

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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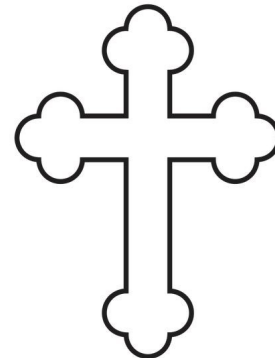
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From Father Aaron

EXPERIENCING & UNDERSTANDING HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

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The services of Holy Week transform us into eyewitnesses and direct participants in the awesome events of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In readings taken from both Old and New Testaments, in hymns, processions, and liturgical commemoration, we see the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies, and the mighty acts by which God Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, grants us forgiveness for our sins, and rescues us from the pain of eternal death. Holy Week and the celebration of Pascha should be the highlight of the entire year for Orthodox Christians. We not only remember but we re-live the saving events of our Lord Jesus which become life-changing events in our own lives. Make an effort and come to as many or even all of the services during this week. Yes, there are many services and they are long. You will be in church more than 20 hours (if you come to all the services), yet you will journey with our Lord through His passion and suffering, as well as partake with Him in His glorious Resurrection.

LAZARUS SATURDAY: Lazarus Saturday is the day which begins Holy Week. It commemorates the raising of our Lord's friend Lazarus, who had been in the tomb four days. This act confirmed the universal resurrection from the dead that all of us will experience at our Lord's Second Coming. This miracle led many to faith, but it also led to the chief priest's and Pharisees' decision to kill Jesus (John 11:47- 57).

PALM SUNDAY: Our Lord enters Jerusalem and is proclaimed king - but in an earthly sense, as many people of His time were seeking a political Messiah. Our Lord is King, of course, but of a different type - the eternal King prophesied by Zech[1]ariah the Prophet. We use palms on this day to show that we too accept Jesus as the true King and Messiah of the Jews, Who we are willing to follow - even to the cross.

HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY: The first thing that must be said about these services, and most of the other services of Holy Week, is that they are "sung" in anticipation. Each service is rotated ahead twelve hours. The evening service, therefore, is actually the service of the next morning, while the morning services of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday are actually the services of the coming evening. The services of these days are known as the Bridegroom or Nymphios Services. At the first service of Palm Sunday evening, the priest carries the icon of Christ the Bridegroom in procession, and we sing the "Hymn of the Bridegroom." We behold Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church, bearing the marks of His suffering, yet preparing a marriage Feast for us in God's Kingdom. Each of these Bridegroom services has a particular theme. On Holy Monday, the Blessed Joseph, the son of Jacob the Patriarch, is commemorated. Joseph is often seen as a Type of Christ. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a pit, and sold into slavery by them. In the same way, our Lord was rejected, betrayed by His own, and sold into the slavery of death. The Gospel reading for the day is about the barren fig tree, which Christ cursed and withered because it bore no fruit. The fig tree is a parable of those who have heard God's word, but who fail to bear the fruit of obedience. Originally the withering of the fig tree was a testimony against those Jews who rejected God's word and His Messiah. However, it is also a warning to all people, in all times, of the importance of not only hearing the God's word, but putting it into action. The Parable of the Ten Virgins is read on Holy Tuesday. It tells the story of the five virgins who filled their lamps in preparation for receiving the bridegroom while the five allowed their lamps to go out, and hence were shut out of the marriage feast. This parable is a warning that we must always be prepared to receive our Lord when He comes again. The theme of the day is reinforced by the hymn we sing: "I see Your Bridal Chamber adorned, O my Savior, but have no wedding garment that I may enter. O Giver of Light, enlighten the vesture of my soul, and save me." The theme of Holy Wednesday is repentance and forgiveness. We remember the sinful woman who anointed our Lord in anticipation of His death. Her repentance and love of Christ is the theme of the wonderful "Hymn of Kassiane" which is chanted on this night, reminding us one more time, before "it is too late," that we too may be forgiven if we repent.

