

# SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

An Orthodox Parish in the Western Rite Vicariate, Diocese of Wichita, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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## XV TRINITY, September 27, 2020

Thanks to Father James Tochiara for being our Celebrant and our Preacher this morning.

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 three or four separate chalices. Please space out at the Altar rail.

THE Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine Candle is given in loving memory of Katherine (Kit) Brown and in loving memory of Donna Grimes by Matushka Deborah and Fr. John Connely.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of my Mother, Marie Saunders by Mark Saunders.

The Altar Guild will accept Sunday flower donations today for flowers on future Sundays. Look for the Altar Flower envelopes on the back table of the church.

Let us hope Mary Rench returns from her multiple travels soon. Altar Guild work is not getting done outside the much appreciated washing of linens. The clergy attempts to carry on are notably lacking in many details. Who knew that holy water evaporates like the regular unleaded brand from the tap? And flowers wilt and need replacements?

There will be a St. Michael and All Angels Mass at St. Mark's this Tuesday at 12 noon and 6:00 PM.

The "Bread of Hospitality" must be suspended during the Plague.

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.

Those parishioners having birthdays in October are: Archdeacon Vladimir McDonald, Ann Armstrong, Deacon John Satorus Woolley and Betsy Huseby.

The practice of signing up for snacks and letting Matushka Deborah know is suspended during the endless pandemic.

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. 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 chats from the Governor.

St. Elias Orthodox Church will be hosting their 13th Annual Golf Tournament at 8 AM on October 5th at the Meridian Golf Club. The address is 9742 So. Meridian Blvd, Englewood, CO. Lunch will be served at 1 PM and an Auction at 2PM. For more information go to [steliassarvada.org/shop](http://steliassarvada.org/shop). Tournament tickets cost \$150.00!

A bidding prayer to our All merciful God for:

Our country ravaged by forest fires remembering those whose towns and homes are most at risk.

Let us pray for timely rains, and calm winds to succor those firefighters, pilots, and the bold young men and women who rush to save those in danger.

Let us ask for wisdom that all may be spared and that someday, somehow, the people of this country will learn to live with the powers of nature.

Let us pray for one another that now, and next year and the year after, we may live within the limits imposed by the great cycles of seasons, of winter and summer, seed time and harvest.

Let us ask to humbly acknowledge our small part in a great and powerful Creation.

Let us thank our great God for science that reveals cycles of the sun and ages of the formation of the seas and the dry land.

Let us pray to join Moses and the Prophets in wonder at the vastness of the worlds revealed to them by a present and awesome God. In all dangers and necessities let us pray for the increase of faith, of hope, and love that our brothers and sisters rise from adversity and attain to virtues, strengths, compassion, as better and wiser people.

Thanks be to God, our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom and for whom are all things. Amen. FJCC

Welcome to St. Mark's Online Church. With expert help from Reader Daniel, lent by Sophia and Andrew to service at St. Mark's, we may produce a Sunday Internet Mass at 10:00 AM today: [www.WesternOrthodox.com](http://www.WesternOrthodox.com)

THIS WEEK, THE MASSES OFFERED ARE:

Tuesday: St. Michael and All Angels

Mass at 12.00 Noon & 6:00 PM

Saturday: Latin Mass, 9:00 o'clock

Confessions by appointment.

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

[matushka.deborah@gmail.com](mailto:matushka.deborah@gmail.com)

*News from the Holy Monastery of our Lady and St. Laurence:*

On September 16th in the early evening, our dear friend the Rt. Rev. Dom James Deschene, lately Abbot of the Monastery of Christ the Savior (Christminster), reposed in the Lord after several years of illness. Father was a true gentlemen, devout monk and priest, and scholar of the writings of C.S. Lewis. He was also a link in the traditions of Orthodox Benedictine Life, reaching from the Monastery of our Lady of Mount Royal, through Christminster, to our own House, co-founded by the late Dame Sophia Roe, whose Solemn Profession Abbot James received in 2010. May he rest in peace and rise in glory... Abbot Theodore

Dom James had been supported in Monastic work by the late Rev'd Deacon Polycarp Robert Sherwood who personally funded and designed a chapel and monastic rooms with a kitchen and refectory at Hamilton, Ontario. Deacon Robert reposed in 2011 as is buried in the Southernmost of the three monumental tombs at the Basilica of St. Laurence. The work in Canada was entirely under the protection of Metropolitan Hilarion of the Moscow Patriarchate whose chancery is in New York City. Fr. John Connely mediated these arrangements in several travels to Canada. Our own Antiochian Archdiocese was incapable of any action regarding mission or monastic work in Canada. Like much of Orthodoxy, our Canadian Diocese is a chaplaincy for foreign workers and economic migrants.

Please consider purchasing a plot in the St. Laurence Cemetery or a vault in the new St. Sophia Mausoleum. For more information, see Rdr. Stephen Greenlee or contact [molsabbot@gmail.com](mailto:molsabbot@gmail.com) for prices and a map of the cemetery grounds.