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EPISTLE

Eph. 2:4 – 10

GOSPEL

Luke 8:41 – 56

Tone 6

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. (7th of Luke) Ven. Joannicius the Great (846). Hieromartyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra, and Hermas, Presbyter (1st c.). Ven. Merkury, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14th c.). Ven. Nikander, Abbot of Gorodensk (Novgorod – 16th c.).

Sunday	Nov	4	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			12:00p	Bazaar!
Tuesday	Nov	6	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Int. Prayer
Saturday	Nov	10	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Nov	11	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
			2:00p	Wedding of Sharon Sielinski and Herman Carter
Saturday	Nov	17	4:30p	Memorial Service of Mugurel Riscuta
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	Parish Council Meeting
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
Sunday	Nov	18	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
				Schedule continued on back page

9:30a Divine Liturgy

11:15a Coffee Hour Fellowship

11:30a Annual Parish Meeting

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Mark Phinney** in honor of his wife **Karen's** birthday. May God Grant Her Many Years!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **The Rodak Family** asking God's blessings for **Patricia and Michelle** on the occasion of their birthday! May God Grant Them Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Nov 4	BAZAAR!		BAZAAR!
Nov 11	Albert	Macht	Tatusko

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Nov 4	W. Tatusko	JM Mikulik	Mka. G. Phelps	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson
Nov 11	J. Sokich	M. Lungociu	Dn. D. Phelps	M. Hydock & C. Williamson	N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, November 10th

Following Vespers

Saturday, November 17th

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; Jurretta Heckscher; Marcella Hydock, Philip Hydock; Evelyn Leleck; 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; 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**. **Bridget**, friend of Skip & Barbara Mersereau's. 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 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!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place on Sunday, November 18th, following Liturgy. Read-ahead materials are available in the basket just outside of the sanctuary. They are also available online but please note that for security reasons we do not post the Treasurer's report online. Thank you!

THANK YOU! Many thanks to Ginny Albert, Paula Zabela, Mat. Sasha, Paulina Masick, Anna Nemesh, Mary Nemesh, and Tina Burpee for attending the poppy seed making workshop.

FOCA is accepting new members and signing up current members during the months of November and December. If you enjoyed "OPA! October" or the "Annual St. Mark Chili Cook-off" then prayerfully consider helping us by joining our Fellowship. Dues for Adults are \$40 College or Higher Education Students \$10. See George Freimann or Marcella Hydock.

BIBLE STUDY will resume after the Nov 10 Vespers with "Echoes Of Jeremiah", an examination of how the life and message of Jeremiah appear in the life and words of the Lord and the rest of the New Testament.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD! It's not Thanksgiving yet...but...it's time to start preparing for Christmas! Once again, we will be sending out a Community Christmas card. If you would like your name included on the card, the cost will be \$15 per family name. Any profit will be used to defray the cost of flowers used to decorate the Church during feast days and for Nativity! If interested, please see Coy Williamson or Mka. Sasha to make a donation. **FINAL DAY TO HAVE YOUR NAME INCLUDED IS SUNDAY DEC. 2nd!** Thank you!

GROCERY GIFT CARD COLLECTION FOR THE HOLIDAYS St. Mark will continue to collect grocery gift cards this holiday season. The cards will benefit the needy in our local community. If you would like to donate cards, please make sure the receipt and activation is attached to the card. There will be a collection basket available TODAY following Liturgy for any monetary donations. John Bilyeu will purchase the cards for you with the proceeds. If you have any questions please see Fr. Gregory or John Bilyeu. Thank you!

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

5	Jane (Ihnat) Cessna Mat. Ann Prentice	9	Zachary Firestone Christian Shimer
6	Emily Arnold Alexander Jankovic Susanna Needham	10	Sonya LeFors Alexander Safchuk
7	Catherine Dillon Dn. David Phelps Karen Phinney Patricia Rodak Brian Zabela		

UPDATE ON SAMANTHA! Thank you all for your prayers for our niece, Samantha. She was in a horrible auto accident last Spring in Texas. While the other two people in the car walked away, she had to be removed by the “jaws of life”. Her current situation finds her permanently in a wheelchair. She is finally breathing on her own and has limited use of her arms and hands. Sam is so thankful for all the people who are praying for her. Thanks to our St. Mark family for your support. Barbara and George Freimann

CFC AND FOCUS HAVE TEAMED UP: If you are an employee of the federal government, you can maximize your support for FOCUS through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). FOCUS North America is an Approved CFC Charity CFC #19541. Choose FOCUS North America as YOUR Charity of Choice! Solicitation period ends January 11, 2019. Enroll Today <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome>

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 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.

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. Following reception of Holy Communion, we should stay in the church until the conclusion of the Liturgy. Our fellowship begins after we venerate the Cross and receive the Blessed Bread (of which all may partake). If you have questions concerning the above, please feel free to speak with Fr. Gregory after Liturgy.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS Two baskets of children’s books are now located in the vestibule, behind where the greeters stand and next to the stairway to the choir loft. Children should feel free to borrow the books and can return them to the baskets.

TOMB OF CHRIST EXHIBITION The National Geographic Museum currently has an exhibit on the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. “Learn the fascinating history of the iconic Church of the Holy Sepulchre and be transported to Jerusalem for an immersive 3-D experience unlike anything you’ve seen in a museum before.” See the National Geographic Muesum website for details and tickets. <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/dc/>



Happy November Birthdays!

May God Grant You Many Years!

1	Diana Haverlack	16	Bill Dove
2	Christina Sokich		Kaitlin Brooke Meyers
3	Jessica Fitzgerald	17	John Jr. Bilyeu
5	Jane (Ihnat) Cessna		Connor Alexander Ruzila
	Mat. Ann Prentice	18	Claire German
6	Emily Arnold		Joseph Shiller
	Alexander Jankovic		Ellen Thompson
	Susanna Needham	21	Matthew Balamaci
7	Catherine Dillon	22	Gregory Mitchum
	Dn. David Phelps		Calla (Catherine) Steinberg
	Karen Phinney	23	Deborah Firestone
	Patricia Rodak	24	Sarah Borger
	Brian Zabela		Dn. Matthew Prentice
9	Zachary Firestone	25	Andrew Dillon
	Christian Shimer		Diane Kern
10	Sonya LeFors		John Thomas Sedor
	Alexander Safchuk	28	Virgeil Carstea
11	Andrea Phelps		Jessica Humphries
	Mark Ticich		Samantha Pearson
12	Abigail Dean	30	Alexis Christine Freimann
13	Michelle (Rodak) Weaver		Helen Kerch
14	Mark Lungociu		
15	Adrian Ahmadi		
	Devon Burns		
	David Holovac		

