

SAINT MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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ANTIPASCHA 2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA MAY 4, 2008

EPISTLE: ACTS 5:12-20	GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31	TONE 1
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St. Thomas Sunday. Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus in Asia Minor. The Albanov brethren: Ss. Nikita, Kirill, Nikifor, Clement, and Isaac, of Novgorod. Hieromartyr Erasmus, Bishop of Formia in Campania. Hieromartyr Albian, Bishop of Anaea in Asia Minor. Hieromartyr Silvanus, Bishop of Gaza, and with him 40 Martyrs. Ven. Nicephorus of Mt.Athos

Today	May	4	9:00a	Liturgy of Preparation
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour
			11:30a	Church School & Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday	May	10	5:00p	Private confessions
			5:30p	Great Vespers and prayers for the OCA
Sunday	May	11	9:00a	Liturgy of Preparation
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour
			11:30a	Last Day of 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, compliments, or complaints to: admin@stmarkoca.org or (301) 229-6300.

The **Altar Candles** today are donated by **Jim and Rosalie Luster** in Blessed Memory of Archpriest **Eugne Vansuch**. May His Memory Be Eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **Patricia Rodak and Family** in loving memory of husband and father, **John Rodak, Fr. Christ is Risen!**

2008 DIRECTORY AND MAY/JUNE 2008 EVANGELIZER – The new parish directory and the latest Evangelizer are available in the hallway outside the Church. Get your copy today! Thank you.

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
May 4 11 18	S. Petro Hardy Church	K. Petro Kuchta School	Petro-Jenkins Fitzgerald Picnic	Hardy Burpee

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

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Altar Servers
May 4 11 18	B. Barber M. Ahmadi G. Vance	P. Sielinski J. Sokich C. Tatusko	C. Tatusko P. Zabela C. German	(2) P. Dillon, Z. Firestone, S. Gleason, W. Hardy (11) S. Gleason, W. Hardy, A. Heffernan, M. Heffernan (18)A. Jancovic, V. Lutes, P. Truitt, A. Yakubik

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

PRAYER REQUEST – Please pray for **Helen Gonsa**, who has been hospitalized. Please keep **Martha Vance's** mother, **Joyce Dana**, in your prayers. She has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Please remember **Timothy Masick** in your prayers as he recovers from eye surgery and cancer treatment.

Please pray for **Mat. Janet Koczak's** friend, Magdalena, who died this week. Keep her husband, Alex, and their 3 children in your prayers. May Her Memory Be Eternal for Christ is Risen!

CONGRATULATIONS – To the **Datch** and **Calomiris** families on the Baptism and Chrismation, yesterday, of **Charles Alexander Datch**. May God Grant Them Many Years!

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - At the Parish Council meeting on March 18, the Council voted to schedule the Semi Annual Parish Meeting for June 1, 2008, following Divine Liturgy. The by-laws call for a May meeting date, but this date was chosen because of many Sunday conflicts in May. Unless there is great objection, the Semi Annual Parish Meeting will be on June 1, 2008 following Divine Liturgy. The Parish Council appreciates your consideration in this matter.

PASCHA POTLUCK – Thank you to **Wayne** or **Cathy Tatusko** for organizing the lovely dinner last Sunday. Sixty parishioners and family enjoyed the delicious dinner and the good company.

EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY - There will be an Easter Egg Hunt today following Church School. All children (through sixth grade) are invited to participate.

HANDMAIDENS - A number of girls have reached the age where they are offering their first confession and joining the ranks of the Handmaidens. It's wonderful to have these enthusiastic Handmaidens assist with the bread cutting and the wine cups. If there are other girls who have not been serving, who would like to, please see **Matushka Sasha**. We would like all girls who would like to serve to have an opportunity to do so. Thank you.

