

The Scroll



Sunday Services

Matins..... 9:00 a.m.
Church School..... 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy..... 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Services

Confession..... 4:30 p.m.
Great Vespers..... 5:00 p.m.

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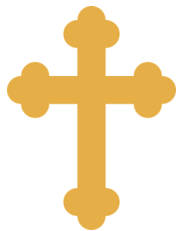
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WE MUST PRAY FOR ALL
Salvation of the World According to Saint Silouan
by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware

Saint Silouan's burning desire and constant prayer was for the salvation of the whole world. "Love all creation", says Staretz Zosima in Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel *The Brothers Karamazov*. "Love all creation, the whole of it and every grain sand within it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything you will perceive the divine mystery in things".

The 'divine mystery' of which Staretz Zosima speaks is precisely the interdependence, the reciprocal coherence, of all created things in God. Everything, like the ocean, flows and enters into contact with everything else: touch one place, and you set up a movement at the other end of the world.

Such is Dostoevsky's vision of cosmic unity. The created world constitutes individual whole, and so the salvation of each individual person is inextricably bound up with the salvation of all mankind and, yet more widely, with the salvation of the entire universe. 'We are members of one another' (Eph 4:25) needs to be given the broadest possible application. It is not only we humans who depend on each other as the limbs of a single body; but we have bonds of kinship with the animals as well, and also with trees and plants, air and water. We live in them and they in us.

Precisely the same sense of cosmic unity is expressed by Saint Silouan the Athonite: "He who has the Holy Spirit in him, to however slight a degree, sorrows day and night for all mankind. His heart is filled with pity for all God's creatures, more especially for those who do not know God, or who resist Him and therefore are bound for torment. For them, more than himself, he prays day and night, that all may repent and know the Lord."

Archimandrite Sophrony, in his book on Staretz Silouan, sums up the teaching of the Staretz on cosmic coherence in these words: "The life of the spiritual world, the Staretz recognized as one life and because of this unity every spiritual phenomenon inevitably reacts on the state of the whole spiritual world." Despite the striking parallels between the Russian novelist and the Athonite monk, it is highly unlikely that Saint Silouan had ever read Dostoevsky. More probably, the similarities arise because both are shaped by the same living tradition and both are drawing on the same sources. Saint Isaac the Syrian, who writes in a famous passage of the *Ascetical Homilies*: "What is a merciful heart? It is a heart for the whole of creation for humanity, for the birds, for the animals, for demons, and for every created thing. At the recollection and at the sight of them such a person's eyes overflow with tears owing to the vehemence of the compassion which grips his heart: as a result of his deep mercy his heart shrinks and cannot bear to hear or look on any injury or the slightest suffering of anything in creation. This is why he constantly offers up prayer full of tears, even for the irrational animals and enemies of truth, even for those who harm him, so that they may be protected and find mercy."

What exactly does Staretz Silouan mean when faithful to the teaching of Saint Isaac, he affirms that the Saints "embrace the whole world, with their love?" Let us note the all-embracing love and prayer that constitute our true vocation as human persons. There is first his firm conviction that God calls every human being to salvation. Secondly, there is his conception of the "total Adam" and, linked with this, his insistence that my neighbor is myself. Thirdly, there is his firm assurance that in God's total plan it is not only human beings but the entire cosmos that is to be redeemed and transfigured.

"It was particularly characteristic of Staretz Silouan to pray for the dead suffering in the Hell of separation from God", writes Father Sophrony and he goes to recall an exchange that he overheard between the Staretz and a hermit:

I remember a conversation between him and a certain hermit, who declared with evident satisfaction, "God will punish all atheists. They will burn in everlasting fire." Obviously upset, the Staretz said: 'Tell me, supposing you went to Paradise and then looked down and saw somebody burning in Hellfire - would you feel happy?' 'It can't be helped. It would be their own fault,' replied the hermit. The Staretz answered him with a sorrowful countenance: 'Love could not bear that,' he said. **'We must pray for all!'**

The fact that God desires the salvation of all does not mean of course that our salvation is automatic and inevitable. As the Letter to Diognetus states, "God persuades, He does not compel, for violence is foreign to Him."

