

## *Saint Mark Orthodox Church*

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**FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**EPISTLE**

2 Tim. 3:10 – 15

**GOSPEL**

Luke 18:10 – 14

**Tone 5**

**DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**38<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]** Greatmartyr Theodore the Recruit (the Tyron – ca. 306). St. Mariamne, sister of the Apostle Philip (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Martyr Menas of Alexandria (867 – 869). Ven. Theodore the Silent, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13<sup>th</sup> c.). Hieromartyr Germogen (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1612). The Weeping “**Tikhvin**” Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos on Mt. Athos.

Sunday	Feb	17	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Publican and the Pharisee
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	Feb	19	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Akathist
			8:00p	Parish Council
Saturday	Feb	23	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Chili Cook-Off
Sunday	Feb	24	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Sunday of the Prodigal Son
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Women’s Book Club Meeting
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Mar	2	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Marilyn Macht** in loving memory of Mother & Father **Helen and Henry Schuett**. May Their Memory Be Eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Marilyn Macht** on the occasion of **Clark Little’s** 16<sup>th</sup> birthday! May God Grant Him Many Years!

**Coffee Hour Fellowship**

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Feb 17	Potluck	Potluck	***
Feb 24	Lacko-Gleason	Datch	Bilyeu

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Feb 17	C. Berencz	M. Baxtresser	V. Bumbak	M. Nimmer & Renee Z.	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson
Feb 24	S&D Hardy	JM Mikulik	V. Lutes	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor

**Classes**

**Bible Study**

Saturday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FOCA Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, March 2 <sup>nd</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; **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; Tammy Karas' mother **Carole** Roberts, and friend **Charlene**; **Olga**, friend of Helen Kerch; Mat. Jan and Fr. Mark Koczak's friend, **Metro-politan 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, Gilbert**, and **Lucille**. 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!**



**FAST FREE WEEK:** This coming week is fast free! This is the week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, also the first week of the use of the Lenten Triodion. Enjoy!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** will take place TODAY following Liturgy!

**ADDITIONAL HANDICAP SPOTS** Please note that additional handicap spots have been newly designated at the front of the church parking lot, next to the existing handicap spots.

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

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

**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!

**EVANGELIZER SUBMISSION DEADLINE** is March 20th. Please gather your articles, updates, photos, recepies, etc. and submit to Sharon Sielinski Carter! Thank you!

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

17	Nicholas Lapato Clark Little Chloe Nimmer	21	Roberta (Mitchum) McCunney
18	Peter McHugh	22	Nancy Stanton
19	Nina Borissow Mary Ann Fitzgerald Donna Glenn	24	Caleb German

**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!

**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.

**ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP:** On February 24th - Light on Snow by Anita Shreve; March 31st - Time and Despondency: Regaining the Present in Faith and Life by Nicole Roccas. Available from Ancient Faith Radio, Amazon, on Kindle and Audible. Nicole Roccas will be a speaker during our Presanctified Lenten Lecture series. We meet in the Library after Liturgy on the last Sunday of the month. Join us. Any questions, please see Joan Mitchum, Mka. Sasha or any of the participants.

*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.

**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](http://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](mailto:director@pregnancy-options.org)