

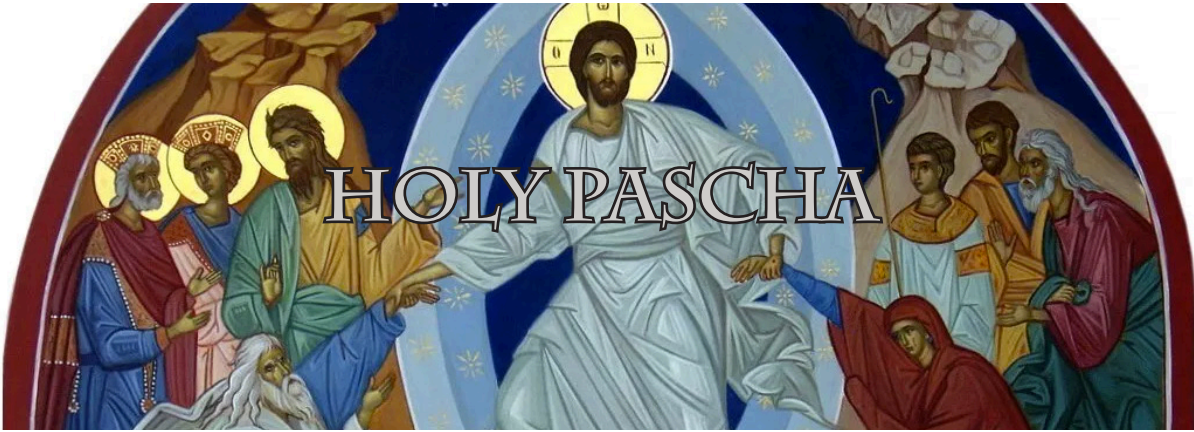
Saint Mark Orthodox Church				
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APRIL 20 th , 2025				
EPISTLE Acts 1:1 – 8		GOSPEL John 1:1 – 17		
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM				
HOLY PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. [Beginning of the Pentecostarian] Ven. Theodore Trichinas (“the Hair-shirt Wearer”), Hermit, near Constantinople. Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Oshevensk (1479). Child Martyr Gabriel of Bialystok (1690). Ss. Gregory (593) and Anastasius the Sinaite (599), Patriarch of Antioch. Ven. Anastasius, Abbot of Sinai (695.).				
Friday	Apr	18	4:00p	Vespers and Burial Service – YouTube Live Stream
			5:00p	Lenten Meal
			7:00p	Matins and Praises – YouTube Live Stream
Saturday	Apr	19	9:30a	Vesperal Divine Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream <i>Chrismation of James Rubidge and Nathan McVey</i>
			11:30p	Nocturns, Matins and Divine Liturgy for PASCHA – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Apr	20	2:30a	Pascha Agape Meal
			12:00p	Pascha Vespers
Monday	Apr	21	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Bright Monday – YouTube Live Stream
Saturday	Apr	26	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Apr	27	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Church School and Egg Hunt
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
				Schedule continues on back page.

Saturday	May	3	4:30p	Memorial Service for David Burpee
			5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	May	4	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Myrrhbearing Women – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship

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; Stacy Jacobsen; 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 Zellem.

Please pray for **Becky; Eileen, Rosemary and Robert**, friends of Tina Burpee. **Hannah**, friend of Theodora Dean. **Pia** Shepherd, sister of Sarah Hardy. **Paul** Giovetsis, **Carmin**e 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. Kel-ly** Oleynik; **Amanda** St.Cyr, sister-in-law of Susan Rodak; **Marjorie** Sielinski; **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!



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you downstairs to break the fast with us on this Feast of Feasts! We will have our Agape meal in the parish hall!

BATTERY OPERATED CANDLES We will have battery operated candles available for “rent” at the same price as the small wax candles, \$1. We ask only that you return them to the candle counter at the end of the service.

PASCHA AGAPE MEAL will take place in the parish hall following the Paschal service!

MANY YEARS to James Rubidge and Nathan McVey on the occasion of their Chrisma-tion in to the Orthodox Church this morning during Holy Saturday Vespersal Divine Liturgy! Please keep them in your prayers and may God grant them many years!

PASCHA VESPERS Later today, Sunday, April 20th we will service Vespers for Pascha at Noon.

BRIGHT MONDAY We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for Bright Monday on April 21st, at 10:00 am. There will be a potluck following Liturgy. Bring your favorite Paschal foods to share!