HOLY WEDNESDAY: Holy Unction: The Mystery or Sacrament of Holy Unction is celebrated on Holy Wednesday evening. Actually this service can be celebrated any time during the year, especially when one is ill. However, because of our need for forgiveness and spiritual healing, we offer this service during Holy Week for the remission of our sins. We should prepare for this service in a prayerful way, as we do for Holy Communion.

HOLY THURSDAY: We turn to the last events of our Lord and His Passion. Thursday morning begins with a Vespereal Divine Liturgy commemorating the Mystical Supper. Everyone who is able should make an effort to receive Holy Communion at this service as it was at the Mystical Supper that our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist. We remember also that this is when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, teaching them true humility. On Holy Thursday evening, we read the Twelve Passion Gospels which commemorate the solemn time of our Lord's Crucifixion. After the reading of the fifth Gospel, the holy cross is carried around the church in procession, and Christ's body is nailed to the cross in the center of the church.

HOLY AND GOOD FRIDAY: This holiest of all days is a day of strict fast. As little as possible should be eaten on this day. It is the only day in the entire year that no Divine Liturgy of any kind can be celebrated. In the morning we celebrate the Royal Hours. These solemn hours are observed as we read the various accounts and hymns concerning the crucifixion. In the afternoon we celebrate the Vesper service of the taking down of Christ's body from the cross. During the Gospel reading, our Lord's body is taken off the cross and wrapped in a new, white linen sheet. This act commemorates the removal of Christ's body from the cross by Joseph of Arimathea (John 19:38-42). Later in the service, the Epitaphios, or winding-sheet, with Christ's body on it is carried in procession and placed in the recently decorated tomb. In the evening the Lamentations service is sung. This service begins in a solemn manner, but by the end of the service we are already anticipating the Resurrection of our Lord. Remember again, that the Holy Friday evening Orthros is actually the first service of Holy Saturday, the day in which we commemorate our Lord's body resting in the tomb while His all-pure soul descends into Hades to free the faithful of the Old Covenant.

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY: This day is a day of hope and waiting. In the morning we celebrate a Vespereal Divine Liturgy which commemorates Christ's victory over death. Bright vestments are worn as we anticipate Christ's Resurrection. Roses or laurel leaves are strewn throughout the church during the service, because in the ancient world laurel leaves were a sign of victory. As the leaves are strewn, the choir chants "Arise O God and Judge the earth, for to You belong all the nations." The Old Testament story of Jonah in the belly of the whale is read at this service because Jonah is seen in the Church as a proto-type of Christ. As Jonah was three days in the belly of the great fish, and was then safely deposited back onto land, so our Lord was three days in the tomb before His glorious Resurrection. The Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday concludes the services of Holy Week, and brings us to the eve of Great and Holy Pascha.

HOLY PASCHA MIDNIGHT SERVICE: In this service the church is plunged into darkness to symbolize the despair and defeat experienced before the dawn of Christ's victory over the Enemy of our salvation. Right around midnight, a single light emerges from the altar representing the victory of Christ over death, the defeat of the Prince of Darkness by Jesus, the Light of the World. As the light is passed from person to person, it pushes back the darkness of the church and defeats it completely. The Resurrection is proclaimed in song and triumphant procession.

PASCHA SUNDAY VESPERS OF LOVE: Christ's Resurrection and victory is affirmed in this morning's theme. The Gospel is read in numerous languages to illustrate the universality of the Good News of the Resurrection and its proclamation every nation to the very ends of the earth. Love, forgiveness, reconciliation, triumph, hope and joy - these are the gifts which we receive because Christ lived and died and conquered evil and death, triumphing for our sake. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! May we never allow anything that happens in our lives make us forget about the hope and joy we have through Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

Orthodox News

RUSSIAN PRIEST HELPS EVACUATE DOZENS FROM FLOODED HOSPITAL



Orsk, Orenburg Province, Russia, April 8, 2024

Priests of the Orsk Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church are providing assistance to victims of a recent dam break in Orsk, Orenburg Province.

In particular, Archpriest Vyacheslav Kochkin, head of the diocese's social department, helped evacuate 45 patients from the flooded hospital. Diocesan priests also delivered 65 pounds of clothes and food to four temporary accommodation points, reports the Synodal Department for Charity and Social Service.

