

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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APRIL 7th, 2019

EPISTLE

Heb. 6:13 – 20
Eph. 5:8 - 19

GOSPEL

Mark 9:17 – 31
Matt. 4:25 – 5:12

Tone 4

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT St. John Climacus (of the Ladder). Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America. (1925 – March 25th O.S.). Martyr Calliopos as Pompeiopolis in Cilicia (304). Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina, and 200 soldiers with them at Sinope (ca. 310.) Ven. Serapin of Egypt. St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mitylene (9th c.). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Pereyaslavl'-Zaleski (1540.)

Sunday	Apr	7	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. John Climacus
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
			6:00p	Memorial Service for Bill Dove
Monday	Apr	8	10:00a	Visitation for Bill Dove
			10:30a	Funeral Service for Bill Dove
				Burial to follow in Virginia
				Mercy Meal to follow in Virginia
Wednesday	Apr	10	10:00a	Visitation for Antonia Constantine
			11:00a	Funeral Service for Antonia Constantine
			6:30p	Presanctified Liturgy
			8:00p	Lenten Lecture
Friday	Apr	12	7:00p	Akathist – Glory to God for All Things
Saturday	Apr	13	8:00a	Parish Clean Up Day
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Apr 7	Corbin	Baxtresser - Chow	Hydock
Apr 14	Masick	Anderson-Barnewolt	Dean

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Apr 7	J. Sokich	S. Carter	V. Lutes	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen
Apr 14	C. Berencz	J. Bilyeu	D. Golembiewski	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

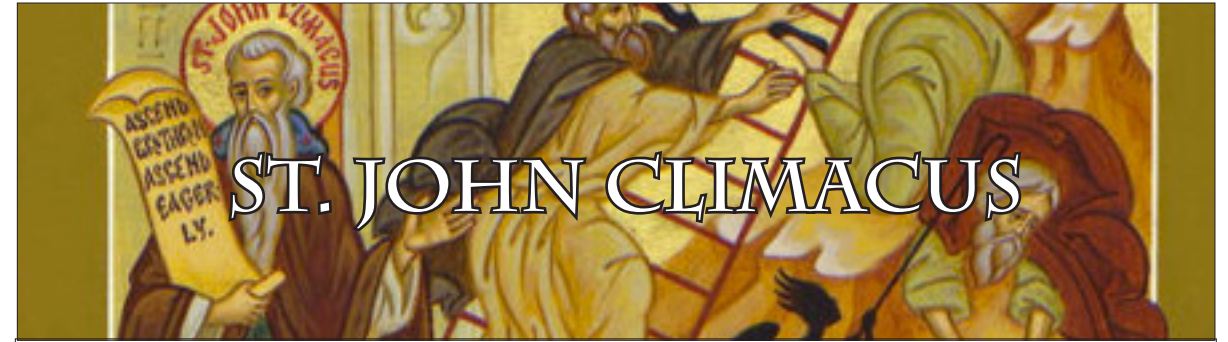
Bible Study will resume following Pascha!

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 Dove; Debbie Firestone, Julia Flick; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Marcella Hydock, Philip Hydock; Patricia Ihnat; 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**. 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; Jurretta Heckscher's father, **Stevens**; **Denise (Dionysia)**, Godsister of Christina Kalavritinos; Tammy Karas' mother **Carole** Roberts, and friend **Charlene;s 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, 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!



CHOIR REHEARSAL will take place TODAY immediatly following Liturgy!

2019 CHURCH DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE! Please let Sharon Sielinski Carter know if you'd like a copy!

THE FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA (FOCA) GIFTS OF LOVE COLLECTION FOR 2019 The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA), a nationwide organization of Orthodox Christians, has designated St. Tabitha's Orphanage and School in Kisumu Kenya as the recipient of its Gifts Of Love collection for 2019. The orphanage, an institution of the Orthodox Christian Diocese of Kisumu and Western Africa, provides food, shelter, academic and spiritual education. We will have collection baskets available at the end of Liturgy **TODAY**. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out FOCA .

MEMORY ETERNAL Paulina Masick's mother, Antonia Constatine, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, March 31st. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May her Memory be Eternal! Her funeral will take place here at St. Mark on Wednesday, March 8th, at 11:00 am. Visitation will start at 10:00 am.

