

Calling all Women of St. Mark's! Lent is here! 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 Soop-er's rewards program. There is no charge for the membership.

The Altar Guild will be accepting donations for Easter flowers up until Sunday, April 12th. 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 up until Sunday, April 12th. Please look for Candle chart hanging on the wall near the food table in the parish hall. Please make checks payable to St. Mark's Parish.

Thanks to Shamassy Kristine Woolley for baking the "Bread of Hospitality" loaf. The schedule for the next few weeks is Shamassy Kristine Woolley on March 29th, Rdr. Stephen Greenlee and 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. Thanks to Khouria Judith for chairing this event.

Mother Sophia died 29 February at St. Thomas More hospital. We offered the Requiem Mass the following Thursday morning at 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 \$5⁰⁰ each until sold out. *Checks payable to L.A. Press.*

***** **ST. MARK'S is now producing a SUNDAY MASS Video** for the time of the contagion as are other Churches across the United States and the U.K. Our first Production is available on You Tube by going to :

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On the first page find the usual beginning of a video, click on the arrow and the Service will begin with lighting the tapers on the Altar and the English Litany. This is a low Mass for the Third Sunday in Lent. It was 'filmed' at St. Mark's with our Subdeacon Daniel Thomas Brainerd and Lancelot Andrewes Press worker Walker Christian Bailey assisting Fr. John. Lydia Bailey used the office iPad to good effect and then did some necessary editing.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

MORNING PRAYER 7:30 AM

SUNDAY LOW MASS 8:00 AM

MATINS 9:45 AM, LITANY & MASS 10:00 AM

SORRY THE DIRECTIVE LIMITS ATTENDANCE TO 10 PERSONS AND ONLY CLERGY AND READERS, CANTORS, AND ACOLYTES AND THEIR DRIVERS AND ATTENDANT SERVANTS ARE PERMITTED TO ASSEMBLE

FRIDAY, LENTEN SUPPER CANCELLED.

WEDNESDAY : ANNUNCIATION MASS AT NOON AND 6 PM, ATTENDANCE RESTRICTED.



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 22, 2020

Thanks to Fr. John and our Archdeacon Vladimir and Deacon John and the attendant servers and to Fr. James for providing a homily text. Fr. James is under self exile and so we will read his homily and put it on the recorded Video (see back page about that).

As you know, all attendance at Divine Services is forbidden by the Civil Authority. Our Metropolitan has permitted the Mass to be served with clergy, readers, acolytes, cantors, in number of ten or fewer. No Social hours permitted until these conditions are lifted.

This difficult situation may last several more weeks. So, go to the St. Mark's video on Sunday, March 22nd or sooner and see the Mass by going on the Internet to: www.WesternOrthodox.com

and the video is ready to play from the front page. This is what Metropolitan Joseph asked us to do and, there you are.

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.

The practice of signing up for snacks and letting Matushka Deborah know will be resumed after the present prohibition of social gatherings.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine Candle is given in loving memory of Mother Sophia by Matushka Deborah. St. Mark's Parish 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.

March is Antiochian Women's month! To ensure the safety of our church family, the St. Mark's Church Women did not serve a Pot-Luck St. Patrick's Day fund-raiser. The ladies are hoping to rescheduled the event. When we assign a new date, we will post that information in the Sunday bulletin.

At the last Church Women's meeting on February 23rd: It was decided to hard boil the Easter eggs on Saturday, April 11th the day before Palm Sunday, while the women are at church making the Palm Crosses. The eggs will cool overnight and the women will dye them a red color, polish them with olive oil and wrap them in netting after the Palm Sunday Service. The ladies who are bringing the Large Eggs need to check the expiration date on the egg cartons to make sure, that the eggs will not expire before Easter Sunday, on April 19th.

Nancy (Tao) Greenlee gave birth to Helen Danya Greenlee at 9:55 AM on Thursday, March 5th at the 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. Dr. Max and Bebe Greenlee.