lord the evening of Tuesday, August 2nd, after her long struggle with cancer. Cathy was pivotal in passing Virginia's Breast Density Inform law which will go on to help save many lives from late stage cancer diagnoses. She and Wayne have been pillars in the St. Mark Community and have lovingly filled many roles and responsibilities. Recently, Wayne and Cathy served as members of our Iconography Committee and were instrumental in completion of our Iconography project. Cathy was a member of the St. Mark Choir and was a faithful and God-fearing woman. She will be very much missed by her Parish, family and friends.

PROTODEACON BASIL SAFCHUK



Protodeacon Basil Safchuk fell asleep in the Lord in the early morning of July 14th.

FOCA NEWS

ANNUAL NATIONAL FOCA STOCK AWARD DRAWING

Congratulations Winners!

Thank you to all who purchased tickets. The second prize went to John and Pat Ihnat for \$100!!!



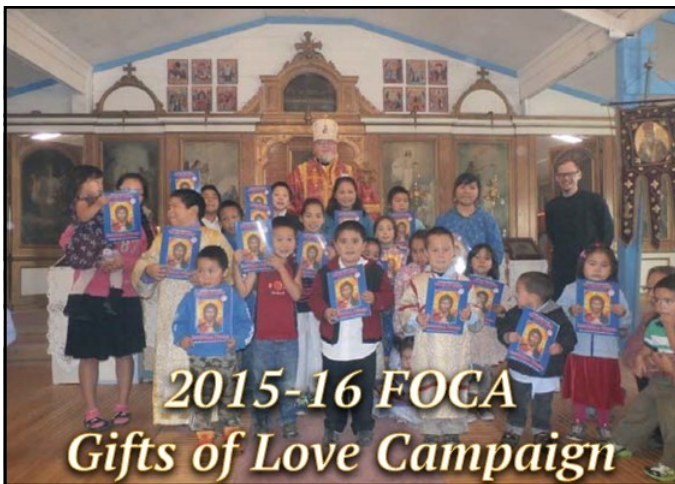
FOCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA), Chapter #229, St. Mark of the Colonial District will begin a membership drive in November for 2017. Dues are \$40 a person. George Freimann is the Membership Chairman. Please see him if you would like to renew your membership or become a new member. Our Junior Chapter is currently on hold. We need a Junior Advisor to reactivate the Junior Chapter. If you are interested, please see Pres. Paul Dean.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

St. Mark FOCA meets in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Saturday of the month following Vespers. Meeting dates for the next three months are below.

- SATURDAY, OCT. 15TH
- SATURDAY, NOV 19TH
- SATURDAY, DEC 17TH



St. Mark FOCA's contribution of \$1,000 to the "Gifts of Love" collection brought the total on the National FOCA Convection floor to \$9,681.00. National FOCA decided to round it up to \$10,000. The Alaska Bishop was delighted. Thanks to all of you who helped us get those Yupik language Orthodox Coloring books for Alaska!

Thanks everyone for supporting Oktoberfest this year. Proceeds will be used for scholarships and other worthy charities. Kudos to Nancy Stanton for organizing this fun event and bravos go to our own St. Mark musicians, "Kim's Celtic Band."



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



SHOP AMAZON.COM AND HELP SUPPORT ST. MARK!

Did you know that when you shop at Amazon.com you can help support St. Mark? Through the Amazon Smile program, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases to St. Mark (no extra charges are applied to your purchase). Simply visit the website: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7254573> and select St. Mark as your charitable organization. Questions? Visit the Amazon Smile "Program Details" at: http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/pd.html/ref=smi_ge_uuas_pd_pd . To date, St. Mark has received a total of **\$33.64** from the Amazon Smile program. Thanks for supporting St. Mark through this program!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR STEPPING STONES BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Stepping Stones backpack drive this year. St. Mark We raised just under **\$1,000.** This provided 50 backpacks to children in Montgomery Schools. In addition, we provided roughly **\$450** to Stepping Stones to support their Back-to-School picnic for current and former residents. Way to go!



RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

More income from the rummage sale! This year's rummage sale, to date, brought in **\$5,024.90** gross. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this effort a success!



UPCOMING EVENTS



BLESSED MAT. OLGA OF ALASKA WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Blessed Matushka Olga of Alaska Prayer Group meets regularly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the church nave for intercessory prayer. In addition, the group meets regularly to pray varying Akathists on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the church nave.

Please join us as you can, and please remember us in your prayers. All prayer requests may be given to Debbi Dillon, Mat. Alexandra or Marcella Hydock. Also, there is a prayer request email address on the St. Mark website. We hope you can join us on:

Intercessory Prayer Dates & Times:

- TUESDAY, OCT 6TH, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY, NOV 3RD, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY, DEC 1ST, 10:30 AM

Akathist Dates & Times:

- TUESDAY, OCT 20TH, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY, NOV 17TH, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY, DEC 15TH, 10:30 AM

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

St. Mark Women's Book Group meets the last Sunday of each month following Liturgy in the parish library. Meeting dates are below. The group has not yet selected books for future meeting dates; please refer to the St. Mark Women's Book Club webpage at: <http://stmarkoca.org/book-clubs/> for future months' books.



- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH



CHOIR—PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The choir will have rehearsals on the dates below. Choir members, please mark your calendars!