The diocese will deliver another 50 food packages in the near future.

According to the Ministry of Emergency Situations, 1,121 people, including 331 children have been evacuated in Orsk since the evening of April 5. Overall, 4,400 people were evacuated in the Orenburg Province.

“There are many elderly and disabled people among the victims. When the water subsides, we'll actively deploy volunteer assistance to put the houses of the victims in order,” said Fr. Vyacheslav.

-OrthoChristian 4/8/2024

Orthodox News

METROPOLITAN OF KOREA SUPPORTS THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS OF THE MV SEWOL ACCIDENT



Ansan City, South Korea, Apr 8th 2024

On Monday, April 1, 2024, Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea and Exarch of Japan, accompanied by Fr. Antonios Lim and theologian Eleni Cho, visited Ansan City, upon invitation, to meet with representatives of the student's parents at the "4/16 Sewol Families for Truth and A Safer Society" office, who drowned on April 16, 2014, in the tragic maritime accident while traveling on a student excursion on the MV Sewol, in which 304 passengers, including 250 students from Danwon High School, died unjustly.

The parents respectfully received the members of the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea and reported to them two demands, which unfortunately have not yet been met after ten years: firstly, that the case be cleared up and that justice be done for those responsible for the accident. And secondly, the creation of a cemetery on a site near the high school, so that all the classmates can be buried together because they are buried in different places.

The representatives of the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea listened with great attention to the parents' just demands and promised to do everything possible in their power to satisfy their demands, contacting the local City Hall and asking that the demands of the aggrieved parents be respected. They also informed them that they would hold a memorial service in which they would commemorate the names of all the students. The memorial service was decided to be held on Sunday 14 April.

After the meeting with the representatives of the parents, the representatives of the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea visited the plot of land where the parents are asking for the cemetery, which has been named “4/16 Life and Safer Park”, and the Exhibition of personal items of the victims, which are housed at the Ansan Arts Center, under the title: Special Exhibition of Memory Items for the 10th Anniversary of the Sewol Ferry Disaster.

-Metropolis of Korea, 4/8/2024



Lives of the Saints

Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica

Commemorated March 27th

The Holy Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica suffered in the third or fourth century. She was a slave of the Jewish woman Pautila (or Pantilla), wife of one of the military commanders of Thessalonica. Pautila constantly mocked her slave for her faith in Christ, and tried to convert her to Judaism. Saint Matrona, who believed in Christ from her youth, still prayed to the Savior Christ, and secretly went to church unbeknownst to her vengeful mistress.

Pautila, learning that Saint Matrona had been to church, asked, “Why won’t you come to our synagogue, instead of attending the Christian church?” Saint Matrona boldly answered, “Because God is present in the Christian church, but He has departed from the Jewish synagogue.” Pautila went into a rage and mercilessly beat Saint Matrona, tied her up, and shut her in a dark closet. In the morning, Pautila discovered that Saint Matrona had been freed of her bonds by an unknown Power.

In a rage Pautila beat the martyr almost to death, then bound her even more tightly and locked her in the closet. The door was sealed so that no one could help the sufferer. The holy martyr remained there for four days without food or water, and when Pautila opened the door, she again found Saint Matrona free of her bonds, and standing at prayer.

Pautila flogged the holy martyr and left the skin hanging in strips from her body. The fierce woman locked her in the closet again, where Saint Matrona gave up her spirit to God.

Pautila had the holy martyr’s body thrown from the roof of her house. Christians took up the much-suffered body of the holy martyr and buried it. Later, Bishop Alexander of Thessalonica built a church dedicated to the holy martyr. Her holy relics, glorified by many miracles, were placed in this church.

The judgment of God soon overtook the evil Pautila. Standing on the roof at that very place where the body of Saint Matrona had been thrown, she stumbled and fell to the pavement. Her body was smashed, and so she received her just reward for her sin.



Holy Martyr Matrona

FROM THE MINISTRY TEAMS



THE SCROLL

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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.

