

The Scroll

Sunday Services

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

Saturday Services

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

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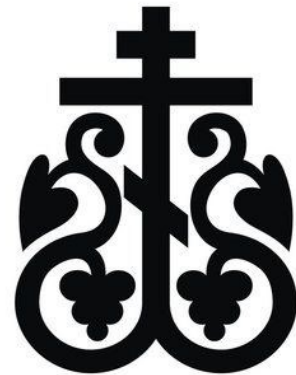
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Candles in the narthex during Divine Liturgy on All Saints Day. Photo: B.C. Parrott

-From Metropolitan Saba-

Monday, June 23, 2025

Beloved in Christ:

I greet you with a heavy heart as we continue what has otherwise been a joyous time for me leading our seminarians, recent seminary graduates and clergy on a pilgrimage in Jordan and Lebanon, allowing them to deepen their roots and their understanding of the Patriarchate of Antioch and Christianity in the Middle East.

Yesterday, for the first time, we celebrated the feast of the Sunday of All Saints of Antioch, recalling the many martyrs and other great saints of our ancient and Apostolic Church where "the Disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11:26). Sadly, yesterday, in addition to the martyrs of history like Ignatius, Barbara, Christina, Joseph of Damascus and the recently canonized father and son priests Nicholas and Habib, new faithful were added whose blood will nourish the soil of our Church, allowing it to grow and flourish in the days and years to come. During the sacred and holy Divine Liturgy, there was a terrorist attack on our church of the Prophet Elias in the suburb of Dweilaa in Damascus, Syria. As of this letter, more than 25 people have been martyred, and dozens more have been injured. This is the first such deliberate bombing of a church in Syria since the start of the war in 2011.

Along with praying for the souls of the departed, the families of these new martyrs for the Faith need our prayers and encouragement. With that in mind, I ask that all our churches hold Paraklesis services in the coming days, asking the Most-Holy Theotokos to comfort those who are suffering. At the same time, I am directing all our parishes to hold Trisagion Prayers of Mercy this Sunday, June 29, for those who lost their lives in this cowardly act of violence directed at people who were simply trying to pray and participate in the Divine Liturgy.

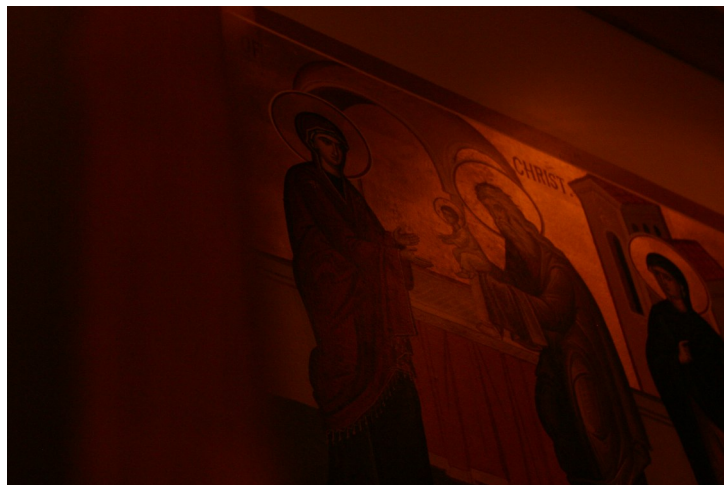
Finally, this Sunday is significant in that it is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the patrons and protectors of our Holy See of Antioch. The successor of these holy apostles is our Father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch John X. A notable layman, Mr. Carol Saba, wrote a piece after the bombing which began, "The Patriarch consoles everybody, but who consoles the Patriarch?" As the successor of our patron saints, let us also pray for him that he may lead the Church of Antioch through this difficult time.

Wishing you and your families peace and asking for your prayers for us as we continue our pilgrimage, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America



"The Presentation of Christ in the temple" Photo: B.C. Parrott

Five holy women proposed for canonization in the Romanian Orthodox Church

Iași, June 20, 2025



Schemanun Maura of Mount Ceahlău. Photo: doxlogia.ro

Hierarchs of the Romanian Orthodox Church have proposed four women ascetics and a confessor of the communist period for canonization.

Last year, the Romanian Church canonized 16 male martyrs, confessors, and ascetics of the 20th century, and 2026 has already been designated as the Commemorative Year of Holy Women (Myrrh-bearers, Martyrs, ascetics, wives, and mothers), which will be marked by several canonizations.