- MONDAY, OCT 10th - 7:45 PM
- MONDAY, OCT 24th - 7:45 PM
- SUNDAY, NOV 13th - 11:30 AM

2015 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH — Read-ahead materials to be posted at: <http://stmarkoca.org/parish-council/>



ANNUAL FALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 8:30 AM — Mark your calendars and save the date to help clean up the church interior and church grounds. Lunch will be provided. Your help is greatly appreciated!

STEPPING STONES MEAL DELIVERIES

Please sign up for monthly food preparation and delivery to Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville, MD. The sign-up sheets are on the Outreach bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. Deliveries are the 1st Sunday of each month after Liturgy.

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

UPDATER

NEW ADDRESSES

Jerome and Charlotte Miller
12531 Overlook Mountain Drive
Charlotte, NC 28216

Deaths

07/14/16 — Protodeacon Basil Safchuk
07/24/16 — Champ Alexander Middleton, Jo Anna Balamaci's Father
08/02/16 — Cathryn Tatusko
09/12/16 — Julia Mikulak, Dottie Gumpert's Mother

May Their Memory Be Eternal!

Weddings

09/17/16 — Helen Kerch and Steven Wilcox

May God Grand Them Many Years!

Births

07/25/16 — Elowen Marie Sheppard
09/10/16 — John Moses Weaver

May God Grand Them Many Years!

Anniversaries

09/30 — Dn. Matthew & Mat. Ann Prentice (20 yrs.)
10/09 — Nicholas & Maura Moser (5 yrs.)
10/12 — Debbi & Doug Dillon (30 yrs.)
12/02 — Dr. Dan & Eleanor Carstea (60 yrs.)
12/09 — Peter & Marjorie Sielinski (50 yrs.)

God Grant Them Many Years!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct

2 Michael Lungociu
 3 Daniel Lulchuk
 4 Warren Miller
 Matthew Tucker
 Paula Zabela
 5 John McCamant
 6 Nicholas Antich
 Alexander Barge
 Paul Dean
 Philip Hydock
 7 Mark Needham
 Greg Yakubik
 8 Ionel Baleanu
 9 John Petro
 Julia Wickard
 10 Edward Aseev
 Marie Petro-Jenkins
 11 Frank Dellermann
 12 Aleksandra Cacic
 13 Matthew Lobas
 14 Betselot Bezuneh
 15 Cristin Kumar
 Tammy Jacobsen
 Yeshimebet Samara
 16 Oleg Jankovic
 17 Martha Baxtresser
 18 Dean Balamaci
 Nikolay Korokhov
 Barbara Mersereau
 20 Jerry Rij III
 21 Rebeka Badila
 23 Lori Hottle
 Aaron Steinberg
 Erika Steinberg
 24 William Hardy
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 25 Emily Kerrick
 Jack Ryan Ruzila
 26 Andrew Yakubik
 27 Pierce Berry
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 29 Nina Bilyeu
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 2 Ronald Kerrick
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 3 Jessica Fitzgerald
 Owen Macallan Husak
 5 Jane (Ihnat) Cessna
 Mat. Ann Prentice
 6 Emily Arnold
 Alexander Jankovic
 Susanna Needham
 7 Catherine Dillon
 Dn. David Phelps
 Karen Phinney
 Patricia Rodak
 Brian Zabela
 9 Zachary Firestone
 Mikeal Meyers
 Christian Shimer
 10 Sonya LeFors
 Alexander Safchuk
 11 Andrea Phelps
 Mark Ticich
 12 Abigail Dean
 13 John Riley Husak
 Michelle (Rodak) Weaver
 14 Mark Lungociu
 15 Adrian Ahmadi
 Devon Burns
 David Holovac
 16 Bill Dove
 Kaitlin Brooke Meyers
 17 John Jr. Bilyeu
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 Connor Alexander Ruzila
 18 Claire German
 Joseph Shiller
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 21 Matthew Balamaci
 22 Gregory Mitchum
 Calla (Catherine) Steinberg
 23 Deborah Firestone
 24 Dn. Matthew Prentice
 25 Andrew Dillon
 Diane Kern
 John Thomas Sedor
 28 Virgeil Carstea
 Mark Helba
 Jessica Humphries
 Samantha Pearson
 30 Alexis Christine Freimann
 Helen Kerch

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 Nino Japaridze Henning
 2 John Badila
 3 Daniel Nakshin
 Tina Parrish
 4 Karen Nichols
 5 Theresa Sekellick
 6 Victor Lutes
 7 David Burpee
 8 Kyla Prentice
 Marie Wickard
 9 Linda Marie Jackson
 Konstantin Lyubimov
 Gale Rutan
 10 Ransom Berry
 13 Ivan Borissow
 Micah Needham
 14 Mat. Helen Kuchta
 David Markovich
 Timothy Petro
 15 Howard Guba
 16 Patricia Koopersmith
 Evelyn Leleck
 17 Christopher German
 Jesse Japaridze Henning
 Catherine Steger
 18 Jenifer Calomiris
 Dorothy Rij
 Darren Tucker
 19 Elizabeth Sedor
 Marsha Zellem
 20 Anne Tucker
 21 Nicholas Masick
 Steven Sekellick
 22 Elaine (Petro) O'Halloran
 Mat. Christina Perry
 Mary Williams
 23 Eugene Borissow
 Audrey Henning
 Alexander Landsburg
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 24 Sophie Christine Balan
 25 Mat. Janet Koczak
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