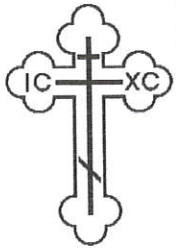


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Weekday Feasts: 10:00AM
Confession: Saturday 5:00PM
Vespers: Saturday 5:30PM
Church School: Following Sunday Divine Liturgy (September - May)
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On the sacrifice of Love

Anyone who loves the world, anyone who lays down his soul for others, anyone who is ready, at the price of being separated from Christ, to gain salvation for his brothers and sisters – is a disciple and follower of Christ. And inversely, anyone who abides in the temptation of self-salvation alone, anyone who does not take upon himself the responsibility for the pain and sin of the world, anyone who follows the path of ‘egotism,’ be it even “holy” egotism, simply does not hear what Christ says, and does not see what His sacrifice on Golgotha was offered for.

- St Maria Skobtsova
of Paris

A Different View of Sin

The scales of justice (image below) serves to conjure up the classic, common, “go to” understanding of sin. Through my pastoral work with catechumens and long time Christians, I’ve come to realize just how prevailing and pervasive this view is and how much of an obstacle it can be to a proper grasp of Orthodox soteriology. In the Book of Genesis, Adam and Eve are cast out of paradise for having broken the one commandment they were given by God. Many therefore see sin as a broken law or commandment and justice being served in our collective expulsion from Eden and a universal death sentence. We are taught about Divine judgement, the wrath of God and the fear of God being the beginning of wisdom. How therefore can we see God as loving and merciful?

In the New Testament and in the light of Christ, we are given a deeper and perhaps more moving and useful understanding of sin. The translators of the Bible into English borrowed a term from the sport of archery to convey the meaning of the Greek word for transgression “amartia” (English transliteration). In it’s original sporting context it meant “missing the mark”. The mark in that case being the center of the target. In the realm of theology and spirituality, the “mark” that is missed is God Himself. When we “sin” therefore, we miss living up to the Divine image and likeness in which we were created. As Fr. Hopko points out; “The

‘Fall’ of man means that man failed in his God given vocation” and through sin, “missed the mark” of his high calling. (*The Orthodox Faith*, Vol.1, page 58) By choosing to do our will over God’s, we separate ourselves from Him and since He is the source of life, by that, we die. According to the Orthodox concept of our fallen or broken human condition, “sin... is merely a symptom of an interior brokenness in need

of healing, not a legal transgression to be punished as soon as we break the law” (Nicole Roccas, *Time and Despondency*, p 31) The legalistic or juridical approach to sin and judgement gives way to an understanding that through sin, we disappoint God our Creator and who is, in Christ, our

Father. It is a deviation of mind, heart and soul away from God who is Love itself. So sin, on our part, is ultimately a failure of love. “Sin”, wrote Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, “is always absence of love, and therefore separation, isolation, war of all against all. The new life given by Christ is, first of all, a life of reconciliation, of ‘gathering into oneness those who were dispersed,’ the restoration of love broken by sin.” (*Great Lent*, p 24)

Informed by this and in light of the two great commandments (love of God and neighbor) given us by Christ Himself, we should be moved not by fear of damnation by a just judge, but by love itself to repent of sin and be reconciled to our God who is merciful and desires us to live eternally.

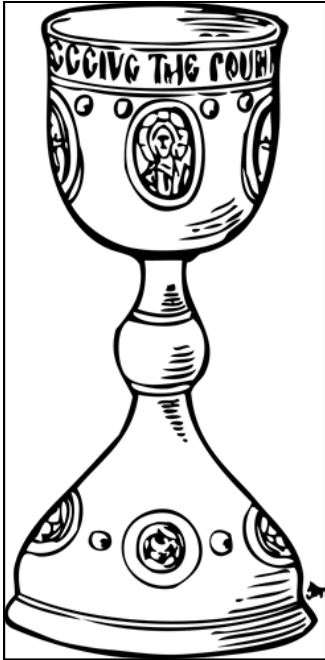
- Fr. Gregory



JOURNEY TO THE KINGDOM

Submitted by: Matushka Alexandra Safchuk

While searching for something in *For the Life of the World* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, the text chosen to help guide the work of this summer's All American Council, I came across the words below. And they troubled me.



