

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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APRIL 28th, 2019

EPISTLE

Acts 5:12 – 20

GOSPEL

John 20:19 - 31

Tone 1

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

ANTIPASCHA – 2nd Sunday of Pascha. St. Thomas Sunday. Greatmartyr Irene of Thessalonica (1st – 2nd c.)
St. Ephraim of Nea Makri (1426). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Yakov (James) Abbot of Zheleznobovrosk.

Sunday	May	5	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas Sunday
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Easter Egg Hunt! PreK – 6th
			11:30a	Church School – Middle and High School
Tuesday	May	7	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Int. Prayer
Saturday	May	11	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
Sunday	May	12	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Myrrhbearing Women
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	May	14	8:00p	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	May	18	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
Sunday	May	19	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Paralytic
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Semi-Annual Meeting

The Altar Candles are offered by **Diana Haverlack** for the health of **Matushka Alexandra**.

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
May 5	Jacobsen	Prose	Tatusko
May 12	Mother's Day	Potluck	Helba

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
May 5	S&D Hardy	M. Karas	Mka. G. Phelps	G. Freimann & K. Phinney	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen
May 12	C. Berencz	K. Lungociu	Dn. D. Phelps	P. Masick & D. Jefferson	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** Fires-tone, **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; Jur-retta 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**; Mar-ilyn 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!

EASTER EGG HUNT will take place **TODAY** following Liturgy!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Alexander Pierce who was baptized yesterday, Saturday, May 4th! Please keep him and his family in your prayers! May God Grant Him Many Years!

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING 2019 will take place on Sunday, May 19th, following Liturgy. Read-ahead materials are available online and hard copies with financials are located in the hall outside of the sanctuary. Please note we do not publish our financial statements online.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: There may be a few tickets left for the Tuesday, November 12th presentation of "Miracle of Christmas" at Sight and Sound in Lancaster PA. Please see Tina Parrish or email her today at tmparrish@yahoo.com for details if you are interested.

THANK YOU! To all who helped bake, cook, decorate, set up, tear down and organize things around our church for Holy Week and Pascha. Special thanks to our choir, directors, readers and servers for all their hard work and time spent practicing and preparing for services. Your efforts have added greatly to the beauty and joy of this Holy season. Thank you!

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

GRADUATES 2019 Are you or someone in your family graduating from high school or college this May and June? If so, please let Fr. Gregory or Sharon Carter know. We will be honoring our graduates following Divine Liturgy sometime in the coming two months. Please stay tuned for a date!

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!

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| 7 | Madeleine Voth
Nicholas Voth |
| 8 | Olga Lobas
Patricia Pearson |
| 9 | Michael Karas |
| 10 | Grace Dillon |

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. **PLEASE GET YOUR CHECKS TO ST. MATTHEW NO LATER THAN MAY 11th.**

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.

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: The women's book club is reading Tears of Salt for May (Bartolo). This is a biography of a doctor on the island of Lampedusa off the Italian coast. Thousands of refugees fleeing Syria, Africa and Middle East countries end up here in their boats. This is a very moving account of how they cope with this. It's a short read, although very emotional. He makes reference to a documentary film Fire at Sea, showing the horror of this. If you can't read the book, but can watch the film, come join us for an interesting discussion in the library after Liturgy on May 26. 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.

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!

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!

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/>



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.

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.



Happy May Birthdays!
May God Grant You Many Years!



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| 1 | John Michael Mikuluk | 21 | Coy Williamson |
| 2 | Susan Rodak | 22 | Simina Lal Ciubotaru |
| 3 | Manuella Buzoianu Balan | | Renee Zabela |
| 7 | Madeleine Voth | | Dominic Rotunda |
| | Nicholas Voth | 23 | Kenneth Bernstein |
| 8 | Olga Lobas | | Carl Firestone |
| | Patricia Pearson | | Cindy Jefferson |
| 9 | Michael Karas | 24 | Nicholas Paul Moser |
| 10 | Grace Dillon | 25 | Talia Sieff |
| 12 | Paul Antich | 26 | Christina Berencz |
| | Shirley Dean | | Andrew Bumbak |
| | Joanna Navarro | 27 | Timothy Firestone |
| 13 | Ellen Barber | | Fr. Mark Koczak |
| 14 | Alexander Norton | 28 | Shawn Niemi |
| 15 | Bella Prose | 29 | Henry William Meyers |
| | Antonina Riscuta | | Lisa Robinson |
| 16 | Alexandra Brasoveanu-Tarpy | | Patricia Prose |
| | Dorothy Dillon | 31 | Michelle Bahumian |
| 17 | Sherry Safchuk | | Hannah LeFors |
| 19 | Carol Mary Ashley | | Alexandra Sedor |
| | Stephen Ilario | | |

