

Thanks to the volunteer who turned off the sprinkler system and to the kind person who reset the clocks in the parish kitchen.

Thanks to Fr. John, Rdr. Andrew Diederich and Matushka Deborah for working on updating the parish directory this month. Given the many changes of e-mail, postal address, cell phones, discarded land lines, and marriage connexion and disconnects, with new births, baptisms, 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:

From the desk of Rdr. Andrew on October 20th:

The new St. Mark's Parish Website is live at <https://westernorthodox.com> (It's the same location as the old one.) It has a fancier look, and has links to flocknote for parish announcements as well as being able to accept on-line donations now! Please see Rdr. Andrew if you have any questions.

We're moving to Flocknote to send emails and text announcements for Saint Mark's Parish. Some groups have already started in our beta test, like sending out the weekly Altar Servers reminders. We need help with getting current contact information for names, email, cell phone, and street address. It also serves as the basis for our upcoming parish directory update. You can self-register (or fix our import errors) at <https://smp.flocknote.com>, or texting "St. Mark's Parish" (no quotes) to 84576. If you run a group that wants to send information, or just have questions, talk to Andrew Diederich. Thanks to Lisa Taylor for the suggestion. You may reach me at my e-mail address:

andrew.r.diederich@gmail.com

Mother Sophia has moved from the Benedictine Fellowship Monastery to Fremont Home Care in Canon City. Her new address is 1425 Cedar Avenue, Canon City, CO 81212. I am sure she would enjoy hearing from her Church family.

Thanks to Rdr. Stephen & Nancy Greenlee for providing the "Bread of Hospitality" this morning. The Bread Schedule for the next few weeks is Rdr. Stephen and Nancy on October 27th. Dana Huft on November 3rd and on November 10th, and Carol McCabe on November 17th and on November 24th.

The **ALL SOULS DAY** lists are ready for names! They are close to the Sunday bulletins.

Thanks to our bakers for writing their names and dates on the bread of hospitality bags.

The latest book by Cardinal Sarah is a profound and straight forward "Jeremiad" on what has gone so wrong with the Roman Church from the Vatican State to the mud huts. He has known the bravest and most earnest warriors for the Catholic faith and he knows some today. He also watched the 'career' of Theodore Cardinal McCarrick who led the race to the bottom of worthless creeps of the past sixty years. ***The Day is Now Far Spent*** might make the cut for our adult Church School Class. We will look it over today at 9:10 in the Church Hall.

The Saint Sophia Chapel and Mausoleum at St. Lawrence 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. When a few gallons of paint can be applied the place should be presentable. God knows.

Rdr. Stephen Greenlee has put many hours into the project from planning to the building of the Saint Sophia Chapel. Bishop John blessed the place last month when he stayed at the Monastery for a few days. The whole cemetery was consecrated according to the ancient ritual about ten years ago. The ritual requires a large Cross to be set up and candles lit on the arms of the Cross. Then prayers said for all the departed in Christ with holy water sprinkled around the perimeter of the churchyard. All very solemn and ancient stuff. Lord have mercy.

Service Schedule for Week of October 20th

Sunday Morning Prayer 7:30 AM
Sunday Low Mass: 8 AM
Social Hour & Sunday School 9:10 AM
Matins 9:45 AM & Solemn Mass: 10:00 AM
Social Hour, thanks to Ann Armstrong today
Wednesday Mass in Chapel at 12 noon
Saturday: 9:00 Latin Mass



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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

OCTOBER 20, 2019

Thanks to Father John and Father James Tochiara for being our Celebrants and to Archdn. Vladimir for preaching at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM today.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine Candle is given in loving memory of Dr. James H. Campbell by Fr. John and Matushka Deborah.

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. The ladies could use some extra hands. You can choose to work on Saturdays or Sundays or both days. It's up to you.

Following the first Liturgy, all are welcome to join us for Refreshments, Fellowship and the Sunday School Class in the downstairs parish hall. Thanks to Fr. John Connely for teaching the Sunday School class at 9:10 AM this morning. We still need two volunteers to teach the Elementary and Teen students. If interested, please see Fr. John during the social hour. If they like, the children and teens are welcome to join the Adult Class 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 Ann Armstrong and Fr. John Connely for providing the delicious refreshments for the 9:00 AM and 11 AM social hours this morning.

We are asking parishioners who celebrate their birthdays in October to please bring refreshments to one of the Sunday social hours during the month.

Those Parishioners having Birthdays this month are Fr. Jason Falcone, Archdeacon Vladimir McDonald, Ann Armstrong, who is back in town, Deacon John Satorus Woolley, Patricia Meeks and Betsy Huseby.

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. Please get your bulletin news, invitations, and notices in by Thursday at 12 noon: to matushka.deborah@gmail.com.

Good news, Rdr. Stephen and Nancy Greenlee will be hosting the Benedictine Fellowship Annual Pumpkin, Gourd and Red Apple Fund-raiser this month. There is a nice assortment of produce which was home-grown from their garden in their back yard! As it is the Greenlee's custom, they did not price things....they simply suggest if anyone wants to make a donation to "BFSL" they could do so. To learn more about the Benedictine Monastery of our Lady and St. Laurence, the Retreat Center and the consecrated Cemetery, please go to www.ladyminister.com. Thank you for your financial support.

Debbie sends a big "Thank You" to all those parishioners who have sent her so many lovely "Get Well" Cards...She so much appreciated them. Also she wanted to thank her church family for all the prayers. She says, that she is doing well, however it's just something that can not be rush. She was glad to see everyone at the "Open House" on October 6th.