

## *Saint Mark Orthodox Church*

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**JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

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| <b>EPISTLE</b><br>Acts 16:16 – 34 | <b>GOSPEL</b><br>John 9: 1 – 38 | <b>Tone 5</b> |
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### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha. Blind Man.** St. Nicephorus the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (828). Greatmartyr John the New of Sochi, who suffered at Belgrade (ca. 1330 – 40). St. John the New of Suceava (Confessor – 1332). Glorification of Ven. Zabulon (Zebulon) and Sosanna (Susanna), parents of St. Nino, Enlightener of Georgia (1996 – May 20<sup>th</sup> O.S.).

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| Sunday   | June | 2  | 9:15a  | Reading of the Third Hour                      |
|          |      |    | 9:30a  | Divine Liturgy – Blind Man                     |
|          |      |    | 11:15a | Coffee Hour Fellowship                         |
|          |      |    | 11:30a | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting |
|          |      |    | 11:30a | Church School                                  |
| Tuesday  | June | 4  | 10:30a | Bl. Mka Olga Prayer Group - Akathist           |
| Thursday | June | 6  | 10:00a | Divine Liturgy - Ascension                     |
| Saturday | June | 8  | 10:00a | Funeral for Dumitru Carstea                    |
|          |      |    | 5:00p  | Private Confession                             |
|          |      |    | 5:30p  | Great Vespers                                  |
|          |      |    | 6:30p  | Bible Study                                    |
| Sunday   | June | 9  | 9:15a  | Reading of the Third Hour                      |
|          |      |    | 9:30a  | Divine Liturgy                                 |
|          |      |    | 11:15a | Church School Picnic                           |
| Tuesday  | June | 11 | 8:00p  | Parish Council Meeting                         |

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Joan Mitchum** on the occasion of **Greg and Danielle Mitchum's** anniversary! May God Grant Them Many Years!

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

| Date   | Hosts/Hostesses | Donuts/Bagels |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| June 2 | Albert          | Stanton       |
| June 9 | <b>Church</b>   | <b>School</b> |

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

| Date   | Director   | Reader        | Preparer           | Greeter                         | Altar Servers   |
|--------|------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| June 2 | S&D Hardy  | M. Ahmadi     | V. Lutes           | N. Stanton                      | A. Ahmadi<br>A. Datch<br>C. Datch<br>E. Pedersen<br>N. Pedersen |
| June 9 | C. Berencz | M. Baxtresser | D.<br>Golembiewski | M. Hydock<br>&<br>C. Williamson | J. Sedor<br>M. Sedor  |

### Classes

#### Bible Study

Saturday, June 8th

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; **Denise (Dionysia)**, Godmother 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. Marina McKee. 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; 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 CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** Our FOCA chapter is accepting applications from college and post-graduate students of St. Mark for scholarships. Applications can be obtained by e-mailing Paul Dean at: [PVDean@fcps.edu](mailto:PVDean@fcps.edu). The deadline for submission is Sunday, June 9th.

**FOCA DISTRICT STOCK AWARDS:** Congratulations to our winners: \$200 David and Ellen Zaika (St. Nicholas); \$100 David Sichik Trenton, NJ; \$50 Larisa Looby. St. Mark! Thank you all for your support!

**KEVIN AYESH:** Concert pianist Kevin Ayesh, a former St. Mark member and choir director, will be presenting a house concert on the Emerson Avenue Salons series in McLean on **TODAY**, June 2nd, with a program of works by Mozart, Schumann, Chopin, and Gershwin. The evening begins with appetizers and drinks at 6:30; the performance is at 7:30, followed by a pot-luck dinner at 8:30. All are invited. Admission is free; attendees are asked to bring a dish for the buffet table. For complete information and to make a reservation, visit the website: [emersonavenuesalons.com](http://emersonavenuesalons.com).

**CHURCH SCHOOL PICNIC** will take place **NEXT SUNDAY**, June 9th, following Liturgy. **Please don't forget to bring a dish!** 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.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING** will take place **TODAY** following Liturgy. The meeting will be held in the Library.

**THANK YOU:** A million thanks to the hardy men who answered the call to bring our two new freezers into the kitchen last Sunday. It took perseverance, a few tools, and a few engineering feats, but a very tricky job was completed. God Bless You!

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

- 1 Alexandra Zabela
- 3 Christine Cacic  
James J. Rosolanka
- 5 Michael Cacic  
Rachael Datch  
Jennifer Malatesta
- 6 Robert Rudin
- 7 James W. (Skip) Mersereau



**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!

**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](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.

*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!

**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.

**ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP:** The women's book club meets on the last Sunday of the month, following Liturgy, in the Library for discussion. Upcoming books: June 30th - *Notes From a Small Island* by Bill Bryson. July 28th - *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult. August 25th - *Code Talker* by Chester Nez and Judith Schless Avila. September 29th - *Code Name: Lise* by Larry Loftis. Any questions, please see Joan Mitchum, Mka. Sasha or any of the participants.

**THE FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN UNITED TO SERVE (FOCUS)** has a special youth program called Youth Enabled to Serve (YES). The group will come to the Washington, D.C. area on Saturday, June 8th. The program will guide our students, 13 years of age to college age, through a one day program:

**Come and be equipped to serve -- to make a difference here and now!**

- **Be guided thru an educational and formational experience of the D.C. area, its people and its needs;**
- **Learn how to approach people in need, with whom we are unfamiliar, and learn how to breakdown stereotypes;**
- **Visit and connect with organizations doing great work in the greater D.C. area;**
- **Share fellowship and learning with other youth eager to serve.**

Registration is now open to all Orthodox youth ages 13 to college age. Register early because there are only fifteen spaces available. For more details on the YES Day and on how to register please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

**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.

# Happy June Birthdays!

## May God Grant You Many Years!

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|----|---------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1  | Alexandra Zabela          | 16 | Fr. David Cowan            |
| 3  | Christine Cacic           |    | Wright Steinberg           |
|    | James J. Rosolanka        |    | Kara Yakubik               |
| 5  | Michael Cacic             | 18 | Kathryn Balamaci           |
|    | Rachael Datch             | 19 | David Jefferson            |
|    | Jennifer Malatesta        |    | Rachel Salas               |
| 6  | Robert Rudin              | 20 | Karen Jankovic             |
| 7  | James W. (Skip) Mersereau | 21 | Kimberly Yakubik           |
| 9  | Simon Markovich           | 22 | Salomea Jankovic           |
| 10 | Nicholas Niemi            |    | Peter Sielinski            |
| 11 | Mat. Gemma Phelps         | 23 | Timothy Dillon             |
| 12 | Hannah Antich             |    | Michael Hydock             |
|    | Nicholas Corbin           |    | Ravyn Malatesta            |
|    | Eliot Landsburg           |    | Timothy Perry              |
| 13 | David Burke Jackson       | 24 | Benjamin Oleynik           |
|    | Ann Marie Steger          |    | Joshua Tucker              |
|    | Vadim Uritsky             | 25 | Alexsandra (Sunny) Holovac |
| 14 | Joshua Lindsay            |    | Harell Little              |
|    | Maximus Timothy Masick    |    | Tara Shimer                |
|    | Daniel Schuresko          | 26 | Nicola Ilario              |
| 15 | Tina Burpee               | 27 | Dawn Little                |
|    | Mary Ann Holovac          | 30 | Ella Rose Datch            |
|    | John Humphries            |    | Jenna Datch                |
|    | Alexandra Kissell         |    | Nick Pedersen              |

