

Another edict from the Civil Authority subject to revision any minute: Restaurants may not seat people indoors or outdoors. Family gatherings are limited to six persons. Casinos and Opium Dens are open to all. Churches are under restrictions. Other businesses mostly closed. All citizens are to wear masks except when speaking to the deaf or announcing matters of instruction. Symptoms of the Covid19 / Wuhan Bat Flu Bio-lab Virus:

Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or trouble breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headaches, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, and Diarrhea.

Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. Some people do not recover. Others do except for compromised memory. Tune in to Dr. John Campbell on You Tube for an intelligent review of the Wuhan virus and therapies. He promotes the value of vitamin D as an effective and cheap anti-viral therapy.

THE McDONALD THANK-YOU NOTE:

A heart-felt Thank You to the Church Women for their wonderful card and very generous gift to Matushka Elizabeth and myself.

Elizabeth is maintaining, she does have periods of forgetfulness, but in the main she does well. She is confined to her bed at this time, as her strength and balance are not the best, and she has fallen on many occasions. She remains resolute and positive, and hopefully in the not too distant future, she will be able to start getting up again.

She and I send our Love and prayers to all our faithful parishioners.

Matushka Elizabeth and Vladimir +

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! The St. Mark's Church Women are having their annual fundraiser (with a twist) a "Bake-less Bake Sale". Thanks to COVID-19, a regular bake sale is not an option, but we still need to raise money to help support the different charities that we help from year to year! Think about what you spend to produce something for the Bake Sale and how much you spend buying stuff at the Bake Sale (savings: the calories you won't be taking in!!). That might be the amount to make a check out for?? Send whatever you can, it will be greatly appreciated. Please make the check payable to: St. Mark's Parish, write "Bake Sale" on the memo line and mail it to the church or drop it in the plate by December 13, 2020. Any questions, please contact either

Debbie St Clair at 303-682-8864 or Carol McCabe at 303-663-0422.

Thanks to Shamassy Kristine Woolley, Mary Rench, Ann Armstrong, Lisa Taylor, Matushka Deborah and others for their generous Bake-less Bake Sale donations.

Carol and Khouria Judith needs your input. Please let them know, if you would like for them to organize the Fleece Navidad Service Project again this year? You may recall that members of our church are asked to donate fleece wear sets and then the collection is given to some of the happy folks at the Health Center at Franklin Park in Denver.

The real, specially made 2021 Church Calendars will be available this week (in the foolish hope the Mennonite Press does some work) as will the Ordo Lectionary for 2021. Thanks to Archpriest Fr. James Rooney, Deacon David Cook, The never Tonsured pilgrim Walker Bailey, and kindly Fr. JCC for hours of research in this category of 'servile toil.'

We welcome donations to the Monastic Fund, today. Thanks to our faithful monthly supporters.

Dear Heavenly Father, We gather together to praise and thank thee for the gift of Thyself, our God and Father. Thank you for sending to us thy Son, Jesus Christ, who lives in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for our faith, family and friends, for health and country, for the gift of life and for the abundant blessings and mercies that Thou hast poured forth upon us and our loved ones. Help each of us to be a blessing to one another. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THIS WEEK, THE MASSES OFFERED ARE:

Tuesday, Conception of the Virgin 6 PM Mass
Saturday: Latin Mass, 9:00 o'clock
Confessions by appointment.

SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

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Thanks to Fr. John for being our Preacher and our Celebrant this morning. Fr. James Tochiara is confined because of sick co-workers.

Today is Choir Appreciation day and a big reception is planned for 2025. Whoopee.

We have lovely Advent Calendars of the Nativity of our Lord in the parish hall for \$1.50. You are welcome to put your cash in the glass bowl on the bookstore table.

Thanks to Janice Sutherland and our Altar Guild for preparing linens, vestments, and vessels for Liturgy. The Altar Guild will be accepting Christmas Flowers and "greens" donations up until December 23rd. Look for the flower envelopes in the pews and on the back table of the church. There will be no Altar flowers during the Holy Season of Advent.

THE Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is given in loving memory of Dr. James H. Campbell and in loving memory of Marjorie Kirk, by Matushka Deborah.

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.

Bishop Basil offers his sincere thanks to Alan and Mary Rench, Rdr. Stephen and Nancy Greenlee, Rdr. Christian Cate, Father John and others for contributing funds for the up-keep of the St. Silouan Monastery in Wichita, Kansas.

Thanks to Debbie St. Clair, Dana Huft, Lisa Taylor and Matushka Deborah, for their donations of bed sheet sets for some of the guest rooms at the Benedictine Fellowship of St. Laurence Monastery. Thanks to Khouria Judith for arranging this project.

Thanks to our dear Church Family for their continual financial support during these difficult times.

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

Those parishioners having birthdays in December are Skylar Kelly, Shirley Riemensnider, Tanya & Sarah Diederich, Debbie St. Clair, Guy Huft, Kathryn Reeves, Margaret Murray, Sandy Miller, Debbie Vaughn and Sandy Miller.

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

Matushka Deborah has put out a new Christmas Window Sign up sheet that is hanging on the wall in the parish hall. Please, write (T) for Thanksgiving and or (M) for Memorial by your loved ones name.

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.