

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

Gal. 2:16 – 20
1 Cor. 16:13 – 24

GOSPEL

Mark 8:34 – 9:1
Matt. 21:33 – 42

Tone 4

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST. Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross. Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Greatmartyr Nicetas (Nikita) the Goth (ca. 372). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (3rd c.). Martyrs Theodotus, Asclepiodotus, and Maximus, of Adrianopolis (305 – 311). Martyr Porphyrius the Actor (361). Uncovering of the Relics of the holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (415). St. Philotheus the Presbyter, in Asia Minor (10th c.). Ven. Josph, Abbot, of Alaverdsk in Georgia (570). St. Joseph the New of Partos, Metropolitan of Timisoara (1656).

Sunday	Sept	15	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Sept	17	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Wednesday	Sept	18	9:00a	Russian Torte Baking Workshop
Friday	Sept	20	9:00a	Piroshki Workshop
Saturday	Sept	21	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	FOCA "On Top of Spaghetti" Night
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The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Kyra Smerkanich** in thanksgiving for her second wedding anniversary. May God Grant Them Many Years!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Joan Mitchum** in celebration of granddaughter **Lauren King's** birthday! May God Grant Her Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels
Sept 15	Brasovernu-Tarpy	Looby
Sept 22	Mitchum	Baxtresser-Chow

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Sept 15	S&D Hardy	M. Karas	D. Golembiewski		A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor
Sept 22	J. Sokich	M. Ahmadi	Mka. G. Phelps		

Classes

Bible Study

TBD

TBD

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, Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret Dove; Julia Flick; George Freimann; Marge German; Jurettta Heckscher; Cindy Helba; Patricia Ilnat; Alice Krenitsky; Catherine Mikuluk; David Rodak; Alexandra Sedor; Mka. Alexandra Safchuk; Peter Sielinski; Cliff Tarpy; Marsha Zellem.

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; Sandra Little, Dawn Little's mother-in-law. 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. Stephen**, Susan Rodak's father. Anelia Rotunda's father, **Ivan**; Sharon Sielinski's 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!

TORTE WORKSHOP is scheduled for September 18 at 9 AM. Please mark your calendar and make plans to help us if you can. No experience necessary! Questions? Call Ginny Albert at 703-237-6349.

PIROSHKI It may seem like November, and the Bazaar, are far away, but that's not the case. Workshops are starting and, as always, many hands means less work for everyone. Please join us on Friday, September 20th for coffee and pinching at 9:00am. No experience necessary. Lunch will be provided. Thank you. Martha Vance and Matushka Sasha.

EVANGELIZER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: The October-November-December Edition of the Evangelizer is due out Sunday, September 29th. Please gather your articles, photos, news, and recipes and send them to Sharon Carter no later than Wednesday, September 25th. In person or via email: admin@stmarkoca.org or sscarter2018@gmail.com. Thank you!

LADIES LUNCHEON- The St. Mark ladies who lunch will be meeting at Pulcinella's Restaurant in McLean on Monday, September 16th at 12:00pm for our next monthly get together. All are welcome to attend. Please let Millie or Mary Mytryshyn (703-533-1379) know by Friday, September 13th, if you plan to attend. Thank you. We look forward to a fun time together once again. Pulcinellas 6852 Old Dominion Drive McLean, VA 22101 (703) 893-7777

NEW COFFEE POTS Please note the following for the new 60-cup coffee pots:(1) there is an on/off switch on each pot. Make sure each is plugged in and the switch is in the "on" position; (2) there are no markings on the pots for water level. Watch the clear tube on the front of the pot and fill to the "Max" position for 60 cups for coffee hour.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES please remember to take home and launder all towels and aprons you use. Leaving wet towels in the white receptacle causes them to mold.

BAZAAR SIGN-UP SHEETS The sign-up sheets for working at the bazaar have been posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen door. All slots need to be filled. Please plan on working as many shifts as possible to make our bazaar a success.

DONATE TO HELP WITH BAZAAR FOOD COSTS A list of approx. food costs has been posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen door. Please consider donating to help keep food costs down. Donations can be given to Tina Burpee or Gene Jacobsen.

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



15	Anna Hardy John Steger
16	Adina Carstea Bryce Pierce
19	Barbara Freimann
20	Christina Kalavritinos Clint Purdue

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.

FOCA NIGHT: Please join us for our "On Top of Spaghetti" dinner on Saturday, Sept. 21st, following Vespers. Menu includes spaghetti (gluten-free), meatballs, salad, garlic bread and desserts. Ticket sales begin today during coffee hour. Proceeds go to charities and scholarships.

ON TOP OF SPAGHETTI



Saturday Sept. 21
6:30 PM

Adults \$15
Kids 6-12 \$8
Under 5 eat FREE

This is a FOCA Fundraiser Dinner

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: Both September breakfasts are cancelled! 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: September 29th - *Code Name: Lise* by Larry Loftis. Any questions, please see Joan Mitchum, Mka. Sasha or any of the participants.

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

UPDATE ON FR. BASIL has been discharged from the rehab facility and is receiving care at home. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated! If you would like to send a card or note, Fr. Basil's address: 304 Center Island Road Oyster Bay, NY 11771

ST. NICHOLAS FALL BAZAAR 2019 St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C. will once again host their Fall Bazaar on Saturday, September 21st 11:00 am - 7:00 pm and Sunday, September 22nd, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Join us for traditional Russian and Georgian food, gifts, and live music! For more information, see the flier in the parish hall.

