

The Scroll



Sunday Services

Matins.....9:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School will resume in
September.

Saturday Services

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

Weekly Services

Matins ~ Wed. & Fri.....7:00 a.m.
Bible Study ~ Sunday....5:00 p.m.
Bible Study ~ Thurs.....11:00 a.m.

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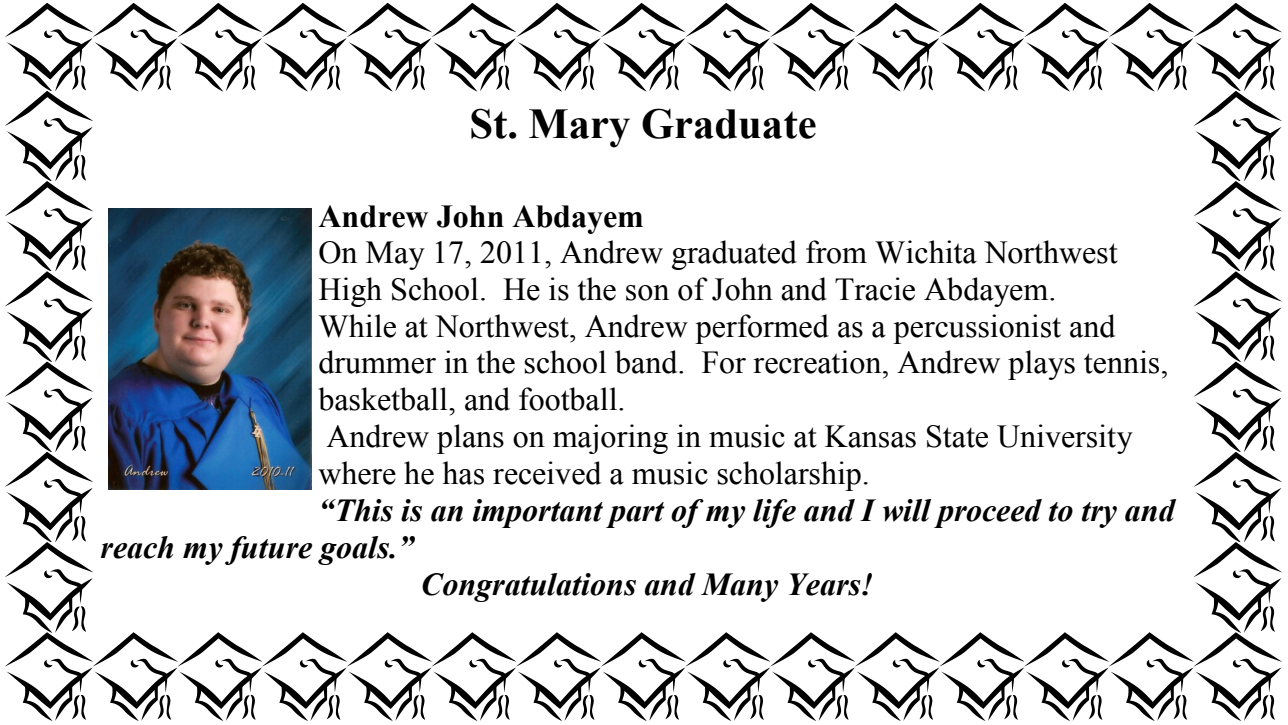
*PlusBits and Pieces and From the
Ministry Teams*

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St. Mary Graduate



Andrew John Abdayem

On May 17, 2011, Andrew graduated from Wichita Northwest High School. He is the son of John and Tracie Abdayem.

While at Northwest, Andrew performed as a percussionist and drummer in the school band. For recreation, Andrew plays tennis, basketball, and football.

Andrew plans on majoring in music at Kansas State University where he has received a music scholarship.

“This is an important part of my life and I will proceed to try and reach my future goals.”

Congratulations and Many Years!



Mediterranean Festival 2011

The Mediterranean Festival was another huge success. Since we decided to add another serving line, we needed additional people and we were so fortunate to have our daughter church from Hillsboro to help us out. They will receive a portion of our proceeds. We earned the same amount as last year which was \$25,000.

