

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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JULY 15, 2018

EPISTLE Rom. 15:1 – 7 Heb. 13:7 – 16 Gal. 1:11 – 19	GOSPEL Matt. 9:27 – 35 John 17:1 – 13 John 10:1 – 9	Tone 6
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Œcumenical Councils. HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR, in Baptism Basil (Vasilii), ENLIGHTENER OF RUS' (1015). Martyr Cyricus (Quiricus) and his mother, Julitta, of Tarsus (ca. 305). Martyr Abudimus of the Isle of Tenedos (4th c.).

Sunday	July	15	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Bazaar Planning Meeting
			2:00p	Wedding of Martha Vance and Jim Budish
Tuesday	July	17	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Grou - Akathist
Saturday	July	21	4:30p	Memorial Service for Tim Masick, Michael Sekellick, and Cathryn Tatusko
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
Sunday	July	22	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Piroghi Luncheon
Monday	July	23	10:30a	Vacation Church School
Tuesday	July	24	10:30a	Vacation Church School
Wednesday	July	25	10:30a	Vacation Church School

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Marilyn Macht** in loving memory of Godson **Matthew Schuett**. May his Memory be Eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Tina Burpee** in loving memory of **Peter Hutchko**. May his Memory be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship			
Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
July 15	Prentice	H. Kerch	Phelps
July 22	Piroghi	Luncheon	Thompson

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
July 15	W. Tatusko	K. Lungociu	C. German	G. Freimann & K. Phinney	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson
July 22	J. Sokich	N. Fitzgerald	C. German	G. Freimann & K. Phinney	N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, July 21 st	Following Vespers
Saturday, July 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; **Philip** Hydock; **Evelyn** Leleck; **Larisa** Looby; **Marina** McKee; **Catherine** Mikuluk; **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** and her friend **Jerome**; Christine Cacic's friend, **Carmen**; Barbara Freimann's niece **Samantha, Tristan, Betty**, and the **Hanway Family**. 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**; **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; 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 friend **Marilyn**. Olga & Slavina Skenderska's cousins, **Desi & Stanislav**, and friends **Catherine & Justin**; Ellen Thompson's daughter, **Sonya**; Don Truitt's parents and Aunt **Lucy**; friends of St. Mark, **Tanya & James** Twyman; Friend of St. Mark **Linda Weir**; **Christen** and infant **Alexander**. Rose Zabela's father **Ed Dumm. Syd**.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS to Martha Vance and Jim Budish who will be married TODAY! May God grant them many years!

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

BOOK DISCUSSION: A discussion group will meet TODAY following liturgy to discuss John Meacham's The Soul of America. Join us to discuss this book and how it may inform our understanding of contemporary events. Questions? see Kim Lungociu or Jerry Marti.

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.

VCS begins on Monday, July 23rd, at 10:30 am. One week from tomorrow! Please see Rachael Datch or Mary Niemi if you would like to volunteer to help out or register your child for some VCS fun!

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY Time is running out! We are wrapping up our portrait-taking for the new photo directory. If you have not yet had your picture taken, please do so soon! We are setup to take portraits on Sunday's after liturgy in my office. Please take a few moments to sign in and smile for the camera. Victor Lutes, Jim Lacko or Steve Sekellick will be taking the photos. It's our goal to include everyone. Thanks for your cooperation! - Fr. Gregory

"WE SEE; WE DESIRE; WE TAKE..." guess what comes next and join as we resume our tour through the book of Joshua and consider a major spiritual step up towards enjoying our new life in Christ. Bible study meets on Saturday evenings, following Vespers in the Teen room.

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: If you enjoy a good read followed by a worthy discussion, please consider attending the St. Mark Women's Book Group. We choose books well in advance and then meet in the library on the last Sunday of every month to discuss the merits of our choices. On July 29th—A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel by Amor Towels (moved from June because people were having difficulty getting the book); August 26th—I Was Anastasia: A Novel by Ariel Lawhon. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mka. Sasha or any participant for more details.

EVANGELIZER The July-August-September issue of our newsletter is ready and available in the hall way outside of the church sanctuary!

EMBRACED BY FAITH Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky has recently published a book of reflections on faith. Fr. Vladimir is the former pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Parma, OH. He wrote numerous articles for The Orthodox Church newspaper and some of you may remember the monthly insert of short prayers accompanying the daily scripture readings. These short prayers were also the work of Fr. Vladimir. His eldest son was choir director at St. Mark some years ago. I have some copies of the book Embraced by Faith, available for \$30 each. If you are interested, see me. In Christ, Mka. Sasha.

SAVING LIVES ~ SUPPORTING FAMILIES Want to be involved in pro-life work? Consider volunteering at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center as a volunteer counselor. We will train you! Training consist of 8 classes held Mon./Thurs. from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dates: July 19, 23, 26, 30th, Aug. 2, 6, 9, 13th. For details, call Jackie Stippich, Exec. Director at 301-963-6223. I'd love to hear from you.

COLLECTION FOR BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS BEGINS (for the year 2018-2019): For many years, St. Mark has been honored to help kids in need get started with a core set of school supplies. We're in fact one of the very few churches listed as sponsoring the **Montgomery County Public School Foundation's** program for getting kids going in this way. (see below as well as link <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement/donate.aspx?id=535601>). A great thing about this effort is the leverage in buying power we gain, allowing for each \$10 gift to deliver a backpack filled to the brim with supplies for \$10.

This year we've committed once again to filling the needs of a whole **Grade Level**. This means our **\$1,500 will help 150 children. We can't do it without your help. Please join in and give generously.**

St. Mark's efforts to collection for this program will begin ASAP after Divine Liturgy and run through mid-July. You can give cash through the plate collection, or make your check out to "St. Mark" with BACKPACKS in your memo field. For further information, please feel free to ask, or see the link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement/backpacks.aspx>

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

17	Mat. Alexandra Safchuk	20	Daniel Golembiewski
18	Aiden Moser Charity Pearson		Vicky Jacobsen Mat. Kelly Oleynik
19	Cynthia Helba	21	Laura Jefferson Lee Malatesta

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The Presbytera Athena Kalpaxis Memorial Educational Fund has announced the availability of scholarships for qualified college students for the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year.

From 1971 until her untimely death in 1984, Presbytera Athena faithfully served as the helpmate to her husband, Father George, as he pastored the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore. During the period of her long illness which led to her falling asleep in the Lord, Presbytera often expressed the desire to assist deserving young people who because of limited financial resources might not be able to pursue worthy educational endeavors. To honor her wishes--and through the generosity of many benefactors and the efforts of the late Father George and of his family--this scholarship fund was established.

These awards--based primarily on financial need-- are available to, entering or current, undergraduate, graduate, law, and medical students, who are, or will be, attending any accredited college or university, and are Orthodox Christians actively participating in the community life of an Orthodox Church in the State of Maryland.

The current application form is located on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Forms may also be obtained by writing to the Fund at P.O. Box 18294, Baltimore, MD 21227, or by email at kalpaxis2002@yahoo.com.

There is no definite deadline for submission of an application and all the supporting materials but it would be appreciated if applicants for the coming academic year, apply as soon as possible.