

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

Acts 6:1 – 7

GOSPEL

Mark 15:43 – 16:8

Tone 2

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

3rd SUNDAY OF PASHCA – HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN. Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (ca. 322). St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm (1396). Righteous Virgin Glaphyra (322). St. Joannicius of Devich in Serbia (13th c.).

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
Saturday	May	2	4:30p	Memorial Service for David Burpee
			5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	May	3	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Paralytic – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	May	5	10:30a	St. Olga of Alaska Prayer Group – Intercessory Prayer
Saturday	May	9	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	May	10	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Samaritan Woman – YouTube Live Stream
				<i>Schedule continues on back page.</i>

Sunday	May	10	11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Saturday	May	16	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	May	17	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Blind Man – YouTube Live Stream
			11:30a	Coffee Hour Fellowship & Semi-Annual Meeting
			11:30a	Church School

The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Theo Amara** in loving memory of father, **Theodosius**. May his memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses
Apr 26	Kerch
May 3	Prose

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Apr 26	J. Sokich	J. Rubidge	Dn. D. Phelps	T. Amara	All eligible altar servers welcome!
May 3	S. Sielinski	T. Jacobsen	Mka. G Phelps	M. Macht	

Donation

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Thank you!



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** Giovetis, **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 following Liturgy for coffee and light refreshments in the parish hall.

THANK YOU! for all that you have done to help make this a spiritually rewarding Great Lent, a blessed Holy Week and Joyous Pascha! Thank you all for your prayers, for sharing your time and talent with our St. Mark Parish Community! Thank you to those who chanted at the tomb, who rehearsed, directed and sang, who cooked, came and stayed, who set up flowers and cleaned up and who served beside me, dyed eggs, baked bread, cut bread, poured wine, oversaw the candlestand, organized and walked in processions, prepared and delivered Paschal Baskets to shut ins, watered flowers, vacuumed and many other things. - Fr. Gregory.

OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL Please visit our very own YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/@stmarkoca>! Not only can you stream all of our regular services, but you can also see past Lenten lectures and some other special services.

While you are there, please take a moment to subscribe. There is no cost or obligation to you, but we do need another 150 or so subscribers to reach the level where we can more easily produce our videos. Please visit and subscribe!

COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP Our May-June 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.

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY Bible Study is on hold until after Pascha! Earlier presentations are up on youtube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@dougdillon1956>

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

26	Peter Truitt
27	Dorothy Gumpert Sarah Jenkins Justin Markovich
29	Sarah Hardy Tristan Pearson
30	Marge Dove

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.

CHANGES IN PRAYER Just a reminder that during this Paschal season, the prayer “Oh Heavenly King...” is replaced by “Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life” 3X. May 20th is the Leavetaking of Pascha at which time we conclude the use of “Christ is Risen...”. Then on Pentecost Sunday (May 31st) the prayer “Oh Heavenly King is reintroduced.

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



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Formation & Vocation: Beyond the Buzzwords

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Sunday, May 3, 2026, 7-9 PM

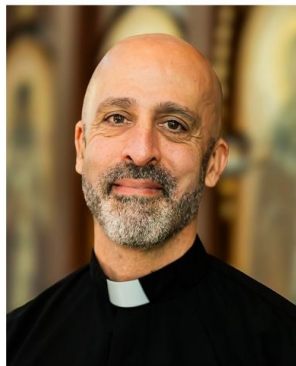
**Sts. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
10620 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854**

**With OCMC Executive Director, Dr. Nathan Hoppe, Ph.D.
& OCF Executive Director, Dn. Marek Simon**



This evening of fellowship, discussion, and breaking bread will feature remarks and a Q&A session from Orthodox ministry veterans.

Join us to learn more about formation, vocation, and how you can serve in Christ's love in this joint OCMC-OCF effort.



**For questions email:
OCMC Events at
events@ocmc.org**



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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.

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!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Once again, we will be supporting Mothers in need and their young children by filling and donating baby bottles with spare change. All donations go to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center to help mothers with what they need the most. Bottles will be available for pick up in the social hall following liturgy beginning this Sunday running through Sunday May 10. The change you get back from your morning coffee or your lunch on the go, can add up quickly to benefit those in need. Don't worry if you are among those of us who use cashless systems. Checks can be written directly to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, and they will credit you with your donation. If you desire, you may donate through St. Mark by noting Baby Bottle Campaign on the bottom of the check and putting it in the plate. You may also contribute electronically through the St. Mark website noting your donation for Baby Bottle. The funds collected by the church will be consolidated and one check will be sent to Shady Grove. What a wonderful way to honor mothers by supporting those who need our help the most. Thank you in advance for your generosity.