The Bookstore had a record number of people, along with the Church tours. Our parish family came together to cook, clean, serve and welcome our guests. God sees your good works. We are truly thankful for your willingness to help. La Galette made it possible for us to make meat pies. A special thanks to Tony and Micheline Abdayem. A HUGE thank you to Dick and Shirley Zarich. If I needed anything to be picked up, they were always there to help, and they donated not only financially, but physically!!!!

If you are interested in chairing this event next year, please contact the Parish Council.
In Christ,
Ro Kallail, Co-Chair

Beloved in Christ,

During our May Parish Council meeting, we set aside 90 minutes to discuss strategic planning for our parish. Although the Council came to some conclusions, we have intended all along to seek your input about the parish and the direction we should head *as a parish*. To ensure you have an opportunity to join us in this planning, the Stewardship Ministry Team is making plans for its members to visit the home of every active St. Mary parishioner. When the Stewardship Ministry Team shares with you the details of our planning, they will also ask to hear from you, to obtain your ideas, insights, and vision.

One of the most important questions we asked at the strategic planning meeting, and the question I encourage you to ask yourself in anticipation of the Stewardship team's visit: "Who are we?" Who are we and who do we want to be as a parish? Of course, it is a given we want to be Orthodox and follow the Holy Tradition of our Church. But how do we—one parish amongst thousands of Orthodox parishes worldwide—live out the Gospel message and our Orthodox faith here where God has placed us? That is our task as a parish: to discern how God wishes for us to touch lives here, in this community.

The Council recognized a couple of important aspects to our strategic planning, and these basic principles should guide our ideas and vision as we move forward as a parish:

- ◆ We are here to serve all of God's creatures and to share God's love freely. We wish to minister to others not because we hope to convert them to the Orthodox faith, but simply because God has been good to us and we, therefore, wish to be good to others. Rich or poor, black or white, American or foreign, Orthodox or not; we wish to serve the people whom God has created, with no strings attached.
- ◆ We are here, at 344 S. Martinson Street, for a reason. That reason, as we determined, is not because it is a central location for all our parishioners; it is not because our east-siders do not want to travel to the west side on Sundays; it is not because we cannot afford to move elsewhere; we are here because God has placed us in this neighborhood to serve our neighbors. As such, the Parish Council will be asking for your ideas about how we might better engage the Delano community—even just the block of Martinson street. How can we be better neighbors? How can we instill in our neighbors a sense that St. Mary is a focal point in this neighborhood, a home and center for all Delano residents?

As you can see, and as with any strategic plan, we realize we are "thinking big." But this is the call of the Gospel. The status quo is unacceptable. There are people in need of what our parish can offer, and unless we think and plan big, we will only be moving backwards. I encourage you—together with the Parish Council—to think big, to stretch your limits and pre-conceptions. You will receive a call from a Stewardship Team member in the near future. Please welcome them into your home and share with them your ideas as we move forward in service to others.

**Yours in Christ,
Fr. Aaron**

BITS AND PIECES

A Trip To Argentina

By Melissa Shippy

What do you get when you mix an Argentine Metropolitan and Deacon, a monk-priest from Lebanon, 40 college-aged Argentines, two Americans and 7 pounds of dulce de leche caramel? *Union de la Juventud Orthodoxa* (Union of Orthodox Youth) 2011!!

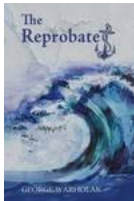


In January, my brother Steven and I participated in a young adult retreat organized by the Antiochian Orthodox Church of Argentina. A second retreat was later held for teens. The theme of the young adult retreat was the Road to Emmaus. We attended the daily cycle of prayers and numerous lectures focused on this theme as well as workshops on icons, preparing Holy Bread, and making prayer ropes. Steven and I had the privilege of chanting Divine Liturgy presided over by Metropolitan Silouan of the Argentine Archdiocese. In addition, we gave a presentation on our lives and our St. Mary parish and led a discussion on individual gifts and how we can use those to serve the Church. We also had the opportunity to visit a project of the Archdiocese which feeds and provides a kindergarten for over 150 poor children every day. Of course there was plenty of time for social activities, such as singing, teaching the Argentines the chicken dance, and an impromptu paint war! We feel very privileged to have taken part in the retreat and to now have such an extended Orthodox family in Argentina.