MEMORY ETERNAL for Bill Dove who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, April 2nd. Please keep him, Marge, The Jacobsen's and Prose's in your prayers! May his Memory be Eternal! Memorial Service will be held Sunday, April 7th, at 6:00pm. Visitation will begin at 5:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held on Monday, April 8th, at 10:30am. Burial will take place immediately following in VA and the mercy meal will take place after that in the parish hall.

PARISH CLEAN UP DAY will be held on Saturday, April 13th. The work will begin at 8:00 am. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The more hands on deck, the quicker the work! For questions or more information, please see Michael Mihailov.

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

7	Nathaniel Safchuk Irene Tarpy
8	Darlene Marti
10	Martin Riskam Don Truitt Aaron Wickard
11	Melanie Firestone
12	Eric Williams

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!

OCMC MISSION BANQUET: The Metropolitan Washington DC Mission and Outreach Committee will again sponsor an Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Mission Banquet on Sunday, May 5, 2019, beginning with Vespers at 4:00 pm; appetizers and dinner program begin at 5:00 pm at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church 3149 Glen Carlyn Road Falls Church, VA 22041. The banquet speaker this year is the V. Rev. Lou Christopolous, past Vice President of the OCMC. There is a \$60 donation per person, table of 10 for \$500, student rate of \$30 and children under 12, free. Please reserve your place at the banquet by contacting Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com or Ms. Antonia Chelpon at achelpon@aol.com. Tickets payable to "St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church" memo: OCMC. Fabulous themed baskets will again be available. Please plan to donate to and support this annual banquet.

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: April's meeting has been cancelled since it coincides with Pascha. Stay tuned for Spring book selections! 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.

BIBLE STUDY is on hold for the rest of Lent. We will resume after Pascha!

DOES YOUR WORK MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD? Now is a great time to join the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. Get all the benefits of applying your professional talents in an Orthodox Christian missionary based non-profit that reaches throughout the world, changing lives and saving souls. Your creativity and energy are what we need! We are currently seeking to fill the positions of Development Director and Events and Ambassador Coordinator. Make a difference in the world today and send your resume to missions@ocmc.org, attention Fr. Martin Ritsi. See job descriptions on the bulletin board in the parish hall!

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. TIKHONS from St. Matthew in Columbia, MD. Monday, May 27th, 2019 (Memorial Day) the bus will depart at 6:00 am. Please come join us, the price for this entire trip is \$50 per person. Please send your checks to and make them payable to the Church of St. Matthew, 7271 Eden Brook Dr., Columbia, MD 21046. Write trip in the memo. For more information on schedule and activities, see the flier on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

ST. ANDREW GOLF TOURNAMENT: Registration is now open for the 16th Annual Saint Andrew Orthodox Church Golf Tournament! The registration form (https://standrew-baltimore.org/files/Tournament_Sponsor_Letter_and_Form_2019.pdf), as well as options for tournament sponsorship, are located on our church website. Cost per golfer is \$110, please submit your registration and payment by June 14th, 2019.



Do you have a heart for women and babies? Do you have experience in fundraising and outreach? Would you like to use your talents to forward the pro-life mission? The **Shady Grove Pregnancy Center** is seeking a part-time Community Development and Outreach Coordinator. This paid position will focus on developing and implementing the Center's overall fundraising and outreach to churches, organizations, foundations and other donors. Interested candidates, please send resume to director@pregnancy-options.org.

LENTEN LECTURE SOUP AND BREAD: The Lenten Lecture series continues this year, following the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies. The St. Mark tradition of bringing a sack "lunch" continues as well, but for those who are visiting, those who forget their dinner, those who are moved at the last minute to attend the Presanctified, and those who are just plain hungry, we will have peanut butter, jelly and bread to make sandwiches, and at least one pot of hot soup. Anyone who might be able to make a soup or bring a loaf of bread on one of the Wednesday evenings (**April 10 and April 17 are all currently available**) please let Matushka Sasha know either in person, on the phone (301-320-0739), by email (asafchuk@hotmail.com) or carrier pigeon what date you could bring soup for. We can do this the easy way, where others bring soup, or the hard way, where week after week Sasha's Cabbage Soup is the only choice, making it a true Lenten experience. All Lenten soups and bread are gratefully accepted. If you would like to bring a soup, but don't have a Lenten recipe, never fear, we have a number of seasoned soup makers who would share a recipe. Thank you, all.

PUSSY WILLOWS! Our willow tree on the church property has popped. If you have a tree, please check it to cut before the catkins go to seed.