ST MARK GRADUATES – It is that time of year again. Please let us know if you have a high school or college graduate this year. St. Mark would like to honor them at the end of this school year. You can let **Mary** or **Barbara** know at coffee hour, give them a call or email them at admin@stmarkoca.org. Thanks and congratulations

FOCA GOLF - Start getting your foursomes together! St. Mark FOCA is sponsoring a Charity Golf Tournament on Friday August 22, 2008 at the Pleasant Valley Golf Club in Virginia. If you would like to sponsor a hole or purchase an ad for the Program Book, see **Tony Ngo, Gene Jacobsen, John Ihnat** or **Greg Yakubik**. Even if you don't golf there are plenty of ways you can help. SAVE the DATE.

FOCA - National FOCA JR. Sports Tournament to be held the week of July 13-19 at St. Vladimir's Camp in Farmdale, OH. All Orthodox youth ages 10-17 are invited. The cost for the week is \$250. All information and application for camp can be found on the FOCA web-site at www.orthodoxfellowship.org under Youth News. Deadline for application is June 10. Anyone interested may also contact **Patty Jacobson** or **Chris German** for information.

'A TASTE OF THE ORIENT' – Saturday, June 7, 2008 after Vespers, the Ngo family will be preparing Far East dishes for another fun family evening at St. Mark. Tickets go on sale TODAY, May 4, 2008. Adults - \$25, children (6-12) - \$10, and kids (5 and under) are FREE. This event is sponsored by FOCA and will offset the cost of some of the furniture for Father Gregory's office. Get tickets early from **Pete Sielinski, Barbara Freimann, or Christina Ngo**.

RIDE NEEDED - Does anyone live near the Alexandria train station or drive near it on their way to St. Mark's? **Barbara Dubivsky** is in need of a ride for Sunday Divine Liturgy. Contact the Church office at 301-229-6300. Thanks very much.

PAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SINGLES – The Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles next event is the Odyssey Dinner/Dance Boat Cruise on the Potomac River!!!! Saturday, May 17, 2008, cruise from 8 -11 p.m. The \$15 charge includes dinner, appetizers, drinks, and a DJ. Speak to **Diana Haverlack** for more information.

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON – The Ladies Auxiliary of Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Potomac is holding its 6th annual fashion show and luncheon on May 10, 2008 (11:30 – 2:30 pm). Tickets are \$40/person and will benefit a local women's shelter. Fashions are provided by Helias of Wisconsin Ave. For tickets contact Rida Boulos at 703-319-3415 or Frita18@aol.com.

RUMMAGE SALE -- The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 11, 2008. So you can start bringing your "good stuff" to church on that day or thereafter for the Rummage Sale which will take place on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31. If you care to price your items prior to bringing them in, please feel free to do so. Please use a white sticker and mark the price in red ink and scotch tape the price tag securely onto the item. For linens, size should be marked and a white tag pinned onto the item. Please make sure all items are clean, useable and include all necessary pieces. Also, Is there anyone in church with a pickup truck that would be willing to drive around and gather large items? Thank you very much from your rummage sale chairwomen Larisa, Marsha, Suzette and Marge.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL - Mark your calendars for the week of July 14th-18th as our parish will be hosting a Vacation Church School (VCS) for children age three through rising sixth graders. The cost is expected to be \$20/child or \$30/family (two or more children from the same family) and will be limited to the first fifty (50) students. The VCS will be conducted in cooperation with St. Nicholas Cathedral.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH NEWS - The Orthodox Church of St. Matthew in Columbia, MD will be consecrated on May 10th. Divine Liturgy at 9 am & banquet at 1 pm at "Ten Oaks Ball Room" in Clarksburg, MD. Banquet attendees will receive a wine glass with St. Matthew logo, St. Matthew pin, Commemorative Booklet (hopefully 100-200 or more photos) and enjoy an entertaining animated Photo Story presentation. See <http://www.stmatthewoca.org/> for info on Consecration Liturgy times and Banquet Tickets.

RAFFLE SILENT AUCTION - **Larisa Looby** is looking for several people or a married couple from Maryland to assist with the Raffle/Silent Auction at this year's Food Festival and Bazaar. The Raffle/Silent Auction brings in a lot of money for the church. Please prayerfully consider assisting Larisa in this endeavor. **Paul** and **Shirley Dean** are assisting Larisa in obtaining gifts or prizes from Virginia.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!