

We are looking for two or three volunteers to teach the Sunday School this Fall. If interested, then please let Fr. John know by 12 noon on Friday, September 14th.

Debbie St. Clair wants you to know that if you have not yet linked your King Sooper's Loyalty Card with St. Mark's Orthodox Church, then please see Debbie at the 11:30 social hour today. There is a ten step method of getting enrolled all over again. We found the Kroger web page was out of bandwidth and on permanent 'try again later' robot messaging last Sunday. We will try again and report to the faithful next week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let Debbie know. Thanks for your participation in the King Sooper's gift card program, and good luck with that.

Fans of EWTN are invited to this year's Family Celebration at University of Denver's Magness Arena on Sat, Sept. 21, 2019. You and your family can spend the day listening to inspirational speakers, meet EWTN TV and Radio hosts and spend time with leading Catholic authors! Some of the talks will be given by Dr. David Anders, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Fr. Agustino Torres, Johnnette Williams, and Fr. Joseph Wolfe, to name a few. It is a feast for the mind, the heart, and the spirit. Reserve your spot today for an event you will never forget. You can register online at www.ewtn.com/family celebration. The doors to this FREE event open at 8:00 a.m.

Given the many changes of e-mail, postal address, cell phones, discarded land lines, and marriage connexion and disconnects, with new births, baptisms, elevations, and so forth, our Valiant workers have advised a new Census to get our data base and mailings up to date. We will probably seek you out to verify all such in the next few weeks.

Please get your bulletin news, invitations, and notices by Thursday noon day to: matushka.deborah@gmail.com.

The Saint Sophia Chapel and Mausoleum at St. Laurence on Observatory Hill is nearly finished and has turned out remarkably well, beautiful, and as should always be the case, an enhancement of the natural beauty of the Colorado wilderness. Thanks be to God for the engineering skill, the original drawings and adaptations of design, and Sam the builder.

**From Travis Trant and his sons and daughter :
"Greetings Fr John!**

It is wonderful to hear from you! Please forgive my slow response. I have been traveling for both business and then pleasure for a family vacation. I have connected with Fr. Barry and we will meet up the next time he is in Tyler. I can't wait to see the icon. I am so humbled and honored by the generosity of our friends at Saint Mark's and their generous and thoughtful gesture. All I can think is that the gesture is so much like Ashley. I pray daily for her legacy, her faith, and her memory to be preserved in the hearts and minds of our children.

The kids are all doing well. They are about to start back to school for the year. We continue to manage each day and year as best we can with God's grace and strength. We each still feel such a huge void and heavy burden by the repose of our wife and mother, Ashley Sophia. It is a burden we will always carry. Some of the kids manage better than others. Amon, the oldest, and Anna Claire, the youngest, are the two who manifest the loss of their mom most on a daily basis. It has created some unique challenges for me as a parent.

We all remember with great fondness our time in Colorado and, particularly, at Saint Mark's. We have never found a church home where we feel as much a part of it as we did with Saint Mark's. I continue to hope and pray one day we will be able to return. I am thankful for the times you have sent, "The Lion" as I am able to keep apprised of the goings-on in the parish..." In Christ, Travis

Service Schedule for Week of September 8th

Sunday Morning Prayer 7:30 AM

Sunday Low Mass: 8 AM

Social Hour, Fellowship & Sunday School 9:05 AM

Matins 9:45 AM & Solemn Mass: 10:00 AM

Second Social Hour 11:30 AM

Wednesday Mass in Chapel at 12 noon

Saturday: 9:00, Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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; and Fr. John, Fr. James, the Rev'd Archdeacon Vladimir, Dn. John Satorus and SubDeacons John and Daniel.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Thanks to Father John Connely and Father James Tochiara for being our Celebrants and to Fr. John for preaching at 8:00 and 10:00 today.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine Candle is given in loving memory of Christy Reppond and Herb Koether by Matushka Deborah and Fr. John.

The Altar flowers are given in remembrance of my Mother, Lucille on her Birthday by Carol McCabe and in loving memory of my brother, William Robert Schlitz who passed in last August by Mary Rench.

The Altar Guild will accept donations today for Altar Flowers on future Sundays. Please see Carol and or Mary Rench to learn more about serving on the Altar Guild.

Following the first Liturgy, all are welcome to join us for Refreshments, Fellowship and the Sunday School Class in the downstairs church hall. Thanks to either Fr. John or Dn. John Satorus for teaching the Class for all age scholars, today.

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

After the second service, all are welcome to join us downstairs for Refreshments and Fellowship.

Thanks to Augie Proper and Fr. John Connely for providing the social hour refreshments today. We are asking parishioners who celebrate their birthdays in September to please bring refreshments to one of the Sunday social hours during the month.

Those Parishioners having birthdays this month are Ann Pinfield, Tamara McCrossen, Ron Lickteig, Matushka Diana Falcone and Mah-rya and Augie Proper.

If you wish to participate, then let us know by signing your name on the Social Hour Calendar or by contacting Matushka Deborah by e-mail before 12 noon on Saturday. Her e-mail address is matushka.deborah@gmail.com

Thanks to Natalie Lickteig for providing the "Bread of Hospitality" this morning. The Bread Schedule for the next few months is: Natalie on September 15th, and Kathryn on September 22 and on September 29th and Shamassy Kristine Woolley on October 6th and on October 13th and Rdr. Stephen on October 20th and on October 27th. It would be helpful if our bakers could please write their name and the date on their bread bags.

Thanks to Guy Huft for doing various clean up chores and to Rdr. Stephen Greenlee for hauling all the stuff that had been left in the St. Mark's parking lot.

*In preparation for St. Mark's Second Annual "Open House," Debbie St. Clair has several sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall for volunteers who want to help before, during and after the event. If you are interested in food prep, set-up or clean up, please let her know. The menu includes Smoked Beef Brisket, Hot Dogs, Cole-slaw, Pasta salad, Sliced melons and a variety of Desserts & Beverages. **This Vestry Event will be held on either Sunday, September 29th or on Sunday, October 6th.***

Thanks to John & Deborah St Clair, Fr. John and the Proper family for writing their names down on the "RSVP" sign up sheet. The list is on the oak buffet in the church hall. Also, it would be helpful if the Vestry members that are planning to attend would please sign up, too. We need to know how many Vestry members will be coming.