The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey...of the Church into the dimension of the Kingdom...[It] begins when Christians leave their homes and beds. They leave, indeed, their life in this present and concrete world, and...a sacramental act is already taking place...They have been individuals, some white, some black, some poor, some rich, they have been the “natural” world and a natural community. And now they have been called to “come together in one place,” to bring their lives, their very “world” with them and to be more than what they were: a *new* community with a new life...not simply to add a religious dimension to the natural community, to make it “better”—more responsible, more Christian. The purpose is to *fulfill the Church*, and that means to make present the One in whom all things are at their *end*, and all things are at their *beginning*. (Pp. 26-27)

Oh no!

When I leave my bed and home, which I like to refer to as my nest, on Sunday mornings, and cross the parking lot on my journey toward the Kingdom, it is not always with this high purpose in mind. As a child, I wanted to make sure that my shoes matched my dress. During some years (and I think you can figure out which years they were), I wanted to make that journey with as little scuffle as possible and preferably without bloodshed occurring between the occupants of the back seat. At other times, I have been just plain tired (why is 9:00 AM so much earlier on Sunday than it is during the rest of the week?) or hangry or distracted or anxious.

As I thought about Fr. Alexander's words I wondered what I could rearrange in my life, my head and my heart to make that journey more the journey of my “high calling”(Philippians 3:14). There are always aspects of our lives that we can improve, habits and approaches that we can adjust, and schedules we can modify. What attention did I need to give to these things?



I did not think that I would be able to completely put aside the baggage that I bring on this journey. Since it is a journey, some things just come along. The hour. The weather. The work. But what I could do was to offer

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JOURNEY TO THE KINGDOM

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them up. Yes, I'm tired. It's too hot. I haven't finished that assignment that I have been obsessing over WHILE procrastinating about. There are people who hurt my feelings. I am not always happy to be in the midst of the beauty of Thy house, O Lord. Well, that's what it is. But here I go. With others who are weary, sometimes ill, maybe not fully present. This work can't wait until all the conditions are perfect.



Bottom line, it's important not to underestimate the value of showing up. We bring who we are, our lives and our selves, to this place to come together and offer it all up. The unmatched shoes. The less than stellar attitude. The anxious about the things of the world mindset. In our journey we are transformed into the Body of Christ, the Church, and in turn that transforms those things of this world to which we cling so closely, into something else - into opportunities to be more present with the One in Whom all things have their beginning and their end. We aren't done yet. Salvation comes through the work of God in us, through our corresponding efforts, through the prayers of others, through the Eucharistic life, through the journey itself. We bring our weaknesses and our strengths, as we come, rich and poor, white and black and brown and yellow and red, young and old, free men and free women, to the house of the Lord.

In Christ,
Mka. Alexandra Safchuk



FOOD FESTIVAL & BAZAAR 2018

Submitted by: Tina Burpee

It is time to start our planning for our annual fund raiser. Everyone is welcome at the bazaar planning meeting immediately following liturgy on July 15 in the teen room. Our food workshop schedule will be available at the end of August. We need many hands at the workshops to make all the foods that we will serve at the bazaar. Please put the workshops on your calendar and plan to lend a helping hand - the more hands to help, the faster we are finished! Our department and food chairpersons are listed below:



BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS 2018

Bakery.....	Ginny Albert & Paula Zabela
Lucky Draw.....	Vicky Jacobsen
Beverages & Halushki.....	Justin & Katie Barber
Candy.....	Tammy Jacobsen
Desserts.....	Nancy Stanton
Halupki.....	Chris Cacic
Piroghi.....	Daniela Mihailov & Helen Kerch
Chicken Kiev.....	Mka. Ann & Dn. Matthew Prentice
Blini.....	Sharon Sielinski
Piroshki	Mat. Sasha & Martha Vance
Spanakopita.....	Marsha Zelle
Beef Stroganoff.....	Coy Williamson, Doug & Mary Ann Fitzgerald
Pirog.....	Pat Ihnat & Kathy Petro
Mititei.....	Rodica Cipu
Grand Raffle.....	Shirley & Paul Dean
Advertising.....	Nina Bilyeu

AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!

