

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

1 Cor. 6:12 - 20

GOSPEL

Luke 15:11 – 32

Tone 2

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST. Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Martyrs Pamphilius the Presbyter, Valens the Deacon, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus, Elias, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel, and Daniel, at Cesarea in Palestine (307 – 309). St. Maruthas, Bishop of Martyropolis in Mesopotamia (422). Persian Martyrs in Martyropolis in Mesopotamia (4th c.). St. Nikolai, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Japan (1912 – Feb. 3rd O.S.).

Sunday	Feb	16	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Prodigal Son
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Feb	18	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Wednesday	Feb	19	8:00p	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	Feb	22	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Feb	23	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Last Judgment (Meatfare)
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Women's Book Club Meeting
Saturday	Feb	29	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study

The **Sanctuary Candle** is offered by **Marilyn Macht** in honor of Grandson **Clark Little's** birthday! May God Grant Him Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Feb 16	Petro	Petro-Jenkins	Mytryshyn
Feb 23	Lacko-Gleason	Phinney	Helba

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Feb 16	J. Barber	P. Dean	D. Golembiewski	K. Phinney & G. Freimann	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen
Feb 23	C. Berencz	J. Rosolanka	Mka. G. Phelps	J. Mitchum & M. Kopcha	N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, Feb. 22nd

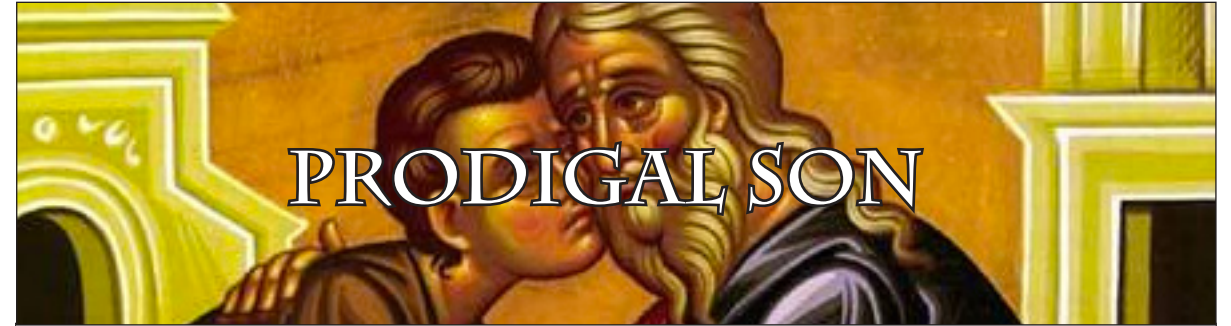
Following Vespers

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: Michael Ahmadi; Christina Berencz, Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret Dove; Julia Flick; George Freimann; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Cindy Helba; Patricia Ihnat; Alice Krenitsky; Catherine Mikuluk; Susie Needham; David Rodak; Alexandra Sedor; Mka. Alexandra Safchuk; Peter Sielinski; Ann Marie Steger; Cliff Tarpy.

Please pray for the child **Penelope**; **Fr. Dennis Buck**; Christine Cacic's friend, **Carmen**; Barbara Freimann's niece **Samantha**; **Misha** Freimann, who is being treated for cancer. Marge German's grandson **Joshua** and friend **Louise**, who is recovering from triple bypass surgery, and sister **Mary** Rodzon; **Denise (Dionysia)**, Godsister 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. Marilyn Macht's friend **Theodora** who was diagnosed with lung cancer; cousins **Helen, Linda** and sister-in-law **Bonnie. Marina** McKee; **Mka. Kelly** Oleynik; Anelia Rotunda's father, **Ivan**; Sharon Sielinski's Mother-in-Law **Patricia**, and **Lucille. Catherine** Steger Miller, Daughter of Ann Marie Steger. **Fr. Basil Summer.** Don Truitt's parents; Friend of St. Mark **Linda Weir**; Paula Zabela's Uncle **Nick**, cousins **Janet** and **Helen**, all battling 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!



NEW BABY Isabella Caroline was born to Kathryn and Jonathan Bussenger early Monday morning, February 10th. All are doing well, aside from being tired. Please keep the Bussenger family in your prayers! May God bless them and grant them many years!

NEW BABY Jacob Fillmore was born to Patty and Aron Prose Tuesday, February 11th, at 4:30 PM - 21 3/4", 8 lbs 13 oz. Congratulations to all! Baby and parents are doing well, thanks be to God. Please remember them all in your prayers.

NEW BABY Catherine Steger Miller gave birth to Luke James at 5:50 pm Wednesday, February 12th - 9.4 lbs. 22 inches. Congratulations to parents James and Catherine, to Grandma Ann and to all the family! Everyone is doing well! Please keep them in your prayers.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will take place today, following Liturgy!

VESPER'S BIBLE STUDY is on a two week hiatus. The next meeting will be Saturday, February 22nd, following Vespers.

HOUSE BLESSINGS: Fr. Gregory will be contacting parishioners to schedule house blessings, but if parishioners have a preference for a specific date and time, they may contact Fr. Gregory at any time. Thank you!

LADIES LUNCHEON The next St. Mark Ladies Lunch will take place on February 24th, 2020 at noon at Trapezaria Mediterranean Kuzina, a Greek restaurant located at 11 N. Washington St., Rockville, MD 20850. Please respond to Marilyn Macht (mmacht973@gmail.com) if you will attend by Thursday, 2/20/2020.

