

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

Eph. 4:1 – 6

GOSPEL

Luke 12:16 – 21

Tone 8

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. (9th of Luke) Martyr Plato (Platón) of Ancyra (ca. 306). Martyr Romanus the Deacon, of Cæsarea, and the youth Barulas (303). Martyrs Zacchæus the Deacon, and Alphœus, of Cæsarea in Palestine (303). Election of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America to the Patriarchal Throne (1917 – November 5th O.S.).

Sunday	Nov	18	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School Service Project
			11:30a	Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday	Nov	20	10:30a	Blessed Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Wednesday	Nov	21	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Entrance of the Theotokos
Thursday	Nov	22		Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday	Nov	24	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Nov	25	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Women's Book Club Meeting
Monday	Nov	26	7:45p	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Dec	1	10:00a	Baptism of Aden Robert Bryan
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **The Bilyeu Family** asking God's blessings for **Vanya** on the occasion of his birthday. May God Grant Him Many Years!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **The German Family** in honor of **Claire's** birthday. May God Grant Her Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Nov 18	Karas	Zellem	Freimann
Nov 25	Thanksgiving	Potluck	

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Nov 18	C. Berencz	M. Mihailov	C. German	P. Masick	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson
Nov 25	S&D Hardy	P. Dean	V. Bumbak	Renee Z.	N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, November 24 th	Following Vespers
Saturday, December 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; **Jurretta** Heckscher; **Marcella** Hydock, **Philip** Hydock; **Alice** Krenitsky; **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**. **Beth** and **unborn infant girl**. 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; 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!

POST-BAZAAR MEETING will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, following Liturgy. Location to be announced.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet today following Liturgy.

FOR SALE – ALL ITEMS ARE FROZEN: Meat Piroshki (10 per bag) \$15.00; Cabbage Pirog (9" x 13" pan) \$15.00; Spanakopita (9" x 13" pan) \$25.00; Piroghi (St. Mark 1 dozen frozen) \$5.00; Chicken Kiev (8 per bag) \$45.00; Black Bread \$5.00. Please see Tina Burpee in the kitchen if you are interested in purchasing anything.

ST. MARK APRONS: If you took the good embroidered St. Mark aprons home to launder after the bazaar, please return them to the red bin in the bottom of the gray cabinets next to the walk-in refrigerator ASAP. Many of them are currently missing. These were very expensive and are used for the bazaar and other St. Mark events.

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY: After taking this week (12/1) off, our series on the Prophet Jeremiah by concludes by focusing on one amazing unsolved mystery that highlights God's providential work in big and small events.

CONTAINERS: If you brought something for the bazaar, your clean container is located on a table in the social hall. Please pick it up as soon as possible. Thank you!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD! 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 NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 2nd!** Thank you!

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.

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

NOVEMBER

25 Andrew Dillon
Diane Kern
John Thomas Sedor
28 Virgeil Carstea
Jessica Humphries
Samantha Pearson
30 Alexis Christine Freimann
Helen Kerch

DECEMBER

1 Tatyana Gleason
Nino Japaridze Henning

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/>

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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.

IT’S JUST BREAKFAST: A group of our St. Mark men meet for breakfast every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Second Saturday: IHOP 9490 Blake Ln, Fairfax, VA 22031 at 8am. Fourth Saturday: IHOP 18147 Village Center Dr, Olney, MD 20832 at 8am. Questions? See David Jefferson. Thank you!

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.

