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Tone 8

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Eothinon 3

St. Barbara & St. John of Damascus

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Barbara in Tone 4

Let us honor the all-revered Saint Barbara; for she demolished the gins of the adversary, and escaped from them like a sparrow by the help and weapon of the Cross.

Apolytikion of St. John in Tone 8

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of hierarchs, O wise John of Damascus, by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 for Christ's Nativity in Tone 3

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the pre-eternal Word. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest. With the angels and shepherds glorify Him, Who shall appear by His own will as a young Child, He Who is from eternity God.

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**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE GALATIANS
(3:23-4:5)**

The Prokeimenon: *God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

The Alleluarion: With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me. // He set my feet upon a rock, and He ordered my steps aright.

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**THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE
(13:10-17)**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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Holy Bread (Prospora) Offerings

Holy Bread (Prospora) & Coffee Hour offered by: *The Family of James J. Aboud Jr.*

The Orthodox servants of God, that they may have mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation: Helen, Russell, Joan, Ashley, Brad, Stephanie, Jeanie, Eugenie, George, Meredith, Keith, Mary Martha, Clark.

The Orthodox servants of God departed this life in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal: James Jr., James Sr., Rose, Freda, Frank, Victor, Julia, George, Keeney, Mary, Norman.

Trisagion Prayers of Mercy *will be offered today for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, James J. Aboud. Jr. May his memory be eternal!*



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Juliette Abdayem, Mara Brown, Joe Carroll, Louise Casey, Roy Clark, Tom Ellis, Evelyn Ferris, Maria Greene, Randa Haddad-Stevens, Esther Henry, 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 11th

Soup, Tuna, Crackers, Vienna Sausages, Ramon Noodles, Fruit

Announcements.....

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations: Marcus Kosjer (Dec 5), Linda Morgan (Dec 7), Don DeBolt (Dec 9). God grant them good health and many years!

The Church School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm.. Following the great show, we'll have a Lenten potluck dinner and a special visitor. Please sign up on the sheets on the coffee hour table and let us know what you'll bring for the potluck! See you there!

The Humanitarian Ministry Team will meet on Friday, December 9th, at 4:30 p.m. in the parish library. We will plan the projects for the 2012 year. If you would like to become a member of this group, or would just like to learn about its mission, please attend this meeting.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!! OR, RATHER, IN THE KITCHEN!!!

We Will Be Making Greek Cookies And Baklawa Sticks For Our Christmas Orders And Need Your Help! We Will Make Greek Cookies On Friday, December 9th Starting At 10 A.M. With Enough Help, We Should Only Need A Few Hours. On Saturday, December 10th At 9 A.M. We Will Make The Baklawa Sticks. This Is A Time Consuming Tasks And We Have Many To Make, So Even If You Can Only Come For Part Of The Prep Time, We Would Appreciate Your Help. Questions? Call Cathy Fairbanks Or Tracy Namee.

THANKS!!

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.

Dynamic Marriages

Please see the bulletin insert regarding our upcoming Dynamic Marriages interactive marriage course for class information and testimonials of people who have taken the course. If you have any questions or wish to register for the course, please contact Fr Aaron (stmarywichita@cox.net). Please note that limited space is available, so be sure to register soon.



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!

LOOKING AHEAD AT SAINT MARY

Sunday, December 4th	<i>12:30 p.m. Caroling at Masonic Home</i>
Monday, December 5th	<i>7:00 a.m. Matins 6:00 p.m. Liturgy ~ St. Nicholas</i>
Tuesday, December 6th	<i>5:00 p.m. DUI Victim Center Panel Volunteer</i>
Wednesday, December 7th	<i>7:00 a.m. Matins 11:00 a.m. Bible Study ~ Luke</i>
Friday, December 9th	<i>7:00 a.m. Liturgy ~ Conception of the Theotokos 4:30 p.m. Humanitarian Annual Planning Meeting</i>
Saturday, December 10th	<i>4:30 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers</i>
Sunday, December 11th	<i>9:20 a.m. Church School 9:30 a.m. Matins 10:30 a.m. Liturgy Holy Bread & Coffee Hour offered by: AVAILABLE Greeters: Gabriel Stevens and Zac Oller 12:30 p.m. Bible Study ~ Genesis 5:00 p.m. Christmas Program</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!