COLONIAL DISTRICT FOCA STOCK AWARDS are on sale now for \$10 a book. Prizes include 1st @ \$200; 2nd @ \$100; 3rd \$50. Someone from St. Mark is usually a winner. Winner will be drawn at the FOCA bowling tournament in May. Get your books today from George Freimann. Proceeds go towards scholarships for Orthodox students. Please support this worthy cause.

MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS. We just celebrated Annunciation so we know that Christmas is on the way! A trip to enjoy the Sight and Sound performance "Miracle of Christmas" is being organized. Sight and Sound (www.sight-sound.com) is located in Lancaster, PA and there are still some tickets available for the Tuesday, November 12th performance at 11:00 am. This would be before the Advent fast because the terrific Hershey Farm Restaurant (www.hersheyfarm.com) is right next door!

Option 1: Bus to and from (originating in Frederick, MD), show and meal: \$146. (Minimum of 15 to secure bus and tickets)

Option 2: Show and meal \$71. (Minimum of 15 to secure ticket price) We would have to car pool.

Interested? Email Tina Parrish (tmparrish@yahoo.com) and let her know which option you prefer or see her in Church. In order to get the tickets and seats the Deadline to commit is April 30th!

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!

AKATHIST We will serve the Akathist Glory to God for All Things on Friday, April 12th at 7:00 pm.

LENTEN LECTURE SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND TOPICS:

April 10th - Dan Golembiewski - *"The Galilean Jewishness of Yosep, Miryam and Yeshua."*

April 17th - Nicole Roccas - *"The Time of Christ and the Eternity of Despondency: Healing an Ancient Ailment in a Modern World."*

2019 ST. MARK BAZAAR DATE This year's Ethnic Food Festival and Bazaar will take place on November 1, 2, and 3. Please reserve this date on your calendars to help make the event a success.

PASCHA BAKING The following baking workshops will be held to bake for the Pascha Bake Sale on April 21:

- April 18 - Nut and Poppy Seed Roll
- April 19 & 20 - Pascha Bread

Please plan to come and help bake!

FROZEN FOOD FOR SALE: Spanakopita - &25; Piroghi - \$5. Please see Tina Burpee if you are interested.

DC METRO AREA MEN'S SYMPOSIUM will take place on Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30pm at Anthony's Restaurant 3000 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042. Cost is \$30 at the door for dinner. Spiritual discussion with area clergy will take place on the beauty of Holy Week and its meaning. The meal will include Appetizers and Greek Salad. Choice of entrée: Fish Plaki with rice and fasolakia; Salmon with rice and fasolakia; Shrimp Scampi with white sauce and rice; Sodas and Coffee (cash bar for cocktails); Galaktobouriko. Please RSVP, with your choice of entrée, to Fr. Costa by April 12 (703-671-1515 or frcostas@stkchurch.com)

THANK YOU! I am thankful that your church has "adopted" our school! It makes it so easy for me to meet the needs of our families and communities especially with a near non-existent budget.

Best, Kelitah Armstrong
Community School Coordinator
Highland Elementary School

APRIL MAY JUNE EVANGELIZER is ready for pick up in the hall outside of the sanctuary!

EVANGELIZER CALENDAR CORRECTION: A few of the dates and times for services during Holy Week were incorrect in the calendar included in the April-May-June edition of the Evangelizer. A corrected calendar for April has been printed. Please pick up a copy next to the Evangelizer bin in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you!

Happy April Birthdays! May God Grant You Many Years!

1	Gherman Uritsky	19	Ashley Albert
2	Jack Albert	20	Mary Rudin
	Elizabeth Cannon	21	Doug Burns
	Elianna Niemi		Anastacia (Stacy) Jacobsen
4	Jessica Herrera	23	Lori Landsburg
	Paulina Masick		Chloe Emerson Little
5	Barbara Kreta		Kiprian Tatusko
	Faith Skordinski	24	Susan B. Petro
6	Mary Mytryshyn	25	Sasha Lutes
7	Nathaniel Safchuk	26	Hilary Frimenko
	Irene Tarpy		Peter Truitt
8	Darlene Marti	27	Dorothy Gumpert
10	Martin Riskam		Sarah Jenkins-Petro
	Don Truitt		Justin Markovich
	Aaron Wickard	28	Linda Weir
11	Melanie Firestone	29	Sarah Hardy
12	Eric Williams		Tristan Pearson
15	Christopher Safchuk	30	Marge Dove
16	Sophia Nimmer		Justin Humphries
18	Nina Uritsky		