Simone's Baptism



On Sunday, May 29, 2011, **Simone Lucia Warwick** was baptized. She is the daughter of Fr. Aaron and Kh. Gwen Warwick. Fr. Aaron celebrated the baptismal service. Simone's godparents are Fr. Anthony and Kh. Ramia Baba of St. Anthony Church in Spring, TX. Her patron saint is Righteous Simeon the Elder. **Many Years!**

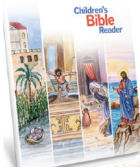


The Reprobate

George Warholak's new book, The Reprobate, will be released on July 1, 2011.

George's latest book is a two-part memoir which begins with a brief autobiography and then in part two, explores the more subtle nuances of the human condition.

The Reprobate is available now at: www.tatepublishing.com.



Notes from the St. Mary Bookstore

Copies of the Children's Bible Reader are still available in our Bookstore. This book vividly brings to life the central stories of the Old Testament and the New Testament and makes them accessible to children. There is easy-to-understand text and excellent iconographic illustrations which will illumine the hearts and minds of children and strengthen their faith. Stop by the Bookstore soon and view this wonderful resource for parents and children.

Cook's Corner



“Summer Coolers”

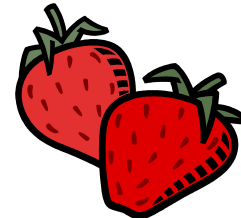
Tropical Slush Punch



- 1 ½ cups passion fruit nectar (or any fruit nectar)
- 1 medium ripe banana, peeled and sliced
- 2 (12 oz) cans frozen pineapple-orange-banana juice concentrate (thawed and undiluted)
- ½ cup cream of coconut
- 2 ½ cups water
- 3 ½ cups lemon-lime carbonate beverage, chilled

Combine nectar, banana, 1 can juice concentrate and cream of coconut in electric blender; cover and process until smooth. Pour mixture into a large freezer-proof container. Stir in remaining concentrate and 2 ½ cups water. Cover and freeze 4 hours or until slushy. To serve, transfer juice mixture to a small punch bowl. Stir in carbonated beverage and serve immediately.

Fruit Slush



- Package of 8-ounce styrofoam cups
- 12 oz. can frozen orange juice, thawed
- 12 oz. can frozen lemonade, thawed
- 8-1/4 oz. can crushed pineapple in its own juice (not in heavy syrup)
- 10 oz. can frozen strawberries, thawed
- 2-3 bananas, diced
- 1-1/4 cups of water (or to taste)
- 1/3 cup maraschino cherry juice

Mix all ingredients together. Fill foam cups about 2/3 full and cover with aluminum foil. Place in freezer.

To serve: remove cups from freezer and let slightly soften at room temperature until slushy (about 20-30 minutes). Or place frozen slush cup in microwave for about 10 seconds



Question of the Month

“If you could go anywhere in the world for your summer vacation, where would it be and why?”

George Warholak ~ “I would desire to go to Mt. Athos. Perhaps I would be further edified by the spiritual life there, not to mention the serenity.”

Randy Janssens ~ “This is easy! Zandvliet, Belgium, because that's where my family is from. They emigrated to the United States in the 1870's.”

Vicki Jones ~ “There are so many places I would love to go. If I can choose one place, I'd choose Vietnam. I have students who have come directly from there or they are first or second generation in the United States. I'd like to experience first hand what the country, people, culture and language are like. However, I am not going to Vietnam this summer. We are going to Maine, spending most of our time at Acadia National Park.”

Darren Minks ~ “My favorite place is South Beach in Miami. We have great memories of many family vacations there.”

Robbie Namee ~ “Well, the first thing that came to mind was Key West! I have been there several times and it is relaxing, slow pace, you can rent a chaise lounge chair for a \$1 and spend the day under a palm tree watching the waves come ashore. I found that relaxing! Oh.... and a tropical drink with an umbrella in it is always a plus.”

Justine Nightingale ~ “I would go to Carmel, California, because I have such fond memories of childhood vacations there. It is the most marvelous, magical place – you can hang out at the beach, get a tan, hike in the forest, eat great food, watch otters play in the ocean, and wear a sweater at night! But, the gals are dying to go to Hawaii, so.... we'd have to visit the sparkling beaches on the island before we came home!”