Fr. Basil Summer

The Holy Synod of Bishops at their most recent meeting agreed to award the blessing of the rank of Mitred Archpriest to Fr. Basil Summer. He received the award on Sunday, June 17th. (Father's Day) at St. Sergius Chapel in Syosset, NY. May God bless him and grant him many years!



Photos courtesy of Roman Ostosh, Subdeacon to the Metropolitan



Left: Photo of the lovely flower arrangement our parish sent Fr. Basil in celebration of his achievement!

THE NECESSITY OF ORTHODOX MARIOLOGY

Fr. Jonathan Tobias

submitted by: Skip Mersereau

The following is from his blog "[Second Terrace](#)", May 10, 2017. Fr. Jonathan Tobias is a Carpatho-Russian Orthodox priest, seminary professor (pastoral theology) and married with two daughters.

"Therefore the steps in the revelation of the Holy Spirit are essentially and necessarily steps in the showing of the Mother of God to the world, which has not been completed and in fullness belongs only to the future age." - Fr Sergius Bulgakov, in The Burning Bush, p100.

If anyone ever thought (as I think some do, who have moved from Protestantism into Orthodoxy) that Orthodox Holy Tradition is less "Marian" than the Roman Catholic Church and thus more amenable to modern, rational sensibilities, they could not be more mistaken.

Mary's complete "Spirit-filling" is one and the same with her "divinization," or theosis. And to turn this statement around produces an even more arresting proposition. "Spirit-filling," or what the evangelicals like to call "sanctification," really cannot be understood at all outside of the history (past and present) of the Theotokos.



While Christ Himself is the "hominized divinity," as the Second Hypostasis becoming human (and, I might add, with nothing of His hypostasis left un-hominized), the Virgin herself is the perfected "divinized humanity." She is the model of theosis, and is the interceding agent of theosis for all who come after her.

As the one human who is present with Christ before all the rest of Creation is transfigured at the Last Judgment, Mary is the fullness of "creaturely Wisdom," just as the Trinity's divine essence is "divine Wisdom."

Thus, Wisdom and theosis cannot be separated. "Sanctification" cannot be isolated from Mary nor Sophia.

Perhaps the constant appeal of Nestorianism can be explained by the world's resistance to this linkage, between wisdom and theosis, or between sanctification and Mary. If Mary is the mother only of the human nature of Christ, then she is effectively removed from all religion, spirituality and faith. She has become unnecessary in the Nestorian frame. But her removal produces just another appearance of Docetism.

The Holy Spirit, in coming upon Mary at the Annunciation, brings Christ with Him and creates a motherhood that is first spiritual and also physical. Mary is the mother of Christ divine and human. And her motherhood continues in a singular, but also exemplary, way.

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Christianity -- especially Orthodox Christianity -- cannot be non-Mariological in any moment. The Wisdom of the Theotokos is necessary for every prayer, every sacrament, even every institutional or administrative moment of Church life.

I think, because we live in such a secularized, flattened age, that the most immediate indication of our crypto-secularity is our invention of non-Marian, non-sophiological moments.

God will not be entertained (or "pleased," which is probably the same thing in the modern psyche) by our institutional experiments, especially if they are launched in the dreary non-wisdoms drawn from the marketplace and social theory. He will probably remain deafeningly silent.

Until we think, and speak, the way we are. "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. Be it unto me according to your Word."

ORTHODOXY IS SHOWN NOT PROVED

Macrina Walker

Submitted by: Skip Mersereau

The following is from her blog, "[A Vow of Conversation](#)", January 13, 2011. Macrina Walker is an Orthodox Christian, a South African, a bookbinder and editor, and a former Cistercian.

