

This Wuhan Virus is no joke and for those who are compromised can be deadly. One Lab in France have determined the damage is neurological and so more potentially harmful than thought. For safety's sake, please wear a mask. We have extra face masks on the back table for all. Col. Diederich sent out an email notice of the latest ramblings from the Governor. Very nicely political.

The "**Bread of Hospitality**" must be suspended during Plague. We serve the Life giving Word dwelt among us and Sacraments and Blessings today.

Parishioners with July birthdays are Mary and Michael Rench, William Coit, Father James Tochiara, Ed Pinfield, Fr. John Connely and Fr. John Falcone. Proper. The practice of signing up for snacks and letting Matushka Deborah know is suspended.

Thanks to our dear Church Family for their generous donations during this challenging time.

The Vestry have placed a collection plate at the back of the church & a button on the westernorthodox.com site for the technically savvy.

Father James Tochiara, who last month celebrated his Third Anniversary to the Priesthood here at St. Mark's, He served at 8:00 last Sunday at reports that he has been referred to a specialist. The Rev'd Deacon John Woolley is recovering from hernia surgery and expects to resume activity at the Altar soon. Prayers are asked for Bishop Basil who had a 'stint' put in an heart artery recently. During these several weeks of recovery Bishop Basil wants no, nada, stress and so has retreated behind the chancery doors, the loaded shotguns handled by the student residents, and the crocks are swimming in the moat. Fr.JCC

New ICON above the Altar is St. Thomas the Apostle and the other icons have moved around so they are all still there in new locations. The iconographer, Mary Gay Sullivan Coit, has a plan for locating the icons of the Apostles closest to the Altar. We have Ss. Peter, Paul, Thomas, Andrew, and plan to finish the whole number and keep going with the Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and

John. For my thought, I really like Ss. Sophia and her daughters Faith, Hope, and Charity. -Fr. John

Please get your bulletin notices to Matushka Deborah by 12 noon on Thursday. Her email:

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Kenton Scott Gallas, grandson to Guy and Dana Huft and greatgrandson to Carol McCabe went to Church after his birth for the first time on July 5th. He was so impressed with the whole experience that he did not stop talking all Sunday. As with many things, it looks like his Baptism will wait until most of the present Plague has passed over.

Welcome to St. Mark's Online Church. We may produce a Sunday Matins at 9:45 and Internet Mass at 10:00 AM today:

www.WesternOrthodox.com

THIS WEEK, THE MASSES OFFERED ARE:

SATURDAY Mass (Latin) at 9:00 o'clock this week. Confessions by appointment. We hope to continue the work of recording a tutorial for the use of the *Plainsong Psalter*. God knows, might work.

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V TRINITY, July 19, 2020

The Collect. (United States for Independence Day)

OETERNAL God, through whose mighty power our fathers won their liberties of old; Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Nation by Debbie Kay.

DEAR Lord, We remember today how blessed we are. We remember with gratitude, all who sacrificed and gave their lives so that we might have the freedoms we enjoy. We pray for our country and all in Civil Authority. We pray for revival, repentance, renewal, healing, and restoration of all spiritual and temporal blessings for this our country. May the changes we desire begin with each of us. May we find the grace of humility before Thee. May we live with the same faith, courage, and conviction, as those who bravely founded and fought for our Nation. We pray for the enemies of Liberty that Thou wouldest turn their hearts. With every patriot may we seek in all things to serve Thee and to find Thy Grace sufficient through Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory now and forever. *Amen.*

Please remember to protect your loved ones from contracting the Covid-19 virus by proper hand-washing, body distancing, and WEARING FACE COVERINGS. These are the best ways to reduce the spread of the virus. So, let's do the right thing and keep Dad and Mom and others safe!

Holy Communion in both kinds (the sacred Host, the Body of Christ) and precious Blood from the chalice will be combined by the Deacon or Priest "dipping" the people's Host in the Chalice and placing the Sacrament on the tongue of the communicant. For the 'Gluten issue' folk we are preparing four separate chalices. Please space out at the Altar rail.

Mucho thanks to Mary and Alan Rench for Altar Guild work this month to make the Church beautiful, clean, and safe for all our Church family.

The Altar Guild will be accepting Sunday flower donations today for flowers on future Sundays.

Thanks to Ann Armstrong for deploying her landscape worker, Gregorio, to replace six fence posts on the patio, to clean the tables and chairs, , to rake up the leaves, to trim the bushes and the decorative grasses by the front steps.

THE Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine Candle is given in loving memory of Peggy Matsch by Matushka Deborah.

The Vestry approved more video / audio equipment for the church. If member in attendance need a boost for the audio we have a simple amplifier that can blast the human voice across the space of viral separation. A tech enthusiast can set this up in a few minutes after pulling it out of the box.

The Colorado policy about 'essential' services including churches as well as grocery stores and big box shops and the Orthodox hierarchy direct that we keep the 25% rule for attendance and all the spacing of the previous regulations.