God's call to salvation comes in the form of an invitation, which we on the human side are free to accept or to reject. But, although the response varies, the call is universal.

"Dwelling in heaven, the Saints behold Hell and embrace it too in their love". This is possible for them, because the love that is at work in their hearts is nothing else than the love of God Himself, and God's love is present everywhere - even in hell. God is present in hell, too, as love...Even in hell Divine Love will embrace all men, but, while the love is joy and life for them that love God, it is torment for those who hate Him. In the words of Vladimir Lossky, "The love of God will be an intolerable torment for those who have not acquired it within themselves."

In the teaching that the power of love extends even to Hell, the Staretz is once more following Saint Isaac the Syrian who writes: "Even those who are punished in Gehenna are tormented with the scourging of love. The scourges that result from love - that is, the scourges of those who realize that they have sinned against love - are harder and more bitter than the torments which result from fear... The power of love works in two ways: it torments those who have sinned, just as happens here on earth; but those who have observed its duties, love gives delight. So it is in Gehenna: the contrition that comes from love is the harsh torment; but in the case of the sons of Heaven, delight in this love inebriates their souls."

5 Quotes To Make You Smile

"Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek? Because he was always spotted!"

"Why can't your hand be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot!"

"Why can't basketball players go on vacation? They aren't allowed to travel!"

"How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying? You rocket."

"What do you call a Priest that becomes a lawyer? A Father-In-Law!"



ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY

The Humanitarian Ministry Team thanks the parish for their generous support of St. Mary's Food Pantry.

**This year, so far, we have given
food sacks to over
300 people in need!**

You may donate items to the Food Pantry any time.
Just drop your items in the wood box in the church hall.

ITEMS NEEDED for FOOD PANTRY:
(please only bring canned items with a pull top)

- Ravioli or Spaghetti •
- Vienna Sausage •
- Cup - O - Soup •
- Applesauce or Fruit Cocktail •
- Granola Bars •
- Gatorade •

You may donate money for the Food Pantry any time.
Please give it to Joan Ferris or put it in the tray.
Be sure to designate that it is for the Food Pantry,
and we'll do your shopping for you!

ST. MARY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
HOLIDAY BAKE SALE



STMARYWICHITA.ORG

The Belles of St. Mary unfortunately had to cancel their annual Bazaar this year due to COVID-19. Many of you look forward to attending the event with the wonderful vendors and our famous bake sale and lunch. **We are offering a pre-order Holiday Bake Sale for you to enjoy your favorite foods!** Proceeds from the event help with humanitarian needs in the community throughout the year, holiday gift cards for those lessfortunate, and humanitarian needs in our parish.

SALE: **October 11-31, 2021**
 You may order online at stmarywichita.org or by cash/check using this form.

PICK UP DATE: **Pick up date November 17 from 9 am to 6 pm ONLY.**
 Please come to the back of the church to the pickup window.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Please send this form and your payment to St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church, 344 S. Martinson, Wichita, KS 67273. You can also order securely online at stmarywichita.org. Call 376-264-7576 with questions. Thank you!



LENTIL SOUP QUART **\$6.00**

Our signature Lentil soup is a favorite of many people and a hardy fall/winter dish. It's filled with lentils, rice, vegetables and flavorful seasonings.



BAKLAWA TRAY **\$40.00**

Dessert with buttered layers of phyllo dough with a sweetened walnut filling and finished with our own homemade syrup. Approximately 35 to 40 pieces.



BAKLAWA STICKS **\$12.00 (6 per unit)**

Buttered and rolled phyllo dough with a sweetened walnut filling and drizzled with chocolate. Finished with our own homemade syrup.