"... the life of the Church is assimilated and known only through life—not in the abstract, not in a rational way. If one must nevertheless apply concepts to the life of the Church, the most appropriate concepts would be not juridical and archaeological ones but biological and aesthetic ones. What is ecclesiality? It is a new life, life in the Spirit. What is the criterion of the rightness of this life? Beauty. Yes, there is a special beauty of the spirit, and, ungraspable by logical formulas, it is at the same time the only true path to the definition of what is orthodox and what is not orthodox. The connoisseurs of this beauty are the spiritual elders, the starets, the masters of the 'art of arts', as the holy fathers call asceticism. The starets were adept at assessing the quality of spiritual life. The Orthodox taste, the Orthodox temper, is felt but it is not subject to arithmetical calculation. Orthodoxy is shown, nor proved. That is why there is only one way to understand Orthodoxy: through direct orthodox experience... to become Orthodox, it is necessary to immerse oneself all at once in the very element of Orthodoxy, to begin living in an Orthodox way. There is no other way." - Pavel Florensky, *The Pillar and Ground of the Truth. An Essay in Orthodox Theodicy in Twelve Letters*, trans. by Boris Jakim, Princeton NJ, 1997, pp. 8–9 and quoted in "[Lecture I: Thinking and doing, being and praying: where do we start?](#)" by Fr. Andrew Louth on "[Orthodox Theology. A Personal Introduction](#)."



FUN WITH OUR PARISH KIDS!

Easter Egg Hunt 2018!!



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



Time is running out to register your child for Vacation Church School. Please see Rachael Datch (rachaeldatch@gmail.com) or



New Church School Director for 2018-2019

Welcome and thank you Stacy Pederson for volunteering as Church School Program Director for the 2018-2019 school year! And thank you Lee Malatesta for serving as Church School Program Director for the 2017-2018



BACKPACKS FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY STUDENTS IN NEED

Collection for Back to School Backpacks BEGINS (for the year 2018-2019):

For many years, St. Mark has been honored to help kids in need get started with a core set of school supplies. We're in fact one of the very few churches listed as sponsoring the Montgomery County Public School Foundation's program for getting kids going in this way. (see below as well as link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement/donate.aspx?id=535601>). A great thing about this effort is the leverage in buying power we gain, allowing for each \$10 gift to deliver a backpack filled to the brim with supplies.



This year we've committed once again to filling the needs of a whole Grade Level. This means our \$1,500 will help 150 children. We can't do it without your help. Please join in and give generously.

St. Mark's efforts to collection for this program will begin ASAP after Divine Liturgy and run through mid-July. You can give cash through the plate collection, or make your check out to "St. Mark" with BACKPACKS in your memo field. For further information, please feel free to ask, or see the link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement/backpacks.aspx>

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INFORMATION ON DR. BILL BLACK

Submitted by: Marsha Zellem

The proceeds from this years Rummage Sale went to support Missionary Dr. Bill Black purchase a new vehicle. As you will read below, his vehicle was falling apart. I am happy to report that with the donations he received, Dr. Black was able to purchase a new vehicle. Below is an informative email from Dr. Black as well his reply to Marsha's email.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Here's an update on what's been happening here in Kisumu:

The Church of St. Moses the African

St. Moses 'the Black' has been tentatively chosen as our new Kisumu parish's patron saint. He was a widely feared bandit, probably from Nubia thought possibly from Axum, until he was converted to Christianity in Egypt in the 4th century. He became a monk and a priest, and is considered one of the Desert Fathers of the early Church. We had one service on Palm Sunday and have been waiting for the Bishop's blessing (and our schedules) to commence a more regular schedule. Pray that the Lord would gather His flock and raise up effective leadership.

All-Diocese of Kisumu and Western Clergy Conference

We gathered in Chevogere where we have an Orthodox Boys High School for a conference focused on providing pastoral and liturgical training for our clergy as well as beginning to rebuild our understanding of stewardship. This last emphasis is one of my major callings, the subject of my book that is making its way slowly to publication. And even though the foundational ideas are all right there in the New Testament and in the Church Fathers, we have been a Church bound in dependency for so long we no longer know anything else but looking for handouts. So my conference input is a beginning, something that will need to be repeated again and again, in personal conversations, sermons, teaching opportunities in parishes, and in vicarage meetings. It is much easier to receive than to give, and like any addiction, this one to money is very hard to break. But the way to spiritual health and vitality, for both individuals and parishes, runs through stewardship – not tithing, not the health and prosperity heresy, not dependency, but what Jesus and the apostles teach and what the early Church all put into practice.

