

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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FEBRUARY 12th, 2023

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 6:12 – 20

GOSPEL

Luke 15:11 – 32

Tone 2

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381). Ven. Mary (who was called Marinus), and her father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria (6th c). St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople (895). St. Aleksy (Alexius), Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1378). St. Kristo the Gardener (Albania – 1752). St. Meletius, Archbishop of Kharkov (1840). The “Iveron” (Iberian) Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

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| Saturday | Feb | 11 | 4:30p | Memorial Service for Olga Ference |
| | | | 5:30p | Vespers – YouTube Live Stream |
| Sunday | Feb | 12 | 9:15a | Reading of the Third Hour – YouTube Live Stream |
| | | | 9:30a | Divine Liturgy – Prodigal Son - YouTube Live Stream |
| | | | 11:30a | Coffee Hour Fellowship |
| | | | 11:30a | Church School |
| Thursday | Feb | 16 | 7:00p | Parish Council Meeting |
| Saturday | Feb | 18 | 5:30p | Vespers – YouTube Live Stream |
| Sunday | Feb | 19 | 9:15a | Reading of the Third Hour – YouTube Live Stream |
| | | | 9:30a | Divine Liturgy – Last Judgement (Meatfare) – YouTube Live Stream |
| | | | 11:30a | Coffee Hour Fellowship |
| Tuesday | Feb | 17 | 10:30a | Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Akathist |
| <i>Schedule continues on back page</i> | | | | |

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| Saturday | Feb | 25 | 4:30p | Baptism of Breton and Lake Booth |
| | | | 5:30p | Vespers – YouTube Live Stream |
| Sunday | Feb | 26 | 9:15a | Reading of the Third Hour – YouTube Live Stream |
| | | | 9:30a | Divine Liturgy – Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Sunday – YouTube Live Stream |
| | | | | <i>Forgiveness Vespers following Liturgy</i> |
| | | | 11:30a | Coffee Hour Fellowship |
| | | | 11:30a | Church School |

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **The Hydock Family** in loving memory of Mother, Baba, **Olga Ference**. Memory Eternal! The **Altar Candles** are also offered by **Marilyn Macht** in loving memory of mother, **Helen Schuett** (2/6) and sister-in-law **Bonnie Schuett** (2/9). Memory Eternal! The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **The German Family** in honor of Marge German’s (2/11) and Caleb German’s (2/24) birthdays! May God grant them many years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

| Date | Hosts/Hostesses | Donuts/Bagels |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| Feb 12 | Borger | |
| Feb 19 | Albert | |

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

| Date | Director | Reader | Preparer | Greeter | Altar Servers |
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| Feb 12 | A. Boyd | D. Rodak | D. Golembiewski | N. Stanton | H. Meyers J. Niemi N. Niemi |
| Feb 19 | S & D Hardy | S. Carter | Mka. G. Phelps | P. Zabela | E.J. Pedersen M. Sedor |

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: Vera Bumbak; Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret Dove; Julia Flick; George Freimann; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; John & Patricia Ihnat; Linda Jackson; Cindy & David Jefferson; Alex Landsburg; Marilyn Macht; Joan Mitchum; John Michael Mikuluk; Mary Mytryshyn; Millie Mytryshyn; Mark Needham; Drs. Mary and Anna Nemesh; Matthew Nimmer; David Rodak; Alexandra Sedor; Mka. Alexandra Safchuk; Peter Sielinski; Ann Steger; Cliff Tarpy; Gregory Yakubik.

Please pray for the child **Penelope; Linda**, sister-in-law of Tina Burpee. Christine Cacic's friend, **Carmen**; Sharon Carter's mother **Marjorie**, brother **Stephen**, step-son **Nicholas** and sister-in-law **Anita. Hannah**, friend of Theodora Dean. Marge German's grandson **Joshua**; friend **Louise**, who is recovering from triple by-pass surgery, and sister **Mary** Rodzon, neice **Debbie** Kuhl. **Denise** (Dionysia), Godsister of Christina Kalavritinos, and also family friends **Constantine** and **Thomas**; Tammy Karas' mother **Carole** Roberts, and friends **Charlene** and **Jean. 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 **Carmen**; friend **Ken** Reichard; cousins **Helen** and **Linda. Marina** McKee; **Katherine** Nyce, friend of Mary Mytryshyn. The child **Julie** and her parents **Jeff** and **Jenny**, neighbors and friends of Susie Needham. **Mka. Kelly** Oleynik; **Amanda** St.Cyr, sister-in-law of Susan Rodak; Anelia Rotunda's father, **Ivan**. Don Truitt's mother, **Janet**; Paula Zabela's cousin **Helen. Fr. Patrick** of St. Mary's in Pittsburgh.