DATE ROLLS **\$12.00 (6 per unit)**

Phyllo dough brushed with rendered butter wrapped around a date and nut mixture baked and drizzled with our homemade syrup.



KOURAMBIETHES **\$12.00 (6-Two packs/12 cookies per unit)**

A melt in your mouth cookie with walnuts and rolled in powdered sugar.



KOULOURAKIA **\$12.00 (6 per unit)**

These buttery, golden, braided Greek cookies will have you saying, "Opa!" Made from a family recipe passed down through the generations, this cookie with its shortbread-like texture and a sprinkling of sesame seeds is perfect to serve with *coffee* for breakfast or dessert.



ASSORTED HOLIDAY TRAY \$35.00

- 4 Baklava
- 4 Date Rolls
- 4 Kourambiethes (Greek Cookie)
- 4 Koulourakia (Greek Shortbread cookie)

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
LENTIL SOUP	\$6.00	X	_____
BAKLAWA TRAY	\$40.00	X	_____
BAKLAWA STICKS	\$12.00	X	_____
DATE ROLLS	\$12.00	X	_____
KOURAMBIETHES	\$12.00	X	_____
KOULOURAKIA	\$12.00	X	_____
ASST. HOLIDAY TRAY	\$35.00	X	_____
TOTAL			_____



**ORDER ONLINE AT
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Question of the Month

If you could go back in time and change your career, what would be your dream job?

Deanna Ferris - I actually love my job as a School Social Worker and Counselor but another career that I would have enjoyed is a Travel Writer. I love to travel and learn new things, and I enjoy writing.



Helen Stitt – An event planner or lawyer.



Dennis Fairbanks – A college football coach.



Amy Minks – A travel planner or wedding planner.

Mike Shaheen – Well I would say I am pretty happy with what I have accomplished; however, I would say that I have always wondered what it would have been like to be in opera.

Jeremy Wagner – subsistence farmer / bookbinder



Ken Dannenberg – John the Baptist.

TC Wallace – Wouldn't change a thing!!!

Ro Kallail – A physician.



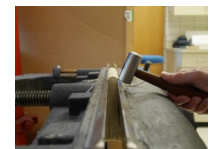
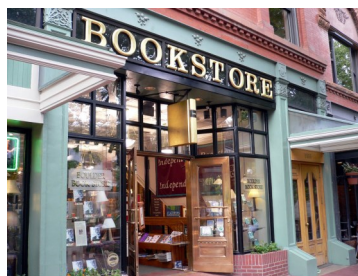
Al Busada – An ophthalmologist.



Judith Shippy – Nothing. I don't want to work!

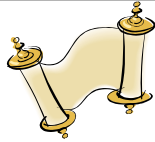
Nick Steinbrink – A major league baseball umpire.

Marie Patterson– I would not change my career As a psychologist, I was able to do assessment, therapy and consultation. I was able to teach teenagers and adults. If I won the lottery (which I play infrequently), I would like to own and operate a bookstore similar to Watermark Books.



From the Ministry Teams

THE SCROLL



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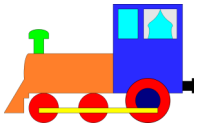
Deadline to Submit ~ December 4

On Website ~ December 17

Available in Foyer ~ December 19

Send news to: rokallail@att.net

MEAL TRAIN



The St Mary Meal Train ministry was formed in 2016 to serve the families in our parish immediately following the birth of a child. After the birth of a child, what to eat for dinner is not usually at the forefront of new parents' minds. Instead, new parents are focused on the new life they have created and finding their new normal between dirty diapers, seemingly near-constant cries, and many feedings.

Our goal is to provide the evening meal every day for a week. The meals have been a mixture of home cooked, frozen, and store-bought meals as well as restaurant gift cards. We also provide a supply of paper products such as plates, napkins, cutlery, and cups to reduce the workload of the family. Being part of this ministry does not mean that you have to be involved every time a request is sent out. Each of us has our own commitments and are sometimes unable to help. Any help at all is much appreciated by the families we are serving. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Jessica Lessman (Miriam121406@live.com) to get on the mailing list.



