

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

GOSPEL

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. Ven. Macarius of Mt. Athos (1431).

Sunday	Jan	6	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Theophany
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Jan	8	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Int. Prayer
Saturday	Jan	12	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Jan	13	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Monday	Jan	14	8:00p	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	Jan	15	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Akathist
Saturday	Jan	19	10:30a	Baptism of Max Kumar
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Diana Haverlack** for a special intention.

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Marilyn Macht** in loving Grandparents **Peter and Eva Petrishin, Gloria Petrishin, Evelyn Pippy, Jane Sass, and John Petrishin.** May Their Memory Be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Jan 6	Sekellick	Prentice	Hydock
Jan 13	Kerch	Renee Zabela	Dean

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Jan 6	W. Tatusko	N. Fitzgerald	C. German	M. Nimmer & Renee Z.	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson
Jan 13	J. Sokich	M. Karas	N. Bilyeu	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, January 12 th	Following Vespers
Saturday, January 19 th	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 **Valerie and her unborn child.** 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!

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY: After taking Saturday December 29th off, the Vespers Bible Study will resume after Vespers, Saturday, January 12th.

2019 PLEDGE PACKETS are available in the basket in the hall outside of the sanctuary. Questions? Please see Gene Jacobsen, Fr. Gregory, or Sharon Sielinski.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the table in the hall outside of the sanctuary. Please sign write your name the box number on the sign up sheet. Thank you!

HOUSE BLESSINGS: Fr. Gregory will be contacting parishioners to schedule house blessings, but if parishioners have a preference for a specific date and time, they may contact Fr. Gregory at any time. Thank you!

LADIES LUNCHEON the next ladies luncheon will take place Monday, January 21, 2019 at noon at J Gilbert's Steakhouse, 6930 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA. Please let Tina Burpee know if you will be attending. Directions will follow later.

FOR SALE – ALL ITEMS ARE FROZEN: Spanakopita (9" x 13" pan) \$25.00; Piroghi (St. Mark 1 dozen frozen) \$5.00; Black Bread \$5.00. Please see Tina Burpee in the kitchen if you are interested in purchasing anything.

LOST AND FOUND: Our lost and found box is overflowing a bit. Please stop by and take a look and see if anything belongs to you or your family. There are quite a few "little" coats in there! The Lost and Found box is located outside the sanctuary, in the pew closest to the external door. Thank you!

CANDLE COUNTER PRICE INCREASE: Starting January 1st, some of our candle prices will increase. Altar candles offering will increase to \$10.00. The Sanctuary candles offering will increase to \$5.00. The Seven Day Votives will increase to \$5.00. Thank you!

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please take a moment to verify your contact information with us so that we may include it in the new church directory! Sharon Sielinski and the information sheets are located in the parish hall by the Bazaar information bulletin board. Please check them for accuracy or update as needed. Questions? Please see Fr. Gregory or Sharon Sielinski!

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

7	John Bainbridge Lisa Cannon Ted Koopersmith Pamela McHugh	9	Susan Petro Debbie Sieff Debbi Dillon Anelia Rotunda
8	Alexander Masick		

2019 LECTIONARY WALL CALENDARS are available in the hall outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you to Chris German and family for donating these beautiful calendars once again. Please only take one per family! Thank you!

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/>

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 January 27th - Forty Autumns by Nina Willner; February 24th - Light on Snow by Anita Shreve; March 31st - A Shepherd looks at Psalm 23 by W. Philip Keller. 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.

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.

CHORALE CONCERT: St Vladimir's Seminary Chorale will perform music of holy week from East and West on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7:30pm. Robin Freeman, Director. The concert will take place at St Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave NW Washington, D.C. Advanced tickets required so please visit svots.edu/events or call 914.961.8313 x330. A Reception will follow with wine, light hors d'oeuvres Lenten items, books and cds for sale from SVS press. There is no admission fee, but donations will fund seminarians' tuition and will help prepare them to be leaders in the Orthodox Church tenebrae **ST VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY CHORALE** music of holy week from east & west friday, february 22, 2019 7:30pm advanced donations given by February 5th over \$100 will be listed in the program.

Happy January Birthdays!
May God Grant You Many Years!

1 Jim Orban
 2 James Flick
 Robert Williams
 4 Samuel Kumar
 5 Michael Albert
 Anna Meyendorff
 Julia Shiller
 7 John Bainbridge
 Lisa Cannon
 Ted Koopersmith
 Pamela McHugh
 8 Alexander Masick
 9 Susan Petro
 Debbie Sieff
 11 Debbi Dillon
 Anelia Rotunda
 13 Elspeth Berry
 Susan Orban
 14 Joan Mitchum
 15 Nicholas Bilyeu
 Michael Bezuneh
 16 Justin Ciubotaru

**Happy
 Birthday**

17 Hannah Perry
 Janice Victorov
 18 Katheryn Cannon
 John C. Petro
 19 Tom Cipu
 Leroy Gumpert
 20 Jacob LeFors
 22 Slavina Skenderska
 23 Eugenia Jankovic
 24 Peter Dillon
 Anthony Sekellick
 25 Rose Zabela
 26 Matthew Nimmer
 Ivana Rotunda
 27 Michael Berencz
 James Lacko
 28 Kaitlin Barber
 Nicholas Herrara
 29 Jurretta Heckscher
 Marilyn Macht
 30 Marti Badila
 Michelle Corbin
 31 Rodica Cipu

