

## *Saint Mark Orthodox Church*

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**AUGUST 12, 2018**

<b>EPISTLE</b> 1 Cor. 9:2 – 12	<b>GOSPEL</b> Matt. 18:23 – 35	<b>Tone 2</b>
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### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.** Martyrs Anicletus and Photius (Photinus) of Nicomedia, and many with them (305 – 306). Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Comana. (3<sup>rd</sup> c.).

Saturday	Aug	11	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	Aug	12	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Wednesday	Aug	15	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Dormition of the Theotokos
Saturday	Aug	18	3:30p	Blessing of Marriage for Matthew & Mary Looby
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
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
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Altar and Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Drs. Anna & Mary Nemesh** in memory of parents **Charles & Annie Nemesh** and brother **Dr. Walter Nemesh**. My Their Memory Be Eternal!

The **Altar Candle** is also offered in celebration and thanksgiving for **Sharon Sielinski's** 35<sup>th</sup> birthday today. May God Grant Her Many Years!

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Aug 12	Cacic	Corbin	Dean
Aug 19	Balamaci	Phinney	Vance

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Aug 12	J. Sokich	M. Phinney	Dn. D Phelps	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson
Aug 19	W. Tatusko	M. Lungociu	Mka. G. Phelps	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

### Classes

#### Bible Study

Saturday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Following Vespers
Saturday, August 25 <sup>th</sup>	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**. 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!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Mat. Sasha Safchuk and Gene Jacobsen have won prizes in the FOCA National Stock Awards drawn at the 92nd National Convention and AAC in St. Louis, MO. Your check is in the mail. Many thanks for supporting our fellowship.

**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 Pederson for how you can help!

**NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY CORRECTION** Thank you to all who had their photo taken for our new directory. A special thanks to our photographers Jim Lacko, Steven Sekellick, Fr. Gregory and **Victor Lutes!**

**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!

**DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS** We will serve Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos on Wednesday, August 15th, at 10:00 am.

**BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** We will serve Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos 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.

**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.

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

12	Nicole Johnson Sharon Sielinski	Ekaterine Gureshidze Emili Malatesta
13	Christina Kuchta	Samuel Oleynik
14	Andrea Ticich	17 Michele Humphries
15	Vera Simonenko Ada (Mary) Steinberg	John Ihnat 18 Radu Victor Balan
16	Nick Ayers Demetrios Datch	Juliana Marie Rudin

**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](mailto: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](http://www.slavicamericanfestival.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!

