

# The Scroll



## Sunday Services

Matins.....9:15 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:20 a.m.

## Saturday Services

Confession..... 4:30 p.m.  
Great Vespers.....5:00 p.m.

## Weekly Services

Matins ~ Wed. & Fri..... 7:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ~ Wed.....11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ~ Sunday...12:30 p.m.

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May 26, 2011

Att: Reverend Father Aaron Warwick, St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church

Reverend Father Aaron,

Christ is Risen!

We extend our warm thanks for your donation of \$2.155 to the Philanthropic Society of the Orthodox Church in India. Already your funds have been used to purchase washing machines for the St. Ignatius boys' hostel. The remaining funds have been deposited into the Society's account, and will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the boys' hostel. We are very grateful for your continuing support of our work in India, and for sending your parishioner Mr. Paul Sidebottom as a volunteer to help us at the boys' hostel for some time now in the beginning.

Please convey our thanks to St. Mary's and St. George's Parishioners who have contributed the above mentioned donation.

Asking for your prayers,

respectfully yours In Christ,

For The Philanthropic Society of the Orthodox Church

*N. Paradisi*

Sister Nectaria Paradisi

## **Beloved in Christ,**

In the Second Book of Kings from the Old Testament we hear an important story, beginning in chapter 22. By this point, the First Book of Kings has taken us through 22 chapters of kings, and the Second Book of Kings has led us through another 21 chapters. After 43 chapters we realize the kingdom of Israel has been established; the Jewish religion has been formalized; and there is a well-entrenched religious system in place.

We often think about ancient Israel as a society surrounding itself in God's teaching. We often think about the "Old Testament saints" and heroes of faith. We sometimes think it would be good to go back to the "good ole days" when people believed in God and country. In other words, we often idealize—or idolize—Israel of the "biblical era."

If we read the Book of Kings, and especially 2 Kings chapters 22 - 23, we see quite a different story. In 2 Kings 22, after being commissioned by King Josiah to make repairs to the Temple, the high priest Hilkiah *accidentally* finds the Book of the Law—the book containing Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. What is shocking about this discovery is the very fact that the "biblical Israel" of King Josiah's time had not even heard God's teaching in the Old Testament! Can you imagine: a well-organized social and religious system of God's people, and they had not even heard of God's word?

Unfortunately, this story is not hard for me to believe because today's Orthodox Christians, as a whole, have forgotten Scripture; or in most of our cases, we simply never knew it. Some of us are familiar with a few stories, but how many of us are familiar with the Bible as a whole? How many of you have read even one full book of the Bible? How many have read the entire New Testament? How many have read the Old?

In a culture obsessed with individual interpretation of Scripture, we Orthodox often react by overemphasizing "Tradition." While it is important to educate ourselves and our children in the Orthodox faith, we must never forget that the authentic Orthodox tradition is a **biblical** tradition. Consequently, we cannot understand our Orthodox faith without understanding the Bible. And we cannot understand the Bible if we do not even read it!

Our church offers many opportunities to study the Bible. In less than two years our morning Bible study has read and discussed every word of nine full books. The new Sunday afternoon study will move at a similar pace. At the least, each of us should be reading the Bible on a regular basis at home. Listening closely to the Sunday sermons will help us understand the context of the Bible and will make difficult passages more easily understood. In addition, I encourage all of you to e-mail or call me—or even catch me at coffee hour—if you have questions about passages you have read at home.

2 Kings 22 - 23 was written for our instruction. May we, like the Israelites under King Josiah's reign, be renewed through the reading and hearing of God's word.

**Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Aaron**

# BITS AND PIECES



## Shipley Baptism

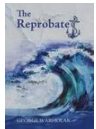
**Dimitri Shipley**, son of Matthew and Tara Shipley, was baptized on July 30, 2011. Dimitri's godfather is Steven Shippy and his patron saint is Saint Dimitrios. *Congratulations and Many Years!*

## The Singing Quakers



**Megan Taylor**, daughter of Jeff and Kirsten Taylor, has been chosen to be a member of the Friends University Singing Quakers. Megan is a sophomore at Friends, majoring in vocal music and drama. She is the granddaughter of Beverly Taylor of our parish. *Congratulations, Megan!*

## Notes from the St. Mary Bookstore



**George Warholak's** latest book, The Reprobate, is now available in our bookstore. This two-part memoir begins with a brief autobiography and in part two explores the more subtle nuances of the human condition. Stop by the bookstore soon and pick up a copy. The Reprobate can also be ordered from Barnes & Noble booksellers.