The Orthodox Catechetical School of Kisumu (our provisional name)

God is calling us (and the Bishop is tasking me) to establish a theological college here in Kisumu for our diocese. We will be granting degrees at the diploma and Bachelors level, for both men and women. Our focus will be providing training for Orthodox Christians, but we will also have a track for non-Orthodox students as well. We are in the beginning stages of finding out all the logistics and government paper work that need to happen for this to be a reality. But I have hopes of starting our first classes in August or September. Both the school and the Church will be meeting in my house, at least until we outgrow our modest facilities. I am feeling appropriately daunted. Pray that God would raise up the right people to come alongside me and help me. Pray for wisdom to know how proceed with all the bureaucratic necessities, and that God would raise up a board, faculty an administrator and students, and the means to pay for it all.

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INFORMATION ON DR. BILL BLACK

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The Car

I had a generous response from several people to my first plea for help with purchasing a new car. Presently I can account for about 17% of what I will need to cover all the new car expenses and taxes. It's a good start. In the meantime, this week, I was driving to the diocesan offices 30 km away when I hit some severe rumble strips and the air-conditioning duct on the driver's side fell onto my feet.

The next bump I hit brought down all the wires under the dashboard onto my feet. When I determined that I could still drive the car, I went to my meeting with the Bishop and got back home. But my mechanic, in fixing the duct and wires, also discovered that my shock absorbers were completely finished and replaced them all. So at least I don't have to poke my feet through a jungle of wires to brake or accelerate. But I am also chary of taking my car anywhere because my experience has been since I returned that something unhappy and expensive will occur. I have several events that require me to travel coming up, and I have guests coming in June who will need transportation. Right now, my car simply isn't reliable to do what I need it to do. So please pray that God would raise up help for me so that I can purchase a new used car. The goal is \$20,000 (the kind of car I need is very expensive here in Kenya due to an import duty of more than 100%). You can help me get a reliable car by making a contribution here: <https://www.ocmc.org/donate/donate.aspx?FundId=Missionary>. Select 'Bill Black' as the missionary and when you have the chance to designate your giving, write: Black Car in Kenya. I am grateful for your help.

Here are some ideas of how your parish can help this missionary in need.

1. Schedule a pancake breakfast (free with a donation) and give the proceeds to Dr. Bill's Missionary car fund.
2. Schedule a rummage sale and have people donate things to sell with the proceeds going to Dr. Bill's Missionary car fund.
3. Schedule a car wash (free, with a donation for the missionary car fund)
4. For a bigger parish, schedule a 5k/10k walk/run and have participants collect sponsors to support the missionary car fund.
5. If your parish has an annual festival to raise money for the Church, then you could make a decision to give at least 10% of the money you raise to support overseas missions in general (and maybe my need for a car in particular!). I know some parishes already do this. Some give even 50% away to other causes.
6. Schedule a Skype or FaceTime interview with me during your post-liturgy coffee hour to promote your parish's overseas missions emphasis. There is a 7 hour time difference between Kisumu time and Eastern (daylight savings) time.

And you are free to use any of the above ideas to support any other missionary you or your parish may be supporting. Just please remember to pray for me that God would provide for my needs, too.

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Onesimus

You may or may not know that I have a blog ‘Onesimus.’ I have written several hundred posts on topics dealing with theology, missions, Orthodoxy, and

my experience working and living in Kenya. I’ve had more than 123,000 visits, so someone must be reading it. You are welcome to come and join the conversation with me. You can find it at <http://onesimusredivivus.blogspot.co.ke>.

I am being stretched. And feel greatly my inadequacy. Please pray for me and for the work here. As we pray – ‘Through the prayers of the Theotokos and all the saints, Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us.’

Joseph William Black, Jr. PhD

Director of Education and Stewardship

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From: Marsha Zellem

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your informative letter. I have forwarded it to my sister Mary, and to all of our FOCA members.