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

17	Nicholas Lapato Clark Little Chloe Nimmer	19	Nina Borissow Mary Ann Fitzgerald Donna Glenn
18	Peter McHugh	21	Robertta (Mitchum) McCunney
		22	Nancy Stanton

YES DAY AT ST. MATTHEW YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) is coming to Columbia, MD to serve the needy! The event is open to people 13 years - college students and will take place Saturday, February 29th, 2020 from 9:30am – 7pm. The group will meet at the Orthodox Church of St. Matthew, cost is a gift of \$25 per person. For more information on the event please see the flier in the parish hall or contact Katrina Bitar: kbitar@focusna.org. For more information on the YES organization, please visit: <https://yesnorthamerica.org/>.

ST. GEORGE MISSION TEAM, of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, still has space available for the July 12-18, 2020 trip! We will be working with the OYMT (Orthodox Youth Mission Team) and the Appalachia Service Project to repair homes in a very poverty stricken area of Appalachia. This is wonderful opportunity to put your faith to work for some very well deserving people. The more St. George can bring on this trip the more families we can assist. Please consider joining the 2020 team. We are looking for youth from 8th grade and above and adults. Contact Athena Kaiser at avkmail@verizon.net or 240-498-0870 with questions and registration information.

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES OF INTEREST: The following performances are scheduled for the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, VA, 10900 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20220, 703-993-7759, hyltoncenter.org.

- National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine, Sunday, February 23 at 2 pm
- Russian National Ballet, The Sleeping Beauty, Friday, March 6 at 8 pm

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.

ON COMMUNION: The fasting rules concerning communion apply to those who are healthy enough to keep them. If for example, you require medication that cannot be taken on an empty stomach, please speak to me about the possible need to eat or drink something along with it in the morning prior to 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.

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: The women's book club meets on the fourth Sunday of the month, following Liturgy, in the Library for discussion. Upcoming books: February 23rd - Pavilion of Women by Pearl S. Buck; March 22nd - Everyday Wonders by Michael J. Oleksa. Any questions, please see Joan Mitchum, Mka. Sasha or any of the participants.

AKATHIST BOOK: On the third Tuesday of each month the Matushka Olga prayer group prays an Akathist to address a special need. The collected Akathists are in black loose leaf notebooks in the library on the bottom shelf of the first bookcase on the left as you walk in. Please feel free to take a look at these Akathists and copy them for your personal use.

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!

FOR SALE (ALL ITEMS ARE FROZEN): Piroghi (St. Mark 1 dozen) \$5.00; Plumpy's Pierogies (3 doz bag) \$8.00; Kielbasa (2 sticks, approx. 1 lb) \$5.00;

LENTEN LECTURE SOUP AND BREAD. The Lenten Lecture series continues this year, following the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies. The St. Mark tradition of bringing a sack "lunch" continues as well, but for those who are visiting, those who forget their dinner, those who are moved at the last minute to attend the Presanctified, and those who are just plain hungry, we will have peanut butter, jelly and bread to make sandwiches, and at least two pots of hot soup. Anyone who might be able to make a soup or bring a loaf of bread on one of the Wednesday evenings (March 4, March 11, March 18, April 1 and April 8 are all currently available) please let Matushka Sasha know either in person, on the phone (301-320-0739), by email (asafchuk@hotmail.com) or carrier pigeon what date you could bring soup for. We can do this the easy way, where others bring soup, or the hard way, where week after week Sasha's Cabbage Soup is the only choice, magnifying your Lenten experience. All Lenten soups and bread are gratefully accepted. If you would like to bring a soup, but don't have a Lenten recipe, never fear, we have a number of seasoned soup makers who would share a recipe. Thank you all.

LENTEN LECTURES 2020 SCHEDULE:

March 4th - Richard Reeves Topic: *"Earthquakes and Ottomans: The Hagia Sophia"*

March 11th - Carrie Frederick Frost Topic: *"Orthodoxy and Motherhood"*

March 18th - Bill Black Topic: *"The Orthodox Church in Kenya"*

April 1st - Bishop Alexis Topic: *"The Suffering Servant in Isaiah"*

April 8th - Pdn. Peter Danilchick Topic: *"Orthodox Christian Leadership"*

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. KATHERINES Please join us for a Lenten retreat *Acquiring the Mind of Christ Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church*. The retreat will be led by Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer) Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery. The retreat will take place on Saturday April 4, 2020 9:30am - 3:30pm. Paraklesis will follow the retreat. Fr. Sergius will be accompanied by the Wonderworking Icon of Saint Anna, the Mother of the Theotokos. Location: Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA RSVP at stk.retreat@gmail.com. For more information, please see the flier on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF EASTERN CHRISTIANITY at The Catholic University of America has organized a conference titled: Byzantine Monasticism: Past and Present. It will take place on February 21-22, 2020 on the campus of The Catholic University of America, Pryzbyla Center 321/323. Registration for the conference is open. You can register at: <https://cua.irisregistration.com/Form/BMPP2020>. There is a registration fee of \$50 (CUA faculty, students and staff excluded) and covers refreshments throughout the conference and lunch on Saturday. For more information and schedule, please see the flier on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

