

## Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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**AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>EPISTLE</b> 1 Cor. 1:10 – 18	<b>GOSPEL</b> Matt. 14:14 – 22	<b>Tone 7</b>
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### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus (Euplius) of Catania (304).** Virgin-Martyr Susanna and those with her: Martyrs Gaius, Pope of Rome, Presbyter Gabinus, his brother and the father of Susanna, Maximus, Claudius, and his wife Praepedigna and their sons Alexander and Cutias (295 - 296). Martyrs Vasily (Basil) and Theodore of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1098). St. Theodosius (Prince Theodore of Ostrog) of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 15<sup>th</sup> c.) Martyr Nikon of Constantinople (1508). St. Niphon, Patriarch of Constantinople (Mt. Athos – 1515). The **“Constantinople”** Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Sunday	Aug	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting
Thursday	Aug	15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Dormition – Blessing of Flowers
Saturday	Aug	17 <sup>th</sup>	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Aug	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal

The **Altar and Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Drs. Mary & Anna Nemesh** in loving memory of parents **Charles & Annie Nemesh** and brother **Dr. Walter Nemesh**. May God Grant Them Many Years!

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels
Aug 11	Phinney	Balamaci Vance
Aug 18	Renee Z.	Borger Friemann

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Aug 11	C. Berencz	M. Phinney			A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen
Aug 18		N. Fitzgerald			N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor

### Classes

### Bible Study

Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

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; George Freimann; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Cindy Helba; Patricia Ihnat; Alice Krenitsky; Catherine Mikuluk; David Rodak; Alexandra Sedor; Mka. Alexandra Safchuk; Peter Sielinski; Cliff Tarpy; Marsha Zelle.**

Please pray for **Margaret**, Mary Carol Ashley's mother; Ellen Barber's friends **Bruce and Pamela**; The child **Penelope**; **Fr. Dennis Buck**; 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)**, God-sister 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 friend **Theodora** who was just diagnosed with lung cancer; 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**, Mother-in-Law **Patricia**, and **Lucille. Fr. Basil Summer**. Don Truitt's parents; Friend of St. Mark **Linda Weir**; Paula Zabela's cousins, **Helen**, who has thyroid cancer, and **Janet**, who has kidney cancer.

**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!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Roy and Dottie Gumpert who are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary TODAY! May God Grant Them Many Years!

**STOCK AWARDS:** FOCA members. Please return your Stock Award stubs to George Freimann ASAP. Thank you!

**50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING** will take place TODAY, following Liturgy!

**DORMITION:** Divine Liturgy for Dormition will take place on Thursday, August 15th at 10:00 am. Immediately following Liturgy, we will bless flowers.

**FOUND:** A fitness tracker was found last weekend. It has a dark blue band. Is it yours? See Sharon Sielinski Carter to claim.

**UPDATE ON FR. BASIL** has been discharged from the rehab facility and is receiving care at home. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will take place on Tuesday, August 20th at 8:00pm.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Please join us for lunch at noon, August 12th, at Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge, 2 Preserve Pkwy. in Rockville, MD. Everyone is welcome. It's a fun and relaxing get together. If you'd like to come, please email Darlene Marti at [dmarti2002@aol.com](mailto:dmarti2002@aol.com).

**NATIONALS FAITH DAY** is on Saturday, September 28th at 4:05 pm and the game will be against the Cleveland Indians. It is pretty early to start talking about this, but The Nationals have some really exciting things planned for the game and after show. If you are interested in attending, or want to get a St. Mark group together, please let Sharon Carter know as soon as possible. There is some great seating available this year. For more information, see Sharon Carter.

**SELLING OUR PEWS** As mentioned in the Semi Annual Parish meeting a month ago, we are renewing our Pew project. With that in mind, the Pew Committee and the Parish Council are looking for someone, or a couple someones, to take on the responsibility of selling our old pews. If you are interested in spearheading this effort, please see Wayne Tatusko or Karen Phinney.

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

11	Kathy Petro Astrid Sheppard	15	Vera Simonenko Ada (Mary) Steinberg	17	Michele Humphries John Ihnat
12	Sharon Sielinski Carter Nicole Johnson Erik Pedersen	16	Nick Ayers Demetrios Datch Ekaterine Gureshidze		
13	Christina Nocera		Emili Malatesta		
14	Andrea Ticich		Samuel Oleynik		

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS:** Since we did not have our Rummage Sale this year, many have requested that we hold a “Dress for Success” program at St. Mark to meet the great need for professional clothing in the DC area. The donated professional clothing will go to those in need of professional clothing for work and interviews.

### “Dress for Success” Collection Guidelines.

A Wider Circle would like the following: (On hangers, if possible)

1. Only clean, professional clothing such as suits, dresses, skirts, blouses will be accepted. Clothing should be “Ready to Wear”, no repairs needed.
2. It would be ideal if the clothing has been cleaned and/or laundered before the donation.
3. No tank tops with logos will be accepted.
4. No shorts or athletic shoes should be donated.
5. Blazers, dressy sweaters, coordinated tops and skirts are good.
6. Professional shoes, in good condition will be accepted.
7. Men’s suits and shirts, (on hangers) will also be accepted.

A “Wider Circle” will pick up the the professional clothing on August 23rd, between 10:00 AM and Noon. We will set up a small classroom to accommodate the donations.

Any questions, call or email Marsha 301-881-3407

*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!

**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: 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.



SAVING LIVES ~ SUPPORTING FAMILIES. Want to help women walk through their decision making process about their pregnancy? Become a volunteer counselor at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. We will train you! Training consist of 5 classes and begins in early August. Specific dates and times to be determined. Call Kathleen Garcia, Executive Director, at 301-963-6223 for more information.