I think that I mentioned in one of my latest correspondences that I am coordinating a rummage sale at St. Mark on June 2nd. Our Church Council, and Father Gregory, has agreed to send all of the profits from the sale to your “car fund”. Depending on how many “treasures” are donated to the sale, we usually earn about \$5,000 of profits.

I am so excited to learn of the wonderful things that are happening in Kisumu. You are truly the “spark” that is leading the way. We will continue to pray for you, the clergy and the parishioners. I will light a vigil light here for you, and put a note in our weekly bulletin to remind them of the needs of the Orthodox Christians in Kenya.

In Christ,
Marsha

From: Dr. Bill Black

God bless you, Marsha! And Fr. Gregory! And all the people there at St. Mark’s who are helping with the rummage sale and helping with the missions emphasis of the Church and helping me. I am really moved. Whatever the results of the sale, all Glory to God! He will bring from us His people what He needs to get His work done. Thanks for letting me know. You are right, there is a lot going on. We will probably start regular services in our new parish after this weekend during which a great friend of mine is being ordained as a priest (and posted to this new parish) and I am ordained subdeacon. I met with the bishop and all the diocesan leadership this afternoon to go over all the things happening. I am encouraged, overwhelmed, and right now, tired. But so grateful for your prayers and work on our behalf.

Grateful,

Bill

FUNDRAISER AND FARWELL FOR DOUG PIERCE

As many of you may not know this year I was chosen to be a Maryland Arts Council grantee and fellow. I will need your help to make my project a reality. In 2006, Laura and I were Chrismated into the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith. During this time I came up with a three movement suite entitled “Suite for the Panaghia: Songs for the Theotokos.” The piece will involve quite a few different moving parts and because of the need for rehearsals and planning with a high caliber group of musicians and technicians I need your help to pull this off. Here is the link to my GoFundMe Page. Please check out the video and we thank you for anything you are able to donate to help make this project happen. In Christ, Doug Pierce.

The link is www.gofundme.com/douglaspiercesuite



Douglas and Laura Peirce have moved on to new adventures in Nebraska, where Douglas will be starting a doctorate program. Their last Sunday with us was June 24th. We are sad to see them leaving, but also excited for this great opportunity that has come their way! We will miss you both! God Bless! *Douglas and Laura Pierce pictured below with God-daughter Chloe Nimmer.*



FOCA NEWS & NOTES

Submitted by: Marcella Hydock, Chapter President

SAVE THE DATE!



WHAT: St. Mark FOCA is sponsoring GREEK NIGHT!

WHEN: Saturday, October 6th, 2018, following Vespers

Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

St. Mark FOCA Upcoming Meetings

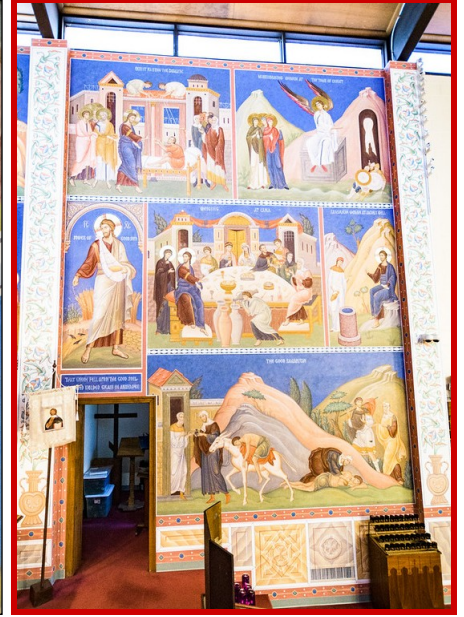
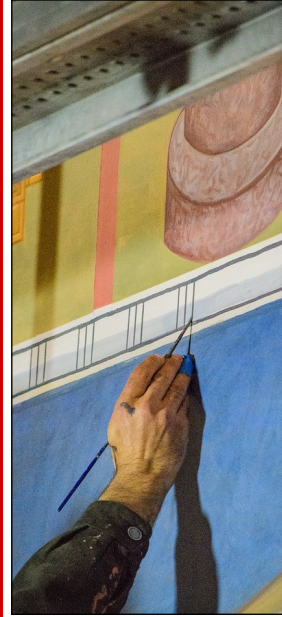
Meetings usually take place on the third Sunday of every month immediately following Vespers. Please check the schedule in the bulletin for changes or updates.

