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APRIL 21st, 2019

EPISTLE

Phil. 4:4 – 9

GOSPEL

John 12:1 -18

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM – Palm Sunday. Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proculus, and Sosius – Deacons, Desiderius – Reader, and Eutychius and Acutius – laymen, at Pozzuoli (ca. 305) Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, and Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius (2nd c.) Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, and Quadratus, of Nicomedia (303), St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople (434). Ven. Theodore of Sanaksáry (1791). Hieromartyr Sergii Rodakovsky (1933 – April 8th O.S.).

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
Wednesday	Apr	24	10:00a	Unction Service
			7:00p	Matins for Holy Thursday
Thursday	Apr	25	10:00a	Vesperal Divine Liturgy
			7:00p	Matins for Holy Friday (Passion Gospels)
Friday	Apr	26	4:00p	Vespers & Burial Procession
			5:30p	Holy Friday Lenten Meal
			7:00p	Matins & Praises
Saturday	Apr	27	9:30a	Vesperal Divine Liturgy
			11:30p	Nocturns, Matins & Divine Liturgy for Holy Pascha
Sunday	Apr	28		HOLY PASCHA – CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
			2:30a	Pascha Agape Meal
				Schedule continued on back cover

Monday	Apr	29	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Bright Monday
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The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Marilyn Macht** in honor of granddaughter **Chloe Little's** birthday! May God Grant Her Many Years!

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

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Apr 21	Palm	Sunday	Potluck
Apr 28	PASCHA	PASCHA	***

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Apr 21	W. Tatusko	M. Phinney	N. Bilyeu	M. Hydock & C. Williamson	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen
Apr 28	W. Tatusko C. Berencz S&D Hardy	N. Fitzgerald	N. Bilyeu	Holy Pascha!	N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

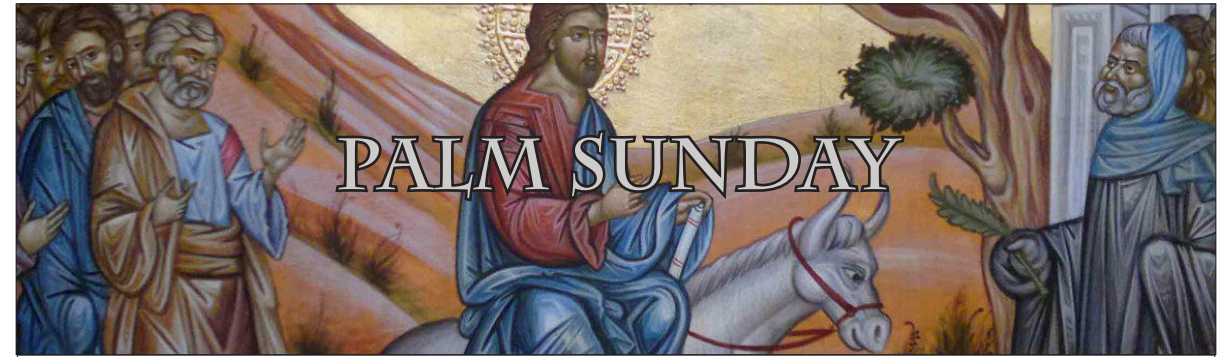
Bible Study will resume following Pascha!

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; **Mka. Alexandra** Safchuk; **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!



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.

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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will take place TODAY immediatly following Liturgy!

PASCHA BREADS FOR SALE TODAY:

Slavic Pascha with cross- \$10.00

Pascha with raisins- \$10.00

Bulgarian Lemon Pascha - \$10.00

Cheese Pascha - \$6.00

Butter Lambs - \$3.00

Cash & checks accepted. Please no \$100.00 bills.

FOCA WILL ALSO BE SELLING KIELBASA.

Net Proceeds from the Pascha Bake Sale will be split between St. Innocent Orphanage for boys in Mexico and St. Tabitha's House Orphanage in Kisumu, Kenya.

REMINDER: Recently the church pews were cleaned and many items were found and removed. Just a reminder to please take any items you may have used with you, ie: bulletins, inserts, books, crayons toys, food, etc. This is the Lord's House. Let's all try to keep it clean and orderly. Thanks very much!

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

21	Doug Burns Anastacia (Stacy) Jacobsen	25	Sasha Lutes Hilary Frimenko
23	Lori Landsburg Chloe Emerson Little Kiprian Tatusko	26	Peter Truitt Dorothy Gumpert Sarah Jenkins-Petro
24	Susan B. Petro	27	Justin Markovich



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!

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. 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.

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!

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!



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.

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.

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)

POLIS, THE CITY: On Saturday, May 11, 2019, the 1,689th anniversary of the dedication of the "City of Constantine" (May 11, 330), Saint Sophia, the "Holy Wisdom of God," Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Washington, D.C., celebrating the 4th anniversary of its consecration, will take you on a musical journey lamenting the fall of the most extraordinary and longest-lasting empire in the history of the world, the eleven- centuries old Christian Empire of the Orthodox East, known to the West as Byzantium. General Admission: \$25 Students: \$15 Book a row (10 seats): \$20/seat For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/428181861271283/>

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 begins 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. And, Mr. Michael Colburn, OCMC liturgical translator, will present on how he translates liturgies into the languages of the countries where OCMC has a presence.

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.

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK 2019

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 21st

9:15 am – Reading of the Third Hour

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Great & Holy Monday

Monday, April 22nd

7:00 pm – Bridegroom Matins

Great & Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:00 pm – Bridegroom Matins

Great & Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 24th

10:00 am – Unction Service

7:00 pm – Matins of Holy Thursday

Great & Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 25th

10:00 am – Vespers & Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm – Matins of Holy Friday

(Passion Gospels)

Great & Holy Friday

Friday, April 26th

4:00 pm – Vespers & Burial Procession

5:30 pm – Holy Friday Lenten Meal

7:00 pm – Matins & Praises

READING AT THE TOMB

Great & Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 27th

9:30 am – Vespers & Divine Liturgy

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

HOLY PASCHA

Sunday, April 28th

2:30 am - Pascha Agape Meal

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Bright Monday

Monday, April 29th

10:00 am – Divine Liturgy

11:30 am – Pascha Potluck

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.

THANK YOU: To Our Church Family, Our sincere thanks for all of the help and support you provided following the passing of our dear husband/ father/ grandfather. The beautiful buffet following the memorial service was delicious, abundant and extra special. Your prayers, thoughtfulness and kind words have meant more to us than you will ever know. What a beautiful send off as he makes his way home to the Lord. With much love in Christ, The family of Bill Dove

THANK YOU To all who helped cleanup the church both inside and out during our annual spring clean-up last weekend.

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

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

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! Please sign up to bring a dish. Sign up sheet is located in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

MEMORY ETERNAL for Dr. John Krynitsky, a long time parishioner of St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, April 18th. Schedule of services for Dr. Krynitsky are as follows: Tuesday, April 23 - 5pm Panikhida; Wednesday, April 24 - 10:30am - Funeral Service followed by interment at Rock Creek Cemetery. May his Memory Be Eternal!