

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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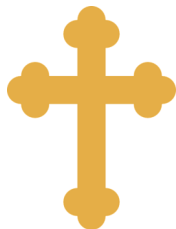
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Memory Eternal



Shirley Jean Mary Ellis

Shirley Jean Ellis fell asleep in the Lord on January 1, 2022. She was born on November 22, 1936 in Wichita, KS. She is preceded in death by her husband Tom D. Ellis, daughter Diane Ellis; brother Jerome Laham; parents Sam and Delia Laham. Survived by her daughters Janet and Susan Ellis, sister Marilyn (Larry) Kuhlman; brother Robert (Elham) Laham; many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

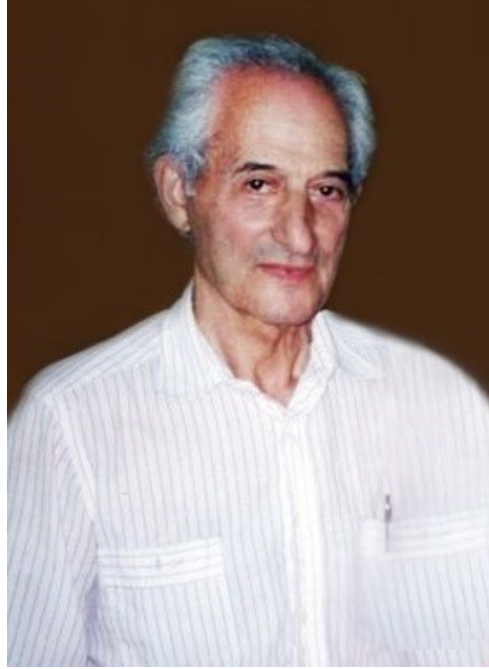
She was a devoted member of St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church and was a very active member of The Belles for over 60 years. If there was ever a need for anything Shirley was always there. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling, laughter, and fun will never be forgotten. She won the hearts of many by her constant nurturing love and faith.

A memorial has been established with St. Mary Orthodox Church Mission Fund, 344 S. Martinson, Wichita, KS 67213 and Heartspring, 8700 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, KS 67226.

May Her Memory Be Eternal!



Memory Eternal



Raymond "Ray" Stevens

Ray Stevens fell asleep in the Lord on January 11, 2022. He was born December 19, 1923 in Wichita, KS. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis and Handuma Stevens; loving wife of 65 years, Anita Stevens; son, Randy Stevens; and brothers, Fred, Roy, George, and Joe Stevens; and sister, Julia Stephan. Ray is survived by his children, Connie Stevens, Court (Terry) Stevens, and Annette Stevens.

Ray was a devoted member of St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church, he was a parish council member, church school teacher, and coached the softball team. He and his brother, Fred were owner and operators of E.G. Stevens Tobacco and Candy Wholesale. Ray's life revolved around his family and his church.

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May His Memory Be Eternal!





ST MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH - CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL

2022

Preparations for the 2022 Mediterranean Festival are well underway and we are excited to tell you about this year's event. Our parish has many new faces since last year, so before we get into the details, let's introduce our event to those unfamiliar, or to anyone who needs a refresher.

WHAT

The Mediterranean Festival is the primary fundraiser for our parish, and helps us meet the financial needs of our vibrant ministries while also allowing us to serve others by donating a portion of our proceeds to local charities. This year we are **celebrating 90 years as a parish**, and since our founding we have shared our food, heritage, and faith with the community through public dinners and bake sales. We are grateful to be able to continue this tradition of community outreach and parish fellowship with the 2022 Mediterranean Festival.

WHEN

Saturday, May 14, 11-7 pm

DRIVE-THRU & CARRY-OUT ONLY

Our format this year will be the same as last year, which is a drive-thru and carry-out only, plus the Mediterranean Marketplace inside. There will be no indoor or outdoor seating, and no food booths / a la carte menu.

PLATED MEAL OPTIONS - NO A LA CARTE MENU

To accommodate the drive thru format, we are offering 2 plated meal options, plus a dessert sampler plate:

Traditional Plate (\$16): Kibbee, 2 Cabbage Rolls, Rice & Green Beans, Greek Salad

Grilled Plate (\$16): Kafta w/Pita & Sour Cream Sauce, Lebanese Chicken Kebab with Rice, Greek Salad

Dessert Sampler Plate (\$5): 1 Traditional Baklava, 1 Chocolate Baklava Stick, 1 Greek Cookie

MEDITERRANEAN MARKETPLACE WILL BE OPEN

The Mediterranean Marketplace remains our biggest opportunity for growth in revenue and every year we run out of items. **Everyone's participation is needed by making baked goods!** We can't stress this enough, and when everyone pitches in it makes a huge impact on our offering as well as our income. Ethnic foods are wonderful but all baked goods sell. Even if you can't bake, there are opportunities to contribute to the Marketplace. Please contact Robbie Namee to find out how you can help or email mediterraneanfestival@gmail.com.



PRE-ORDER EVENT

As always, some of our food will be available to purchase in bulk quantities before the event during our pre-order sale in April. Watch all of the parish's communication channels for information about purchasing.

PRESALE TICKETS

While tickets are not required (we accept cash, check, credit card, & pre-sale tickets), tickets help get people in the door and usually lead to additional purchases, especially in the Marketplace. Every year we also have a significant number of unredeemed tickets, which is pure profit for us. Tickets, trifolds brochures with pre-order form, and posters will be available in April. Tickets can be used for drive-thru, carry-out, or in the Marketplace.

CHARITY PARTNER

10% of our net proceeds will be donated to Wichita's Littlest Heroes.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The bookstore will be open, the church will be open for tours, our charity partner will have an information table, and we'll also be holding a raffle for a gift basket.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please mark your calendar and come help as we prepare for our parish fundraiser. The work days and festival are a great source of fellowship, as well as a way to serve the parish and our community through our partnerships with local charities.

HELP US ADVERTISE

The most effective way to help us advertise is by liking and sharing our posts on Facebook. On posts where parishioner engagement is high, we have reached nearly 5,000 people; when it is low, we have reached only around 100. We also provide printed posters, trifold fliers, and pre-sale tickets for you to promote the Festival. All will be available at the church in April, or by talking to any member of the Med Fest Committee. Please help advertise our event! Every year we have a large number of first time attendees, however, this is only possible if they see our marketing materials. The more guests, the more we can raise for our parish and our charity!

SPONSORSHIP

Our sponsorship program is a great way for local businesses to advertise, while helping offset our expenses. Our robust marketing reaches tens of thousands of people on every platform including web, TV, radio, and print. If you know of a business or individual who would like to be a sponsor for this year's festival, please contact Mike Zarich or Jason Ewertt.

As you can see, we have an exciting event planned for this year, along with a wonderful cause to work hard for. It takes many hours, resources, and people to make this event come together, and we truly could not do it without the help and support of the entire parish. Please continue to look for weekly updates about the festival, mark your calendars, invite your friends, and help us make the 2022 Mediterranean Festival our best event yet!

The Mediterranean Festival Committee

(Mike Zarich, Tracy Namee, Robbie Namee, Nick Steinbrink, Steven Shippy, Melissa Shippy)

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.

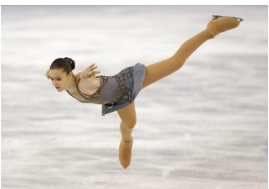
ITEMS NEEDED for FOOD PANTRY:
(please only bring canned items with a pull top)

- 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!

Question of the Month

What is your favorite Olympic sport to watch on TV?



Vicki Jones – Downhill Skiing

TC Wallace – Bobsled

Amy Minks – Downhill Skiing

Dennis Fairbanks – Sprints

Mike Shaheen – Wrestling

Kirby Jantz – Boxing

Anna Ewertt – Figure Skating

Jerry Stitt – Downhill Skiing

Gwen Warwick – Speed Skating and Gymnastics

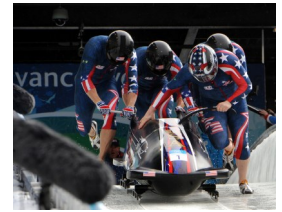
David Shippy – Ski Jumping

Donna Namee – Basketball

Rick Husselman – Weightlifting and Ski Jumping

DeAnn Bragg – Figure Skating

Ken Dannenberg - Downhill Skiing.



