

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

Heb. 9:11 – 14
Gal. 3:23 – 29

GOSPEL

Mark 10:32 – 45
Luke 7:36 – 50

Tone 8

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Fifth Sunday of Lent. *St. Mary of Egypt.* St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople (582). St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Moravia and Enlightener of the Slavs (885.). St. Platonis (Platonida) of Nisibis (Syria – 308). 120 Martyrs of Persia (344 – 347). Martyrs Jeremiah and Archilias the Presbyter. Ven. Gregory the Byzantine (1308). Monk Martyr Gennadius of Dionysiu (Mt. Athos – 1818.)

Friday	Apr	4	7:00p	Akathist Glory to God for All Things – YouTube Live Stream
Saturday	Apr	5	8:30a	Parish Clean Up Day
			4:30p	Memorial Service for Bill Dove; Jonathan
			5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Apr	6	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. Mary of Egypt – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
Monday	April	7	7:00p	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	April	9	6:30p	Presanctified Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream
			7:45p	Lenten Lecture – YouTube Live Stream
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Saturday	Apr	12	9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Lazarus Saturday – YouTube Live Stream
			2:00p	Pascha Prep Workshop
			5:30p	Vigil for Palm Sunday – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Apr	13	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Palm Sunday – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Margaret Dove** in loving memory of **Bill Dove**. May his memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	
April 6	Dillon	
April 13	Jacobsen	

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
April 6	S. Hardy	M. Baxtresser	R. Jefferson	J. Stevens	S. Brhane H. Meyers E.J. Pedersen D. Roth E. Roth M. Sedor
April 13	A. Boyd	M. Karas	D. Dillon	N. Stanton	

Donation

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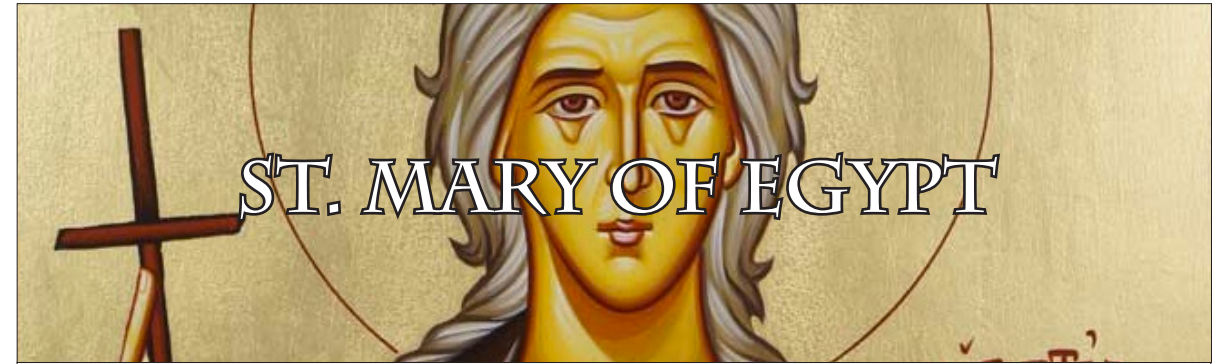
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PRAYER REQUEST - O Christ, You alone are our Defender: Visit and help Thy servants who are in need of your help, protection and healing. Among them: Vera Bum-bak; Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret Dove; Julia Flick; George Freimann; Philip 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 Tarcy; Marsha Zellem.

Please pray for **Becky; Michael** Ouellette, brother-in-law of Ginny Albert. **Eileen, Rose-mary and Robert**, friends of Tina Burpee. **Hannah**, friend of Theodora Dean. **Pia** Shep-herd, sister of Sarah Hardy. **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; **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!



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

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS will dismiss immediately at the conclusion of Liturgy. Any children between the ages of 4-18 who are visiting St. Mark today are welcome to join the children for Church School!

EVANGELIZER The latest edition of the newsletter is available on the table in hall outside of the nave!

PASCHAL GOSPEL READING If you are fluent in a language other than English and would like to read a portion of the Gospel in that language at the midnight Pascha service, please contact Fr. Gregory.

PASCHA BREAD BAKE SALE On Palm Sunday we will have our annual bake sale selling Pascha breads and kielbasa for your Pascha baskets. The sale will take place during coffee hour. Cash or checks will be accepted for payment.