On Thursday, the Synod of the Metropolis of Moldavia and Bukovina and the Synod of the Metropolis of Bessarabia met separately and jointly in Iași. As part of their work, the hierarchs of Moldavia and Bukovina put forth four venerated nuns for possible canonization:

- **Schemanun Maura of Mount Ceahlău** (17th-18th centuries), a great hesychast hermit
- **Schemanun Nazaria**, first abbess of Văratec Monastery—disciple of St. Basil of Poiana Mărului, St. Paisius Velichkovsky of Neamț, and St. Joseph of Văratec
- **Schemanun Olimpiada**, founder and benefactor of Văratec Monastery (1757-1842)—disciple of St. Paisius Velichkovsky of Neamț, St. Joseph of Văratec, and Venerable Nazaria of Văratec
- **Schemanun Elisabeta (Safta) Brâncoveanu**, resident of Văratec Monastery

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And in their joint session, the hierarchs of the two metropolises endorsed for canonization the teacher **Blondina Gobjilă** (1906-1971), also known as Mama Blondina, a confessor from the communist period who was exiled to Siberia for 15 years.

The relevant documentation on all the proposed saints will be forwarded for approval to the Holy Synod of the entire Romanian Orthodox Church.



Schemanun Elisabeta (Safta) Brâncoveanu. Photo: basilica.ro

Feast of Translation of Rublev Trinity Icon to Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra celebrated for first time

Sergiev Posad, Moscow Province, Russia, June 25, 2025



Photo: lavra.ru

The Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra celebrated the new feast of the Translation of the Rublev Trinity Icon back to its rightful home at the monastery for the first time this week, the monastery reports.

The Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church established the feast during its session last July, marking the return of the Icon on June 22 last year. The new feast was transferred to June 23 this year in order to not be overshadowed by the Sunday of All Russian Saints.

The Divine Liturgy in the Holy Trinity Cathedral, where the Icon finds its home on the iconostasis, was led by Hieromonk Joseph (Kolof).

“The return of the Holy Trinity Icon by the Venerable Andrei Rublev to the Lavra is an event of exceptional importance for the chronicle of the Russian Church,” said the Lavra abbot, His Grace Bishop Kirill of Dmitrov.

“Believers now have the opportunity to contemplate Rublev’s Trinity in the true sense of the word in the sacred space of the Trinity Cathedral, for which it was created. After all, contemplation of an icon is not an aesthetic act, but first and foremost a prayerful work. It is standing before that reality of the Heavenly world, the image of which is depicted on the icon,” His Grace explained.

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After 104 years, St. Andrei Rublev's Holy Trinity Icon finally returned to its historical home at the Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra for good in June 2024.

The 15th-century icon initially found its home on the iconostasis of the Holy Trinity Cathedral at the Lavra, founded by St. Sergius of Radonezh in the 14th century. However, when the godless authorities came to power in Russia, they removed the icon from the monastery. In 1929, after nine years in a museum in Zagorsk (Sergiev Posad), it was transferred to the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow, where it remained until last year, except for a few days in July 2022 when the icon was taken to the Lavra for the 600th anniversary of the uncovering of the relics of St. Sergius.

The Icon was delivered to Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow in time for Pentecost 2023, after which it underwent professional restoration. It was then returned to Christ the Savior in January 2024. And on Saturday evening, June 22, the Icon returned to the Lavra, in time for the feast of Pentecost.



Photo: lavra.ru

-Orthodox News-

Growing parish in north Texas seeks support for new church building

Denton, Texas, June 25, 2025



Photo: Vimeo

After nearly a quarter-century of steady growth in the Victorian historic district of Denton, TX, St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Church is embarking on an ambitious building project to accommodate its expanding congregation.

The parish, which began as a small mission in 2001 with just ten adults and two children, is the only Orthodox church serving the greater Denton region. Now, faced with a congregation that has far outgrown its current space, church leaders are raising funds for a new \$3.7 million church designed specifically for their unique needs.

“We started getting inundated in the mid-2010s and totally outgrew the existing space,” says the church’s fundraiser. The parish has an active schedule with multiple services, Bible studies, and catechism classes occurring almost daily.

The fundraising effort has already shown strong community support, with over \$1 million raised to date—representing 27% of the total \$3.7 million goal.

