

## Saint Mark Orthodox Church

**Orthodox Church in America  
Archdiocese of Washington**

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**JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**EPISTLE**

Eph. 4:7 – 13

**GOSPEL**

Matt. 4:12 – 17

**Tone 8**

**DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after the Theophany.** Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonikus of Belgrade (ca 315). Martyr Peter of Anium, at Hieropolis (ca. 309 – 310). St. James (Jacob), Bishop of Nisbis (350). St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers (4<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Maximus Kavsoakalyvites (Mt. Athos – 1320). Ven. Irenarchus, Reclus, of Rostov (1616). Ven. Eleazar of Anzersk Island (Solovetsky Monastery – 1656).

Sunday	Jan	13	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy and Installation of Parish Council and FOCA Officers
			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
			4:00p	Baptism of Vera Allen
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
Sunday	Jan	20	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Saturday	Jan	26	4:00p	Baptism of Dominic Robinson & Jaxon Delfenthal
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Joan Mitchum** for **Joan's** and **Stephanie's** birthdays! May God Grant Them Many Years!

**Coffee Hour Fellowship**

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Jan 13	Kerch	Renee Zabela	Dean
Jan 20	Datch	Cacic	Tatusko

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Jan 13	C. Berencz	M. Karas	V. Lutes	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson
Jan 27	J. Sokich	K. Lungociu	D. Golembiewski	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

**Classes**

**Bible Study**

Saturday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Following Vespers
Saturday, January 26 <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; 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!**

**ST. MARK PARISH COUNCIL & FOCA OFFICERS INSTALLATION** will take place TODAY immediatly following Liturgy.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Emili Malatesta and Wesley Friel who were married yesterday. May God Grant them Many Years!

**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!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** will take place on January 27th, following Liturgy. We will be rehearsing a new Paschal hymn that requires all voices. Choir Members, PLEASE mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**FOCA** Final call for membership dues for the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America. Make your checks out for \$40 per adult to FOCA. If you enjoyed "OPA October" or the Annual Chili Cook-off, prayerfully consider becoming a member. This membership also provides you with a copy of the Orthodox Christian Journal and keeps you connected with other Orthodox. See George Freimann today or mail your check with current address, phone and email to George Freimann, 20660 Hope Spring Ter. #407, Ashburn, VA 20147

**2019 PLEDGE PACKETS** are available in the basket in the hall outside of the sanctuary. Questions? Please return to 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!

**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 Paula Zabela or 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.

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

13	Elsbeth Berry Susan Orban	17	Hannah Perry Janice Victorov
14	Joan Mitchum	18	Katheryn Cannon John C. Petro
15	Nicholas Bilyeu Michael Bezuneh	19	Tom Cipu Leroy Gumpert
16	Justin Ciubotaru		

**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!

**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!

**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.

**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](http://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.

**ENVISIONING THE KINGDOM: THE WHY & HOW OF BEAUTY IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH:** Is Beauty simply a trivial pursuit or could it be the means through which we envision the kingdom of heaven? Presvytera Krista West will explore the Orthodox Christian approach to beauty and why beauty is such an important part of the Orthodox tradition. Engaging and informative, this presentation guarantees you won't look at beauty the same way again! This event is free and All are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. For more information about the speaker and to listen to her podcast, please follow this link: [https://www.ancientfaith.com/contributors/krista\\_west](https://www.ancientfaith.com/contributors/krista_west). **Date: 01/26/2019 (Sat.)**

**Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm EST Location: Ss Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church 10620 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854**