WHERE ARE YOU ADAM? A showing of the film will take place on April 13th at 3:00pm at SNF Parkway Theater in Baltimore, MD. There will be another showing on May 1st at 8:00pm at the Avalaon Theater in Washington, DC. See the flier on the candle counter and bulletin board for more information and to scan for tickets!

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY will resume after Pascha! Access presenta-tions (typically 3 slides a minute and less than 30 minutes) of previous studies at www.youtube.com/@dougdillon1956 or by following this QR code:



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

8 Darlene Marti
10 Martin Riskam
Don Truitt
Aaron Wickard
11 Melanie Firestone
12 Eric Williams

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>

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!

LENTEN LECTURE SCHEDULE

April 9th - Svetlana & Predrag Rogic - Topic: *Serbian Orthodox heritage and monasteries*

PUSSY WILLOWS Please keep an eye out on the willow trees. In some places the catkins are getting ready to pop and need to be cut before they do. Anyone who brings willows (Thank You!) please put them in the back of the kitchen, behind the walk-in. There are already some there. Thank you! Mka. Sasha

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)

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!

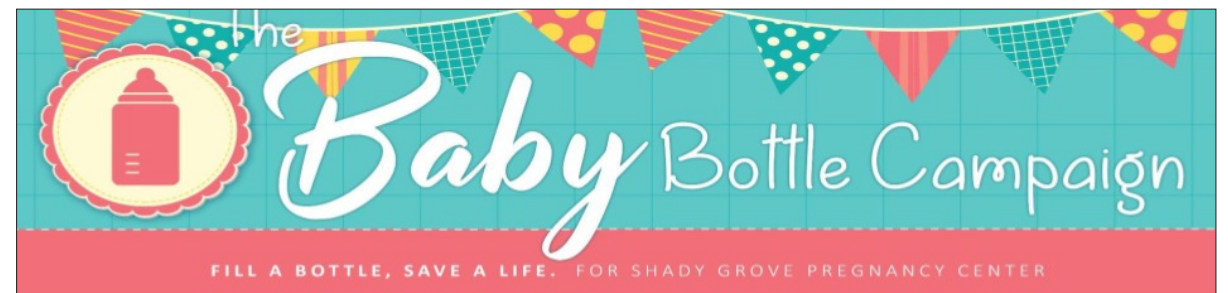
AKATHIST HYMNS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY. They are located on the large book case on the right. The color coded folders contain various Akathist Hymns to Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, The Most Holy Theotokos, Blessed Matushka Olga of Alaska, The Repose of Those Who Have Fallen Asleep, The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

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

Happy April Birthdays!

May God Grant You Many Years!

1	Gherman Uritsky	19	Ashley Albert
2	Jack Albert		Chloe Bryan
	Elizabeth Cannon		Fr. Nicholas Roth
4	Jessica Herrera	20	Mary Rudin
	Paulina Masick	21	Anastacia (Stacy) Jacobsen
6	Mary Mytryshyn	23	Lori Landsburg
7	Nathaniel Safchuk		Chloe Emerson Little
	Irene Tarpy		Kiprian Tatusko
8	Darlene Marti	24	Susan B. Petro
10	Martin Riskam	25	Sasha Lutes
	Don Truitt	26	Peter Truitt
	Aaron Wickard	27	Dorothy Gumpert
11	Melanie Firestone		Sarah Jenkins-Petro
12	Eric Williams		Justin Markovich
15	Christopher Safchuk	29	Sarah Hardy
16	Sophia Nimmer	30	Marge Dove
18	Nina Uritsky		



Ways to Give:

- 1. Pick up a bottle, fill it with coins, currency, or a check, and return it by April 6, 2025.**
- 2. Use the link or QR code provided by your church to give online.**
- 3. Send a check to "Shady Grove Pregnancy Center"**
16220 Frederick Rd, Suite 118, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Add Memo: St. Mark Orthodox Church BBC



NATIONAL ORTHODOX BABY SHOWER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN DUE TODAY! Today is the last day to fill and return the baby bottles! Please return them to Dica Cipu, Patty Prose or Tammy Jacobsen. Checks can be made out directly to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center or to St. Mark Orthodox Church {these will be collected and one big check from St. Mark will be issued}. Thank you in advance for your support of this meaningful project.

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