

# SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, November 8, 2020

Thanks to Fr. John as Preacher this morning. Frs. James and John have resumed the practice of alternating from 8 to 10 o'clock Masses.

*Armistice Day is Wednesday, 11 November with Mass at 12 noon.* Commemorations of the departed may be submitted in any written form.

The St. Mark's Vestry will meet next Sunday, November 14th at 9:05AM.

Thanks to Mary Rench and our Altar Guild for preparing linens, vestments, and vessels for Liturgy.

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 Ethel Louise Connely by Fr. John and Matushka Deborah Connely.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of William J. Matsch by Sandy Miller.

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 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. Khouria Judith has placed a sign up sheet and a large green tub in the narthex for your donations. Thanks to Dana Huft, Lisa Taylor and Matushka Deborah, for their donations of bed sheet sets. We could use a few more twin sheet sets.

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. The results vastly exceed all previous efforts. Daniel is available to discuss fees for filming weddings and other memorable events the faithful may be able to pull together now or in the time, we hope, after this Wuhan virus, the C19.

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.*

Another edict from the Civil Authority: Restaurants may seat 10 persons together and other establishments are either closed or limited to assemblies of 5 or fewer. All citizens are to wear masks except when speaking to the deaf or announcing matters of instruction.

Today, *Remembrance Sunday* is kept in the lands of English speaking Civilisation. Given the epidemic there is No Colour Guard serving today and restrained ceremonial as such. There is planned the reading of Collects, poem, and two minute silence. Many thanks to Archdeacon Vladimir for sorting this out. We were expecting Queen Elizabeth to lead us but then travel restrictions prevented her from leaving home. We will do our best as permitted. *God grant rest everlasting to the souls departed in Christ.* May they rest in peace.

Very sorry that it appears we were perhaps misled in the checks and books we gave in answer to the active solicitations of the Silverstream Priory in Ireland. The Rev'd Benjamin J. M. B. Andersen, is currently accusing the Abbott, Fr. Mark, who founded and built the place, of irregularities in the administration of funds. The civil authority are involved and Fr. Mark is removed. Boom! Is it fratricide or patricide or parricide? Dostoevsky come to our aid.

Bp. Basil writes: "MOST SINCERE THANKS to those individuals and parishes which have sent contributions for our Diocese's ST SILOUAN MONASTERY HOUSE. It has been over six years since the late Metropolitan Philip blessed the appeal to our Diocese which resulted in its purchase and furnishing. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation for its continued upkeep and operation, checks payable to "Monastery of St Silouan" and mailed to St Silouan Monastery House - 1328 North Tallyrand Street - Wichita, KS 67206." *We will supply a stamped, addressed envelope. Fr. John*

Welcome to St. Mark's Online Church. With expert help from Reader Daniel Seehausen, lent by Sophia & Andrew to service at St. Mark's, we may produce a Sunday Internet Mass at 8:00 and 10:00 AM today: [www.WesternOrthodox.com](http://www.WesternOrthodox.com)

### THIS WEEK, THE MASSES OFFERED ARE:

WEDNESDAY: ARMISTICE DAY AND ST. MARTIN  
MASS AT 12:00 NOON  
Saturday: Latin Mass, 9:00 o'clock  
Confessions by appointment.



Helen Greenlee's grand parents are Rdr. Stephen and Nancy Greenlee, her great-grandparents are Dr. Max and Bebe Greenlee and her aunt and uncle are Randy and Eddie Stout.

Helen Greenlee was baptised and received her First Communion last week. Sarah Greenlee served as her sponsor. She is perhaps eight months past birth and has perfect timing for her stage role as the adorable daughter of perfect parents. God knows. Andrew and Nancy and Helen have returned to Colorado after a sojourn in Brooklyn, NY and Fort Worth, TX.

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](http://westernorthodox.com) site for the technically savvy.

Those parishioners having birthdays in November are Nancy Stuart Steffen, Emily Huft Gallas, Michel Heenen and Rdr. Adam Surber.

The practice of signing up for snacks has been suspended during the endless pandemic.