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Tone 7

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Eothion 2

24th Sunday After Pentecost

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. James the Persian in Tone 4

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For, since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Apolytikion of the Nativity of the Theotokos in Tone 4

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God; annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting!

Kontakion of Preparation of Christ's Nativity in Tone 3

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

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**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS
(2:14-22)**

The Prokeimenon: *The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Alleluarion: *It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name, O Most High. // To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.*

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**THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE
(18:18-27)**

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit Eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

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Holy Bread (Prospora) Offerings

Holy Bread (Prospora) & Coffee Hour offered by: *The Family of George Laham Sr.*

The Orthodox servants of God, that they may have mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation: Greg, Elena, Tyler, Brandon, Alexa, George II, Jocelyne, Steven, Mary Ann, Anthony, Michael, Kaylee, Sophia, Emily, and Tracie, David, Julia, Westin, Jennifer, Jill.

The Orthodox servants of God departed this life in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal: George Sr., Esa, Mary, Kaed, Sophia, Sam, Delia, Mabel, Norman, Jerry, Diane, and Eli, Mary, George, Sally.

Trisagion Prayers of Mercy *will be offered today for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, George Laham Sr. May his memory be eternal!*



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Juliette Abdayem, Mara Brown, Joe Carroll, Louise Casey, Tom Ellis, Evelyn Ferris, Maria Greene, Randa Haddad-Stevens, Esther Henry, Beverly Hink, Peggy Kolb, Marcus Kosjer, Shirley Kosjer, Andy Labosky, JoAnn Labosky, Marla Laham, Ray Lamone, Judy Lockwood, Donna Namee, Ernest Namee, Yvonne Nassif, Yevgeny Novikov, Carl Rogers, Duane Rosenbaum, Niki Salome, Gary Shanholtzer, Anita Stevens, Leilani VandeWall, Autumn Volhein, Kim Volhein, Jack Von Achen, Carole Willett, Victor.

May God remember all of them and us in His Kingdom.

Humanitarian Food Pantry Items needed for the Week of December 4th

Soup, Tuna, Crackers, Vienna Sausages

Announcements.....

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations: Jad Wolf (Nov 27), Thomas McKenzie (Dec 3). God grant them good health and many years!

Volunteers are needed for the Annual DUI Victim Center Candlelight Vigil. The Vigil will be held on Thursday, December 1st. Please contact Vicki Jones if you would like to volunteer.



Christmas Flowers

Each Christmas Season we beautify the temple with flowers in anticipation of our celebration of the Lord's Incarnation. If you would like to make a special contribution to help cover the cost of purchasing these flowers, please send your gift to the Church office marked "Christmas flowers." If you like, you may use the form on the table in the foyer to put the names of those you would like us to pray for, and Fr. Aaron will remember them in one of our numerous upcoming services. Thank You!

Needing volunteers for the Treehouse Christmas Party on December 2nd from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. which will be held at St. George. The Treehouse Mom's really look forward to this event each year and we are hoping to make it very special for them once again. Please contact Lynn Laham with any questions or to sign up or you can sign up on the sheet posted in the hall. Lynn's contact info is....(C) 316-648-9797, (H) 620-752-3707 or you can email at, davlyn@cox.net.

Can You Help People in our Parish?

We have several people in our parish who could use help during the winter. If you have the ability and willingness to help on an occasional basis, please see or e-mail Fr Aaron (stmarywichita@cox.net). Potential needs include: yard work (mowing, trimming, raking), housework, shoveling snow, etc. Thank you for your consideration.



Let Your Light Shine...Join a 2012 OCMC Orthodox Mission Team

Do you feel called to share the love of Christ with people in need around the world? Have you ever wanted to serve alongside other Orthodox Christians as a witness to your faith? If so, consider serving on a 2012 OCMC Orthodox Mission Team. One to three week teams, traveling to Alaska, Africa, Asia, Central America, and Europe, are now available. Applications are already being received so get your's in early. Visit www.ocmc.org, or contact OCMC Teams Director Andrew Lekos by phone at 1-866-463-6784 ext. 140 or by e-mail at teams@ocmc.org for more information or to apply.

Parish Council Elections

The four parishioners elected for the 2012-2013 Parish Council were: Dr. Bruce Ferris, Eric Namee, Richard (Dick) Zarich, and Paula Zarich. In addition, Claire Dannenberg was appointed to the Parish Council to fill the fifth vacant position. We pray for God's guidance for these newly-elected members and ask that God would grant them many years.

With sincere thanks to the St. Mary community for your generous support of the sock and shoe drive for Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage. Over 100 pairs of shoes and 200 pairs of socks were donated and will be gratefully received at the orphanage in time for Christmas! Your kindness and assistance in providing the basic necessities of socks and shoes to the boys will be always be remembered and appreciated. May God continue to bless you for your continued support of this special ministry-wishing each of you a beautiful and memorable Thanksgiving!

Got Bread?? If you have not offered the holy bread lately, we invite you to do so. Those who find it too expensive to do alone are welcome to "team up" with another person or family. This is not at all uncommon in the life of the Church. The book in which you may sign up for this is in the front hall just outside the library. Sunday s as well as special feasts will be available throughout the year, so please consider signing up today offer the holy bread for an upcoming Divine Liturgy. Thank you



To area Orthodox Christian Church Communities

The DUI Victim Center of Kansas was founded in Wichita, KS in 1987 through a small group of local parish members from St. Mary and St. George Cathedral to support and assist the innocent victims and families killed and injured by drunk and impaired drivers throughout Kansas. This early institution of the Orthodox Church in Kansas now serves more than 500 victim clients and nearly 4,000 court ordered offenders for prevention programs annually.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: We are searching for a FTE (35-40 hrs per wk) Victim Advocate whose primary job description will be to work within the Criminal Justice System on behalf of the Victim Clients and facilitate monthly DUI Victim Panel presentations in Wichita for DUI offenders. The position is grant funded at a competitive hourly wage and includes full benefits if needed. A Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Counseling, Education, Communication, or other people oriented skills is requested. Some Spanish desirable but not required, and understanding of the victimization/grief process would be helpful. Mostly, caring for a hurting people with the love of God would be the best applicant. The agency is an EOE. Please send your resume to 355 N. Waco, Ste. 220, Wichita, KS 67202 – or email to staff@duivictimcenter.com. Our website is www.duivictimcenter.com. Clergy reference will be appreciated.

Board of Directors Opportunity: We are in need of Orthodox Christians to serve on our Board of Directors. Currently we are seeking a person with some Bookkeeping/Accounting background for the position of Board Treasurer to be responsible for our many millions. The Board is also seeking new membership with some “Special Events/Fundraising” skills or Business background to join our team. Terms are for 3 years with opportunity to maintain membership up to 3 terms. A Job Description and agency “Case” packet is available to all interested in participating at the Board of Directors level. Please contact Mary Ann Khoury, President/CEO at 316-262-1673/KS Helpline 800-873-6957 for more information on this opportunity to serve the DUI Victim Center of Kansas. Clergy reference will be appreciated.

LOOKING AHEAD AT SAINT MARY

Monday, November 28th	<i>7:00 a.m. Matins</i>
Tuesday, November 29th	<i>6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis</i>
Wednesday, November 30th	<i>7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy ~ St. Andrew 11:00 a.m. Bible Study ~ Luke</i>
Thursday, December 1st	<i>6:00 p.m. DUI Victim Center Candlelight Vigil 7:00 p.m. Society of Simple Souls Book Club</i>
Friday, December 2nd	<i>7:00 a.m. Matins 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Discussion Group Location TBA)</i>
Saturday, December 3rd	<i>3:00 p.m. Teen SOYO 3:30 Stuff the Bus 4:30 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers</i>
Sunday, December 4th	<i>9:15 a.m. Matins 9:20 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Liturgy <u>Holy Bread & Coffee Hour offered by:</u> <i>The Family of James J. Aboud</i> <u>Greeters:</u> <i>Kirby & Cheryl Jantz</i> <i>12:30 p.m. Caroling at Masonic Home</i></i>

WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to Saint Mary Orthodox Christian Church. We thank you for worshipping with us today and pray that your visit has been a blessing. Please fill out the Visitors Card, give it to one of the ushers before the end of today's service, and tell us how we may serve you further. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in our parish hall so we may offer you hospitality and have the joy of greeting you properly. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, please ask – we'll be happy to share our Faith with you!