


<b>Saint Mark Orthodox Church</b>				
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<b>JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>				
<b>EPISTLE</b> Acts 20:16 – 18; 28 – 36		<b>GOSPEL</b> John 17:1 – 13		<b>Tone 6</b>
<b>DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</b>				
<b>HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL</b> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome: Martyrs Justin, Chariton and his wife, Charity (Caritas), Euelpistus, Hierax, Peon, Valerian, and Justus (166 A.D.) Ven. Dionysii, Abbot of Glushétsk (Vologdá – 1437) Ven. Agápit, Unmercenary Physician, of the Kiev Caves (11 <sup>th</sup> c.).				
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	Choir Rehearsal
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	June	3	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Intercessory Prayer
Saturday	June	7	4:00p	Marriage Blessing of Caitlyn Pauly and Robertson Gramling
			5:30p	Vigil for Pentecost – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	June	8	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – PENTECOST – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Parish Picnic
Tuesday	June	10	7:00p	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	June	14	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
				<i>Schedule continues on back page.</i>

Saturday	June	14	6:30p	Bible Study	
Sunday	June	15	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour	
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – All Saints – YouTube Live Stream	
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship	
Monday	June	16		Ss. Peter and Paul Fast Begins	
Tuesday	June	17	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist	
			7:30p	Choir Rehearsal	
<b>Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Hosts/Hostesses</b>				
June 1	Kerch				
June 8	Parish Picnic				
<b>Choir Directors, Readers, Preparers, Greeters, &amp; Altar Servers</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Preparer</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
June 1	J. Sokich	N. Edwards	Mka. D. Mihailov	M. Macht	S. Brhane H. Meyers E.J. Pedersen D. Roth E. Roth M. Sedor
June 8	A. Boyd		D. Dillon	J. Stevens	
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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 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, **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**, Grandaughter 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!**



# HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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

**2025 GRADUATES** Are you or someone in your family graduating from high school or college this May and June? If so, please let Fr. Gregory or Sharon Sielinski know. We will honor our graduates following Divine Liturgy on June 15th! The last day to submit names in Sunday, June 8th!

**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!

**PARISH PICNIC!** The parish picnic will take place on Sunday, June 8th, following Liturgy! Please see the flier for details!

**VESPERS BIBLE STUDY RETURNS** Saturday June 14. It will focus on the most prevalent theme from the Gospel of John. Our daily readings have just completed reading that Gospel. Can you guess what that theme is? If it's important to John, might it be important to every aspect of our lives? Let's discuss it starting around 6:15 PM after Vespers. We'll be aiming at a 20 minute presentation followed by around 10 to 15 minutes of discussion. Access presentations (typically 3 slides a minute and less than 30 minutes) of previous studies at [www.youtube.com/@doug-dillon1956](https://www.youtube.com/@doug-dillon1956) or by following this QR code:



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

- 1 Alexandra Zabela
- 5 Rachael Datch
- 6 Robert Rudin

**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

**MANY YEARS** to Bill and Natalia Edwards who are celebrating their first wedding anniversary on June 2nd! May God grant them many blessed years!

**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](mailto: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 lifeguards. 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](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](https://standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming_events) (scroll until you see the golf tournament information)

**GREEK FESTIVAL** St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bethesda, MD will hold it's Greek festival this weekend! May 31st - June 1st. Free admission and parking; Traditional Greek Cuisine; Greek Pastries; Live Music; Church tours, and more! Visit <https://stgeorge.org/festival/> for hours and more information!

# Happy June Birthdays!

May God Grant You Many Years!

1	Alexandra Zabela	18	Kathryn Balamaci
5	Rachael Datch		Natalia Edwards
6	Robert Rudin	19	David Jefferson
9	Simon Markovich		Rachel Salas
11	Mat. Gemma Phelps	20	Karen Jankovic
12	Nicholas Corbin	21	Kimberly Yakubik
	Eliot Landsburg	22	Salomea Jankovic
13	David Burke Jackson		Peter Sielinski
	Ann Marie Steger	23	Michael Hydock
	Jill Stevens		Timothy Perry
	Vadim Uritsky	24	Benjamin Oleynik
14	Maximus Timothy Masick	25	Harell Little
	Michael McDonald	26	Nicola Ilario
15	Tina Burpee	27	Dawn Little
	Mary Ann Holovac	30	Ella Rose Datch
	Alexandra Kissell		Jenna Datch
16	Fr. David Cowan		Nick Pedersen
	Wright Steinberg		
	Kara Walker		