Unique design blends Orthodox tradition with Texas character

The new church building represents a thoughtful approach to architecture that honors both Orthodox Christian traditions and local Texas aesthetics. Designed by renowned Orthodox architect Andrew Gould, the structure aims to “look Texan as well as Orthodox” while remaining welcoming to people of both American and ethnic backgrounds.

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The design incorporates several distinctive features driven by both liturgical needs and historic district requirements. Because the building must maintain a “sensitive relationship” to the existing Greek Revival house on the property without blocking its street visibility, the architects developed a compact footprint with a spacious wraparound loft to accommodate the full congregation.

This loft design, while common in compact urban churches built under the Ottoman Empire, is rarely seen in new Orthodox construction today. Combined with the vertical proportions and tall iconostasis, the space promises to create an “impressive and dramatic liturgical space.”

The exterior will feature red brick trim and timber ceilings that contribute what designers call “a warm American aesthetic” while maintaining Orthodox architectural principles.

Historic significance and community impact

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Church holds special significance as the only canonical parish in the Western Hemisphere dedicated to the memory of St. Maximus the Confessor, the great 7th-century theologian and saint. The parish was established in July 2001 when Archbishop Dimitri of Dallas of blessed memory sent Fr. Justin Frederick to Denton to start the mission.

Fr. Justin stated in a promotional video:

We are one of a handful of churches in the whole world dedicated to the memory of St. Maximus. We’re honored to have him as a patron and we’d like to give you the opportunity to show your love for him and appreciation for him by helping build a beautiful, durable, traditional temple in his honor. It would be a credit to his name and a place where Orthodoxy can continue grow here in north Texas, and hopefully be a place from which other parishes will spring. To build a traditional church like this would be a testimony to the beauty and truth of the faith, that we’re willing to make the effort to build something truly lovely and unusual compared to local building standards. This would be a testimony to the truth of the Orthodox faith and something that would attract people to come and see.



Cook's Corner



Bang Bang Chicken Bites

Ingredients

- 2 15.5-ounce cans white beans, drained and rinsed (I used Great Northern)
- 8 ounces cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1/2 english cucumber, diced
- 1/2 cup kalamata olives, cut in half
- 2/3 cup store-bought pesto



1. Toss: add the beans, tomatoes, cucumber, olives, and pesto to a large bowl. Mix well until everything is evenly coated in pesto. Season with salt and pepper to taste, if desired.
2. Serve: serve immediately, or let chill in the fridge for at least 15 minutes to allow the flavors to mingle before serving.



BRAIN TEASING RIDDLES



1. What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty?
2. What gets bigger when more is taken away?
3. What invention lets you look right through a wall?

Answers: 1. a chalkboard, 2. a hole, 3. a window.

Lives of the Saints

GREAT MARTYR PANTELEIMON

Commemorated on June 27th



The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia into the family of the illustrious pagan Eustorgius, and he was named Pantoleon. His mother Saint Euboula (March 30) was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but she died when the future martyr was just a young child. His father sent Pantoleon to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine at Nicomedia under the renowned physician Euphrosynus. Pantoleon came to the attention of the emperor Maximian (284-305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling.

The hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates, survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28), were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. Saint Hermolaus saw Pantoleon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once, the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited Saint Hermolaus every day.

One day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Pantoleon began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Pantoleon's eyes.

After this miracle, Pantoleon was baptized by Saint Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful"). Speaking with Eustorgius, Saint Panteleimon prepared him to accept Christianity. When the father saw how his son healed a blind man by invoking Jesus Christ, he then believed in Christ and was baptized by Saint Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored.

After the death of his father, Saint Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. He visited those held captive in prison. These were usually Christians, and he healed them of their wounds. In a short time, reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. Forsaking the other doctors, the inhabitants began to turn only to Saint Panteleimon.

The envious doctors told the emperor that Saint Panteleimon was healing Christian prisoners. Maximian urged the saint to refute the charge by offering sacrifice to idols. Saint Panteleimon confessed himself a Christian, and suggested that a sick person, for whom the doctors held out no hope, should be brought before the emperor. Then the doctors could invoke their gods, and Panteleimon would pray to his God to heal the man. A man paralyzed for many years was brought in, and pagan priests who knew the art of medicine invoked their gods without success. Then, before the very eyes of the emperor, the saint healed the paralytic by calling on the name of Jesus Christ. The ferocious Maximian executed the healed man, and gave Saint Panteleimon over to fierce torture.