CALLING KIDS OF ALL AGES weather permitting, please join us for the annual St. Mark Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 27, 2025! We encourage all children to bring an Easter basket with them to hold their eggs, but we will also have bags available. Following liturgy, please enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack in the Parish Hall and we will make an announce-ment when the hunt is ready to begin! Any volunteers who would like to assist in hiding the eggs, please meet outside the front doors and/or find Kyra Smerkanich following Litu-rgy. Any questions, please contact Kyra Smerkanich (610-513-2307 or kyra.smerkanich@gmail.com).

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

20	Mary Rudin	24	Susan B. Petro
21	Anastacia (Stacy) Jacobsen	25	Sasha Lutes
23	Lori Landsburg	26	Peter Truitt
	Chloe Emerson Little		
	Kiprian Tatusko		

OUR NEW COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP IS AVAILABLE! Please look over the schedule and the task list located downstairs by the kitchen window. There are slots available to bring donuts and creamers, set up and make coffee, clean up, and assist team leaders with bringing food. There is something available for everyone to help. If you prefer, sign up via SignUp Genius available here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA-B2EA02-55615087-coffee>

AKATHIST HYMNS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY. They are located on the large book case on the right. The color coded folders contain various Akathist Hymns to Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, The Most Holy Theotokos, Blessed Matushka Olga of Alaska, The Repose of Those Who Have Fallen Asleep, The Life of Mary of Egypt, and Prayers for the Sanctity of Life. You are more than welcome to take one or make copies.

BLESSED MKA. OLGA PRAYER GROUP There will be no prayer group meeting on Tuesday, April 15th. The Akathist is rescheduled to Tuesday, April 22nd via Zoom. Thank you!

ST. MARK PARISH EMAIL LIST “The Friends List” If you are new to our parish, or not new, and would like to be added to our parish email list please email admin@stmarkoca.org and we will add you!

THANK YOU to the Prose and Jacoben Families, and all those who helped out, for making the Pascha Prep workshop a huge success!

BOOKSHELVES We have been blessed with additional books for our parish library. In fact, we need some additional bookshelves to put them on. It will take some rearrangement of our current configuration, but it will be worth it. If you have a bookshelf that you no longer need, please see Fr. Gregory.

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.

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.

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 will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom. Watch this space for possible date changes. The next book for discussion is **May 1** - “*Rebecca*” by Daphne du Maurier
June 5 - “*Dead Souls*” by Nikolai Gogol
July 3 - “*Isola*” by Allegra Goodman
Aug 7 - “*The Shell Seekers*” by Rosamunde Pilcher

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY will resume after Pascha! Access presentations (typically 3 slides a minute and less than 30 minutes) of previous studies at www.youtube.com/@doug Dillon1956 or by following this QR code:



ST. TIKHON'S SUMMER CAMP Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp is a one-week sleep-away camp program for Orthodox Christian children between the ages of 7 and 17. It is held on the grounds of Saint Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary annually during the first week of July (June 29 to July 5). Participants enjoy a host of outdoor recreational activities (e.g. field sports, swimming, boating) with their peers as well as a superior religious education program and daily church services. The camp does have a limited number of spaces and it's first come first serve. Registration opens on February 14th here: <https://www.sttikhon-scamp.org/>. For more information or questions about the camp, please reach out to Jake Toroney Email: Toroney@hotmail.com Phone: 610-223-3919. There are a limited number of need-based scholarships available from the Archdiocese, please see Fr. Gregory for more information on scholarships.

Additionally, St. Tikhon's Summer Camp is looking for volunteers. We are in need of kitchen staff, age group counselors, area counselors, and lifegaurds. You must be 18 years or older and Orthodox Christian in good standing to apply. If interested, apply here: https://accounts.doepa.org/counselor_application

THE 21ST ANNUAL ST. ANDREW ORTHODOX CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT Registration is now open!! The tournament will take place on Friday, June 13th at Geneva Farm Golf Course in Street, MD. We hope to see you there for this fun-filled fellowship event! See the church website for more details and the registration form: https://standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming_events (scroll until you see the golf tournament information)

PASCHA BREAD/KIELBASA SALE -- THANK YOU A heartfelt thank you to Nikolay Korokhov and Vera Simonenko for spearheading the Pascha bread baking workshop. A thank you also to Tammy and Gene Jacobsen who helped with baking, braiding and bagging and to Ginny Albert and Paula Zabela for help with dough braiding for the lovely designs. All of the breads were sold. There are still a few sticks of kielbasa available for purchase. The sale raised \$990 which will be donated to Holy Archangels Orthodox Mission in Maryland.