5 Quotes To Make You Smile



“An apple a day will keep anyone away if you throw it hard enough!”

“Mapquest really needs to start its directions on number five. Pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood!”

“One of my biggest fears is that I’ll marry into a family that runs 5Ks on holidays!”

“When your mother asks, ‘Do you want a piece of advice?’ it is a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it!”

“You know there’s a problem when you realize that out of the three Rs, only one begins with an R!”

From the Ministry Teams

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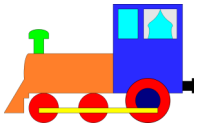
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On Website ~April 22

Available in Foyer ~ April 24

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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. . * Due to COVID 19 new serving protocols are in place.

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



Our Mission

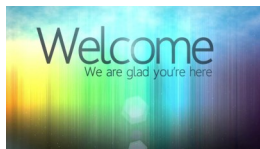
Family Promise of Greater Wichita unites hearts and hands to provide compassionate hospitality and empower homeless families with children to achieve sustainable independence.

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."

*Please note- due to rising COVID numbers the weeks of January 16 through February 13 families will be sheltering in place. They will not be moving from church to church.

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. Both the families and parishioners are encouraged and blessed by the interactions throughout the week. Although approximately fifty parishioners participated in 2021, there is still a need for more to participate in this significant ministry by providing hospitality and shelter. In 2022, the weeks of January 16, June 12, September 18, and December 4 have been scheduled for the parish to host families. 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

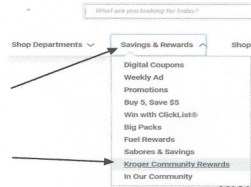
Deacon James, offer to give a tour of the facility, and show them the rack of educational pamphlets in the foyer. During the following week, the greeter will complete a New Visitor Note Card that will be mailed to the visitor. There are currently six active members of the Greeters Team. There is a need for more members of the team. If you wish more information on this Ministry Team, contact Al Busada at busadaa44@cox.net.

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", "Gerbes 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?

View Details

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

Sign In

Sign in to your existing Kroger account.

Email Address

Password

Forgot your password?

Remember Me

Sign In

[New to Kroger? Create an account.](#)

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

Search

View by Type: ALL

- Click Enroll

Enroll

TEEN SOYO On December 11th, Teen SOYO and their families enjoyed an evening at Cowtown for a Victorian Christmas. We watched ballroom dancing, sent telegrams to Santa, and some of us even sat with Santa and gave him our wish list! We visited a lot of stores and houses. It was a chilly night, but we appreciated the warmth of everyone there.



From the Ministry Teams

CHURCH SCHOOL

A visit from St. Nicholas on December 12.



THE BELLES



The Belles met at the church on February 7. We will be making Holy Bread on February 26. Anyone interested in learning how to make the bread is welcome to join us. On February 27, we will provide a Meat-Fare dinner and will be serving tacos following Liturgy. It is a free will donation.

March is Women's Month and The Belles will read the Epistle. On March 12, we will have a Baby Shower for Amanda McMillan at the home of Deacon James and Ro Kallail. On March 23, St. Mary will be hosting the Pre-Sanctified Service for our sister parishes. The Belles will provide rice and green beans. On March 25, the Belles will provide a dinner for the Lenten retreat. The next meeting is scheduled tentatively on March 8.

Mark your calendar for this event. The Belles will be holding a Bazaar on September 24 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. If you know of any vendors that might be interested, please contact Robbie Namee.

Cook's Corner



Supreme Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups parmesan cheese, grated
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups Italian-style seasoned bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 chicken breast halves, skinless and boneless
- 2 cups white Zinfandel wine
- 2 cups fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 3 cups Monterey Jack cheese, shredded



Directions

Step 1

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Step 2

Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Step 3

Place the parmesan cheese, eggs, and bread crumbs in three separate small bowls.

