

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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FEBRUARY 3rd, 2019

EPISTLE 1 Tim. 1:15 – 17	GOSPEL Matt. 15:21 – 28	Tone 3
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver and Anna the Prophetess. Prophet Azariah (2 Chronicles 15 – 10th c. B.C.). Martyrs Papias, Diodorus and Claudianus, at Perge in Pamphylia (250). Martyrs Adrian and Eubulus, at Ceasarea in Cappadocia (ca. 308 – 309). Martyr Blaise of Cesarea in Cappadocia. Rt. Blv. Prince Roman of Uglich (1285).

Saturday	Feb	2	9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Feb	3	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Feb	5	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Prayer Group – Int. Prayer
Saturday	Feb	9	10:30a	Baptism of Olan Sheppard
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Feb	10	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Zacchaeus Sunday
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	50 th Anniversary Committee Meeting

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Joan Mitchum** in celebration of **Jay King's** birthday! May God Grant Him Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels
Feb 3	Bumbak	Mitchum Vance
Feb 10	Phinney	Balamaci Freimann

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Feb 3	W. Tatusko	D. Dillon	Dn. D. Phelps	G. Freimann & K. Phinney	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson
Feb 10	J. Sokich	M. Ahmadi	C. German	P. Masick & Helper	N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, February 9 th	Following Vespers
Saturday, February 16 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; **Debbie** Firestone, **Julia** Flick; **Marge** German; **Jurette** 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, and sister **Mary** Rodzon; **Jeff** Jordan, friend of the Hardy family; Jurette Heckscher's father, **Stevens**; **Denise (Dionysia)**, Godsister 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**. Kim Lungociu's cousin **Doug**; 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 cousins **Frank** McIntyre, who has esophageal cancer, **Helen** and **Janet**. Rose Zabela's father **Ed** Dumm.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Maddie Pierce on the birth of their son Mark Alexander on Thursday, January 31st. Mom, baby and Nanny Cindy are doing well! Please keep them all in your prayers!

SCOUT SUNDAY will be observing February 10th as Scout Sunday! We will recognize all Scouts. Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

VESPER'S BIBLE STUDY: Feb 9, The Prayers Of Nehemiah... We focus on the example of Nehemiah, a man of action, and how he prayed. That's in preparation for Feb 16, the biblical background for the Jesus prayer.

GIFT SHOP NEWS: Pat Ihnat needs an assistant to help run the gift shop. Interested? Please contact John Ihnat or Ann Prentice. Thank you!

ST. MARK ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 come out with your best pot of Chili, a love of judging chili, or even just a good appetite. This is a FOCA sponsored family event. Adults are \$10, kids under 10 are free. Bring a pot of your best chili and get one Adult entrance for free. Tickets are available prior to the event, please see Patty Prose, they will also be available at the door. (Snow Date: March 2nd) If you have any questions please see any Jacobsen or Prose.

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!

DISCRETIONARY FUND: St. Mark often helps people from the community, who are in need of assistance. Fr. Gregory purchases grocery gift cards with his discretionary fund for this purpose. If you would like to donate to this fund, it would be appreciated very much. Just note "Discretionary Fund" on a check made out to St. Mark. We also have a shelf of groceries, second stairwell, for the needy. Your donation of non-perishable food to this shelf is also very welcome. We are happy to give you a letter verifying your donation for tax purposes. Just let Sharon Sielinski or Fr. Gregory know. Thank you for your generosity.

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



- 5 Gabriel Baleanu
Victoria Olynik
Fr. Gregory Safchuk
- 6 Anna Catherine Mersereau
- 7 Abigail Datch
- 8 Juliana Moser

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.

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 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!

50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING will take place on Sunday, February 10th, following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 19th, at 8:00 PM. Observers are welcome!



Shop for your Valentine
at smile.amazon.com and
Amazon donates.



AMAZON SMILE REMINDER: Valentine's Day is soon approaching! What a good time to utilize our Amazon Smile program to fundraise for St. Mark while shopping for your beloved! Will you be our Valentine? Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7254573 and AmazonSmile donates to St Mark Orthodox Church.

BERTHA WALACH, who was known to many of senior members of St. Mark. recently passed away at the age of 91 and was buried in Western Pennsylvania. Prior to her passing, Bertha was an active member of the Holy Epiphany of Our Lord church in Virginia.

NEW SPEED LIMIT As an FYI, the speed limit on River Road, in front of the church, has dropped to 35 mph. Be careful and watch your speed! Officers have been spotted pulling people over.

TASTE OF GREECE FESTIVAL: Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Dulles, VA, will hold a Taste of Greece Festival February 15th - 17th. The event will be held at the Ashburn Fire house in Ashburn, VA. Music, dancing, authentic greek food and pastries! Dine in or carry out! For more information, visit greekfestivalloudoun.org

THE SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER is seeking a Community Development Coordinator (COC) to work closely with the Executive Director in the development and implementation of a successful fundraising and community outreach program. The ideal candidate will acquire a deep understanding of the Center's mission and programs and promote them to stakeholders, i.e. churches, schools, organizations, community members and prospective donors. The day-to-day of the position will center on developing and implementing Shady Grove Pregnancy Center's overall fundraising strategy. This includes recruiting a team of volunteers who support community outreach and fundraising activities. Additionally, the COC will establish new avenues of financial support and build relationships with key donors through ongoing touch points and meetings. Time commitment is 9 – 5 three days/week. Gaithersburg, MD. Interested candidates should send resumes to director@pregnancy-options.org

Happy February Birthdays!

May God Grant You Many Years!

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| 1 | William Koopersmith | 17 | Nicholas Lapato |
| 2 | Ann Groner | | Clark Little |
| | Olga Skenderska | | Chloe Nimmer |
| | Andrew Wickard | 18 | Peter McHugh |
| 5 | Gabriel Baleanu | 19 | Nina Borissow |
| | Victoria Olynik | | Mary Ann Fitzgerald |
| | Fr. Gregory Safchuk | | Donna Glenn |
| 6 | Anna Catherine Mersereau | 21 | Roberta (Mitchum) McCunney |
| 7 | Abigail Datch | 22 | Nancy Stanton |
| 8 | Juliana Moser | 24 | Caleb German |
| 11 | Marge German | | Michael McCunney |
| | Stefan Gleason | 25 | John Bilyeu |
| | Tom Jenkins | | Stacy Nimmer |
| | Tamara Karas | | Tabitha Voth |
| | Anna Kronick | 27 | Isaiah Rodak |
| 14 | Luke Matthew Tatusko | 28 | Marjorie Sielinski |

