

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

Acts 6:1 – 7

GOSPEL

Mark 15:43 – 16:8

Tone 2

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

3rd Sunday of Pascha. Holy Myrrhbearing Women. St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403). St. Germanus (Herman), Patriarch of Constantinople (740). Glorification of Hieromartyr Germogen (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1913). Ven. Dionysii, Archimandrite of St. Sergius' Monastery (1633). St. Sabinus, Archbishop of Cyprus, and St. Polybius, Bishop in Cyprus (5th c.). Martyr John the Wallachian (Romania – 1662). Lazian Martyrs slain in Dudikvati and Papatii (Georgian, c. 1820 – April 29th O.S.).

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	4:30p	Memorial Service for Bill Dove
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
			6:30p	Bible Study
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
Tuesday	May	21	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Saturday	May	25	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Vespers

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

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Joan Mitchum** in memory of Mother **Jessie Fritzky**. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels
May 12	Mother's Day	Potluck
May 19	Barber	Berencz

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
May 12	C. Berencz	K. Lungociu	Dn. D. Phelps	P. Masick & D. Jefferson	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen
May 19	J. Sokich	Mka. A. Prentice	C. German	M. Nimmer & Renee Z.	N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, May 18th
Following Vespers

"The Seven Signs Of John Divine"

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.



Happy Mother's Day!



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; **Julia** Flick; **Marge** German; **Jurretta** Heckscher; **Marcella** Hydock, **Philip** Hydock; **Patricia** Ilnat; **Alice** Krenitsky; **Catherine** Mikuluk; **David** Rodak; **Alexandra** Sedor; **Mka. Alexandra** Safchuk; **Peter** Sielinski.

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**. Marge German's grandson **Joshua** and friend **Louise**, who is recovering from triple by-pass surgery, and sister **Mary** Rodzon; Jurretta Heckscher's father, **Stevens; Denise (Dionysia)**, Godsisiter of Christina Kalavritinos; Tammy Karas' mother **Carole** Roberts, and friend **Charlene; Olga**, friend of Helen Kerch; **Mary** Everhart, mother of Ted Kooper-smith; Kim Lungociu's cousin **Doug**; Marilyn Macht's cousins **Helen, Linda** and sister-in-law **Bonnie. Bridget**, friend of Skip & Barbara Mersereau's. Anelia Rotunda's father, **Ivan**; Sharon Sielinski's friend **Valerie and her unborn child**, and **Lucille. Fr. Basil Summer.** Don Truitt's parents; friends of St. Mark, **Tanya & James** Twyman; Friend of St. Mark **Linda Weir**; 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!

ST. MARK FOCA: The Mother's Day gifts today are distributed by the Jacobsen/Prose families.

ENHANCED COFFE HOUR Sunday, May 19th we will have an enhanced coffee hour to say goodbye to Dcn. David, Mat. Gemma & Andrea Phelps. This will be their last Sunday before their move to Richmond, VA. Please plan to bring a special dish to share.

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.

PASCHA BAKE SALE: Thanks to all our customers who purchased Pascha breads and other foods at our bake sale. Our proceeds totaled \$1,732. Project Mexico's St. Innocent Orphanage and St. Tabitha's House Orphanage in Kenya will each receive \$866.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Monday, May 15th. If you are interested in joining, see Paula Zabela!

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY resumes next Saturday (May 18) after Vespers beginning a new series from the Gospel Of John, "The Seven Signs Of John Divine" focusing on the seven miracles in the Gospel that forms its outline: "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ and believing have life in His name. "

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!

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

12	Paul Antich	15	Antonina Riscuta
	Shirley Dean	16	Alexandra Brasoveanu-Tarpy
	Joanna Navarro		Dorothy Dillon
13	Ellen Barber	17	Sherry Safchuk
14	Alexander Norton		
	Bella Prose		

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.

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!

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.