

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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MARCH 21st, 2021

EPISTLE Heb. 11:24 – 26; 32 – 12:2	GOSPEL John 1:43 – 51	Tone 8
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday of Orthodoxy. St. James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania (8th – 9th c.). St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania (1st – 2nd c.). St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople (1610).

Saturday	Mar	20	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Mar	21	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour – YouTube Live Stream
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Sunday of Orthodoxy – YouTube Live Stream
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship via Zoom
Thursday	Mar	25	9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Annunciation – YouTube Live Stream
Saturday	Mar	27	5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	Mar	28	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour – YouTube Live Stream
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – St. Gregory Palamas – YouTube Live Stream
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship via Zoom
Wednesday	Mar	31	6:30p	Presanctified Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream
			7:45p	Virtual Lenten Lecture via Zoom
Saturday	April	3	4:30p	Memorial Service for Bill Dove and Job Henning (40 th Day)
			5:30p	Vespers – YouTube Live Stream
Sunday	April	4	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour – YouTube Live Stream
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Veneration of the Cross – YouTube Live Stream
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship via Zoom

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Marilyn Macht** in loving memory of Father, Grandfather, and Great-Grandfather **Henry Schuett**. May His Memory Be Eternal!
 The **Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **Nancy Stanton** in honor of **Michael Mihailov's** birthday! May God Grant You Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses	Donuts/Bagels

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Mar 21	S&D Hardy		D. Golembiewski		A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor
Mar 28	W. Tatusko		Mka. G. Phelps		

Classes

Bible Study

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.

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: Michael Ahmadi; David Burpee; Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret Dove; Julia Flick; George Freimann; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Patricia Ilnat; Linda Jackson; Tammy Karas; Alex Landsburg; Joan Mitchum; David Rodak; Alexandra Sedor; Mka. Alexandra Safchuk; Peter Sielinski; Ann Marie Steger; Cliff Tarpy.

Please pray for the child **Penelope**; **Fr. Dennis Buck**; **Jaron**, Tina Burpee's nephew who was recently deployed. Christine Cacic's friend, **Carmen**; **Sharon Carter's** mother-in-law **Mary, Patricia**. Neighbors of Doug Fitzgerald **Virgil, Gretchen** and **Oliver**. Marge German's grandson **Joshua** and friend **Louise**, who is recovering from triple by-pass surgery; sister **Mary** Rodzon, and neice **Debbie** Kuhl. **Denise (Dionysia)**, Godsister of Christina Kalavritinos; Tammy Karas' mother **Carole** Roberts, and friends **Charlene, Jean, Tyler, Shelley, Fr. Costas**, of St. Katherine (Falls Church;) **Olga**, friend of Helen Kerch; **Mary** Everhart, mother of Ted Koopersmith; **Sandra** Little, Dawn Little's mother-in-law. Marilyn Macht's friend **Theodora** who was diagnosed with lung cancer; family member **Matt** Baker, friend **Carmen**, cousins **Helen, Linda, Marina** McKee; **Paul**, friend of Skip Mesereau; **Mka. Kelly** Oleynik; **Clarence**, father of Laura Pierce. **Amanda** St.Cyr, Sister-in-law of Susan Rodak; Anelia Rotunda's father, **Ivan**; Peter Sielinski's cousins **Paula** and **David**. **Catherine** Steger Miller, Daughter of Ann Marie Steger. **Fr. Basil Summer**. Don Truitt's parents; Friend of St. Mark **Linda Weir**; Paula Zabela's cousin **Helen** who is battling cancer. **Fr. Patrick** of St. Mary's in Pittsburgh.

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!



FOCA STOCK AWARDS Tickets are \$1 each. See Nancy Stanton to purchase or for more information!

VIRTUAL LENTEN LECTURES This year our Lenten Lecture series continues virtually! Following Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays, we will meet online via Zoom. Please watch your email for meeting links each week! For those attending Presanctified Liturgy in person, the classrooms are available to set up in and the WiFi password is on the candle table outside the nave. Bring your meal and tune in!

Wednesday, March 24th - There is no Lenten Lecture or Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, March 24th, because the Annunciation takes place on Thursday, March 25th.

FOCA VIRTUAL YOUTH LENTEN RETREAT Calling all Orthodox Youth - grades K-12! Join Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky and Archpriest Benjamin Tucci via Zoom on Sunday, April 11 from 4-7pm EST as they remind us the pathway to the Feast of Feasts - OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION!

This Lenten Retreat "Rediscovering Pascha - After a Year of Pandemic" is aimed at bringing Orthodox Youth from all jurisdictions and locations together during Great Lent. For more information and to register: <https://www.orthodoxfellowship.org/upcoming-events-1/2021/4/11/foca-virtual-youth-retreat>

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

25 Michael Mihailov
26 Kellie Holovac

GIFT SHOP HELP The gift shop is looking for a helper! If you are interested in helping out with the gift shop, please contact Pat Inat!

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.

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.

AKATHIST BOOK: On the third Tuesday of each month the Matushka Olga prayer group prays an Akathist to address a special need. The collected Akathists are in black loose leaf notebooks in the library on the bottom shelf of the first bookcase on the left as you walk in. Please feel free to take a look at these Akathists and copy them for your personal use.

IT'S JUST BREAKFAST: A group of our St. Mark men meet (via Zoom) for breakfast every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Questions? See Mark Phinney or David Jefferson. Thank you!

NEW ADDRESS FOR FR. BASIL For those interested in sending Fr. Basil a note or other greeting, his new address is below:

White Oaks Rehabilitation & Nursing Center
8565 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, NY 11797



1st Annual St Nikolai Lecture
In Honor of St Tikhon's Canonized Rector,
St Nikolai Velimirovich

"St Nikolai: His Last Years"

His Grace, the Right Reverend
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*Bishop of
the Serbian Orthodox
Diocese of Eastern America*

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021
7-830p Eastern—Live from**

**St Tikhon's
Orthodox Theological Seminary
youtube.stots.edu**

In-Person Attendance Limited to Students and Special Guests

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