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The Lord appeared to the saint and strengthened him before his sufferings. They suspended the Great Martyr Panteleimon from a tree and scraped him with iron hooks, burned him with fire and then stretched him on the rack, threw him into a cauldron of boiling tar, and cast him into the sea with a stone around his neck. Throughout these tortures the martyr remained unhurt, and denounced the emperor.

At this time the priests Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates were brought before the court of the pagans. All three confessed their faith in the Savior and were beheaded (July 26).

By order of the emperor they brought the Great Martyr Panteleimon to the circus to be devoured by wild beasts. The animals, however, came up to him and licked his feet. The spectators began to shout, "Great is the God of the Christians!" The enraged Maximian ordered the soldiers to stab with the sword anyone who glorified Christ, and to cut off the head of the Great Martyr Panteleimon.

They led the saint to the place of execution and tied him to an olive tree. While the martyr prayed, one of the soldiers struck him with a sword, but the sword became soft like wax and inflicted no wound. The saint completed his prayer, and a Voice was heard from Heaven, calling the passion-bearer by his new name and summoning him to the heavenly Kingdom.

Hearing the Voice, the soldiers fell down on their knees before the holy martyr and begged forgiveness. They refused to continue with the execution, but Saint Panteleimon told them to fulfill the emperor's command, because otherwise they would have no share with him in the future life. The soldiers tearfully took their leave of the saint with a kiss.

When the saint was beheaded, the olive tree to which the saint was tied became covered with fruit. Many who were present at the execution believed in Christ. The saint's body was thrown into a fire, but remained unharmed, and was buried by Christians. Saint Panteleimon's servants Laurence, Bassos and Probus witnessed his execution and heard the Voice from Heaven. They recorded the life, the sufferings and death of the saint.

Portions of the holy relics of the Great Martyr Panteleimon were distributed throughout all the Christian world. His venerable head is now located at the Russian monastery of Saint Panteleimon on Mt. Athos.

The veneration of the holy martyr in the Russian Orthodox Church was already known in the twelfth century. Prince Izyaslav (in Baptism, Panteleimon), the son of Saint Mstislav the Great, had an image of Saint Panteleimon on his helmet. Through the intercession of the saint he remained alive during a battle in the year 1151. On the Feast of the Great Martyr Panteleimon, Russian forces won two naval victories over the Swedes (in 1714 near Hanhauze and in 1720 near Grenham).



Lives of the Saints

Saint Panteleimon is venerated in the Orthodox Church as a mighty saint, and the protector of soldiers. This aspect of his veneration is derived from his first name Pantoleon, which means “a lion in everything”. His second name, Panteleimon, given him at Baptism, which means “all-merciful”, is manifest in the veneration of the martyr as a healer. The connection between these two aspects of the saint is readily apparent in that soldiers, receiving wounds more frequently than others, are more in need of a physician-healer. Christians waging spiritual warfare also have recourse to this saint, asking him to heal their spiritual wounds.

The holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon is invoked in the Mystery of Anointing the Sick, at the Blessing of Water, and in the Prayers for the Sick.



