

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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AUGUST 19, 2018

EPISTLE 1 Cor. 15:1 – 11	GOSPEL Matt. 19:16 – 26	Tone 3
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Andrew Stratelates and those with him (2593 soldiers) in Cicilia (4th c.). St. Pitrim, Bishop of Perm (1456). Martyrs Timothy, Agapius, and Thecla, of Palestine (304 – 306.). Ven. Theophanse of Dochiariou (Mt. Athos – 16th c.). The “**DONSKAYA**” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (in commemoration of the deliverance of Moscow from the Tatars in 1591.)

Sunday	Aug	19	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	Aug	21	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group Meeting - Akathist
Saturday	Aug	25	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
Sunday	Aug	26	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Women’s Book Club Meeting
Wednesday	Aug	29	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Saturday	Sept	1		Church New Year
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Marilyn Macht** with Thanksgiving to God for **Isabelle Macht & Ken Reidard** on the occasion of their birthdays! May God Grant Them Many Years!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **The German Family** in honor of **Chris & Claire’s** 6th wedding anniversary. May God Grant Them Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels
Aug 19	Balamaci	Phinney Vance
Aug 26	Mitchum	Gleason Lacko Tatusko

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Aug 19	W. Tatusko	M. Lungociu	Mka. G. Phelps	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor
Aug 26	C. Berencz	P. Dean	C. German	G. Freimann & K. Phinney	

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, August 25 th	Cancelled
Saturday, September 1 st	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; **Julia** Flick; **Marge** German; **Jurette** Heckscher; **Marcella** Hydock, **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; Jurette 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**. Paula Zabela's brother-in-law Len Brosky and cousin Frank McIntyre, who has esophageal cancer. 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!

TEACHERS MEETING: There will be a teachers meeting for the 2018-2019 church school year on Sunday, September 9th, following Liturgy, in the teen room. Questions? See Stacy Pedersen!

TEACHERS NEEDED! We only need a few more teachers to round out the church school year in September. The more teachers we have the better! Please consider volunteering for this important and rewarding ministry! Please see Stacy Pedersen for how you can help!

CLASSROOM DEEP CLEAN The 2018-2019 church school year is fast approaching and our classrooms are in desperate need of some deep cleaning. We would like parents, teens and anyone else who would like to help out to please volunteer to do some cleaning! Please see Stacy Pedersen for more information!

NATIONALS FAITH DAY 2018 Game and events will take place on September 22nd at 4:05 pm against the New York Yankees. If you are interested in attending the game this year, please let Sharon Sielinski know. We can have our own organization link set up to purchase tickets.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MEETING will take place on Sunday, August 26th, following Liturgy, in the library.

BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST We will serve Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist on Wednesday, August 29th, at 10:00 am.

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 August 26th—I Was Anastasia: A Novel by Ariel Lawhon. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mka. Sasha or any participant for more details.

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

<p>19 Nichole Hottle Katherine Karas Matthew Karas Neal Kumar</p> <p>20 Anna Arnold Marcella Hydock Francisco LeFors Hannah Oleynik Inna Schwartz</p> <p>21 Job Henning</p>	<p>22 Andrea Burns Kimberly Lungociu Andrew Sekellick</p> <p>23 JoAnna Balamaci Mary Lulchuk</p> <p>24 George Freimann Matthew Jones Fr. John Vitko</p> <p>25 Aurora Thompson</p>
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30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: St. Mary Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA will host a live and silent auction with dinner and dancing on Saturday, September 29th, 2018 from 6pm – 11pm. Tickets are \$55 per person. The celebration will take place at St. Luke Banquet Hall, 6801 Georgetown Pike McLean, VA. For more information visit: <https://st-mary2018auctionandevents.com/>. To register or purchase tickets please email: caraveli.anna3@gmail.com

SLAVIC AMERICAN FESTIVAL: Join the fun at the 46th Annual Slavic American Festival, sponsored by Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church on Sunday, September 9th, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm! Festival includes traditional Slavic foods, including Kolachi, Holupki, Potato Pancakes, Kolbasi, Haluski, and Pirohi as well as Children's Events, a huge rummage sale, Silent Auction, Religious and Folk Art, Farm Market, Handmade Slavic Crafts, Polka Dance Lessons, Bake Sales, Free Child ID cards from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, NFL Football on our TV screens and lots more! Special performance of Sacred Slavic Music performed by the Epiphany Slava Men's Choir at 1:30 pm. Church Tours at 12:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 pm. Free shuttles all day from the parking lot located at 3301 Woodburn Road. For more information: www.slavicamericanfestival.com.

OPEN HOUSE: Holy Archangels Orthodox Church in Annapolis will hold an open house in their bookstore on August 25th and 26th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Books, Icons, St. Tikhon's Monastery Coffee, and sale items! For more information visit www.orthodoxannapolis.org

GREEK FEST: Sts. Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church will have their Greek Festival on September 8th and 9th 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Greek food, music, and dancing! For more information visit: <http://schfallgreekfestival.weebly.com/>

BULL AND OYSTER ROAST: St. Andrew Orthodox Church will host a Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, October 14th, from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$45/person and all proceeds will benefit St. Andrew Orthodox Church. For more information email: standrew-bullroast@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! Holy Apostles Orthodox Church in Mechanicsburg, PA will have their 13th Annual Dinner Dance & Silent Auction Sunday, October 14th. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Meal served at 2:00 pm. The event will take place at the Radisson Harrisburg Hotel, Camp Hill, PA. Stay tuned for registration details!

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. For details, call Jackie Stippich, Exec. Director at 301-963-6223. I'd love to hear from you.

