

## *Saint Mark Orthodox Church*

**Orthodox Church in America  
Archdiocese of Washington**

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**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

**EPISTLE**

Gal. 6:11 - 18  
2 Cor. 4:6 - 15

**GOSPEL**

John 3:13 - 17  
Matt. 22:35 - 46

**Tone 6**

**DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Most-holy Theotokos.** Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna. Martyr Severian of Sebaste (320). Ven. Joseph, Abbot of Volótsk - 1515). Uncovering the Relics of St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernigov (1896). Ven. Theophanes the Confessor and Faster, of Mt. Diabenos (ca 300). Martyrs Chariton and Straton. Bl. Nicetas the Hidden, of Constantinople (12<sup>th</sup> c.). Commemoration of the Third Ecumenical Council (431). St. Onufrie of Verona (Romania).

Sunday	Sept	9	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School Teachers Meeting
Thursday	Sept	13	9:00a	Russian Torte Baking
Friday	Sept	14	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Exaltation of the Cross
Saturday	Sept	15	9:00a	Chicken Kiev Workshop
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
Sunday	Sept	16	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	First Day of Church School
			12:30p	Blini Workshop
Tuesday	Sept	18	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Akathist

The **Altar and Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **The Rodak Family** in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of **John Weaver's** birthday! May God Grant Him Many Years!

**Coffee Hour Fellowship**

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Sept 9	Brasovernu-Tarpy	Looby	Bilyeu
Sept 16	T & G Jacobsen	A. Jacobsen	Phelps

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Sept 9	W. Tatusko	M. Mihailov	V. Lutes	P. Masick	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor
Sept 16	J. Sokich	S. Sielinski	D. Golembiewski	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	

**Classes**

**Bible Study**

Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Following Vespers

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</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; **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**; The child **Penelope** ; 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**; **Fr. Basil Summer**. 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!**

**NEW BABY!** Congratulations to Christine and Ray Bryan who were blessed with the birth of their son Aden Robert Bryan on the morning of Thursday, September 9th. All are doing well, please keep them in your prayers! Glory to God!

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

**OPA! OCTOBER** October 6, 2018 is Greek night at St Mark. There will be Greek food, entertainment and lots of fun for the whole family. Tickets go on sale TODAY. Adults =\$15. Child 6 - 10 = \$10. Child 5 and under is Free. Cost at the door is \$20. Get your tickets early.

**FR. BASIL SUMMER** had a fall in is in a rehab facility near his home. Please remember him in your prayers. His mail is being brought to him, so cards would be welcome. 304 Center Island Road Oyster Bay, NY 11771

**BAZAAR SIGN-UP:** You will find the sign-up sheets to work at our food festival and bazaar in November on the bulletin board next to the kitchen door. Each slot needs to be filled in for the bazaar to run smoothly. Please sign up for a slot each day if you are able.

**BAZAAR SPONSORSHIP:** I am stunned at how much our ingredient costs have increased over last year. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the cost of the ingredients. There are sheets on the bulletin board next to the kitchen to give you an idea of what each item costs, but any amount would be greatly appreciated. You can give your donation to Tina Burpee or Gene Jacobsen. Thank you, Tina Burpee

**BAZAAR WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:** It is that time of year again! PLEASE plan to attend as many as you can. More hands make the work go that much faster! You can find the workshop schedule here: <https://stmarkoca.org/bazaar-committee/> or grab a hard copy from the candle counter. Thank you!

**EVANGLIZER SUBMISSION DEADLINE** for the October-November-December issue of our newsletter will be Thursday, September 20th. Please prepare your articles, announcements, photos, and interesting tid-bits and send them to Sharon Sielinski. Thank you!

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

- 10 Dn. Mark Oleynik  
Natalie Ticich  
11 Mat. Katherine Vitko  
13 Dr. Gerald Marti  
14 Claire McHugh  
15 Anna Hardy  
John Steger

**EXALTATION OF THE CROSS:** We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the The Exaltation of the Cross on Thursday, September 14th, 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 September 30th: *The Secret, Book & Scone Society* by Ellery Adams; October 28th: *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley; November 25th: *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom; and December 30th: Choose a story from *Chicken Soup for the Soul* and share with Christmas cookies. Copies of a few of these books are available from Joan Mitchum. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mka. Sasha or any participant for more details.