The Lord's Diner exists to combat hunger in the community. The Diner's singular mission is to serve a nutritious meal with dignity and respect to anyone who is hungry. The Lord's Diner serves an evening meal 365 days a year. The Lord's Diner serves an average of 2,500 meals nightly at two dining facilities (one in downtown Wichita and one in south Wichita) and three food trucks (one in northwest Wichita, and one in southeast Wichita, and one in northeast Wichita) to any guest who needs a nutritious meal, 60 percent of which are families.

THE LORD'S DINER

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WICHITA

St. Mary volunteers serve at The Lord's Diner on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We gather at the downtown location, Central and Broadway, at 5:15 p.m. We are usually finished by 8:00 p.m, so come join us. All volunteer sign up is now taking place on SIGN UP GENIUS. For more information, contact Vicki Jones at 650-0658 or vawj55@gmail.com.

ST. MARY



"St. Mary On the Go" is an adult fellowship for the St. Mary parishioners. All adults are invited to participate in planned activities scheduled at least 4 times a year: March, June, September, and December. There is no theme or purpose to this ministry team other than to enjoy each other and have social time together.

From the Ministry Teams

CHURCH SCHOOL



We're so excited to announce church school began Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 9 am. Your teachers for the 2021-2022 school year are:

Sophia Jacobs: Preschool

Tanya Husselman: Kindergarten-3rd grade

Laura Stanley: 4th-7th grade

Dennis Fairbanks: 8th-12th grade

Megan Taylor Gilstrap: Children's Choir.

Thank you to them for dedicating themselves to the ongoing learning of our St. Mary children and teens! In addition, we are bringing back the children's choir. Any questions about church school, please see Justine Nightingale.

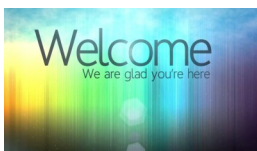


Family Promise of Greater Wichita unites hearts and hands to provide compassionate hospitality and empower homeless families with children to achieve sustainable independence.

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was in prison and you came to Me"

St. Mary Parish participates by hosting families in the program four times a year in our church building. Families arrive at St. Mary on Sunday in time for the evening meal. Parishioners volunteer their time by driving families to and from the day house, setting up the rooms, and sleeping overnight at the church. Evening meals, food for breakfast, and snacks are all provided by St. Mary parishioners. The families eat their evening meal and spend the night at the church. Lunches are made and snacks packed before heading to their rooms for the night. They get up and leave the church by 6:15 each morning and are transported to the day house. During the day they work, attend classes, shower, do laundry, and a multitude of other tasks before returning to the church in time for the evening meal. By the end of the year, St. Mary Parish will have hosted families for three weeks and provided significant support to another church for one week. Both the families and parishioners are encouraged and blessed by the interactions throughout the week. Although approximately fifty parishioners will have participated in 2021, there is still a need for more to participate in this significant ministry by providing hospitality and shelter. Contact Vicki Jones at 650-0658 or vawj55@gmail.com for more information.

GREETER MINISTRY TEAM



The primary purpose of the Greeter Ministry Team is to make all of our visitors to St. Mary feel welcome in our parish home. To welcome the stranger is not just a nice or courteous thing to do, but is in fact one of the things mentioned by our Lord by which we will be judged: "*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*" To welcome the stranger is a great blessing to them and to us, the Greeter Ministry Team strives to fulfill this scriptural command together with our parish family. One responsibility of greeters is to greet visitors before liturgy. This includes giving them a bulletin and visitor packet, asking them to sign the visitor book, and invite them to coffee hour. After liturgy, greeters will seek out the visitors and introduce to at least one other person in church, introduce them to Fr. Aaron and Deacon James, offer to give a tour of the facility, and show them the rack of educational pamphlets in the foyer. During the following week, the greeter will complete a New Visitor Note Card that will be mailed to the visitor. If you wish more information on this Ministry Team, contact Vicki Jones at 650-0658.