ST. MARK BUDGET MEETING: A budget meeting is called for Saturday, October 5th at 6:30 PM in the parish library. All departments and/or groups requesting monies from and/or have proposals for the 2020 budget, please submit requests to the Treasurer, Matthew Nimmer (manimmer@yahoo.com), by noon on Wednesday, October 2nd. All parish members are welcome to attend the budget meeting.

LUCKY DRAW: Sorry for being so late to the Bazaar Party bandwagon. That being said it's time to talk about the Lucky Draw. I have to say that the most popular thing is handcrafted items like pillows, blankets, shawls, and scarves. So please if you have anything that is handcrafted that you or someone you know would be willing to donate please let me know. A close second is typically gift cards to various restaurants and stores. If you wish to donate something but are unsure as to what I will either accept cash or at least give suggestions. If I am not there in church personally to accept any donations please give it to anyone with the last name of Jacobsen or Prose (Gene, Tammy, Stacy, Patty, Aaron, and Bella). Thank you so much for all your support over the last few years and I hope to make this years Lucky Draw even better than the last. See you there!

With Luck, Vicky Jacobsen - Lucky Draw Chair - Jacobsen.vicky@gmail.com

THANK YOU to my Church Family for your outpouring of prayers, love, and support, cards, calls, floral tributes, and donations to the St. Mark building fund in Migs' memory.

Thank you to all who prepared food and served in the kitchen.

Thank you to those of you who served, Father Gregory, Father Perry, Deacon Matthew Prentice, Mark Phinney, to Wayne Tatusko and our beautiful choir, and to those of you who made the long trip to St. Tikhon's for the burial service, especially Father Gregory and Altar Boy Victor Lutes, the Sheppard family, and Simon and Cathy Markovich.

My family and I are deeply grateful. Helen Damiani

YOU ARE WHAT YOU LIVE The Romanian Orthodox Community in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area invites you to the conference *You Are What You Live - Recent data from neuroscience in light of the spiritual experiences of the Philokalia*. Thursday, September 19, 2019 at St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church (6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA) Evening Service at 6:30 p.m; Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.; Conference, Q&A at 7:30 p.m Free entrance/donations at will. SPEAKER: Deacon Adrian Sorin Mihalache, PhD. Deputy Director-Center for interdisciplinary research in Religion, Philosophy and Science, A.I.Cuza University - Iasi, Romania. Director - Center for Medicine and Spirituality "Providenta" Hospital - Iasi, Romania. Event organized by Saint Andrew Romanian Orthodox Church, Potomac, MD and Saint Calinic Romanian Orthodox Church, Fredericksburg, VA. RSVP at 202-505-2340 or contact@sfantulapostolandrei.org. See Flier on bulletin board in parish hall.

ANNAPOLIS COLLEGE MINISTRY 15-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Please join us Sunday, September 29 at 3 p.m. for a celebration of ACM's 15 years of ministry to the students of St. John's College and the midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academy. The catered event will be hosted at the house of St. John's College President, Pano Kanellos across from St. John's College (65 College Ave.). All past and present supporters, alumni of the ministry, and current students are invited. The Sunday, Sept. 29 event coincides with Alumni Weekend at St. John's College. The celebration will be an opportunity to thank God for the fruit of 15 years of ministry at the USNA and St. John's College, as well as you our faithful supporters who have sustained the ministry, its outreach and evangelism through the years. There will be a presentation by Fr. Robert, as well as remarks from St. John's President, Pano Kanellos, opportunities to hear from some of ACM's alumni, and a slide show of the ministry throughout its 15-year history. Visit: <https://bit.ly/2kHUKpc> to read more about the event and RSVP. (Link shortened for easy copy and paste)

PARISH COUNCIL SEAT: The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to run for the vacant council seat that will be available at the Annual Meeting in November. If you are interested, please see Wayne Tatusko, or any council member.

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: This year's fund raiser will be held on Sunday, October 20th. at the Rockville Hilton Hotel. We'd like to have our usual table of at least ten people from St. Mark. Please let Marcella Hydock know if you will attend. Thank you!

OCA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: The Orthodox Church in America wants to make a better youth program for everyone to come closer to Christ! But it needs your help, and it wants to hear your voice! There are two ways to do this:

1) Fill out this survey anytime this summer! It takes about 10-20 minutes, and it would be an ENORMOUS help!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OrthodoxYouthandYoungAdultSurvey>

2) Email the Youth Department with more general, long thoughts about youth ministry at youth@oca.org! They're going to read everything everyone sends them!

The OCA Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry Department wants to include you with the planning and decision making of youth and young adult ministry in the Orthodox Church in America!"

MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL: Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Potomac, Maryland will hold their 36th annual Middle Eastern Festival. Featuring authentic middle eastern food, grilled lamb, kibbee, tabouleh, hummus, shawarma, falafel, home made middle eastern pastries and more! Friday, September 20th, Noon - 9:00 pm; Saturday, September 21st, 11:00 am - 10 pm; Sunday, September 22nd, Noon - 6:00 pm. For more information, see the flier in the parish hall.

