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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

JANUARY 19, 2025

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 5

Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt

Ven. Macarius of Alexandria

St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus

SAINT MARK, ARCHBISHOP OF EPHESUS

Saint Mark Eugenikos, Archbishop of Ephesus, was a stalwart defender of Orthodoxy at the Council of Florence. He would not agree to a union with Rome which was based on theological compromise and political expediency (the Byzantine Emperor was seeking military assistance from the West against the Moslems who were drawing ever closer to Constantinople).

Saint Mark countered the arguments of his opponents, drawing from the well of pure theology, and the teachings of the holy Fathers. When the members of his own delegation tried to pressure him into accepting the Union he replied, "There can be no compromise in matters of the Orthodox Faith."

Although the members of the Orthodox delegation signed the Tomos of Union, Saint Mark was the only one who refused to do so. When he returned from Florence, Saint Mark urged the inhabitants of Constantinople to repudiate the dishonorable document of union.

He died in 1457 at the age of fifty-two, admired and honored by all.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Kelly, Jim, Sharon, Martha, Larissa, Bob, David, Zondra, Art, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Sarah, Levi, Daniel

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Note that our parish annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 following Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important event in the life of our parish. At our meeting we will hold elections for some positions on the parish council. If you are interested in running, please speak with Fr. Alessandro or James Class.

MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual March for Life in Washington, DC, will take place on Friday, January 24. Join His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, along with many other bishops, clergy, seminarians, and faithful of the various Orthodox Churches at 11:30am at the National Mall where the March for Life Rally will begin at noon.

MISSION'S DINNER: Everyone is welcome to attend the Missions Dinner at Ss Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854 (just past the village center) on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Vespers begins at 5:00. The Missions Dinner begins with appetizers and social time, followed by the dinner and program at 6:30. Please use the link below to register prior to February 15th, as tickets will not be available at the door. Please note that ticket prices are much lower than in previous years: \$45 for adults; \$25 for those 25 years old and younger. You will have opportunity to meet a missionary priest, a priest from the

Orthodox Mission Center, hear from a missionary in the field, & learn what it's like to serve at Project Mexico. It's a must to attend this lovely event which will fill your heart with the joy of Christ and inspire you with learning about Orthodox missions! Registration link: <https://ocmc.org/potomac-dinner> For more information, please contact Paula Massouh at pmassouh@aol.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

<p>Jan 19, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Church School Divine Liturgy</p>
<p>Jan 25, Sat 5:00 PM 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Great Vespers Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Jan 26, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Church School Divine Liturgy</p>

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Jan 19	Jan 26
Coffee Hour:	Mittlefehldt	Garber
Reader:	Hughes	Barr
Cleaning:	Mittlefehldt	Garber
Communion Cloth:	Class/Schmitt	Barr/Garber

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment