

The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 9:05 AM.

Thanks to Doug Saunders for trimming the dead branches off the two trees in the front parking strip.

Daniel, Sophia (Cook), and Andrew Seehausen have moved here from Houston. Daniel is applying his skills to our need for audio/video of the Sunday Mass. So far the results vastly exceed all previous efforts.

Monastery of our Lady and St. Laurence:

On September 16th in the early evening, our dear friend and mentor, 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 gentleman, 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 travels to Canada and New York. 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 for prices and a map of the cemetery grounds.

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. Let us remember all who are in danger and necessity from the Wuhan virus, including the president of these United States and all those in Authority. Thanks be to God, our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom and for whom are all things. Amen.

The "**Bread of Hospitality**" has been suspended until the pandemic is passed by.

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

THIS WEEK, THE MASSES OFFERED ARE:

Saturday: Latin Mass, 9:00 o'clock
Confessions by appointment.

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XVII TRINITY, October 11, 2020

Thanks to Father John (Monsignore Gianni) as Preacher this morning. Frs. James and John will resume the practice of alternating from 8 to 10 o'clock Masses. The Rev'd Deacon John Woolley will travel to visit son Patrick and family in Maryland after a family event in Glenwood Springs and so not back on deck with us until 1 November, All Saints' Day which is a Sunday.

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 official 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 Dr. James H. Campbell and in thanksgiving for or the birth of Theodore James Brock by Fr. John and Matushka Deborah. His proud parents are Katie and Micah Brock and his grandparents are Guy and Dana Huft. He also has Sean Huft, Tyler Gallas and Emily Gallas as his aunt and uncles and Debbie & John St. Clair as his great aunt and uncle and last but not least he has a great grandmother Carol McCabe, so there will be lots of love to go around! If you would like to send them a card, the Brock family address is 2272 Lima Street, Aurora, CO. 80010.



Theodore (Gottlieb, Amadeus) James Brock

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.

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.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Ken McCabe on the day that he was born by Carol McCabe.

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 Churchwomen will be accepting donations of new "Twin" and/or Queen size "cotton rich" bed sheet sets for some of their guest rooms at the Benedictine Fellowship at St. Laurence Monastery. Kh. Judith has placed a sign up sheet and a large green tub in the narthex for your donations. Thanks to Lisa Taylor and Matushka Deborah, we now have one twin sheet set and two queen sheet sets. So, we are going to need more twin sets.