

Calling all Women of St. Mark's! Lent is rapidly approaching! Let's lift each other up this Lenten season and have some fun doing it.

#### Become a Secret Prayer Sister.

Fill out a Prayer Sister information sheet and return it in the basket on the table at the back of the church by March 1st. On Sunday March 8th, everyone who submitted a form will receive a Secret Prayer Sister to pray for and encourage during Lent. We will reveal our 'Secret Sisters' on Holy Pascha, April 19th. Have fun and be creative. The important thing is to keep your "Sister" in prayer all through Lent. But remember, Shh... it's a secret until Holy Pascha. Your Sisters in Christ, Tanya Diederich and Khouria Judith Tochiara. .

See Debbie if you want to learn more about the King Sooper's rewards program. There is no charge for the membership and the program is free!

The Altar Guild will be accepting donations for Easter flowers for the next few weeks. White flowers will adorn the Altar on Maundy Thursday and then the full adornment is done for Holy Pascha and Easter Day. Please look for their envelopes on the church pews and on the back table. Please make checks payable to the Altar Guild.

The church is also accepting Memorials & Thanksgivings donations for Easter Window Candles. Please look for Candle chart hanging on the wall near the food table in the parish hall. Make checks payable to St. Mark's Parish.

Thanks to Kathryn Reeves for providing the "Bread of Hospitality," today. The schedule for the next few weeks is Shamassy Kristine Woolley on March 22nd and on March 29th, Rdr. Stephen Greenlee on April 5th and on April 12th, Dana Huft on April 19th and April 26th and Carol McCabe on May 3rd and on May 10th.

The Sunday School book "Mystery of Faith" by Metropolitan Hilarion is available in the parish hall for \$25.00.

Please get your bulletins notices to Matushka Deborah by 12 noon on Thursday.

The Church Women will sponsor the Lenten Food Drive this year. The food collection will be given to the South High Food Pantry. Items on their "Current Needs List" are the following: bags of Masa, cans of garbanzo beans, mac & cheese, jars of jam, Cheerios, pancake mix, dried red lentils, dried black beans, cooking oil, toothpaste, bars of soap, body wash, pod laundry detergent, dish washing liquid, reusable shopping bags, condiments and oatmeal. (small sizes works best.) The school pantry helps students stay in school and to make sure that their basic needs are met so they can learn. Please, see the "Shopping List" hand out sheet in the parish hall.

Mother Sophia died 29 February at a hospital in Canon City. We offered the Requiem Mass Thursday morning at about 11:30 in the Basilica of St. Laurence. St. Mark's people, including Vincent Brechtel, attended and helped with her burial in the new Mausoleum Chapel of St. Sophia. That was followed by a mercy meal at the Lodge. Thanks to our Church Women for preparing Lasagna dishes, ready to heat. Khouria Judith prepared them and delivered them early so that Subdeacon Daniel, Cantor Alexander, and Fr. John could take them up there in our SUV, Lucy. A beautiful day at 7,600 ft elevation. Several of Mother's relatives attended with folks from St. Columba and St. Augustine parishes. Our Bp. Basil sent two beautiful letters to all the clergy of our Diocese regarding Mother Sophia's passing and her remarkable life of prayer. Thanks be to God.

*The 2020 Orthodox Calendars have arrived and are in the parish hall.* Unlimited quantities for a mere \$5.00 each until sold out. *Checks payable to* L.A. Press. Even generic 'Colorful Colorado' calendars cost more.

#### SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

MORNING PRAYER 7:30 AM

SUNDAY LOW MASS 8:00 AM

REFRESHMENTS & CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00AM

MATINS 9:45 AM & SOLEMN MASS 10:00 AM

REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP 11:15 AM

WEDNESDAY, MASS 12:00 O'CLOCK

FRIDAY, LENTEN SUPPER CANCELLED.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7:00 PM

SATURDAY: LATIN MASS AT 9:00 AM



# SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT March 15, 2020

Thanks to Fr. John Connely and Fr. James Tochiara for being our Celebrants and Archdeacon Vladimir McDonald preaching at both Liturgies today.

Following the first Mass, all are welcome to join us for Fellowship, Refreshments and Sunday School for all age scholars in the parish hall at 9:05 AM.

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 in the parish hall for Fellowship and Refreshments.

Thanks to Matushka Deborah and Fr. John for bringing the social hour snacks today.

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

Those Parishioners having March birthdays are Matushka Elizabeth McDonald, Dana Huft, Natalie Lickteig, Gretchen Haskins, Shamassy Kristine Woolley, James Jeffrey, Chris Vaughn and Elena Diederich.

If you would like to participate, then please let us know by signing your name on the Social Hour Calendar or by contacting Matushka Deborah at [matushka.deborah@gmail.com](mailto:matushka.deborah@gmail.com) by 12 noon on Saturday.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine Candle is given in loving memory of Mother Sophia by Matushka Deborah. SMP had a lovely "Requiem Mass" for her and all the other faithful departed souls. Thanks to Carol McCabe, Debbie St. Clair, Dana Huft, Matushka Deborah and Fr. John for providing the "Mercy Meal" in honor of Mother Sophia last Wednesday.

March is Antiochian Women's month! To ensure the safety of our church family, the St. Mark's Church Women will NOT be hosting a Pot-Luck St. Patrick's Day fund-raiser today. The ladies are hoping to reschedule the event. When we hear about the new date for their fund-raiser, we will post that information in the Sunday bulletin.

Fr. John will be offering the Stations of the Cross Devotions at 7 PM on Fridays. To possibly mitigate the spread of the corona virus, we will NOT be serving the Lenten Suppers this year.

**Nancy (Tao) Greenlee gave birth to Helen Danya Greenlee** at 9:55 AM on Thursday, March 5th at the University of Texas South Western Hospital in Dallas, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz and is 19 inches long. Rdr. Andrew reports that her mother declares her to be the most beautiful baby ever and that all is well with mother and daughter.

Rdr. Andrew Greenlee has long been a fan of the name Helen including St. Helen, Helen of Troy, his grandmother Margaret Helen Bowen Chaps and his great grandmother Helen Crane Lisle Greenlee. We are told that Helen means "shining light" or "the bright one." Danya is a Chinese name that Nancy's father, Ting, is fond of and it means "quiet and elegant." Thanks to Rdr. Stephen Greenlee for submitting this announcement. Baby Helen is also the great granddaughter of Rdr. Max and Bebe Greenlee.