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!



WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you downstairs following Liturgy for coffee and light refreshments in the parish hall.

THANK YOU We want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and support. We are grateful to all the people who brought in food, served, and took care of the kitchen duties. We want all of you to know that the accolades for our Parish were too numerous to count. People were overwhelmed by the beauty of our church, the incredible sound of the choir, and Father Gregory's grace and eloquence. John was a selfless person who would be humbled by this out pouring of love; and so are we. May God Bless each and every one of you and may John's Memory be Eternal.
With love in Christ
The Petro Family

2023 DIRECTORY We are working on an updated directory for 2023! A draft copy of the directory is located in the parish hall on the table by the kitchen. Please see Marcella Hydock, she will help you verify your contact information. Check it for accuracy or update as needed so that we may include your information! Questions? Please see Fr. Gregory or Sharon Carter!

HOUSE BLESSINGS I've been blessing homes by request this year. Please contact me to arrange a date and time. Thanks very much! - Fr. Gregory

POST-BAZAAR/FOOD FESTIVAL SALE Frozen piroghi \$5.00 per bag of 12; Frozen Piroshki: \$20 per bag of 10. Poppy Seed Roll - \$10.00. See Regina Kundell 410-430-3713.

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

14 Luke Matthew Tatusko
17 Clark Little
Chloe Nimmer
18 Peter McHugh

GIFT SHOP Pat Ihnat is looking for an assistant to help run the gift shop. Interested? Please contact Pat: 703-941-4335

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. Thanks! Fr. Gregory

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. Questions? See Mark Phinney. Thank you!

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.

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP Book Selection Update: We will read and discuss *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* by Anne Rice <https://www.amazon.com/Christ-Lord-Out-Egypt-Novel/dp/0345492730> for March. We meet again on **March 9th @ 7:15 pm via Zoom.**

THANK YOU Dear Parish Family

We wanted to wait until the end of David's ordeal to write this. However, the end has yet to be seen and we don't want to let it go too long.

Words fail when we try express our gratitude. If we attempt to thank each and everyone, individually, we will invariably leave someone off the list. So let's break it into categories. First we have all the folks who prayed and are praying for us; followed by the kind folk who contributed to the discretionary fund. David has not been able to work for 7 or so months, and we have a mountain of medical bills that insurance does not cover (deductibles and co-payments) Cindy has taken on extra piano students, but it's not enough to cover everything. We are truly grateful. Last but NOT least We need thank the guys who were kind enough to install the great wheelchair ramp in the front of our house.

God has been good. As we write this, David's pickup is having a fairly pricey electric power steering repair. Friends of his volunteered to fix it – WOW. Our in-house medical expert refereed me to an orthopedic trauma surgeon. David saw him on Wednesday. It's going to be a long, uphill battle

In Christ,

David and Cindy

27TH ANNUAL NICHOLAS TSAKALOS LENTEN RETREAT Greek Orthodox Cathedral of The Annunciation (24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201) will host a lenten retreat on Saturday, March 11th, from 9:00 am - 3:45 pm. The cost is \$30 per person includes Continental Breakfast and Lenten Luncheon. Registration deadline March 1st. After March 1, registration will be \$35

Join us for fellowship and spiritual nourishment as we welcome Rev. Nicholas Louh, one of the most sought-out contemporary Orthodox speakers. Rev. Nicholas will have a book-signing of his latest, *Renewing You: A Priest, a Psychologist, and a Plan*, co-written with his wife, Dr. Roxanne Louh.

"Renewing You: Make Faith Your Foundation" with Retreat Master Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh

For more information: www.annunciationbaltimore.org • click on "2023 Retreat"

Further questions: Jeanne Tsakalos at 410-252-6021 or retreat@annunciationbaltimore.org



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OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday February 22, 2023
from 9:30 am to 12:00pm

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