

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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MAY 18th, 2025

EPISTLE
Acts 11:19 – 26, 29 – 30

GOSPEL
John 4:5 – 42

Tone 4

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SAMARITAN WOMAN – 5th Sunday of Pascha. Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Peter, Dionysius, Andrew, Paul Christina, and the seven Virgin Martyrs: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaïna, Euphraisa, Matrona, and Julia, who suffered under Decius (303). Martyrs Simeon, Isaac and Bachtisius, of Persia (4th c.). Martyr Heraclius, Paulinus, and Benedimus. Martyrs David and Tarechan of Georgia (693).

Saturday	May	17	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	May	18	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Samaritan Woman – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Church School
			11:30a	Semi-Annual Meeting and Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	May	20	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Akathist
Saturday	May	24	4:00p	Baptism of Brooks Booth
			5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	May	25	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Blind Man – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	May	27	10:30	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Thursday	May	29	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Ascension – YouTube Live Stream
				<i>Schedule continues on back page.</i>

Saturday	May	31	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	June	1	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	June	3	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Intercessory Prayer

<p align="center">Coffee Hour Fellowship</p>	
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Date	Hosts/Hostesses	
May 18	Sedor/Pedersen	
May 25	Albert	

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
May 18	S. Sielinski D. Hardy	E. Valentin-Morales	Dn. D. Phelps	N. Stanton	S. Brhane H. Meyers E.J. Pedersen D. Roth E. Roth M. Sedor
May 25	S. Hardy	N. Fitzgerald	R. Jefferson	M. Kopcha	

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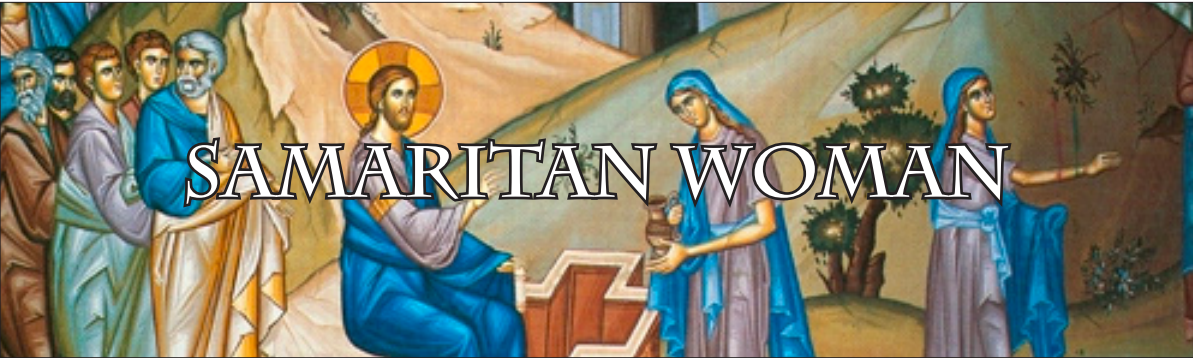
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PRAYER REQUEST - O Christ, You alone are our Defender: Visit and help Thy servants who are in need of your help, protection and healing. Among them: Vera Bum-bak; Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret Dove; Julia Flick; George Freimann; Philip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

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, 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; Alexandra, Granddaughter of Larisa Looby; 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.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING will take place on TODAY following Liturgy. Please plan to sign in and stay for the meeting. Read-ahead packets are available in the parish hall.

2025 PARISH DIRECTORY It's finally here! The 2025 Parish Photo Directory is now available!! Please pick up your copy in the parish hall during coffee hour!

BL. MKA. OLGA PRAYER GROUP UPDATE The Blessed Matushka Olga of Alaska Prayer Group Akathist is rescheduled to Tuesday, May 27th @ 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! The parish picnic will take place on Sunday, June 8th, following Liturgy!

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY will resume soon! Access presentations (typically 3 slides a minute and less than 30 minutes) of previous studies at www.youtube.com/@dougduillon1956 or by following this QR code:



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

19	Carol Mary Ashley Stephen Ilario Timothy Masick	22	Simina Lal Ciubotaru Renee Zabela Dominic Rotunda
21	Coy Williamson	23	Kenneth Bernstein Carl Firestone Cindy Jefferson

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.

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>

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
June 5 - "*Dead Souls*" by Nikolai Gogol
July 3 - "*Isola*" by Allegra Goodman
Aug 7 - "*The Shell Seekers*" by Rosamunde Pilcher

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)

FOOD FESTIVAL (Versiune în limba română mai jos) Saint Andrew Romanian Orthodox Church invites you on the weekend of May 16 – 18, 2025 to a new edition of the Romanian Food Festival which will take place at the church's property located at 9111 River Road in Potomac, Maryland. The entrance is free! Free will donations for the completion of the "Moldovița la Washington DC" church are encouraged and desired.

During this weekend, the experience of Romanian traditions and culture will be at its best! Hundreds of volunteers are eagerly waiting for you and will greet you with the traditional "Bine ati venit! / Welcome!" and "Pofta bună! / Enjoy your meal!"