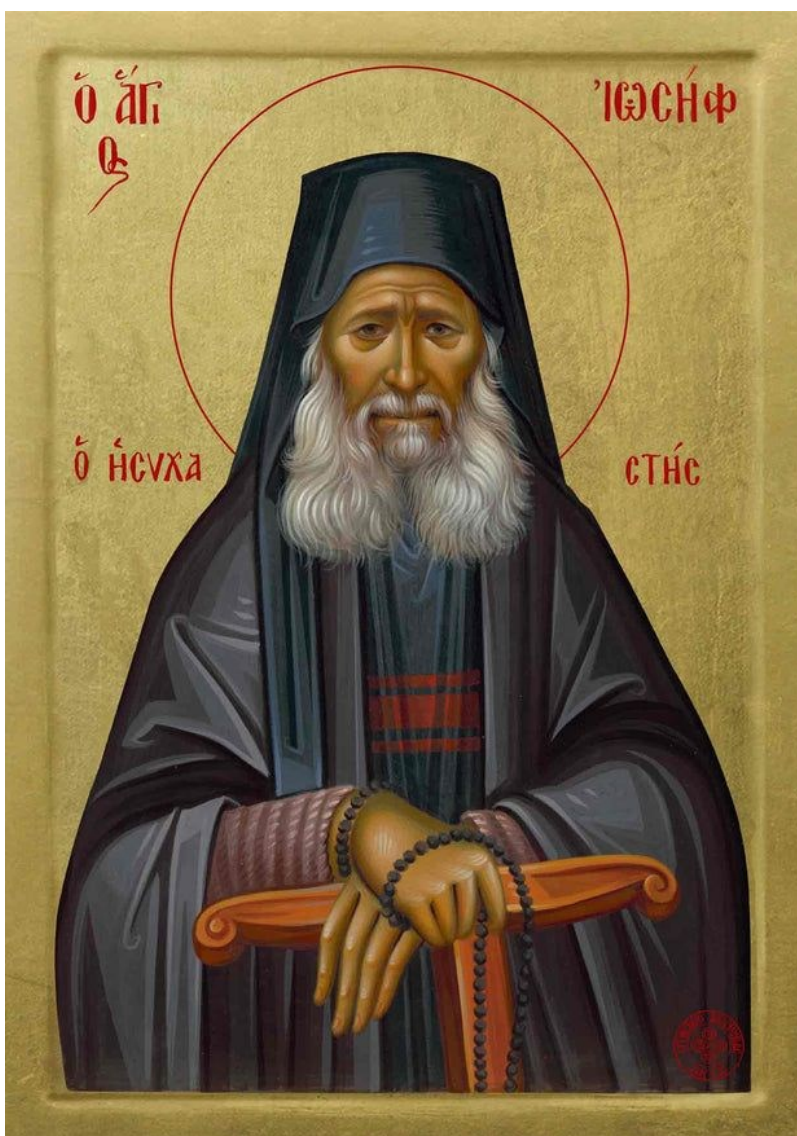
“Christ Pantocrator.” Photo: B.C. Parrott

WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS

“When grace comes, all the schemes of the evil one cease, for it abolishes them. It comes like a gentle breeze, like a subtle, fragrant zephyr which deadens the flesh and then raises the soul. It enlightens our nous. And in the end, when it comes, grace itself teaches a person.”

"Therefore, always do a metanoia when you are wrong and don't lose time, because the longer you wait to seek forgiveness, the more you allow the evil one to spread his roots within you. Don't let him make roots to your detriment."

"The Lord has not abandoned you. But since you still have a great deal of worldly pride, a great deal of vainglory, our Christ lets you make mistakes and fall, so that you perceive and come to know your weakness every day, so that you become patient with others who make mistakes, and so that you do not judge the brethren when they make mistakes, but rather put up with them." - Saint Joseph the Hesychast.



FUN AT THE 2025 MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL

After many months of preparation, we opened up our parish home on May 3 in order to share our food, faith, heritage, and hospitality, and to raise funds for the Meaningful Life Foundation. A traditional plated meal was served, which included kibbee, green beans and rice, 2 cabbage rolls, Greek salad, talamee bread, and a piece of baklava. Our Marketplace full of baked goods and specialty items was open all day, along with the bookstore and the church for tours. Thanks to everyone in the parish for helping make this another successful event! Glory be to God!



Melanie Gingrich Mueller
It's a great event! And such a friendly crew helping. Your church looks so welcoming.



Melanie Gingrich Mueller
Hope you had a very successful day! It was delicious.

Laurie Rohling
Everything was wonderful. I thought the rice was extremely good.



Andrea Rottinghaus
Thank you for all your hard work. Everything was delicious as usual!



Emily Mildred
It was wonderful food and quick, friendly service at the drive-thru! Thanks for holding this event each year!



Mary Kline Hubbard
As usual the food was delicious!

Meaningful Life Foundation
Thank you for this amazing opportunity! ❤️ We loved learning the traditions of St. Mary and visiting with the great workers and attendees!



FROM THE MINISTRY TEAMS

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Next Issue

Will Cover -- July/August

Deadline to Submit -- August 23rd

On Website -- August 29th

Available in Foyer -- August 31st



FAMILY PROMISE 2025 HOST DATES: The following dates are our scheduled host weeks for Family Promise in 2025. As usual, we will circulate a sign up closer to each date, but we wanted to let everyone know about these dates in advance. ***Here are the host weeks for 2025: January 26 - February 2; March 30 - April 6; June 29 - July 6; and October 5 - 12.***

Our Mission

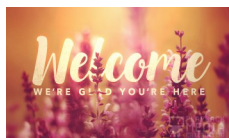
Family Promise of Greater Wichita unites hearts and hands to provide compassionate hospitality and empower homeless families with children to achieve sustainable independence.

