

The Altar Guild will be accepting donations for Easter Flowers for the next several weeks. If you would like to remember one or more of your loved ones, then please let us know by writing their names on the Altar Guild Easter envelopes, that have been recently placed on the church pews.

There is also a sign up sheet in the parish hall for those parishioners who would like to remember their loved ones with an Easter Window Candle. For book-keeping purposes, parishioners will need to please make all Candle donations to St. Mark's Parish and all Flower donations to the St. Mark's Altar Guild.

Thanks to Shamassy Kristine Woolley and Matushka Deborah for this week's delicious social hour refreshments and thanks to Natalie and Ron Lickteig for last week's tasty snacks. We would like to ask parishioners who will be celebrating their birthdays in March, to please bring refreshments to one of the eight social hours during the month.

Those parishioners having birthdays this month are Matushka Elizabeth McDonald, Dana Huft, Natalie Lickteig, Gretchen Haskins, Shamassy Kristine Woolley, James Jeffrey, Chris Vaughn and Elena Diederich. If you wish to participate, then let us know by either signing your name on the Social Hour Calendar or by e-mailing Matushka at matushka.deborah@gmail.com.

The Lenten Food Drive continues today. Canned goods and bags of rice, beans, pasta and cereal are needed. We have put out a "Food for the Hungry People" collection box for those parishioners who would like to make a cash donation instead.

To support the St. Laurence Monastery, just do your Amazon ordering at: www.smile.amazon.com and make the charity the Benedictine Fellowship of St. Laurence. The monastery gets several hundred dollars a year at zero expense to those who buy through the program.

Thanks to Kit Brown for recently donating several boxes of Orthodox Christian books to St. Mark's.

L. A. Press offer the **new 2017 Western-rite Calendars** for the Lenten sale price of \$8.⁰⁰ for the XL Grande (11x17) and \$5.⁰⁰ for large (9x12).

As many of you know, Rdr. Daniel Brainerd has been busy painting the walls here at St. Mark's. When he get finished with the job, we are planning to have the floors steam cleaned to remove the paint stains.

Save the Date: On **Sunday, May 14th** Dn. James Tochiyara will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Mark's by Bishop Basil. After the Sunday Services, there will be a catered luncheon provided by the Church Women in honor of this special celebration. Closer to the date you will need to confirm attendance to get the numbers right for the luncheon.

The Editor of the "Lion" newsletter asks the faithful to recommend and supply sermons, essays, poems, hymns, icons, biographical/hagiographical accounts, for the April issue. We will go to press with fully formatted "Lion" in the last week of March. Fr. John can be reached at 720-323-7029 or by e-mail.

The Bible speaks of offering back to God the "first fruits," thus recognizing Him as the provider of all we are and all we have. Stewardship is making Christ the first priority in the use of the time, talents and treasures with which He has blessed us.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me and in God's loving mercy to save me... St. Patrick

Service Schedule for Week of March 19th

Sunday Low Mass: 8 AM

Social Hour and Sunday School at 9:10 AM
Matins 9:45 AM & Solemn Mass: 10:00 AM
Social Hour, Fellowship and Elementary Sunday School at 11:15 AM

Wednesday Mass: 12 noon in Lady Chapel

FRIDAY: Vespers of THE ANNUNCIATION 5:30 PM,

Mass of THE ANNUNCIATION 6:00 PM

Supper at 6:30 PM, Stations to follow at about 7:15 PM

Saturday: THE ANNUNCIATION 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, & Fr. John (jcc@westernorthodox.com), the Rev'd Deacons Vladimir, John, and James

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT / MARCH 19, 2017

Thanks to Fr. John Connely for serving as Celebrant and thanks to Subdeacon John Brainerd for being our Preacher at both of the Masses this morning. Following the first Liturgy, all are welcome to join us for Refreshments, Fellowship and the Adult Sunday School Class in the downstairs parish hall.

Thanks also to Kathryn Reeves for teaching the Teen Sunday School Class in the downstairs library at 9:10 AM this morning.

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

After the second service, all are welcome to join us downstairs for Refreshments and Fellowship. The Elementary Sunday School Class will meet in the parish hall at 11:15 AM.

Thanks to Shamassy Kristine Woolley for the "Bread of Hospitality" today.

Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church on 5610 Jay Road in Boulder, Colorado welcomes the Orthodox community to join them for their Sunday Evening Vesper's Service at 5:00 PM this evening. They will also be hosting a lovely reception in the aftermath.

The next Pan Orthodox Vesper Service will be at St. John's the Baptist Orthodox Church at 9305 West Cedar Avenue in Lakewood, CO on Sunday, March 26th.

Thanks to Fr. John Connely for hosting the delicious Lenten Supper last Friday evening.

This Friday, March 24th, there will be Vesper's of the Annunciation at 5:30 PM, Annunciation Mass at 6:00 PM, Lenten Supper at 6:30 PM and Stations of the Cross to follow at 7:15 PM.

Thanks to Mah-rya Proper and the Church Women for offering to host the Lenten Supper at 6:30 PM this Friday, March 24th.

If you plan to attend, please sign the "RSVP" sign up sheet in the parish hall today or e-mail Matushka Deborah at matushka.deborah@gmail.com by 12 noon on Wednesday. We are hoping to have a good turn out!

Do we have a host or hostess who can make and bring the food to St. Mark's on Friday, March 31st? If so, you can let us know your by signing the "Hostess" sign up sheet in the parish hall or by contacting Matushka Deborah by e-mail by 12 noon on Tuesday, March 27th. Don't forget to please let us know if you and your family are planning to come?

The month of March has been designated as Antiochian Women's Month. Some of the ladies in the parish will be serving as greeters as well as helping with the Alms collections until the end of the month.

Shamassy Kristine Woolley, Kathryn Reeves and Shirley Riemensnider will be our hostesses at a **St. Patrick's Day Fund-raiser Luncheon this coming Sunday, March 26th**. The Church women will be providing the entrees of Corned Beef & Cabbage and Lamb Stew, and are asking the ladies in the parish to please bring the Salads, Side Dishes, Desserts and Beverages to round out their tasty menu.

If you would like to help, there is a sign up sheet in the parish hall. The proceeds will go to the Antiochian Women's Service Project which this year's theme is called "Strengthening the Ministries of our Church." Free-Will offerings will be appreciated.