- **July 21st**
- **August 18th**
- **September 15th**



ICONOGRAPHY PHASE III

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- July 7th—Parish Council Meeting
- July 15th—Bazaar Planning Meeting following Liturgy
- July 21st—FOCA Chapter Meeting
- July 22nd—Piroghi Luncheon following Liturgy
- July 23rd-26th—Vacation Church School

AUGUST

- August 1—Dormition Fast Begins
- August 15—Divine Liturgy for Dormition

SEPTEMBER



NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

It's that time again! We are setup to take portraits on Sunday's after Liturgy in Father Gregory's office! Please take a few moments to sign in and smile for the camera. Victor Lutes, Jim Lacko or Steve Sekellick will be taking the photos. It's our goal to include everyone. Say Cheese!!!

GROCERY CARDS

Please consider donating grocery cards for the needy for the summer and early fall. Please see Father Gregory, Skip Mersereau for questions or donations. Thank you!

STEPPING STONES MEAL DELIVERY

Please sign up for monthly food preparation and delivery to Stepping Stones shelter in Rockville, MD. The sign-up sheets are on the Outreach bulletin board outside the fellowship hall.

BLESSED MAT. OLGA OF ALASKA WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Blessed Matushka Olga of Alaska Prayer Group meets regularly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the church nave for intercessory prayer. In addition, the group meets regularly to pray varying Akathists on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the church nave.

Please join us as you can and please remember us in your prayers. All prayer requests may be given to Debbi Dillon, Mat. Alexandra or Marcella Hydock. Also, there is a prayer request email address on the St. Mark website. We hope you can join us on:

Intercessory Prayer Dates & Times:

- TUESDAY, JULY 3rd, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 7th, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 10:30

Akathist Dates & Times:

- TUESDAY, JULY 17th, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 21st, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 10:30 AM



UPDATER

Baptisms/Chrismations

4/8/18—Christopher Barnewolt

4/8/18—Regina Kundell

4/28/18—Lucy Moser

6/30/18—Bella Stephania Prose

May God Grant Them Many Years!

Deaths

4/17/18—Eleanor Pust, Aunt of Tina Burpee

4/22/18 — Helen Salas

6/15/18—Daniel Lulchuk

6/29/18—Christina Vivienne Williams

May Their Memory Be Eternal!

New Baby!

5/15/18—Bella Stephania Prose

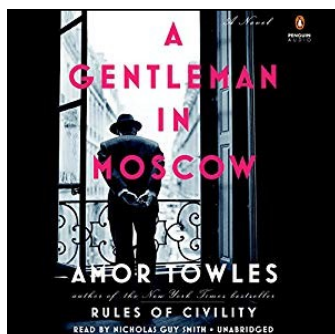
6/13/18—Reagen Marie Barge, Granddaughter of Martha Vance

May God Grant Them Many Years!

WOMENS BOOK GROUP

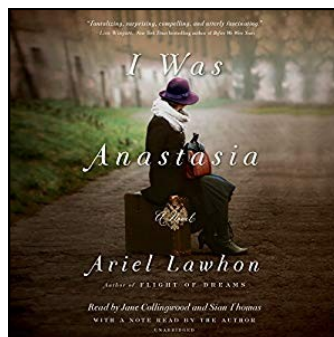
If you enjoy a good read followed by a worthy discussion, please consider attending the St. Mark Woman's Book Club. We choose books well in advance and then meet on the last Sunday of every month to discuss the merits of our choices. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mka. Sasha or any participant for more details.

July 29th



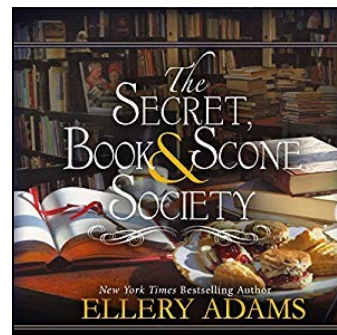
A Gentleman in Moscow:
A Novel by Amor Towles

August 26th



I Was Anastasia: A
Novel by Ariel Lawhon.

