



# ST. MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 19, 2017

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE; APOSTLES OF THE 70 ARCHIPPUS AND PHILEMON; MARTYR APPIAS**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK:

**Saturday, February 25**– Great Vespers and confessions at 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday, February 26** – Church school 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M; followed by the Vespers of Forgiveness with the rite of forgiveness

### PRAYERS ADDED THIS WEEK:

newly departed Mikayla – Larissa Thornton’s friend’s daughter, auto crash  
newly departed Jeanne – Pam Stephens’ friend and co-worker  
newly departed Jim – Nora Wojciechowski’s cousin  
Harry – Denise Roddy’s uncle, kidney issues  
Phyllis – Dion Roddy’s aunt, lung cancer  
Anthony – Marlene McKean’s relative, spine and neck surgery  
Edward, Susan and Edward Pasternak in their travels

**BIRTHDAYS:** Fedya Malysh and Li Yan Louis 2/19; Nathan Gignac and Pavel Alekseyev 2/20;  
Gilbert Maxwell 2/21; Andrew Wassell 2/25

- Coffee next week: Drahushak, Drahushak, A. Yavornitzky
- Greeters next week: Dion and Denise Roddy
- Attendance last week: 85 adults 28 children
- Visitors last week: Tyler and Alexandria Csomos of Rochester; Cindy Welch and granddaughter from St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton; Des (from VA) and Jim and Linda Dandalide (local)

### STEWARDSHIP SIGN-UP

The annual list of activities and “around the parish” jobs is now posted on the bulletin board. Please look it over and consider taking the responsibility for one or more of the tasks. Your fellow parishioners are appreciative of all the energy that goes into making St. Mark a truly special community in Christ. Thank you.

**THE NEXT PIEROGHI WORKSHOP** will take place on Wednesday, March 1 at 9:00 A.M. Orders are now being taken and new participants are encouraged and welcome.

### HAVE YOU PLANNED YOUR ADORNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS?

Dear All,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

At the direction of His Grace Bishop Paul the parish council of St. Mark Orthodox Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan is formally announcing, through this post, a Special Parish Meeting following the Divine Liturgy On Sunday, March 26, 2017. The sole agenda item for this special meeting will be a proposal to adopt new By-laws for the parish. The eligible voting member list from our January 22, 2017 Annual Parish Meeting will serve as the eligible voting member list for this special meeting.

**An explanation:**

A new revised version of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in American was ratified at the 18<sup>th</sup> All American Council that was held in July of 2015. The adoption of this statute requires that all Diocesan and Parish Bylaws be revised to reflect changes made in the Statute. Our diocese adopted Uniform Parish Bylaws (UPB) in October of 1984 that could be adjusted by parishes to reflect some parish practice related to administration. We adopted these bylaws in 1988. Early in 2016, Bishop Paul assembled a task force to address the issue of compliance of the UPB with the OCA's statute. The Task Force reviewed the UPB and revised it to bring the document into compliance with the the OCA's new Statute, and to eliminate inconsistencies in terminology. The revised UPB was then approved by our Diocesan Assembly in October of 2016. Our Parish Council has adapted the UPB to reflect our parish administration options and to bring this updated set of bylaws before a special parish meeting for approval.

A conversation regarding this process and the changes being made will take place at the coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 12, 2017. We hope to have all information shared in advance so that the Special Parish Meeting, which requires a quorum and a 2/3 majority vote for approval, will simply be a gathering to vote.

Printed copies of both sets of By-laws are available on request to those who do not receive the electronic distributions from the parish.

In Christ,

Fr. Andrew

**THE CHURCH** – from “The Ascetic Experience”

The Church is not a human organization, but a Divine-Human organism. It is not a human corporation, but the Divine-human Body of Christ. The source of the Church is God Himself. It is not men's invention, it is not a fruit and result of men's social need, but it is the sole place of man's salvation. That is to say, the impression is created that men made the Church in order to be able to survive in such difficult and tragic social conditions of life.

But, as we explained before, the source of the Church is God Himself, and man's salvation takes place within it. Clement of Alexandria observes: “for just as it is a work of his will and is called the world, so also the salvation of men is his will and this is called the Church”. And this means that the Church will never cease to exist, in spite of such difficult and unfavorable circumstances.

Based on Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktou