

The Scroll

Sunday Services

Matins.....9:00 a.m.
Church School9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy10:00 a.m.

Saturday Services

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

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Feast of the Twelve Apostles

By Rev. Fr. Andrew G. George adapted from Rev. Nikon D. Patrinos

The Bible contains 4 lists of the names of the 12 apostles: Matt 10:12, Mark 3:13, Luke 6:14 and Acts 1:13. They vary slightly as well as the sequence although they list Peter first, even though it was Andrew (his brother) who was called first by the Lord. It is believed that Christ selected only 12 which was the number of the twelve sons of Jacob who later became the leaders of the 12 tribes of Israel. After Pentecost, Christ's 12 disciples became the leaders of the "new Israel". The number 12 was considered so important that very shortly after the falling of Judas Iscariot, the remaining 11 voted in a new Apostle by the name Matthias, so that there would be 12 once again.

These apostles followed Christ as He traveled and were eye witnesses to His numerous wonders. After the Ascension of Jesus back to heaven they continued His work of redeeming mankind from sin. In fact at the Ascension, Jesus commanded the Apostles to go out and make disciples of all nations through baptism and to teach nations all that they had observed and all that He commanded of them. He enabled them to succeed in that he bestowed the Holy Spirit upon them (at Pentecost) as they traveled to far away lands.

The authority of the Apostles in the Church was unquestionable from the very beginning. Their powers were derived from Christ Himself. They preached boldly and acted as His representatives, teaching and speaking "in the Holy Spirit". The place of honor accorded to them by the Church has no equal except for that of the Theotokos. They each have their own separate date of commemoration and they have a joint commemoration on June 30th, a feast whose importance is shown by the fact that it is preceded by a period of fasting.

The Apostles Fast

The Lenten season in honor of the 12 Apostles is a bit confusing at times for it is a "flexible season" in that it always ends on a fixed date (that being June 29) but begins on the Monday that follows All Saints Day, which is a moveable date each year based on the date of Pascha. When Pascha is normally in mid to late April, the Apostles Lent is only a few days in length. When Pascha is in early April, as with this year, then the Apostles Lent is longer. This year it begins on Monday June 12 and runs till June 29. When Pascha is late, there is no Apostles Lent at all.

The faithful are urged to observe the usual food abstinence, expanded prayer, and alms giving guideline as with the other fasting seasons the year. The Apostles Lent takes the flavor of the first part of the Christmas Advent Lenten season (Nov 15-Dec 12) in that weddings are permitted. The guideline on restricted food is the "lighter" fasting in that only Weds and Fri are held as strict fast days and the observance of the Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24) is always a light fast (fish is permitted) no matter what day it falls on.

Let us rejoice in the ministry of these 12 great men that began the spread of Christianity to the far corners of the earth. Let us remember their sacrifice by our own sacrifice and discipline During the preparatory days ahead in which we are called upon to focus on their commitment and devotion to the Lord's commandments.



Richard Laham
1933-2023

Richard A. Laham, 90, entrepreneur, former owner of Coast to Coast Sales, and former Davis-Moore auto salesman, passed away Monday, May 15, 2023. Funeral Service was held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 23rd, St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Asper and Magia Laham, and his son, Rick Laham. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Sonia; daughter, Loretta and husband Ron Youngs and his 6 grandchildren, Anthony Bottorff, Nicholas Bottorff, Michael Bottorff, James Laham, Adam Laham and Grant Laham. Richard served in the Army for two years then went to work in his father's jewelry store in downtown Wichita. He continued his love of sales in the automobile industry winning numerous awards as Salesman of the Month and Salesman of the Year. Before retirement, Richard was involved with the St. Mary Church Board, serving one year as Board President. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and after retirement, going to the casino. Richard never met a person he couldn't talk to. His love of his family and getting to know people were his two greatest joys.

May His Memory Be Eternal!



Spring Graduates 2023



David Shippy graduated with a 4.0 from Bellevue University in March with his Master's of Science in Cybersecurity. He plans to work in the Cybersecurity field, as well as work towards various certifications in the industry.