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"

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 early 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. Approximately forty parishioners participated in 2024. There is still a need for more to participate in this significant ministry by providing hospitality and shelter. The weeks of June 29th and October 5th we will once again host families. Contact Vicki Jones at 650-0658 or vawj55@gmail.com for more information.



"Food in the parish hall at coffee hour." Photo Credit: B.C. Parrott



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.



“Prosphora in the hand of a parishioner.” Photo Credit: B.C. Parrott



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 5:00 p.m. We are finished by 7:45 PM.

Contact Beth Elliott

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if you'd like to volunteer. NOTE: A food handler's card is no longer required.



"Donation box in the nave." Photo Credit: B.C. Parrott



Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

ANNIVERSARIES



JULY

• Eric & Tracy Namee	07/05
• Joseph & Tana Salome	07/31

AUGUST

• Taylor & Amanda McMillin	08/09
• Rick & Tanya Husselman	08/16
• Alex & Jessica Lessman	08/25

BITS AND PIECES

Baptism and Chrismation of Tabitha, Jordan and Freya Weber

“So here is our story—

Christ is Risen!

It has been a winding path of seeking in what felt like all the wrong places before making our way to the Orthodox faith, a journey that has forever changed our lives. Both my husband and I were raised as Christians, but both fell away from it for a considerable amount of time, only occasionally coming back to it through different denominations. However, in between those times, we found ourselves either claiming to be agnostic or dabbling in the occult. We are both seekers and knew in our hearts something was missing, but it wasn't until we came to St. Mary's that these missing pieces started coming together for us. And it wasn't easy. We had times of doubt and times of way overdoing it and becoming burnt out. But with the help of Father Aaron and our most wonderful church family and with the Grace of God, we finally figured it out. We love Saint Mary's and all of her parishioners and feel truly blessed to finally be home!

We would like to say a special thank you to Sarah and Jeremy Wagner, Deanna Ferris, and Ken Dannenberg for sponsoring us and being so very welcoming. We look forward to growing as Christians with you all!

PS Wasn't Freya absolutely amazing at her baptism!? We are so proud of her and feel blessed to have her in our lives.”



BITS AND PIECES

Graduate Sunday

Congratulations to Miri Lessman, Adrian Warwick, Lille Nightingale, Leah Zarich, Zared Salome, and Jesse Nightingale!





Volunteer in 2025

KPTS – join the volunteers to help answer telephones for the televised KPTS fundraisers. Wear DUI Victim Center of Kansas apparel to let people know about the agency and help take pledges for public television.

Board of Directors – make a difference by participating as a member of our expanding Board of Directors.

Law Enforcement Check Lanes – be available to assist/support law enforcement on the side lines of the DUI check lanes when needed.

Call 316-768-2096 for more detailed information.

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PARISH MINISTRY TEAMS

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Properties
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The Scroll Production Schedule – 2025

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Deadline: February 15

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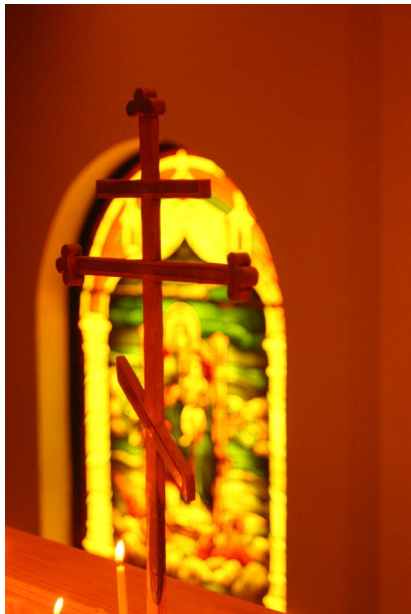
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June 29th-Apostles Peter and Paul

July 20th- The Holy Prophet Elias

**July 27th– Great Martyr
Panteleimon**

August 1st- Dormition fast begins

**August 15th– The Dormition of
the Theotokos**

