

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

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

Symptoms of the Covid19 / Wuhan 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 and Zinc as an effective and cheap anti-viral therapy.

The practice of signing up for snacks has been suspended.

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 +*

Thanks to Carol McCabe, Khouria Judith Tochiara, Debbie St. Clair, Dana Huft, Emily Gallas and Laurie Baker for contributing to the Fleece Navidad Service Project during this season of Advent. Since Ann from the the Health Center at Franklin Park gave us fewer names this year, the Church Women are asking members of our church to consider donating whatever you would have have spent on the fleece wear sets to our Bake-less Bake Sale instead.

The real, specially made in the USA [2021 Church Calendars](#) are for sale as is the [Ordo/Lectionary for 2021](#). The prices are [\\$8.00 for the Calendars & \\$20.00 for the Ordo/Lectionary](#).

Many thanks to Mary and Alan Rench, Rdr. Stephen and Nancy Greenlee, Mike and Betsy Huseby, Carol McCabe, Guy and Dana Huft, Fr. John and Matushka Deborah and others for their generous donations to the following monasteries in 2020:

The Benedictine Fellowship of St. Laurence of Talahassee, CO, The Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Monastery of Lake George, CO, Our Lady of Zazan Skete of Santa Rosa, CA, St. Babara Monastery of Santa Paula, CA, St. Paul's Orthodox Skete of Grand Junction, TN, Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery of Otego, NY, St. Nilus Island Skete of Ouzinkle, AK, Monastery of the Holy Archangel Michael, Canones, NM, Abbey of St. Walburga, Virginia Dale, CO, Monastery of the Transfiguration, Ellwood City, PA and Our Lady of the Angels Adoration Monastery in Irondale, AL. We do so appreciate their prayers for our St. Mark's family of odd and odder enlightened specimens of humanity. Thanks to God.

**DECEMBER 24TH, THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**5:00 PM Mass of the Christmas Vigil with blessing of the Christmas Crib, Hymns & Sermon**

**6:15 PM abbreviated Evensong, First of Christmas Day**

**6:30 PM Lessons and Carols in the English Collegiate tradition**

**7:00 PM Christmas Mass "In the Night" with crib blessing, Hymns, and Sermon**

**DECEMBER 25TH, FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY:**

**10:30 AM Morning Prayer with Psalms and Canticles chanted**

**11:00 AM Christmas Mass with Hymns**

THIS WEEK, THE MASSES OFFERED ARE:

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

# SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

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Thanks to Fr. John for serving as Preacher and our Celebrant this morning. Fr. James Tochiara is yet to be verified as out of containment.

There will be a Vestry Meeting at 9:05 AM this morning. Please see Guy Huft for the location of the meeting.

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 Flower donations up until Sunday, December 23rd. Look for the flower envelopes in the pews and on the back table of the church. There are no Altar flowers during the Holy Season of Advent.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is given in thanksgiving for our Church Family by Fr. John and Matushka Deborah Connely.

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.

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" today. 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?? All size donations 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 this morning. Thanks to Ron & Natalie Lickteig, Rdr. Stephen & Nancy Greenlee, Debbie & John St. Clair, Dana & Guy Huft, Shirley Riemensnider, Dn. John & Shamassy Kristine Woolley, Mary & Alan Rench, Ann Armstrong, Lisa Taylor, Matushka Deborah and others for their generous Bake-less Bake Sale donations.

Matushka Deborah has put up a Christmas Sign up sheet for Advent Candles, Altar Candles and for Christmas Devotional Candles. The sheet is hanging on the wall in the parish hall. Please, write (T) for Thanksgiving and or (M) for Memorial by your loved ones names.

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 and Retreat Center. Thanks to Khouria Judith for arranging this project.