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 HOST WEEKS

Our Rotation Program, to work towards sustainability. Other programs revolve around this. St. Mary recently completed a week of hosting families. Two families, Two adults and eight 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 weeks in 2024 are June 9, September 1, and December 8.

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 Dee Ann Bragg at dee.ann.stults@gmail.com

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

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. Meals are served at two dining facilities (one in downtown Wichita and one in south Wichita) and three food trucks (one in northwest Wichita, one in southeast Wichita, one in northeast Wichita) to any guest who needs a nutritious meal, 60 percent of which are families. In January of 2024 TLD will returned to its original dine in model. St. Mary volunteers serve at The Lord's Diner on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We are partnered with volunteers from St. George Cathedral. We gather at the downtown location, Central and Broadway, at 5:15 p.m. We are finished by 7:45 PM. Contact Vicki Jones, 650-0658 if you'd like to volunteer. NOTE: A food handler's card is no longer required.



Calling Volunteers – 2024

We need your support to do more!

**Agency Structure, Victim and Survivor Services, Prevention and Education,
Victim Impact Panels, Office Help and Community Action.**

There are many ways to get involved! Sign up to volunteer for any of the following or let us know how you want to contribute. Your time and support matter.

- **Agency Structure: Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Various Councils**
- **Court Watch, Volunteer Victim Advocacy**
- **Victim Impact Panel Registration, Volunteer Speaking**
- **Victim Impact Panel Facilitation and Support, Prevention Panel Support**
- **Lead a Support Group, Research Community Events, Online Moderating**
- **Community Outreach, Fundraising**
- **Miscellaneous Office Tasks**
- **Special Events: Annual Don Hall Memorial Golf Drawing for Charity, Annual Kevin Williams Memorial Car Show**
- **Community Events for Participation: Holiday Drive for Victims, Candlelight Vigil**

Ready to volunteer?

Contact Cheyenne and plug in, in the ways that matter most to you!

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The logo for the St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church Mediterranean Festival 2024. It features the text "ST MARY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH" in a small, white, sans-serif font at the top. Below this, the word "MEDITERRANEAN" is written in a large, white, serif font. Underneath "MEDITERRANEAN", the word "FESTIVAL" is written in a very large, white, serif font. To the left of the word "FESTIVAL", there is a white icon of a bunch of grapes with a leaf. To the right of "FESTIVAL", the year "2024" is written vertically in a white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a blue background with a red and yellow border at the top and bottom.

ST MARY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL 2024

The 2024 Mediterranean Festival is fast approaching, and we are excited to once again open up our parish home to the community by sharing our food, faith, and hospitality. See below for all the important details you need to know about this year's event.

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. The Festival is also a public outreach event which helps us share our faith and our founding heritage with the community. This event offers many opportunities for fellowship for the entire parish as we work together toward a common goal.

WHEN

Saturday, May 18, 11-7 pm

DRIVE-THRU & CARRY-OUT

The format this year is the same as last year, which is a drive-thru and carry-out only, plus the Mediterranean Marketplace inside. *There will be indoor seating available this year.*

PLATED MEAL - HONORING OUR ROOTS

We are returning to our roots with a single traditional plate that is nearly identical to our earliest known menu which features St. Mary's most popular and well-known menu items:

Greek Salad, Rice & Green Beans, 2 Cabbage Rolls, Kibbee, Talame Bread, Baklava

The plated meal costs \$20 and can be purchased the day of the event with cash, credit card, or pre-sale tickets in the drive-thru or carry-out.

MEDITERRANEAN MARKETPLACE - WE NEED YOUR BAKED GOODS

The Mediterranean Marketplace remains St. Mary's biggest opportunity for growth in revenue, and every year we run out of items. Everyone's participation is needed by making baked goods! This is so important! When everyone pitches in, it makes a huge impact on St. Mary's offering as well as 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.

PRESALE TICKETS

While tickets are not required to attend or make purchases at the event (Cash, check, credit card, & pre-sale tickets are accepted) tickets help get people in the door and usually lead to additional purchases, especially in the Marketplace. Every year there are a significant number of unredeemed tickets, which is pure profit for St. Mary. Tickets can be used for drive-thru, carry-out, or in the Marketplace. Please make sure to take some to sell!!

