

SAINT MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE JANUARY 24, 2010

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Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves. St. Gerasim, Bishop of Perm. Martyr John of Kazan'. Martyrs Babylas of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius. St. Macedonius, Hermit, of Syria. Translation of the relics of St. Anastasius the Persian. Ven. Dionysius of Olympus. Ven. Philotheus, Founder of Philotheou Monastery. Bl. Xenia of St. Petersburg.

Sunday	January	24	9:00a	Liturgy of Preparation
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour
			11:30a	Church School
Saturday	January	30	5:00p	Private confessions
			5:30p	Great Vespers
Sunday	January	31	9:00a	Liturgy of Preparation
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy - Prodigal Son
			11:15a	Coffee Hour
			11:30a	Church School

How to contact us. Please send submissions for the weekly bulletin or bimonthly Evangelizer, dates for the church calendar, changes of address, comments etc. to: admin@stmarkoca.org or (301) 229-6300.

We love our babies and children. They are the future of Orthodoxy, and we want them in Church as much as possible. If they need a break, you are welcome to take them to the Church Library or the classrooms, which are outside the nave and have sound speakers to allow you to hear the service. You may also take them downstairs to the fellowship hall where there are toys and books for them to use.

The **Altar Candles** are donated by the **Mitchum Family** on the occasion of **Joan and Grant's Wedding Anniversary**. May God Grant Them Many Years!

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **Michael and Daniela Mihailov** for God's blessings on Daniela's mother, **Maria Rafailova** on the occasion of her birthday. May God Grant Her Many Years!

A Note Regarding Communion - 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, or if you would like to become a member of the Church, please feel free to speak with Fr. Gregory after Liturgy.

Coffee Hour Schedule

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
<u>January</u> 24 31	Cacic Rudin	Albert Mytryshyn	McCamant Tucker	Koopersmith Freimann
<u>February</u> 7	IOCC	Souper	Sunday	

Schedule of Choir Directors, Readers, Preparers of Readings, Altar Servers

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Servers
<u>January</u> 24 31 <u>February</u> 7	C. Perry J. Sokich	A. Prentice Rogers	P. Antich C. German C. Tatusko	Altar Boys. (24) A. Stanesco, P. Truitt, A. Yakubik, P. Dillon. (31) T. Dillon, T. Firestone, Z. Firestone, W. Hardy. Handmaidens.. (24) V. Jacobsen, G. Dillon, K. Prentice, a. Riscuta (31) A. Dean, T. Dean, A. Cacic, H. Lefors.

PRAYER REQUEST – Please pray for the health of our parishioners **Barbara Dubivsky, Tim Masick, Alexandra Sedor, and Cathryn Tatusko**.
 Please pray for **Jenifer Calomiris**, who has been hospitalized for pneumonia.
 Please pray for **Pat Antich** who is recovering from a leg infection.
 Please pray for **Martin Sieff** as he recovers from a recent accident.
 Please remember **Julie Flick's** stepdaughter, **Jeanie Folton**, in your prayers.

SCOUT SUNDAY - St. Mark will celebrate Scout Sunday on January 31, 2010. This year is the 100th anniversary of scouting. All scouts, former scouts and leaders are requested to wear their full uniform.

MISSION SUNDAY - Save the date. The Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA) has designated February 14, 2010, as Mission Sunday!

FOCA NEWS: A friendly reminder to all members and individuals, who might be interested in joining the St. Mark FOCA chapter - that the membership dues for 2010 are due end of January. You can mail the dues to St. Mark FOCA c/o St Mark Church and/or you can give your dues to any member of the board. Adult membership is \$ 40.00 and student membership is \$ 10.00. Thank you.

METROPOLITAN KALLISTOS OF DIOKLEIA VISITS ST. MARK – The Metropolitan will give three talks at St. Mark Church on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 12:30 – 4:30 pm on the topic or “**Our Transfiguration in Christ: The Message of the Philokalia**”. Please pass the word and plan to be there! There is a flyer on our bulletin board downstairs with further information.

DINNER WITH MET. KALLISTOS – A dinner in honor of Metropolitan Kallistos is being planned for the evening of February 13th following Great Vespers. The dinner will be at Normandy Farm Restaurant. Please let Jerry Marti know if you would like to attend this event.

BABYSITTING FOR MET. KALLISTOS VISIT – Thank you to the teen group, who are in the process of organizing babysitting services during Met. Kallistos presentation on February 13th. More information to follow.

METROPOLITAN KALLISTOS OF DIOKLEIA Cont'd - On February 9, 2010, Met. Kallistos of Diokleia (Timothy Ware) will speak at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC on the topic “An Insider’s View: Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue Today”, and on February 11, 2010, he will lecture at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Center in Annandale, VA on “Lent: Our Personal Journey”. See the flyer on our bulletin board downstairs for more info.

COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR – Thank you to **Debbie Firestone**, who has organized the coffee hour donor list for the past two years. With all of her other responsibilities, Debbie finds that she must step down from that position now, but we are very grateful to her for her (and Carl’s) dedicated and selfless service these past years. We are looking for a new coordinator and ask you to please consider assuming this responsibility for the Parish. It is a job that enhances parish fellowship. Thank you.

CLEANING, ORGANIZING, DOWNSIZING? - When reducing your clutter, please keep our parish RUMMAGE SALE in mind. Don’t toss out your "good stuff." Instead, box it for the rummage sale that we will surely have this spring. As usual, we will be trying to decide whether to have used clothing as part of our sale. What precludes us from giving you an immediate "yes" is the amount of work required to sort through and organize the mountains of clothing that we get. We need more help! So, save your stuff and give prayerful consideration to helping, not just during the rummage sale, but the days and evenings leading up to it. We will shortly be deciding on a date for the sale, but it will most likely be sometime after the last Church School class this spring. (submitted by **Larisa Looby**, lvlooby@aol.com, 703-759-2539)

VETERANS’ PROJECT - Several people were wondering why veteran names were being submitted to an address outside the church so we have taken the first step to correct that image by providing a new address veterans@stnicholasdc.org Robert Burgener will still serve as the clerk for entering and verifying names with help from the webmaster Lola Beno. Please visit www.stnicholasdcfestival.org and keep those names coming.

Archbishop of Canterbury to deliver Schmemmann Lecture and receive honorary doctorate at St. Vladimir’s Seminary - On Saturday afternoon, January 30, 2010, The Most Rev. and Rt. Honorable Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury and senior bishop of the worldwide Anglican communion, will deliver the annual Father Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. The archbishop will speak on the topic "Theology and the Contemplative Calling: The Image of Humility in the *Philokalia*."

PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SINGLES – Look for the next Singles’ event at Whitetail Ski Resort for a “Ski Weekend” from Friday February 5 to Sunday, February 7, 2010.

CAMP OPPORTUNITY - Join Fr Anthony, Mother Alexandra and Marek from the Antiochian Village Camp as they visit Ss Peter & Paul and the DC area for Camp At Home **February 26-28 (2010.)** Registration form, flyer and contact information for Camp At Home are now posted on Ss Peter and Paul website www.peterpaul.net home page. Click on "Camp At Home (February 26-28 2010)"to navigate to the forms or directly by clicking on http://peterpaul.net/events_announcements.htm. Please contact Julie C. Husson for further info at 703-449-1983 or Juliechusson@cox.net

"Economic Report" to feature Orthodox Seminary on Fox News- On Saturday, January 30, 2010, at 2:30 pm, St. Vladimir’s Seminary will be featured on Fox Business Network in a segment of the TV program "The Economic Report," hosted by Greg Gumbel. The program is part of a segment on trends and issues related to "Leading Developments in Faith Based Higher Education" as part of the show’s *Focus on Emerging Issues* series. The segment highlights St. Vladimir’s as an exemplary Christian institution that is making creative adjustments to the economic downturn. Recently, St. Vladimir’s established a "Going Green" campus initiative to provide a response to the growing ecological crisis and to address the issue of institutional sustainability.

BOOKSTORE NEWS - Our bookstore is well stocked in anticipation of Bishop Kallistos’s visit to St. Mark and the start of Lent. Please check the bookstore for your Lenten reading. There are now copies of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent* and *Lenten Meditations*, as well as many of Bishop Kallistos’s books. There are also lots of good books for your child too. This is the time to set the example for your children; you can each put aside a few minutes a day for reading,

CHRISTMAS CARDS – **Joan Mitchum** has placed a box near the bookstore downstairs for used Christmas cards for one of the convents, which uses them. Remember that only religious themes can be used. Also please only the front of the cards. Also last years church calendar is also acceptable. We will try to find someone to take them to PA in the spring.

AN EVENING OF POETRY AND MUSIC – Sts. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church invites you for an evening celebrating Arabic culture and heritage with dinner, dancing, and music on February 6, 2010 from 8 – midnight. The talented singer Suhel Bachour and his band promises to enchant with classic and modern-day Arabic songs, and the entertainment continues with the poetry of Al Wafi. Tickets are \$70/person. Checks should be made out to: Ss. Peter & Paul / Layletna Ward and sent to Fr. Elie Estephan c/o Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 10620 River Rd., Potomac, Maryland 20854. See the flyer on our bulletin board for more information.

CONCERT - The Choral Arts Society of Washington will be performing the entire Rachmaninoff Vespers at St. Matthews Cathedral on Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 pm. Contact Tatjana D’Arcangelo, Office Manager, St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave NW., Washington, DC 20007 P. 202-333-5060 ext.10, tatjana@stnicholasdc.org to find out about group rates and seating.

TAMBURITZAN PERFORMANCE – The Tamburitzan Folk Ensemble Dancers from Duquesne University will be performing in the D.C. area on Saturday and Sunday, February 13th and 14th. They will be at Bishop Ireton High School in Virginia on the 13th and at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville, MD on the 14th. See the postcard on our bulletin board downstairs for more information.