## The Hauran Connection

The DOWAMA Fellowship of St. John the Divine thanks St. Mary parishioners for their donations to The Hauran Connection. The funds, in part, will support your sister parish of the Nativity of the Theotokos in Maarbeh, Syria. Donations may be made at any time for all of the sister diocese programs by making a check to: St. Mary Orthodox Church, earmarked "The Hauran Connection."



THE HAURAN  
CONNECTION



## The Nativity of the Theotokos



- Wednesday, September 7 - Festal Matins ~ 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 7 - Divine Liturgy ~ 6:30 p.m. Our sister parishes will be joining us for our feast day. A meal will be provided and if you are able to help, please contact Randa Haddad Stevens.
- Saturday, September 10 - Great Vespers with His Grace, Bishop BASIL - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 11 – Matins 9:30 a.m. and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Grace, Bishop BASIL - 10:30 a.m.

Parish Family Picnic at Edgemoor Park immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please sign up for side dishes, desserts or drinks and contact Justine Nightingale if you are able to help.

# From the Ministry Teams

## THE SCROLL



### Next Issue

**Will Cover** ~ November/December, 2011 and January, 2012.

**Deadline to Submit News** ~ October 16, 2011

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**Send news items to:** [thescrollnews@yahoo.com](mailto:thescrollnews@yahoo.com)

**The Scroll is now on our church website:** [www.stmarywichita.org](http://www.stmarywichita.org)



## TEEN SOYO

Welcome to Nick Holwey as a new Teen SOYO sponsor! The teens, parents, and sponsors will have a parent meeting on Sunday, August 28, right after Liturgy. This meeting will be short, as we plan to finish by 12:30 p.m. for those attending Bible Study. Information about the upcoming year will be discussed and paperwork will be completed. If you have any questions, please call Vicki Jones at 267-3895 or 650-0658. Nick and I are looking forward to seeing all the parents of teens between the age of 13 (this school year turning 13) and seniors in high school.

*Vicki Jones, Sponsor*



## DILLON'S CERTIFICATES

The Dillon's Certificate Program is an effective and easy way to benefit our parish with a minimum of effort! Your Dillon's Certificates can be used to purchase groceries, medicine, gasoline and other services available at Dillon's stores. Dillon's will give you change for your purchases. Stop by the Dillon's table in the church hall during coffee hour on Sundays to purchase certificates. It's so simple and so easy!



## THE BELLES

The Belles of St. Mary will celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year. Please save the date of October 16th for a special anniversary banquet honoring the past and present members of The Belles. The banquet will immediately follow the Divine Liturgy on that Sunday. If you have any photos, minutes, lists of members, or any other historic information regarding The Belles, please contact Robbie Namee.



## THE CHOIR

Fr. Aaron and Khouria Gwen, Deacon James and Shamassey Rosemary, and choir members and their families met at the home of Michael and Michelle Shaheen after Vespers on Saturday, July 16th, for an evening meal and fellowship. The food was wonderful and the visiting was great. More recently, the choir has been preparing and practicing music for the Feast of the Nativity of Mary. We welcome anyone who enjoys singing and would like to participate in the church choir. Rehearsals are usually scheduled for Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

# From the Ministry Teams



## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church School classes begin on September 11 at 9:20 a.m. We are looking forward to a great year with a record number of students.

The Parish Family Picnic is September 11 following Divine Liturgy. This event is for all members of the parish and will honor the Church School.

Our Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Mark these dates on your calendar and join us!



## **HUMANITARIAN TEAM**

The Humanitarian Ministry Team wishes to thank everyone who participated in the annual school supply collection drive for our neighborhood school, Franklin Elementary. Either by your donation of supplies or due to your monetary contributions, we collected 69 school boxes, 92 pink erasers, 133 crayons, 64 scissors, 57 packages of pencils, 9 spiral notebooks, 44 wide-ruled notebook paper, 20 glue sticks, a bottle of glue, a set of markers, 10 pens, 160 folders, and 45 boxes of Kleenex.

The team is looking forward to hosting the Volunteer and Board luncheon for The Treehouse on Friday, September 23rd. We hope that we can become more involved with The Treehouse through these types of events.

