

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

Acts 9:32 – 42

GOSPEL

John 5:1 – 15

Tone 3

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

4th Sunday of Pascha. Paralytic. Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and his companions: Presbyters Acacius, Menander, and Polyenus (2nd – 3rd c.). St. John Bishops of the Goths in the Crimea (8th c.). St. Dunstan, Abp. Of Canterbury (988). ✝ Rt. Blv. Dimitry Donskoy, Grand Prince of Moscow (1389) Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of Komel' (Vologdá – 1537). Ven. Cornelius Abbot of Paleostrov (15th c.) Rt. Blv. John, Prince of Uglich, tonsured as Ignatius (Vologdá – 1523). Ven. Sergius of Shukhtomsk (1609).

Sunday	May	19	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Paralytic
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School – Special Project (Meet in PreK Room!)
			11:30a	Semi-Annual Meeting
Tuesday	May	21	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Saturday	May	24	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	May	25	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Samaritan Woman
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Women's Book Club Meeting
Saturday	June	1	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Nicholas Lapato** in memory of **Tillie Lapato**. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
May 19	Barber	Berencz	Vance
May 26	Macht	Karas	Freimann

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
May 19	J. Sokich	Mka. A. Prentice	C. German	M. Nimmer & Renee Z.	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen
May 26	W. Tatusko	D. Dillon	V. Bumbak	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, May 25th

Following Vespers

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; **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 Koopersmith; 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!

FAIRWELL PHELPS FAMILY! Today is Dn. David, Mka. Gemma and Andrea's last Sunday with us, their St. Mark family! We will have an enhanced coffee hour following Liturgy as well as some time before the Semi-Annual Meeting to chat, hug and say fairwell to The Phelps!

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place today following Liturgy. Hard copy read-ahead materials are available in the hall outside of the Sanctuary as well as on the table next to sign in sheets. Please stay for the meeting after you sign in.

SPECIAL STUDENT PROJECT: There are no regular church school classes today. There will be a special student project taking place during the Semi-Annual meeting. Church school students should meet in the Pre-K classroom at 11:30 am.

CHURCH SCHOOL PICNIC will take place on June 9th following Liturgy. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. We will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, rolls, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles & beans. We will also need help with setting up tables and chairs. Please let Nancy Stanton and Stacy Pedersen know if you are able to help with set up.

LUNCH BUNCH: The next ladies luncheon will meet at noon on Monday June 17 @ Il Pizzico located at 15209 Frederick Rd, Rockville, MD 20850. Please notify Paulina Masick by 6/10/ 19 (pimscup49@gmail.com) if you will attend. Carpooling is highly recommended due to the small parking lot.

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!

2ND "ANNUAL" HEIRLOOM TOMATO PLANT SALE! The Truitt Family will once again graciously sell their fabulous tomato plants! The proceeds will go to support Ancient Faith Radio. The plants will be available during coffee hour either this Sunday (if the Truitt's are here) or next Sunday.

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

19	Carol Mary Ashley Stephen Ilario	23	Kenneth Bernstein Carl Firestone
21	Coy Williamson		Cindy Jefferson
22	Simina Lal Ciubotaru Renee Zabela Dominic Rotunda	24	Nicholas Paul Moser
		25	Talia Sieff

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES TO ALASKA: In the year 2020, The Orthodox Church in America will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the granting of her autocephaly as well as the glorification of St. Herman of Alaska. There will be many events scheduled through out the year, and in each of the diocese, to commemorate the anniversary. One of the events the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, has scheduled is a pilgrimage to Alaska on July 8th - 14th, 2020. The cost is \$2,295 per person and includes: 7 days/6 nights accomodation, round trip accomodations to Kodiak from Anchorage, excursion to Spruce Island, touring and sight-seeing as listed in itinerary and daily breakfast. Things NOT included: tips, optional tours, alcoholic beverages, personal expense, and air fair to/from Alaska. The \$2,295 is the EARLY BIRD price per person. That will be available until **June 15th, 2019**. Sign-up information is available here: <https://www.culturallycreativetravel.com/pilgrimage-to-alaska-2020/>. A few copies of the pilgrimage packet will be availble on the candle counter. The packet includes His Beatitude's letter regarding the events, information sheet for the pilgrimage itself, trip summary, itinerary and schedule of events and travel insurance material.

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.