September 30th



The Secret, Book & Scone Society by Ellery Adams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

1 Jackson Tatusko
 2 Gene Jacobsen
 3 Andrew Datch
 Emma Datch
 4 Patricia Antich
 6 Scott Borger
 Michael Chow
 Erin Hottle
 David Lulchuk
 7 Matthew Badila
 8 Alexander Braun
 9 Larisa Looby
 10 Spencer Salas
 Joseph Sedor
 11 Lucas Needham
 12 Ann-Marie Lacko
 13 Michael Thompson
 14 Sara Wickard
 17 Mat. Alexandra Safchuk
 18 Aiden Moser
 Charity Pearson
 19 Cynthia Helba
 20 Daniel Golembiewski
 Vicky Jacobsen
 Mat. Kelly Oleynik
 21 Laura Jefferson
 Lee Malatesta
 Peter Shiller
 22 Fr. David Arnold
 24 Douglas Fitzgerald
 John M. Steger
 25 Elowen Sheppard
 Virginia Albert
 27 Jane Sass
 28 Lauren Piera
 Benjamin Safchuk
 Cliff Tarp
 30 Zhenya Bainbridge
 Julia Flick
 31 Drew Bumbak
 David Holovac
 Millie Mytryshyn



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1 Madeleine Gimbal
 Mark Phinney
 2 Evgeniya Aseev
 Justin Barber
 Fr. Timothy Perry
 Joe Francis, Jr.
 3 Nicholas Rotunda
 Wyatt Zabela
 4 Nicholas Fitzgerald
 5 Katrina Braun
 Elena Henning
 6 Martha Dellermann
 Constantine Ilario
 Cristina Lindsay
 Daniela Mihailov
 7 Robert Hottle
 Igor Nakshin
 8 Philip William Masik
 10 Christine Busenberg
 11 Kathy Petro
 Astrid Sheppard
 12 Nicole Johnson
 Sharon Sielinski
 13 Christina Kuchta
 14 Andrea Ticich
 15 Vera Simonenko
 Ada (Mary) Steinberg
 16 Nick Ayers
 Demetrios Datch
 Ekaterine Gureshidze
 Emili Malatesta
 Samuel Oleynik
 17 Michele Humphries
 John Ihnat
 18 Radu Victor Balan
 Juliana Marie Rudin
 19 Nichole Hottle
 Katherine Karas
 Matthew Karas
 Neal Kumar
 20 Anna Arnold
 Marcella Hydock
 Francisco LeFors
 Hannah Oleynik
 Inna Schwartz

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21 Job Henning
 22 Andrea Burns
 Kimberly Lungociu
 Andrew Sekellick
 23 JoAnna Balamaci
 Mary Lulchuk
 24 George Freimann
 Matthew Jones
 Fr. John Vitko
 25 Aurora Thompson
 26 Ann Bumbak
 27 Andrew Espejo
 Dorothy Guba
 28 Kimberly Ahmadi
 Cathy Markovich
 Kelly Ann Meyers
 Martin Sieff
 29 David Lungociu
 30 Michael Kissell
 Matthew Joseph Sedor
 31 Rachel Arnold



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1 Maura Eileen Moser
 2 Heathryn Berry
 Madeleine Hardy
 Margie Johnson
 Michael Olynik
 4 Stephen Koopersmith
 6 Sara Rose LeFors
 Luke Prentice
 7 Theodora Dean
 Stephen Sielinski
 Jan Truitt
 8 Nika Nakshin
 10 Dn. Mark Oleynik
 Natalie Ticich
 11 Mat. Katherine Vitko
 13 Dr. Gerald Marti
 14 Claire McHugh
 15 Anna Hardy
 John Steger
 16 Adina Carstea
 Bryce Pierce
 19 Barbara Freimann
 20 Christina Kalavritinos
 Clint Purdue
 25 Ashley Hottle
 Katie Sheppard
 26 John Michael Niemi
 Mary Niemi
 27 Russell Jowell
 28 Kathy Rudin
 29 John Sokich
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