CHARITY PARTNER

This year, 10% of the Festival's net proceeds are donated to **DUI Victim Center of Kansas**,

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The bookstore is open, the church is open for tours, our charity partner has an information table, and there is a raffle for a gift basket.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The help of the entire parish is needed to make this event possible. Helping on work days and on the day of the festival are great opportunities for fellowship, as well as a way to serve the parish and our community through our partnerships with local charities. Please make sure to sign up using the links sent out via email and text.

HELP ADVERTISE

The most effective way to help advertise is by liking and sharing the posts on Facebook. On posts where parishioner engagement is high, reach is nearly 5,000 people; when it is low, reach is only around 100. You can pick up printed marketing materials and pre-sale tickets to help promote the festival. All are available in the parish hall or by talking to any member of the Med Fest Committee. Please help advertise this event! Every year, there are a large number of first time attendees—however, this is only possible if they see the Med Fest marketing materials. **The more guests, the more that's raised for St. Mary and DUI Victim Center!**

As you can see we have an exciting event ahead, along with a wonderful cause to work hard for. It takes many hours, resources, and people to make this event come together, and it truly cannot happen without the help and support of the entire parish. Please sign up for the remaining work days, invite your family and friends and help make the 2024 Mediterranean Festival the best event yet!

The Mediterranean Festival Committee



Cook's Corner

Vegan Fettuccine Alfredo



Ingredients

- 5 ounces dry pasta
- 1 cup fresh peas
- (optional) 8 ounces mushrooms

Vegan alfredo sauce:

- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 white onion
- 4 fat garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup raw cashews soaked or simmered
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons yeast
- 1/2 teaspoon white miso paste
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg



1. Cook Pasta: Set salted water to boil in a large pot and cook pasta according to directions. If using fresh or frozen peas, feel free to add to the pasta water, during the last minute of cooking.
2. Make Alfredo Sauce: Heat oil over med low heat, and saute onion and garlic until tender and golden. Place it in a blender along with cashews, veggie broth, nutritional yeast, miso, salt, nutmeg. Blend until creamy and smooth.
3. Saute or smoke the mushrooms. If sauteeing, heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms and saute 6-7 minutes, until golden and tender, seasoning with salt.
4. Combine: Drain the pasta, add to a large pan along with the alfredo sauce, toss, and gently warm over low heat. Add the mushrooms and toss to coat (leaving a few for the top for garnish if you like).
5. Divide among two bowls.
6. Garnish with lemon zest, pepper, chili flakes and chopped parsley.



Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 1 Maher Gerges
- 2 Joey Salome
- 5 Ephraim Oller
- 7 Aidan Hewitt
- 8 Matthew Allen
- 9 Cliff Bragg
- 13 Cathy Fairbanks
- 13 Lydia Oller
- 22 Melissa Freeman
- 26 Dennis Fairbanks
- 26 Cathy Morris
- 26 Micah Oller
- 27 Tracy Namee
- 28 Megan Gilstrap
- 29 Paula Zarich
- 31 Mary Gerges

APRIL

- 1 Ronan Bragg
- 9 John Abdayem
- 12 William Hernandez
- 13 ValerieDebolt
- 15 Kelly Hewitt
- 15 Amy Minks
- 19 Richard Laham
- 20 Ken Dannenberg
- 20 Fr. Aaron Warwick
- 22 Finnian Bragg
- 22 Margaret Jacobs
- 24 Anthony Jacobs
- 30 Verena Abdel-
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ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH

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| Michael & Kathleen Elson | 03/13 |
| Dennis & Cathy Fairbanks | 03/17 |

APRIL

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| Richard & Shirley Zarich | 04/14 |
| Ken & Claire Dannenberg | 04/21 |



Bits and Pieces

ST. MARY'S TEEN SOYO

“St. Mary's Teen SOYO got together during spring break to welcome our 7th graders to Teen SOYO. We made individual pizzas, started working on our ceiling tiles, and enjoyed playing pool.”