Several of our parishioners have been volunteering at the DUI Victim's Center by registering participants at the Tuesday evening panels. Please let Vicki Jones know if you would like to help the first Tuesday of the month with this activity. We will also be asking for your help at the annual Candlelight Vigil on December 1st.

The Food Pantry continues to be a very important form of outreach to the Wichita community. It is because of your support that we are able to help those who are less fortunate. Please watch the weekly bulletins for an updated list of needed items. There is also a contribution box on the drink table in the hall if you would like the team to shop for you.

**If you would like to become a member of this ministry team, please contact Helen Stitt.**

*Helen Stitt, Chairman*



## Question of the Month



**“What's your all-time favorite movie and why is it your favorite?”**

**Paula Zarich** ~ “Ever After” with Drew Barrymore. I am a sucker for a Cinderella story!”

**Theodora Stevens** ~ “That's pretty easy for me. It's called Center Stage. It's a ballet movie and there are real dancers in it. Since I've danced all my life I can tell their passion for dancing so that makes the movie great. It makes you want to get up there and dance.”

**Kyle Shaheen** ~ “Probably my favorite movie is the The Shawshank Redemption. Great acting. It's a very complete, well-acted movie. Everyone should watch it.”

**Tom Laham** ~ “The Best Years of Our Lives, the Best Picture of 1946. And the reason is that it vividly depicts the tragedy and struggles of returning veterans following the dark days of World War II. All the cast and crew chosen by the producer were veterans which gives it even a greater dynamic impact, I think.”

**Alison Pike** ~ “My favorite movie is Dirty Dancing because I could watch it a thousand times and never get tired of it.”

**Deacon James Kallail**: “The Outlaw Josey Wales was the best movie ever made. Any movie that Clint Eastwood makes is good. The dialogue is terrific. The characters are engaging. The story is real life and I relate to it from my days in the Old West.”

**Matt Oller** ~ “My favorite movie is really a toss-up between Dumb and Dumber and Monty Python and the Holy Grail because they are both classically funny and quotable.”

**Amy Minks** ~ “My favorite movie is Cellular. It's one of those movies that grabs hold of you from the very beginning and has you on the edge of your seat throughout. It is suspenseful, funny and very entertaining.”

**Jana Laham** ~ “My all-time favorite is probably The Wizard of Oz. The cast is perfect! Who can forget Judy Garland singing “Over The Rainbow”? The costumes and set designs are beautifully made. It's a classic!”

**Joan Ferris** ~ “Gone With the Wind because every little girl wants to be Scarlett.”

**Jeannie Gerges** ~ “The Princess Bride because it's so sweet.”

# Cook's Corner

“Soup's On!”



## Italian Vegetable Soup

- 1 Tbsp. Canola or Olive Oil
- 1 lb. ground beef, browned
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 - 16 oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1 - 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 - 15 oz. can red kidney beans, undrained
- 5 tsp. beef bouillon granules
- 1 TBSP. dried parsley flakes
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- ½ tsp. oregano
- ½ tsp. basil
- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 cup frozen green beans
- ½ cup elbow macaroni, uncooked
- 4-6 cups water (can use tomato juice for some of the water)



In a large pot, heat oil. Brown and drain ground beef. Return meat to pot and add the rest of the ingredients except for the cabbage, macaroni and green beans. Bring to a boil. Turn down to simmer; add cabbage and green beans. When vegetables are almost done, add macaroni and cook until tender. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese if desired.

## Mexican Chicken Vegetable Soup

- 1 TBSP. canola or olive oil
- 1 medium sweet onion, chopped
- ¾ lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, diced in small pieces
- 1 ½ tsp. ground cumin
- 32 oz. low sodium chicken broth
- 1 - 10 oz. can diced tomatoes and green chilies (like Rotel)
- ¾ lb. sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into ½ inch cubes
- 1 large parsnip, peeled and sliced
- 2 TBSP. chopped fresh cilantro



Heat oil in large saucepan over medium high heat. Add onion and cook until softened. Add chicken and cumin; cook until browned. Stir in broth, tomatoes and green chilies, sweet potato and parsnip. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until sweet potato is tender, about 15 –20 minutes. Serve sprinkled with the fresh cilantro.

**St. Mary Graduate  
Evan M. Shaheen**



Evan graduated from Wichita State University in July, 2011, and will “walk” for graduation at the December, 2011, ceremony. He is the son of Michael and Michelle Shaheen.

Evan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. He is looking at several graduate schools and has a strong interest in neuropsychology.