Step 4

Heat the vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Step 5

Dip each piece of chicken into the parmesan cheese, then the egg, then the bread crumbs.

Step 6

Brown the chicken on both sides in the hot oil, about 2-3 minutes per side.

Step 7

Transfer the chicken to the prepared baking dish.

Step 8

Pour the wine into the skillet and use a wooden spoon to scrape up any browned bits at the bottom of the skillet.

Step 9

Add the mushrooms and cook until tender, about 5 minutes.

Step 10

Top each chicken breast evenly with the Monterey Jack cheese.

Step 11

Spoon the mushrooms over the chicken.

Step 12

Pour the sauce in the skillet over the chicken.

Step 13

Cover the dish with aluminum foil.

Step 14

Bake until the chicken is cooked through, registering 165 degrees F when checked with a meat thermometer, and the juices run clear, for about 30-35 minutes.

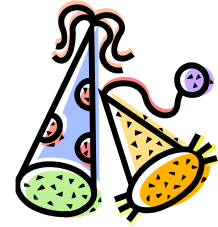
Step 15

Serve warm.



Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS



MARCH

- 1 Maher Gerges
- 2 Joey Salome
- 3 Matthew Allen
- 5 Ephraim Oller
- 7 Bob Laham
- 7 Aidan Hewitt
- 9 Cliff Bragg
- 9 Charity Wagner
- 13 Cathy Fairbanks
- 13 Lydia Oller
- 15 Tracie Abdayem
- 20 Thaddeus Oller
- 22 Melissa Freeman
- 26 Cathy Morris
- 26 Micah Oller
- 26 Dennis Fairbanks
- 27 Tracy Namee
- 28 Megan Gilstrap
- 29 Paula Zarich
- 31 Mary Gerges

APRIL

- 1 Ronan Bragg
- 3 Isaiah Steinbrink
- 9 John Abdayem
- 9 Leslie Namee
- 12 William Hernandez
- 13 Valerie DeBolt
- 15 Amy Minks
- 15 Kelly Hewitt
- 19 Richard Laham
- 20 Subdeacon Ken Dannenberg
- 20 Fr. Aaron Warwick
- 22 Finnian Bragg
- 24 Anthony Jacobs
- 24 Megan Patterson
- 25 Jeannie Gerges
- 26 Joe Stevens

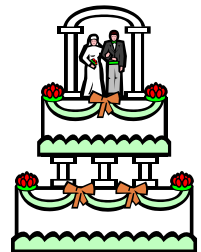
A Day to Remember

ANNIVERSARIES



March

- March 17 Dennis and Cathy Fairbanks
- March 19 Marcus and Shirley Kosjer



April

- April 14 Dick and Shirley Zarich
- April 21 Subdeacon Ken and Claire Dannenberg

BITS & PIECES

Church School Program on December 12.



Nicolas Paul Taylor Gilstrap was born on December 15. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz., and was 21 1/4" long. He is the son of Megan and Luke Gilstrap.

Congratulations and Many Years!

BITS & PIECES

Epiphany January 6



BITS & PIECES

Churching of Leonidas on January 16, 2022. He is the son of Theodora Stevens and Pandelis Kambiotis and brother of Photinos.

Congratulations and Many Years!



Churching of Nicolas Paul Taylor Gilstrap on January 23, 2022. He is the son of Megan and Luke Gilstrap and brother, Oliver.

Congratulations and Many Years!



BITS & PIECES

2022 Treehouse Blessing



About The Scroll

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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

February 26

9:00 am Liturgy ~ Saturday of Souls

February 27

Meat fare Sunday

March 5

Make Kibbee for MF

March 6

Cheese fare Sunday

March 13

Orthodox Sunday

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 20

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

March 25

Annunciation of the Theotokos

March 27

Veneration of the Cross

April 3

Sunday of St. John Climacus

April 9

Scroll deadline
Make Kibbee for MF

April 10

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

April 16

Lazarus Saturday

April 17

Palm Sunday

April 22

Holy Friday

