

# Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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**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 Pentecostarion] St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (8<sup>th</sup> c.). Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona (ca. 260). Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto (550). Monk Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine (7<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Anthusa the Virgin, of Constantinople (801). Ven. Athanasia, Abbess, of Aegina (860). Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavsoalyvia (Mt. Athos – 1730).

Saturday	Apr	11	9:30a	Vesperal Divine Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30p	Nocturns, Matins and Divine Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Apr	12	2:30a	Pascha Agape Meal
			12:00p	Pascha Vespers
Monday	Apr	13	10:00a	Divine Liturgy – Bright Monday – YouTube Live Stream
Tuesday	Apr	14	7:00p	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	Apr	18	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Apr	19	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Apr	21	10:30a	St. Olga of Alaska Prayer Group - Akathist

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Saturday	Apr	25	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Apr	26	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Myrrhbearing Women – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School & Egg Hunt

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Christina Kalavritinos** in loving memory of **John and Vasiliki Kalavritinos**. May their memory be eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Christina Kalavritinos** in thanksgiving for **Eric Efstratios** on his birthday and for my whole family **Philip, Efstratios, Joanna, Christos, and Philippos**. May God grant them many years!

**Coffee Hour Fellowship**

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	
Apr 12	<b>PASCHA</b>	
Apr 19	Brasoveanu Tarpy	

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Apr 12	S & D Hardy W. Tatusko S. Sielinski J. Sokich	J. Sokich	D. Dillon	P. Zabela	All eligible altar servers welcome!
Apr 19	W. Tatusko D. Hardy	T. Jenkins	Mka. D. Mihailov	M. Kopcha	

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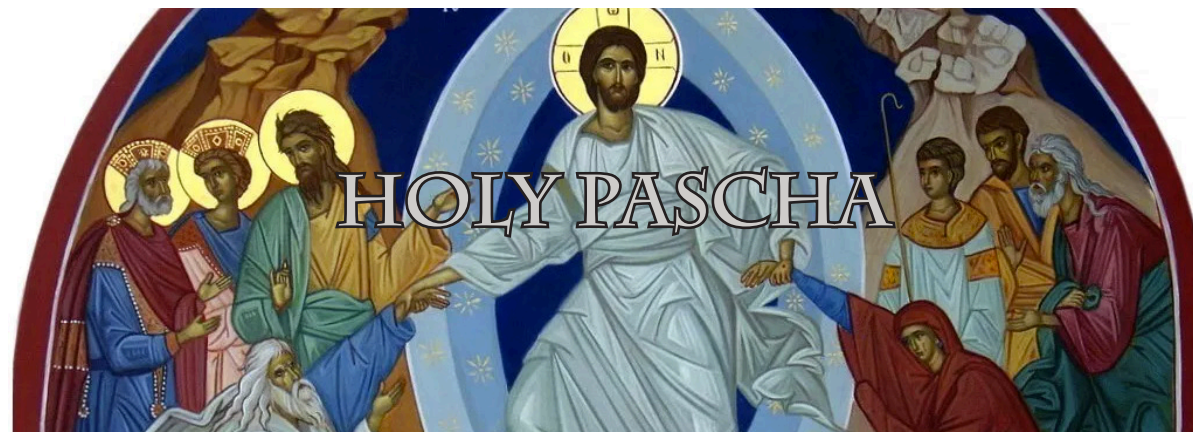
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**PRAYER REQUEST - O Christ, You alone are our Defender: Visit and help Thy servants who are in need of your help, protection and healing. Among them: Christina & Michael Berencz; Vera Bumbak; Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret Dove; Julia Flick; Philip Hydock; John & Patricia Ihnat; Linda Jackson; Stacy Jacobsen; Cindy & David Jefferson; Steve Kreta; 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 **Doreen** Dyer, friend of Jack and Ginny Albert. **Becky; Eileen, Rosemary and Robert**, friends of Tina Burpee. **Hannah**, friend of Theodora Dean. **Shannon and Matt**, daughter and son-in-law of John Hendrickson. **Paul** Giovetsis, **Denise** (Dionysia), Godsis-ter 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 **Car-men**; 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 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!

**PASCHA VESPERS** Later today, Sunday, April 12th we will service Vespers for Pascha at Noon.

**BASKET BLESSING** We will bless Pascha baskets after liturgy on Holy Saturday morning and following the Paschal midnight services!

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

**BRIGHT MONDAY** We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for Bright Monday on April 13th, at 10:00 am. There will be a potluck following Liturgy. Bring your favorite Paschal foods to share!

**VESPERS BIBLE STUDY** Bible Study is on hold until after Pascha! Earlier presentations are up on youtube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@doug Dillon1956>

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

- 12 Vitaliy Kirichenko  
Eric Williams
- 15 Christopher Safchuk
- 16 Sophia Nimmer
- 18 Nina Uritsky

**THANK YOU** to those who gathered pussy willows and brought them for today's Palm Sunday celebration. We have several different kinds, wild and tame. They are all beautiful.

**GIFT SHOP** New items have arrived: various icons, baptismal candles, prayer ropes, Pascha basket covers, Pascha greeting cards, St. Mark coffee mugs, and my new bibles & books! All CD's are \$5.00, decorated eggs are half price, and other items are marked down to clear out old inventory. Handmade Icon proceeds will go to the HVAC Fund. Come visit us after Liturgy!

Help Please! Some extra hands are needed in the gift shop. Please see Anelia Rotunda if you can help out!

*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 books for discussion are:  
May 7 - "Paul: A Biography" by N. T. Wright  
June 4 - "Persuasion" by Jane Austen

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH**

- Library care and management
- Prospora baking
- Hydration of fresh decorative flowers in church
- Upkeep and maintenance of facility and grounds
- Parish hall setup for events
- Assistance with church school
- Coffee hour service
- Bell ringing
- Altar and Handmaid service
- Parish Council
- Choir
- Liturgical vestments repair (sewing buttons, etc.)

Check the bulletin for updates. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please see Fr. Gregory with questions.

**COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP** Our March-April coffee hour sign up is available downstairs near the walk-in fridge. Please consider where you are able to help. If you have any questions or want the link to the online version please see Debbi Dillon.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The 22nd Annual St. Andrew Orthodox Church Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 5th at Geneva Farm Golf Course in Street, MD. The tournament will be an afternoon tournament with a shotgun start beginning at 2:00P. Registration information and additional tournament information will be provided in late March to early April.

**CALLING KIDS OF ALL AGES** weather permitting, please join us for the annual St. Mark Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 19th, 2026! 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 announcement 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 or Christine Brooks following Liturgy. Any questions, please see Kyra Smerkanich or Christine Brooks!