

Smile.Amazon.com lets you designate a charity that gets a 0.5% reward from your shopping 'on line' at Amazon. Our business & personal shopping got \$359.54 sent to Benedictine Fellowship in Q3, 2020. -fr. John

The real, specially made in the USA 2021 Church Calendars are for sale as is the Ordo/Lectiary for 2021. The prices are \$8.00 for the Calendars & \$20.00 for the Ordo/Lectiary. Please look for them in the Narthex. Make your checks payable to L.A. Press and if you like you are welcome to drop your check in the offertory plate.

The Vestry have placed a offertory plate at the back of the church and a button on the [westernorthodox.com](http://westernorthodox.com) site for the technically savvy. Thanks to our dear Church Family for their continual financial support during these difficult times.

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.

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 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 spent on the fleece wear sets to our Bake-less Bake Sale instead.

Congratulations to Pastor Mark Hotaling of the High Plains Harvest Church in Colorado Springs for challenging Governor Polis that places of worship are "essential" under the law. The long and short of the ruling is that you can have more members attend your church services, however you will still have to wear a mask, follow the 6 foot social distancing rule and wash your hands frequently.

The LION Advent 2020 is available on our WesternOrthodox.com internet site, somehow. We plan to have printed copies soon. The 2021 Pledge letter and form are available today close to the Sunday bulletins. Very old fashioned idea: you control your money and give to what you choose... a 'market economy' as we say. God knows.

**THIS WEEK, THE MASSES OFFERED ARE:**

**Monday: St. Thomas Apostle, Mass 6:00 PM**

**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**

**December 26th, Saturday, St. Stephen 9:00 AM Confessions by appointment.**

# SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

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## IV ADVENT, 20 December 2020

Thanks to Archdeacon Vladimir for serving as Preacher and Fr. John as Celebrant this morning. Fr. James Tochiara is recovering at a Swiss Spa.

Thanks to our Altar Guild for preparing linens, vestments, and vessels for Liturgy. The Altar Guild will be accepting Christmas Flower donations today and tomorrow by 5 PM. Look for the flower envelopes in the pews and on the back table of the church.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is given in loving memory of all of our departed Church Members 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.

Thanks to Nancy Stuart Steffen, Rdr. Andrew Diederich, 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. The \$655.00 proceeds will be used for some of the Church Women's favorite charities both here and abroad.

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 above the water fountain in the parish hall. Please, write (T) for Thanksgiving and or (M) for Memorial by your loved ones names. Please make Candle donations to St. Mark's Parish.

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.

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 Connely and others for their generous donations to the following monasteries in 2020:

The Benedictine Fellowship of St. Laurence of Tallahassee, 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 Church Family.