Emmelia Warwick graduated from Eisenhower High School on May 13, 2023 in Goddard, KS. She is the daughter of Fr. Aaron & Kh. Gwen Warwick. She played basketball, was in National Honors Society, Kansas State Honors Scholar, and volunteered at Kansas Humane Society. She plans on going to Nursing School at Creighton University in Omaha, NE She eventually hopes to become a Nurse Practitioner in Mental Health.



Question of the Month

What summertime activities are you doing this year?

Linda Farha - Gardening, going to zoos, exercising, and swimming.

Dennis Fairbanks - Yardwork and storage re-arranging. Just like being in the islands.

Anna-Vaughn Ewertt - Taking the kids swimming and to all of their activities.

Vanessa Bazil - Professional conference in Las Vegas followed by a family vacation! Ben and I love visiting Las Vegas and always find fun things to do as a family. Grandpa usually joins us for the fun too! Ben and I plan on having as much fun time together as possible this summer. Other than trips to fabulous Las Vegas we love going to the movies and Ben loves swimming!

Deacon James - Watching basketball at NBA Summer League.

Chris Pearce - We are taking a family trip to see my family in Minnesota, I'm taking a trip to Puerto Rico with a girlfriend, and just the standard summer stuff like swimming, cooking out, playing pickleball, and going to the lake.

Melissa (Shippy) Singiresu - I'm looking forward to doing some water activities with Mabel.

Sophia Namee - Surfing on the lake.

Elena Somerhalder - Summer always brings back fun, fond and sweet memories of St. Mary playing softball together, teen trips and picnics at Watson Park! We look forward this summer to many special moments with our children, moms, family and friends, baseball games, tennis, boating, travel and a Somerhalder family reunion!

5 Quotes To Make You Smile



What do you call a pig that does karate? A pork chop.

Why can't your nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot.

What kind of music do mummies listen to? Wrap music.

Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer? She kept running away from the ball.

How do celebrities keep cool? They have a lot of fans.

FROM THE MINISTRY TEAMS



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

Our Uniqueness

Our customized case management allows us to walk beside families in life, partnering with them to achieve their goals. This allows high-quality, high-impact care.

There are three phases to our ***Sustainable Independence Program (SIP)***:

Phase 1: Support Services

Families are assisted with urgent/crisis needs for homelessness prevention, as we have resources.

Phase 2: Hospitality/Lodging

Our Rotation Program, to work towards sustainability. Other programs revolve around this. St. Mary recently completed a week of hosting families. Four families, two adults and five children were provided nightly shelter and food for three meals a day. Approximately twenty volunteers came together to provide food, meals, transportation, laundry, or slept over at the church. Our remaining host week in 2023 is December 24.

Phase 3: Mentoring/Aftercare

For families who have participated in/graduated from our Rotation Program.

Please contact Vicki Jones, 650-0658, if you have questions or would like more information.

Did you know? 92% of graduate families are stably housed! (Family Promise of Greater Wichita)



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 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.

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



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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. 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. This important ministry is in need of a new Team Leader. Contact Vicki Jones, 316-650-0658, if you need information about the duties of the leader.

PARISH COUNCIL



-The cleanup and repairs from the sewer backup in the basement kitchen has been completed. The council is reviewing options for replacing the flooring.

-The flooring in the sacristy will be replaced in the coming weeks.

-Concrete pavers will be installed in the rock bed next to the west parking lot. This will extend the existing path from the street to the parking lot.

-The parish council started a book study in June and will continue through the end of the year. The book "Reclaiming the Great Commission: A Roadmap to Parish Health" was written by Fr Evan Armitas.

Cook's Corner



Steak Marinade



Ingredients

½ cup olive oil

⅓ cup soy sauce

⅓ cup fresh lemon juice

¼ cup Worcestershire sauce

3 tablespoons dried basil

1 ½ tablespoons garlic powder

1 ½ tablespoons dried parsley flakes

1 teaspoon ground white pepper

1 teaspoon dried minced garlic (Optional)

¼ teaspoon hot pepper sauce (Optional)

Directions

Place olive oil, soy sauce, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, basil, garlic powder, parsley, white pepper, minced garlic, and hot pepper sauce in a blender; blend on high speed until thoroughly combined, about 30 seconds.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/143809/best-steak-marinade-in-existence/>



Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

JULY

July 4 Cheryl Jantz
July 4 Sonia Laham
July 6 Kirby Jantz
July 14 Ryan Royle
July 15 Katherine Oller
July 17 Lucia Hernandez
July 18 Elisabeth Shippy
July 18 Steven Shippy
July 19 Virginia Rosenbaum
July 22 Darren Minks
July 23 Laura Oller

AUGUST

August 2 Lillie Nightingale
August 3 Brendan Wagner
August 5 TC Wallace
August 6 Susan Almy-Hernandez
August 9 Luke Gilstrap
August 9 EJ Lessman
August 10 Nadia Abdelmaseh
August 11 Iris Binkley
August 12 Mary Ann Khoury
August 15 Zared Salome
August 21 Justine Nightingale
August 23 Karl Beal
August 24 Roy Clark
August 31 Judith Shippy

ANNIVERSARIES



Eric and Tracy Namee July 5
Duane and Virginia Rosenbaum July 23
Mike and Paula Zarich July 23
Joey and Tana Salome July 31

ST MARY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL 2023

The 2023 Mediterranean Festival was held on Saturday, May 6 and was a great success thanks to the hard work of our parish. Before our doors opened at 11:00 there was a line of people that extended all the way to our side parking lot—a true testament to how much people love our food and shopping in our Mediterranean Marketplace. Throughout the day, we saw many familiar faces of people who have supported our event for years, as well as many new faces of people who heard about our event and came for the first time. The festival had a lot of great media coverage including from the Wichita Eagle, KWCH Channel 12, and various local food bloggers. However, word of mouth continues to be the top way that customers tell us they heard about our Festival. We served 1,040 meals in our drive thru and carry out, and sold almost everything in our Marketplace. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's festival a success! Because of your efforts we were able to raise funds to support the important work of Hope Ranch for Women, open our doors to hundreds of people in our community in order to share our faith and hospitality, and financially support the many vibrant ministries of our parish. Here are some photos from the work days and event that show just how much fun and fellowship we have along the way!



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Bits and Pieces



On May 9, the arrival of baby Noah Michael Parrott. He is the son of Alexis and Brett Parrott. He weighed 9 lbs, 1 oz and was 21 1/2 inches tall. ***Congratulations and Many Years!***

The churching of Noah Parrott on May 28. ***Congratulations and Many Years!***



Baptism of Gabriella Stevens on May 28. She is the daughter of Gabriel and Alannah Stevens. Godparents are Theodora and Pandelis Kambiotis. ***Congratulations and Many Years!***

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St. Mary Sunday School



This year our parish had two of our young people place in their grade level for the Creative Arts Festival in the ART category. The winners were: Irene Wagner (1st Place in 6th Grade), daughter of Jeremy and Sarah Wagner; and Adalynne Ewertt (2nd Place in 3rd Grade), daughter of Jason & Anna Ewertt. Way to go, girls! ***Congratulations and Many Years!***



Deacon James was honored by the Wichita Business Journal as a 2023 Health Care Hero with a Lifetime Achievement recognition on June 27th at a banquet at the Hyatt Regency. He is retiring after 36 years as the Associate Dean of Research and Professor of Internal Medicine at KU School of Medicine-Wichita.

Congratulations and Many Years!

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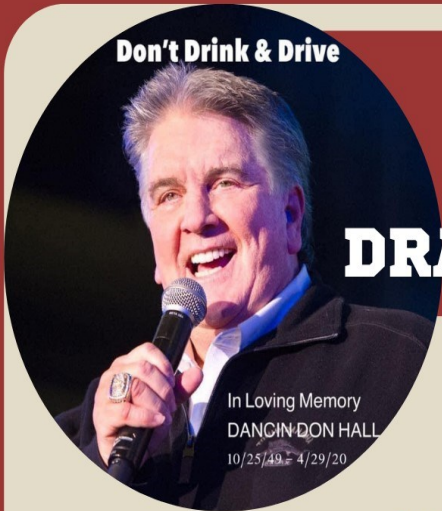
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LOOKING AHEAD

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
June 29

Fourth of July
July 4

August 1
Procession of the Holy Cross

August 1-14
Dormition Fast
August 6
Holy Transfiguration

August 15
Dormition of the Holy Theotokos