**IOCC RACE TO RESPOND Baltimore Running Festival 2018** Do you want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable families around the world? Join our IOCC team at the Baltimore Running Festival on October 20, 2018, and help raise money for those in need in places like Syria, Greece, Ethiopia, and around the world. For the past five years at the Baltimore Running Festival, IOCC's team has included a wide range of participants, from kindergarteners to an Orthodox priest and retired grandmothers! All abilities of walkers and runners are welcome, as there is a range of participation options: a 5K, Team Relay, Half Marathon, and Full Marathon. Signing up is easy at [www.iocc.org/baltimore](http://www.iocc.org/baltimore).

# THE CENTER FOR BYZANTINE MATERIAL ARTS

## *Icon Drawing Courses and Other Activities*

See website to sign up and for more details

### **Class 2. Hair of the Saints Drawing Course: Sept 1st, Saturday 11-2:30pm**



This study focuses on the different structures and formula of the hair types of the Byzantine Icon. Special attention will be given to angels, Christ, Patriarchs and more. This is to train the student how to understand and eventually apply paint to the icon. We will transfer our main sketch onto beautiful colored paper putting in highs and lows with colored chalks and charcoal for a frameable image. Students can work on the project at own pace once lesson is complete. Cost: \$125.00. All supplies included except sketchbook. Taught by Colette Kalvesmaki.



### **-Beginning Painting/Writing Course: Face of an Angel: Oct 26/27- Friday and Saturday, 10-4pm each day.**

This course is for beginners with little painting experience. We will work from a drawing and trace it onto a Masonite board provided. Students will be shown how to mix the egg tempera emulsion and how to make paint. The whole class will work at the same pace with instructors help. Ages: Teens up. This is Friday and Saturday 10-4pm. Taught by Colette Kalvesmaki. Some supplies needed. Price \$250.00



### **Lecture Series starting Saturday, October 6th at 3pm.**

**Join us for insightful lectures from scholars, archaeologist, priests and iconographers to explore and better understand the Holy Icon.** The first lecture of our series will be from James Magruder, Ph D. speaking on "Byzantine Icons and the Aesthetics of Heaven". Donation.

-Student Icon Exhibit-Oct-Dec 2018. Inquire for more information.

Yearly Icon Raffle --Oct thru Dec Inquire for more information



### **Class 3. Hands and Feet Drawing Course: Nov 3, Saturday 10-1pm**

This study focuses on the structure and formulas of the hands and feet of the Byzantine Icon. Special attention is given to the interior Light and various positions. We also work with placement of shadow and how this works to emphasis the Light. This is done using colored chalks and colored paper. Cost: \$125.00  
Supplies provided.

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Tuesday

9:30-2

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**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 visit: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Stmarks5> to purchase tickets!

**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 Kola-chi, 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).

**ST. NICHOLAS DC FALL BAZAAR 2018** will take place Saturday, September 8th 11am-7pm and Sunday, September 9th 11am-5pm. Eastern European and Georgian food, live traditional music and dance groups, fun activities for kids, icons, books, gifts and Cathedral tours. Plus, a special presentation and visit of the Miraculous Icon of St. Anna from St. Tikhon's Monastery.

**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/>

**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 a 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)

**ST. MARY MEDITERRANEAN FOOD FESTIVAL** St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Hunt Valley, MD, will hold their Mediterranean Food Festival September 14th, 4pm - 10pm, September 15th, 11am - Midnight, September 16th, 11am - 6pm. Delicious food, baked goods, live DJ, yard sale, traditional cultural dancing. 909 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030

**MEDITERRANEAN FOOD FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR** St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Washington, DC, will hold their 46th annual festival. September 15th, 12pm - 11pm and September 16th, 12pm - 3pm. Food and Fun for the Whole Family! COME EXPERIENCE OUR CULTURE! Middle Eastern Cuisine; Delicious Pastries; Live Music & Dancing; Carry-Out "Souk"; Books and Religious Articles; Children's Activities; Community Vendors ~ Church Tour. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgemediterranean-festivaldc>

**Ss. PETER AND PAUL MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL** will take place on Friday, September 21st, 4pm - 9pm; Saturday, September 22nd, 11am - 10:30pm; and Sunday, September 23rd, Noon - 4:00pm. Featuring authentic middle eastern food, vendors booth, fun for kids, live arabic music and entertainment, raffle prizes! Free parking! Free Admission! For more information contact Jerry Audi (703) 599-2317. Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church is located at 10620 River Road Potomac, MD 20854.

**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](mailto: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!