

We would like to ask parishioners who will be celebrating their birthdays in September to please bring refreshments to one of the social hours during that month. As is our custom and our hope that every adult parishioner would bring snacks to at least one social hour sometime during the year.

Those Parishioners having birthdays next month are Kit Brown, Archdeacon Vladimir McDonald, Ann Armstrong, Subdn. Jason Falcone, Jin Surber, Deacon John Satorus Woolley, Ken McCabe and Betsy Huseby. If you wish to participate, then please sign up on the social hour calendar in the parish hall.

*From the desk of Carol McCabe*

We had a successful Church Women's Retreat at St. Laurence earlier this month. There were ten ladies from St. Mark's and five ladies from St. John's Greek Orthodox Church in Pueblo. Everyone remarked how nice it was and how they had gained so much from the talks and leadership of Khouria Susan. (The ladies were pleased to give Khouria Susan \$400.00 for her ministry and her church.) It was a beautiful week-end and with the leaves starting to turn just magnified the many blessings that God has given to us! Thank you to those who supported us.

Carol would like to also announce that there will be a Church Women's Meeting today. They will be making a schedule of projects for the next several months. All women are welcome to come to the meeting, stay for the Mass and then enjoy the outdoor Parish Picnic at 11:30 AM!

St. Elias Orthodox Church will be hosting a retreat for teens, young adults, parents, teachers, home-schoolers and anyone who is interested in children on September 29th - 30, 2017. The retreat topic is Christian Education: Engaging our Youth. The "Dynamic Duo" that will be giving the presentation are Father James and his wife Khouria Gigi Shadid. The retreat cost \$15.00 which covers the materials, the sessions and the lunch. St. Elias is located at 7580 Pierce Street, Arvada. Pre-registration is required. Please call Fr. George at 303-949-5809 to make reservations.

Two of many condolences for **Mr. John Erger's** family:

"Dear Erger Family, our deepest condolences for the loss of John. Our family will greatly miss him. He truly had the best hugs and smile! He was such a generous soul of time, talent and treasures. I met him in the early nineties at his store and he always seemed to take time out to answer questions or helped me and my family (too numerous to count) as we were searching and growing in our journey of faith. We are so grateful to God for placing him in our lives! God knew we needed him to make our lives better. We will miss his chats. But, I know he is one of our Prayer Warriors as we are one of his. Thank you God for John and his family!

Words cannot do justice to the greatness of this man and his genuine humility and charity. I was PRIVILEGED to have spent so much time with John helping him at **John Erger Church Goods** and sharing meals with him, Sister Kate and some amazing friends. My catholic faith was reinforced GREATLY by his example of living his catholic faith and LIVED it. My grief is tempered knowing Heaven received a Saint. I will miss his stories shared over a glass of vino and the many wonderful Priest's and Godly friends I gained just by association. Johnny I will miss teasing you about "those Jesuits" LOL (inside joke) Pray for us. I am Blessed to have called you friend, till we meet again. LOVE."

Mr. Erger opened his church supply store in 1957 and ran the store for sixty years up until January of this year when his health started to fail. John's store is where we bought all of our devotional candles. It was always a pleasure to do business with such an outstanding Christian man. May his memory be eternal.

Service Schedule for Week of Sept. 24, 2017
Morning Prayer 7:30 AM Low Sunday Mass: 8 AM
Social Hour & Sunday School 9:10
Matins 9:45 AM & Solemn Mass: 10:00 AM
Parish Picnic 11:30 AM
Wednesday Mass 12 noon Lady Chapel
Saturday Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Saturday Mass: 9:00 AM



# SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

We serve the Western Rite as appointed by the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East, the First Chair of Peter.

Your prayers for Patriarch John X, Metropolitan Archbishop Joseph, Bp. Basil, Diocese of Wichita, Bp. John, Western Rite Vicariate, and Fr. John, Fr. James and the Rev'd Archdeacon Vladimir McDonald and Deacon John Satorus

## XV SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/SEPT. 24, 2017

Thanks to Fr. John Connely and Fr. James Tochi-hara for being our Celebrants at the 8 and 10 AM Masses this morning, and to Fr. James Tochi-hara for preaching at both Liturgies.

Following the first Mass all are welcome to join us for Refreshments and Fellowship in the downstairs parish hall at 9:00 AM.

**The St. Mark's Churchwomen will meet in the Lady Chapel at 9:05 AM today.**

The Adult Sunday School Class will be taught by Father John in the parish hall at 9:10 AM today.

The Teen Sunday School Class will meet in the library at 9:10 AM this morning. Thanks to Kathryn Reeves for offering to teach the class.

The Elementary Class will begin it's Fall term next Sunday. If the weather is nice they will meet on the outdoor patio. If not, they will meet in their regular classroom upstairs. The schedule for the Elementary Sunday School for the month of October is Sunday, October 1st, Sunday, October 15th and on Sunday, October 29th. Thanks to Dianna Cate for offering to teach the class on those days.

In remembrance of Professor John Branson, the children have been busy learning how to play the hand bells with the help of Dianna and Selam for the last several weeks. Hopefully they will be ready to play their music at the "Offertory" soon.

The Anglican Chant Matins will begin at 9:45 AM followed by the Solemn Mass at 10 AM.

Thanks to Kathryn Reeves for the "Bread of Hospitality" this morning.

The lovely Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of my dear mother, Marie by (Retired) Ltc. Mark Saunders.

The Altar Guild will be accepting donations today for Altar Flowers during the month of November. Please use the special Altar Guild envelopes or post your dedication on the Flower Chart that is hanging on the wall in the parish hall.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine Candle is given in loving memory of John Erger by Mat. Deborah.

**After the second service, all are welcome to join us downstairs for the Parish Picnic. All are Welcome! The St. Mark's Vestry (Guy Huft, Rdr. Bill Banta, Rdr. Andrew Diederich, Rdr. Stephen Greenlee, Rdr. Christian Cate, Subdn. John Brainerd, Shamassy Kristine Woolley, Kathryn Reeves, Debbie St. Clair and Fr. John) will be hosting the Annual Parish Picnic at the church at 11:30 AM today!** Thanks to the Vestry for providing the hamburgers and hot dogs and thanks to Khouria Judith, Matushka Deborah, Shamassy Kristine, Carol, Nancy Stuart, Mary, Kit, Mah-rya, Dianna, Kathryn, Natalie, Dana, Sandy and the SMP Church Women for bringing all the other side dishes.

Thank to Judy Primus, Kit Brown, Matushka Deborah and other parishioners for donating \$110.00 to the Hurricane Relief Fund.

Thanks to Ron and Natalie Lickteig and Matushka Deborah for last week's tasty snacks. Also, wanted to thank Ron and Natalie for doing such a great job tidying up the kitchen and the parish hall after the social hour!