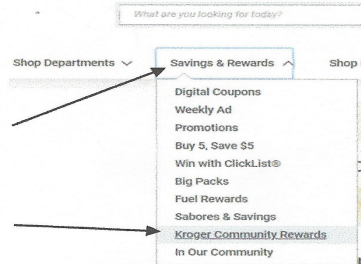
There are currently six active members of the Greeters Team. During the past year the members of the team have moved from following COVID protocols to greeting parishioners and guests weekly. Looking to the future, there is a need for more members of the team. It is operating without enough members.

From the Ministry Teams

DILLON'S REWARDS

How to Register a Digital Account

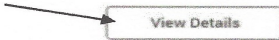
Creating a digital account is as simple as 1,2,3! Simply visit <http://www.dillons.com/>, <http://www.bakersplus.com>, <http://www.gerbes.com> or download the Kroger mobile application from the appropriate app store for your device and follow these directions.



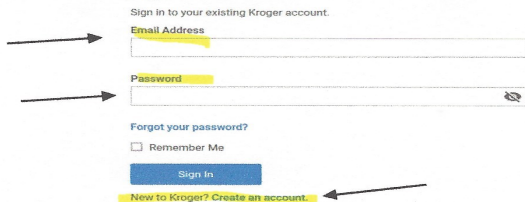
Hint: it will say "Dillons Community Rewards", "Baker's Community Rewards" or "Gerbes Community Rewards" depending on what banner you are registering under.

1. Select the 'View Details' button.

I'm a Customer
Want to enroll in Community Rewards?



2. Select 'Create Account' or if you already have an account please sign in.

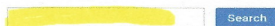


Please make sure that you add your card number or create a virtual card number while registering your Digital Account. This is required for the Community Rewards program so that your transactions apply towards the program.

Once you are signed in...

- Search for your organization that you wish to support.
- Change View by Type to "ALL"

Find an Organization



- Click Enroll

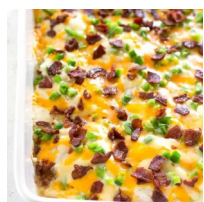


THE BELLES



All women are welcome to participate with The Belles of St. Mary. We have joined an Archdiocese book study, Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her by Frederica Matthewes-Green. We will be keeping in touch with our college students by sending a card periodically during the school year. We have donated funds for two new Altar Server robes. Our Holiday Bake Sale is under way and you can pre-order your Holiday favorites between October 11th to 31st.

Cook's Corner



JALAPENO POPPER CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

- 1.5 - 2 lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts or thighs, (slice in half lengthwise if thick)
- salt and pepper
- 1 (8 ounce) cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons milk or cream
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2-3 jalapeno peppers, seeded and diced, (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup cooked and crumbled bacon, (about 6 slices)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, (or mix of cheddar)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13 baking dish.

Layer chicken in a single layer in the baking dish. Season well with salt and pepper.

In a small bowl, stir together the cream cheese, milk or cream, and garlic powder. If not room temperature enough microwave until able to stir together. Spread mixture evenly over chicken.

Sprinkle jalapeno peppers, bacon, and cheese on top.

Cover with foil and bake for 30-35 minutes or until chicken is done. Remove foil for the last 5 minutes of baking to melt cheese.

yield: 6 SERVINGS

prep time: 10 MINUTES

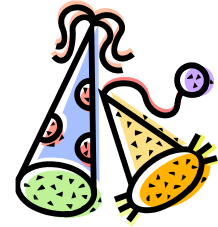
cook time: 35 MINUTES

total time: 45 MINUTES



Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER

4 Maren Kingery
5 Sophia Tiemeyer
8 Adrian Warwick
9 Ashley Abdayem
10 John Dannenberg
13 Tanya Huffleman
19 Jeremy Wagner
20 Theodora Kambiotis
20 Dick Zarich
20 Duane Rosenbaum
22 Shirley Ellis
22 Micheline Abdayem
23 Susan Clark
29 Josiah Oller