*“My long term goal is to obtain my PhD. in Neuropsychology.”*

Evan has been active and held offices in multiple diversity groups including Kansas Equality Coalition and the Human Rights Center. For the past 1-1/2 years, Evan has enjoyed being a research assistant at the Wichita State University psychology lab.

*The Belles of St. Mary*

*Will Celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary This Year*

*You are cordially invited to attend*

*A Special Anniversary Banquet*

*On October 16, 2011  
Following Divine Liturgy*

*Please Join Us As We  
Honor Past and Present Members of The Belles*

*Please contact Robbie Namee if you have any  
Belles Memorabilia or Historical Information*

## The Society of Simple Souls

The Society of Simple Souls reading group was the outcome of discussions among a few St. Mary parishioners, some of whom had recently attended the St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by Eighth Day Institute. It was created out of an appreciation of the culture of fellowship embodied by Eighth Day Institute events, and a desire to have an eclectic reading group which reads sacred and secular works within the same framework of Christian vision. We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ladder, 2836 E. Douglas, behind Hannah Banana, immediately west of Eighth Day Books. The group is open to anyone interested in attending.

The group's name is taken from a chapter of The Flying Inn, by English writer G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936). Chesterton was a writer who cast a wide net by writing on many topics and in many formats including journalism, poetry, essays, short stories, literary and art criticism, and longer works of philosophy and theology. He was a serious writer who used humor and paradox to great effect in making his case, whatever that case at hand might have been. The "Simple Souls" of his book were the object of his humor as much as his serious purpose, so our reading group's adoption of the name is meant to convey this serious purpose (being simple) while also poking a bit of fun at our "seriousness".

The group's readings are meant to be as diverse as the writings of our exemplar, and will include writings from the undivided Church, classics from the Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant traditions, as well as writings by Chesterton and the Inklings (C.S. Lewis, Tolkien, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield), Dorothy Sayers, T. S. Eliot and others. We read the works aloud and discuss as we go, because this method helps us to experience the work in a way that reading silently to ourselves does not. We are currently reading The Apostolic Fathers, edited by Jack Sparks (other editions are also ok), and have been interspersing some short essays along the way.

The reading group has been incorporated as an official reading group of Eighth Day Institute, which has the stated mission of "renewing culture through faith and learning". We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Institute's work through their website if you are interested: <http://www.eighthdayinstitute.com/home.html> and there is a separate page for the reading group at [http://www.eighthdayinstitute.com/Society\\_of\\_Simple\\_Souls.html](http://www.eighthdayinstitute.com/Society_of_Simple_Souls.html) where you can see a calendar of what we have planned to date. We also have a facebook page...just look up "Society of Simple Souls".

If you are interested or have questions beyond what the EDI or Facebook pages can address, contact Tony Jacobs or just show up at the meeting.

### ***About The Scroll***

**The Scroll** is the news magazine of St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church, 344 S. Martinson, Wichita, KS, 67213. It was first published in March of 1974 as a newsletter and has evolved to its present magazine-style format. **The Scroll** includes information about our Orthodox Christian faith as well as news of our parish community. Deadline dates for publication are listed in each issue of **The Scroll** and also in the weekly church bulletins. Inquiries and news items should be sent to: [thescrollnews@yahoo.com](mailto:thescrollnews@yahoo.com) or to the above church address C/O The Scroll.

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### **Scroll Donations**

**Abdallah and Juliette Abdayem  
St. Mary Parish**

**George and Mona Kaleel  
Amboy, Illinois**



## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **September 7**

Festal Matins ~ 5:30 p.m.  
Divine Liturgy ~ 6:30 p.m.  
for the Nativity of the Mother of God

### **September 8**

Birth of the Holy Theotokos

### **September 10**

Archpastoral Visit from  
His Grace, Bishop BASIL  
Great Vespers ~ 5:00 p.m.

### **September 11**

Church School Resumes ~ 9:20 a.m.  
Matins ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy ~ 10:30 a.m.  
with His Grace, Bishop BASIL  
Parish Family Picnic ~ Immediately  
following Divine Liturgy

### **September 14**

Elevation of the Holy Cross

### **September 18**

Shippy Baby Shower

### **September 23**

Treehouse Luncheon

### **October 16**

Belles 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet  
Scroll Deadline

### **October 23**

Fall Festival  
5:00-7:00 p.m.