

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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APRIL 14th, 2019

EPISTLE Heb. 9:11 – 14 Gal. 3:23 – 29	GOSPEL Mark 10:32 – 45 Luke 7:36 – 50	Tone 5
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT St. Mary of Egypt. St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655). Martyr Ardalion the Actor (4th c.). Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia (ca. 341). Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilnius (Lithuania – 1347). The **Vilnius** Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Sunday	Apr	14	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. Mary of Egypt
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Apr	16	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
			8:00p	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	Apr	17	6:30p	Presanctified Liturgy
			8:00p	Lenten Lecture
Saturday	Apr	20	9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Lazarus Saturday
			3:30p	Pascha Preparation Workshop
			5:30p	Palm Sunday Vigil & Blessing of the Palms
Sunday	Apr	21	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Palm Sunday
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Monday	Apr	22	7:00p	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday	Apr	23	7:00p	Bridegroom Matins

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Drs. Anna and Mary Nemesh** in memory of **Charles and Annie Nemesh** and **Dr. Walter Nemesh**. May Their Memory Be Eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **The Salas Family** in memory of **Helen Salas**. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Apr 14	Masick	Anderson-Barnewolt	Dean
Apr 21	Palm	Sunday	Potluck

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Apr 14	C. Berencz	J. Bilyeu	D. Golembiewski	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen
Apr 22	W. Tatusko	M. Phinney	N. Bilyeu	M. Hydock & C. Williamson	N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

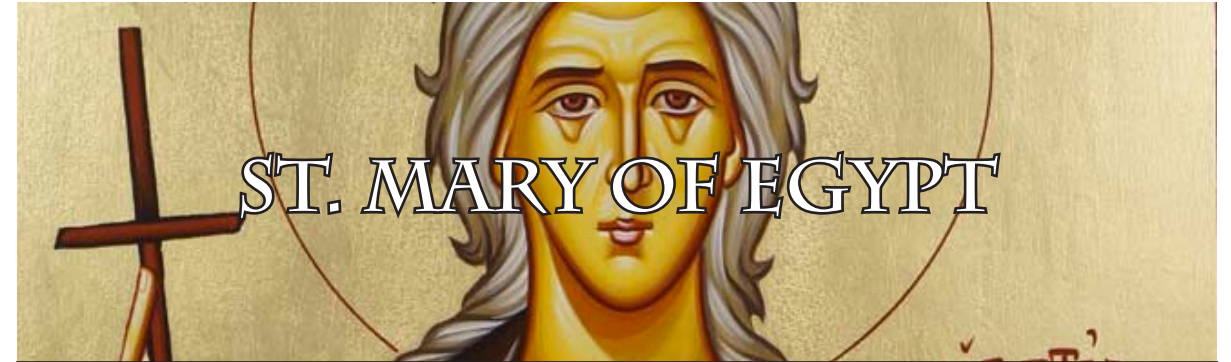
Bible Study will resume following Pascha!

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** Ilnat; **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 & Slavi-na 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!

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.

FROM ST. MARK FOCA Thank you for your generous donations for the Gifts of Love collection. May you enjoy a most blessed Pascha.

PASCHAL GOSPEL READING If you're fluent in a language other than English and would like to read a portion of the Gospel in that language on Pascha night, please contact Fr. Gregory.

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 Birthday To You! May God Grant You Many Years!

15	Christopher Safchuk
16	Sophia Nimmer
18	Nina Uritsky
19	Ashley Albert
20	Mary Rudin

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.

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!

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: April's meeting has been cancelled since it coincides with Paschah. 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.

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 SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND TOPICS:

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

LENTEN LECTURE SOUP AND BREAD: One more Wednesday! - April 17th. If you'd like to make soup for after presanctified liturgy, please let Mka. Sasha know. Thank you to all soup and bread providers!

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)

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!

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY: Our Spring Break food drive for Highland Elementary school is now complete. You all deserve a huge "Thank You!" for your generous participation. Thanks to your efforts, our parish is feeding THIRTY families over Spring Break. The community school coordinator is very grateful. So thank you all so much! I would like to thank the Datch & Sedor kids who helped organize and pack many boxes of food, and John Bilyeu & Sharon Carter who facilitated the food pickups. Many hands make light work!
With love in Christ, Alexandra

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.

THANK YOU! Paulina Masick and the Constantine family express their appreciation and gratitude for the many cards and expressions of support after the passing of Antonia, our family matriarch. The overwhelming help for the funeral arrangements and service, the beautiful intonations of the choir, and help with the preparations with repast truly uplifted the family in their time of grief.

PASCHA WORKSHOP: There will be a Pascha Preparation workshop for the children of the parish on Saturday April 20th (Lazarus Saturday) at 3:30pm. All are invited to participate, and adult helpers are welcome. There will be crafts, bread baking, and candle making. A light pasta supper will be served before vigil. Any questions? Please see Alexandra Sedor or Rachael Datch

READING AT THE TOMB: A signup list for reading at the tomb in church from Holy Friday evening through Holy Saturday will be available in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary.

PASCHAL AGAPE MEAL: Stay to break the fast with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ after PASCHA Liturgy, early morning April 28th. Please bring a few items to share with others! A communal food table will be available for all to share as well!

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SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK 2019

Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, April 20th

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

5:30 pm – Palm Sunday Vigil

Blessing of Palms Immediately following

Great & Holy Friday

Friday, April 26th

4:00 pm – Vespers & Burial Procession

5:30 pm – Holy Friday Lenten Meal

7:00 pm – Matins & Praises

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 21st

9:15 am – Reading of the Third Hour

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

READING AT THE TOMB

Great & Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 27th

9:30 am – Vespersal Divine Liturgy

11:30 pm – Nocturns, Matins & Divine Liturgy for Pascha

Great & Holy Monday

Monday, April 22nd

7:00 pm – Bridegroom Matins

HOLY PASCHA

Sunday, April 28th

2:30 am - Pascha Agape Meal

Great & Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:00 pm – Bridegroom Matins

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Great & Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 24th

10:00 am – Unction Service

7:00 pm – Matins of Holy Thursday

Bright Monday

Monday, April 29th

10:00 am – Divine Liturgy

11:30 am – Pascha Potluck

Great & Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 25th

10:00 am – Vespersal Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm – Matins of Holy Friday

(Passion Gospels)