DECEMBER

5 Markus Kosjer
9 Don DeBolt
11 Robbie Namee
12 Frank Morris
14 Virginia Bohannon
14 Miriam Lessman
18 Alex Lessman
19 Raymond Stevens
19 Shirley Zarich
20 Maria Armaino
21 Yevgeny Novikov
21 Valerie Lehl
26 Samuel Lessman
29 Fr. John Baize
31 Vicki Jones



ANNIVERSARIES

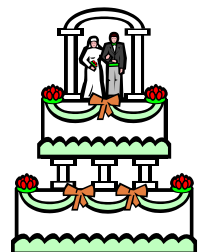


November

November 12 Darren and Amy Minks
November 13 Matthew and Maria Armanio

December

December 4 Maher and Mary Gerges
December 17 Anthony and Keri Jacobs
December 22 Kirby and Cheryl Jantz
December 27 Gabriel and Susan Hernandez
December 27 Frank and Cathy Morris
December 28 Mark and Vicki Jones
December 28 Jerry and Helen Stitt



BITS & PIECES



William Almy-Hernandez serving as altar server on August 15. He is the son of Susan and Gabriel Hernandez.
Congratulations and Many Years!



The Student Leadership Board

Every year, OCF is led by a team of talented students who take on leadership positions in Orthodox campus ministry. The Student Leadership Board works with staff and clergy volunteers to implement the programs of OCF, advise and inspire their peers on campuses, and develop new resources and programs for Orthodox college students.



Jesse Nightingale, Midwest Student Leader
Congratulations and Many Years!

BITS & PIECES

Tracy Namee heard that Ascension Via Christi Hospital needed donations of fleece blankets to give to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child/elder abuse, and human trafficking. Our teens came together on August 28th to cut the blankets and tie them together. We enjoyed snacking and visiting!



Baptism of Thaddeus Oller on September 11, son of Matt and Laura Oller. Godparents are Andrew and Monaica Ledell. ***Congratulations and Many Years!***

BITS & PIECES

His Grace, Bishop Basil tonsured Jason, William, and Luke Ewertt as Taper Bearers and Jason as a Reader.
Congratulations and Many Years!



The Archpastoral visit of His Grace, Bishop Basil, at the home of Fr Aaron and Kh Gwen with the clergy, Parish Council, and spouses.

BITS & PIECES

Elevation of Fr. Aaron to Archpriest
Banquet on September 12
Axios! Axios! Axios!



BITS & PIECES

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross September 13



About The Scroll

The Scroll is the news magazine of St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church, 344 S. Martinson, Wichita, KS, 67213. It was first published in March of 1974 as a newsletter and has evolved to its present magazine-style format. **The Scroll** includes information about our Orthodox Christian faith as well as news of our parish community. Deadline dates for publication are listed in each issue of **The Scroll** and also in the weekly church bulletins.

Inquiries and news items should be sent to: rokallail@att.net or to the above church address C/O The Scroll.

All news must be received by the announced deadline dates. Submitted material may be edited for content and space limitations. All submitted items should include the name of the person sending the material as well as identifying the original source of previously published pieces.

The Scroll Ministry Team

Claire Dannenberg
Deacon James Kallail
Ro Kallail
Amy Minks



LOOKING AHEAD

October 31

Halloween
Belles Holiday Bake Sale Ends

November 7

Annual Parish Meeting

November 13

St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop
of Constantinople

November 15

Nativity Fast begins

November 16

St. Matthew

November 21

Entry of Mother of God in the
temple

November 25

Thanksgiving

November 30

St. Andrew

December 6

St. Nicholas Archbishop of Myra
and Wonderworker

December 9

Conception of Holy Theotokos by
Righteous Anna

December 12

Church School Christmas Program
5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