Alexa Zarich ~ “Anywhere tropical!! Because I have never been anywhere tropical OR out of the country!”

Kh. Gwen Warwick ~ “I would love to visit the Great Wall of China. I've always been fascinated by its massive size and by how it is visible from space”.

Evelyn Ferris ~ "Jerusalem and Bethlehem. I would like to walk where Jesus walked. That's something I've always want to do"

Zach Oller ~ "Scotland because I want to wear a kilt and it's a beautiful country."

From the Ministry Teams

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TEEN SOYO



Thanks to the teens who volunteered their time to help at the Mediterranean Festival. Two Saturdays later they were volunteering again, this time at The Treehouse. June 4th is the next scheduled meeting when the teens will be canoeing at Vicki's. As the school year winds down, the teens have been involved in sports, school work, music programs, musicals, and additional volunteer projects. Thank you, parents, for your support for us (Mary and Vicki) as we began the adventure of being Teen SOYO sponsors!

THE PARISH COUNCIL



Randy Janssens has resigned his position on the Parish Council and as Parish Council Treasurer. We thank Randy for his dedicated service and for the many improvements he made to the financial processes. In his place, **Darren Minks** has been appointed to serve on the Parish Council and to complete Randy's term through 2012. Darren was unanimously elected by the Parish Council as Treasurer.



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!

**Honoring Our Fathers
June 19, 2011
Happy Father's Day!**



Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS



June

2 Kaylee Laham
 2 Nathalie Salloum
 4 Mike Zarich
 8 Stefanie Abdayem
 9 Kh. Gwen Warwick
 10 Tara Patterson
 14 Angela Abdayem
 16 Alison Pike
 22 Matt Oller
 25 Eleanor Jacobs
 29 Lewis Kosjer



July

4 Cheryl Jantz
 5 Sonia Laham
 6 Freida Arbuckle
 6 Kirby Jantz
 8 Kacy Minks
 9 Hannah Zarich
 11 Emily Laham
 12 Mara Ferris
 18 Steven Shippy
 19 Lori Oller
 19 Virginia Rosenbaum
 19 Michael McKenzie
 22 Darren Minks
 23 Laura Oller
 29 Brian Minks
 31 Joe Laham

August

2 Lillie Nightingale
 3 Emma Pike
 8 Christina Sillas
 10 Nadia Abdelmaseh
 12 Mary Ann Khoury
 12 Susan Lamone
 15 Zared Salome
 17 Deacon James Kallail
 18 Jad Albert Wolf
 21 Justine Nightingale
 22 Eli Ferris
 23 Karl Beal
 24 Jasmine Abdayem
 24 Roy Clark
 25 Niki Salome
 28 Nathan Aaron Minks
 29 Adam Laham
 31 Ethan Kosjer
 31 Judith Shippy

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

June 2, 2001
 June 2, 2007
 June 9, 1990
 June 21, 1959
 June 25, 1977
 June 27, 1965
 June 30, 1990

Fr. Aaron and Gwen Warwick
 Matt and Laura Oller
 Mark and Robyn Zarich
 Tom and Shirley Ellis
 Deacon James and Ro Kallail
 Don and Valerie DeBolt
 John and Tracie Abdayem

JULY

July 5, 1980
 July 19, 1975
 July 23, 1988
 July 23, 1956
 July 31, 1999

Eric and Tracy Namee
 Subdeacon John and Jana Laham
 Mike and Paula Zarich
 Duane and Virginia Rosenbaum
 Joey and Tana Salome

AUGUST

August 18, 1973
 August 20, 1977

Wes and Donna Baba
 Chet and Judith Shippy



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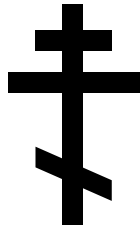
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Scroll Donation

**Ron and Loretta Youngs
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LOOKING AHEAD

June 2

Ascension of Our Lord

June 5

Scroll Distributed

June 6 ~ 10

Vacation Bible School
St. George Cathedral
1:00-4:00 p.m. each day

June 12

Holy Pentecost

June 15 ~ 18

Parish Life Conference
Shreveport, LA

June 19

Father's Day

June 20 ~ 28

Apostles Fast

July 4

Independence Day

August 15

Dormition of the
Theotokos

August 29

Beheading of John The Baptist