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DECEMBER 8th, 2024

EPISTLE

Eph. 2:14 – 22

GOSPEL

Luke 17:12 – 19

Tone 7

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

24th Sunday After Pentecost. (12th of Luke). Ven. Patapius of Thebes (8th c.). Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Chelmogóorsk (1378). Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar, and Onesiphorus, (1st c.). Holy 362 Martyrs of Africa, martyred by the Arians (477). Martyr Anthusa, at Rome.

Saturday	Dec	7	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Dec	8	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	St. Nicholas Day Workshop
Tuesday	Dec	10	7:00p	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	Dec	11	7:30p	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	Dec	13	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – St. Herman – YouTube Live Stream
Saturday	Dec	14	4:30p	Memorial Service for Photina Uritskaya
			5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Dec	15	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
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Tuesday	Dec	17	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
			7:30p	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Dec	21	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Dec	22	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Nativity Play

The **Sanctuary and Altar Candles** are offered by **Dr. Anna Nemesh** for continued better health for sister **Dr. Mary Nemesh**.

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses
Dec 8	Burpee
Dec 15	Zellem

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Dec 8	S. Sielinski	D. Dillon	Mka. G. Phelps	N. Stanton	H. Meyers E.J. Pedersen M. Sedor
Dec 15	S. Hardy	M. Karas	Dn. D. Phelps	P. Zabela	

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 Bum-bak; Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret Dove; Julia Flick; George Freimann; Philip Hydock; John & Patricia Ihnat; Linda Jackson; Cindy & David Jefferson; Steve Kreta; Cristin and John Michael Kumar; Alex Landsburg; Marilyn Macht; Joan Mitchum; John Michael Mikuluk; Mary Mytryshyn; Millie Mytryshyn; Drs. Mary and Anna Nemesh; David Rodak; Alexandra Sedor; Mka. Alexandra Safchuk; Peter Sielinski; Ann Steger; Cliff Tarpy; Marsha Zelle.

Please pray for **Becky; Michael** Ouellette, brother-in-law of Ginny Albert. **Eileen** and **Rosemary**, friends of Tina Burpee. **Hannah**, friend of Theodora Dean. **Paul** Giovetsis, **Carmine** Carocella, friend of Pat Ihnat. **Denise** (Dionysia), Godsister of Christina Kalavritinos, and also family friends **Constantine** and **Thomas; Olga**, friend of Helen Kerch; **Mary** Everhart, mother of Ted Koopersmith; **Sandra** Little, Dawn Little's mother-in-law. Marilyn Macht's friend **Carmen**; friend **Ken** Reichard; cousins **Helen** and **Linda. Marina** McKee; **Mka. Kelly** Oleynik; **Amanda** St.Cyr, sister-in-law of Susan Rodak; **Rosemarie**, sister-in-law of Nancy Stanton. Don Truitt's mother, **Janet**;

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.

ST. NICHOLAS WORKSHOP TODAY, immediately following liturgy we will be holding our annual St. Nicholas Day workshop for all our parish children and their families. The event will be held downstairs in the double classroom. There will be festive crafts and a visit from St. Nicholas himself! All are welcome.

We will also be holding our annual Advent food drive on that Sunday to replenish our own parish food pantry and hopefully support other local efforts as well. The most requested items include canned proteins (tuna, chicken, salmon, beef stew), pasta sauces, individual oatmeal packets, baked beans, and canned fruit. Please generously participate in this effort to support our neighbors in need. Thank you in advance! Any questions? Please see Alexandra Sedor.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR ST. HERMAN We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for St. Herman on Friday, December 13th, at 10:00 am.

EVANGELIZER The deadline to submit for the next Evangelizer (Jan-Feb-March 2025) is December 22nd. Gather your articles and photos and send to Sharon Sielinski sscarter2018@gmail.com. Thank you!

NATIVITY PLAY - SAVE THE DATE! The Nativity Play will take place on Sunday, December 22nd. All kids are welcome! Please let us know if you play an instrument! More details to follow. See Patty Prose with questions!

ANGEL TREE SIGN UP - DONATIONS DUE TODAY! You could be God's answer to someone's prayer. Listed on Sign Up Genius are the wish lists of some 40 deserving local children. Please sign up to make their Christmas wishes come true by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084DA4AC2DA5FF2-53466206-angel> and selecting the child you would like to sponsor.

All donations are due by **Sunday December 8, 2024**, and may be placed in the donation bin placed beside the side door entrance into the Sanctuary. No need to wrap presents, just place the angel's number on the bag containing the fulfillment of their wishes. Thank you for sharing your light to make another person's dream happen.

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2025 Pledge cards for 2025 are now available on the table in the hall, outside of the nave.

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

8	Kyla Prentice Marie Wickard	13	Ivan Borissow Micah Needham
9	Linda Marie Jackson	14	David Markovich
11	Simeon Tatusko		Timothy Petro
12	Olga Uritskaya		

BAZAAR 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS In the absence of a Bazaar this year, please prayerfully consider making an additional donation possibly reflecting what you might have spent or donated at the bazaar. This will help offset our income deficit for this year. Please indicate "Bazaar 2024" in the memo or note. Thank you!

VESPER'S BIBLE STUDY Bible Study continues on Saturday, December 14th. The most recent bible study "'Spirit,' a word study, a meditation" is now up on YouTube! Previous bible studies are also up on the channel. Check it out! There is approx 30 mins of study and then a discussion afterward. <https://www.youtube.com/@dougdillon1956/videos> or with this QR code:



CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY SUPPER & NATIVITY VIGIL: Come spend Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th at St. Mark! The evening starts at 5:00 PM with children leaving bread for the animals outside and seeking out the first star of the evening. A potluck, candlelight Lenten buffet, a Christmas story or two, and the remembrance of the living and departed of our community take us to the 7:00 PM start time for the Christmas Eve Vigil service. Please bring a Lenten dish to share! Sign-up on the list posted outside the kitchen to be part of this St. Mark tradition. Please include the number of people attending and what Lenten dish you'd like to bring.

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 David Jefferson. Thank you!

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - date change for December. We will meet on Thursday Dec. 12 at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom to discuss "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry" by Fredrik Backman

PARISH HALL CHRISTMAS TREE On our social hall Christmas tree, we are planning on displaying "collected ornaments" from parishioners. Won't it be wonderful to have a St Mark Christmas Tree of Memories. Please consider bringing an ornament from home, perhaps something meaningful or sentimental. It will be labeled with the family name (or individual's name). Years from now when the tree is being decorated with these "baubles" hopefully it will bring smiles of the wonderful memories associated with all of us at St Mark. Christmas so special! Thanks for sharing.

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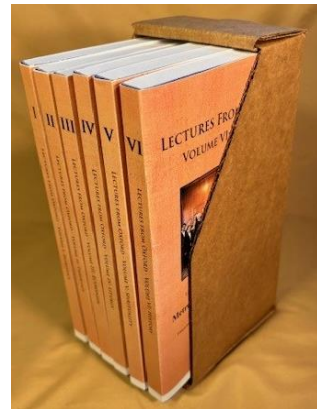
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