“We also served a pancake breakfast for our church family on Sunday, April 14. We enjoyed making the batter, flipping the pancakes and interacting with everyone. Thank you all for your support!” - Laura Stanley



Bits and Pieces



CONGRATULATIONS TO SOPHIA SALOME!



Sophia Salome

Joey & Tana Salome

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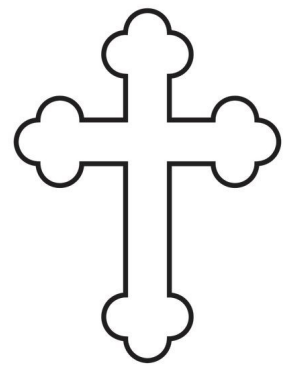
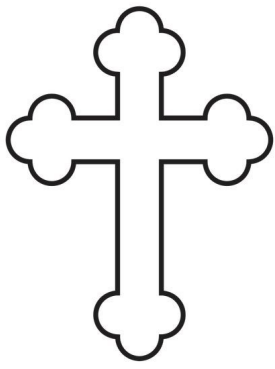
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“ I owe this experience to the unwavering support of my incredible parents. From the countless sacrifices to the endless encouragement, their love and guidance have been the guiding light throughout my academic journey. As I graduate, I am immensely grateful for their relentless belief in me. Here's to you, Mom and Dad, for believing in me every step of the way. “ -Sophia Salome



Memory Eternal



Richard J. Zarich, 84 of Wichita, KS passed away on March 17, 2024.

He was born 1939 in Akron, OH to John & Ethel Zarich and was raised proudly as a Serbian-American and in the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith. Richard entered the United States Air Force in 1958, and was stationed at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, KS. This became home to Richard, where he met and married his wife Shirley of 62 years.

Richard served for many years in the Air Force and Air National Guard in aircraft maintenance. He was proud to serve his country. In 1968-9 he spent a year in Korea maintaining planes flying the DMZ during the Viet Nam War. He later worked for the US Government in aircraft maintenance until his retirement.

Richard was a strong family man. He focused on his sons, making sure both were capable of growing with love and self-discipline. The family has the greatest memories of

Richard loved Colorado, especially Buena Vista where he and Shirley had a second home for over 25 years. Sharing this with his family and close friends was important to him.

Richard was also skilled in building and repair. No need to pay for repairs, Richard figured out how to work on just about anything. Always sharing his perspective with his sons. These skills included building a variety of wooden items from tables, cradles, rocking horses and more. All his grandchildren and so many lucky other children enjoyed his handmade teddy bear rocking chairs.

Richard was also a member of St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church. He was a steadfast supporter of activities and needs in his Church for many years including Sunday School, participating on the Church Board, Fall Festivals, softball teams, maintenance and much more.

Survived by his wife, Shirley Zarich; son, Michael (Paula) Zarich; son, Mark (Becky) Zarich; grandchildren, Rachel, Hannah (Aaron), Leah, Alexa (Johnny), Zachary (Sarah), Jordan (Emily) and Zachary (Sydney). Richard also had four great-grandchildren.

-Downing & Lahey East Mortuary Obituary





“A shot of the morning sun behind the dome and three barred cross above St. Mary’s”

-April 2024, Brett Parrott



“Candles in the sand just before the narthex inside St. Mary’s” -April 2024, Brett Parrott



“A brick post and fence below a tree on the North east corner of the parking lot at St. Mary’s (Featuring Mediterranean Festival banner)” -April 2024, Brett Parrott



“A cross caught during the eclipse featuring a halo” -April 2024, Brett Parrott

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About The Scroll

The Scroll is the news magazine of St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church, 344 S. Martinson, 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 parrott.brett.117@gmail.com or to the above church address C/O **The Scroll**.

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The Scroll Ministry Team

Brett Parrott



LOOKING AHEAD

April 28th

Palm Sunday

May 5th

Pascha

May 19th

Sunday of the myrrhbearing Women

June 23rd

Pentecost

