

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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MARCH 28th, 2021

EPISTLE Heb. 1:10 – 2:3 Hebrews 7:26 – 8:2	GOSPEL Mark 2:1 – 12 John 10:9 – 16	Tone 1
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT. St. Gregory Palamas Ven. Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelecete (ca. 754). Martyrs Jonah and Barachisius, and those with them, in Persia: Zanitas, Lazarus, Maruthas (Marotas), Narses, Elias, Marinus (Mares), Abibus, Sembeeth (Sivsithina), and Sabbas (4th c.). Martyr Boyan, Prince of Bulgaria (ca. 830). Ven. Stephen the Wonder-worker, Abbot of Tryglia (9th c.). Monk-Martyr Evstratii (Eustratius) of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1097). Ven. Hilarion of Pskov Lake (Gdovsk – 1476).

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
Tuesday	April	6	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Int. Prayer
Wednesday	April	7	6:30p	Presanctified Liturgy – YouTube Live Stream
			7:45p	Virtual Lenten Lecture via Zoom

The **Altar and Sanctuary Candles** are offered by **The Rodak Family** asking for God's blessings on the occasion of **David's** birthday! May God Grant Him 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 28	W. Tatusko		Mka. G. Phelps		A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pedersen N. Pedersen J. Sedor M. Sedor
April 4	S&D Hardy		Dn. D. Phelps		

Classes

Bible Study

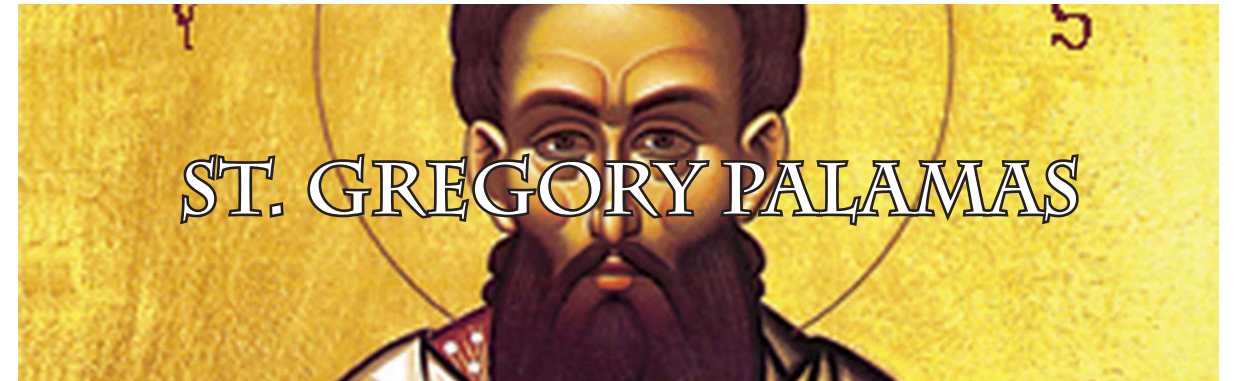
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TO OUR VISITORS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: If you are seeking a quiet place to nurse or calm a rambunctious child, there are two rooms off of the main hallway on this floor to serve you. Our library is the second door on the left as well as our teen classroom, 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 Ichnat; 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**. 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**. Susan Sielinski's Father-in-law **Butch. 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!



MEMORY ETERNAL Our friend and beloved pastor, Fr. Basil Summer, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, March 26th. He will be greatly missed by us all. Please keep him in your prayers and may his Memory be Eternal!

EVANGELIZER The latest edition of the Evangelizer is ready and available for pick up on the table outside of the nave!

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

KIELBASA FOR SALE We are taking orders for Butler, PA, keilbasa! The keilbasa will be available on Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday for sale. Pre-ordering is necessary by emailing your order to kkphinn@aol.com. This year, the price "per stick" is \$6.00, This is a FOCA fundraiser, so please make your checks out to St. Mark FOCA. Please place your order by April 15th! Any questions can be sent to Karen Phinney at kkphinn@aol.com or call 301-774-2672.

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, we will set up the big TV and socially-distant seating in the parish hall. The classrooms are also available for you and the WiFi password is on the candle table outside the nave. Bring your meal and tune in!

Wednesday, March 31st - Speaker: Archimandrite Sergius (Bower) - Topic: Personal Prayer Life

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

March			April		
28	Theo Sheppard	1	Gherman Uritsky	4	Alexis Pearce
29	Susan Sielinski	2	Jack Albert		Jessica Herrera
30	Michael Ahmadi		Elizabeth Cannon		Paulina Masick
31	David Rodak		Joshua Pierce		
	Rachel Sieff		Elianna Niemi		
	Zachary Sieff				

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>

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!