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Your generous donations of books are now organized and set on brand new shelves, thanks to a handful of dedicated volunteers.

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July's VBS Enjoyed by Children and Teachers

MINISTRY REPORT | DAVID D.



Pictured: on Saturday, July 9, kids brought a change of clothes so they could enjoy a water balloon fight.



Our parish children took a "break from their break" on July 8, 9, and 10 for our annual Vacation Church School. McKensie K. again organized the event, with the assistance of Nicole F., Amy B., Betsy B., and David D. The weekend camp invited children to explore their Orthodox faith and deepen their relationship with God through hands-on activities and discussion.

We all had a wonderful time learning with St. Mary's youth, and we appreciate the parents who brought their children each day. I'm confident many memories were formed and friendships strengthened through our prayer time, activities, and the fun activities organized by Betsy Berry in the "Church Kids' Club." ✝



God grant you many years!

Don't see your name? Join us on Realm and fill out your profile. If you include your birthday, nameday, and/or wedding date, you'll see them here.

BIRTHDAYS

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| Cristina B. | Elspeth G. | Christopher M. |
| Tudor A. | William J. | Andra P. |
| Natnael A. | Nicholas K. | Shannon R. |
| Maria A. | Ken L. | Juliana S. |
| Maria B. | David M. | Katie W. |

NAMEDAYS

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| Susan F. |
| Nathalie A. |
| Adrian A. |
| Talia B. |

Susan F.
Maria L.
Alex W.

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Jeff & Eva | Mircea & Maria |
| Jonathan & Lori | Zachary & Sophia |
| Nick & Emilia | Fr. David & Psa. Stephanie |
| | George & Eleni |



ST. MARY ORTHODOX
Church School
2022-2023

Registration is open!

St. Mary Orthodox Church is pleased to invite all the children of the parish to Church School for the 2022-2023 school year! We are looking forward to another enriching year of education and practice of our faith, which guides our lives.

Parents, you can register your children on Realm or at the Ministry Fair on Sept 11. School starts Sept 18.

[Find the Registration Event on Realm.](#)



Adult Catechism I: The Faith

Registration is open!

Catechumens — the **Adult Catechism** virtual class begins this fall on Saturday, September 17th. Register on Realm to get the class link and syllabus. This course will help you articulate the history, purpose, value, and meaning of the Eastern Orthodox Church's dogma and doctrine as stated in the Nicene Creed.

[Click Here to Register on Realm](#)



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 31 9am Matins 10am Liturgy 11:30am Memorial: Zimmerli | 1 7pm-8pm Paraclesis | 2 7pm-8pm Paraclesis | 3 7pm-8pm Paraclesis | 4 7pm-8pm Paraclesis | 5 12pm-1pm Philokalia Book Group 7pm-8pm Great Vespers | 6 Great Feast of Transfiguration 9am Baptism: Judd 10am Festal Liturgy 4:30pm Memorial 5pm-6pm Great Vespers |
| DORMITION FAST (August 1-14) | | | | | | |
| 7 9am Matins 10am Liturgy | 8 7pm-8:30pm Parish Council | 9 St. Herman of Alaska 7pm-8pm Paraclesis | 10 7pm-8pm Paraclesis | 11 7pm-8pm Paraclesis | 12 12pm-1pm Philokalia Book Group 7pm-8pm Paraclesis | 13 5pm-6pm Great Vespers with Group Confession 6pm-7:30pm Newly-Planted Fellowship |
| DORMITION FAST (Aug. 1-14) | | | | | | |
| 14 9am Matins 10am Liturgy 5pm-7pm Vigil of the Dormition | 15 Great Feast of the Dormition 10am-11:30am Festal Liturgy | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 12pm-1pm Philokalia Book Group | 20 5pm YAM Game Night @ St. Nina's |
| OFFICE CLOSED (Aug. 16-20) | | | | | | |
| 21 9am Matins 10am Liturgy | 22 | 23 | 24 7pm-7:40pm Vespers with Churching | 25 | 26 12pm-1pm Philokalia Book Group | 27 11am-12pm Baptism: Oberlin |
| 28 9am Matins 10am Liturgy | 15 Beheading of St. John (strict fast) | 30 | 31 7pm-8pm Great Vespers | 1 Church New Year 7am-8am Divine Liturgy | 2 12pm-1pm Philokalia Book Group | 3 |

Events are subject to change. Please check the online calendar at stmaryorthodox.org/calendar for the most updated listings. Most services are streamed online on Zoom, YouTube, and StreamingChurch. Find the streaming links on the calendar, and the Zoom password on Realm.



New Books Line New Bookshelves in the Parish Library

NEWS | ILEANA C.

On Saturday, June 4 and Saturday, June 11, during the church event **Love Your Library**, Ileana C., Cindy S., Betsy B., J. Jacobson, and Fr. David worked together to shelve all of the new donations to St. Mary's library with all of the existing library books. As a result, St. Mary's library is now twice the library and twice the fun for reading.

Instructions for the new check-out system are posted in the library, and if you have any questions, please contact Ileana C. at imciobanu@yahoo.com. In addition, now that all of the previous

donations have been processed, additional donations are welcome. Please contact Ileana C. if you will be donating additional books, so she can quickly process and add them to the library.

The **Love Your Library** event would not have been possible without the very generous donations of new library bookcases from Todd S. and Elizabeth S. The event would also not have been possible without the efforts of Sdn. Bogdan, who stained the new library bookcases and affixed them to the walls to keep them secure.

Happy reading, parishioners! ✂



St. Mary's at the Ballpark: Parishioners Enjoy a Day Out at the Nats Game



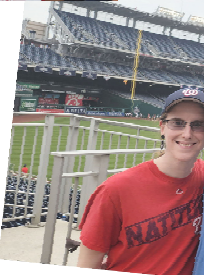
MINISTRY REPORT | CHRISTINA J.

On Sunday, July 17, a group of forty parishioners from St. Mary's attended a Washington Nationals home game against the Atlanta Braves, a division rival. Attending a "Nats game" is a summer tradition in the St. Mary community, and this year's group was just as ea-

ger to attend as ever.

This was the last game before the All-Star break. Victor Robles hit a home run at the bottom of the 2nd inning and Juan Soto, who participated in this year's All-Star game and won the home run derby, hit a home run in the 8th inning. It was a very humid day, but

everyone had a great time. Several kids from our parish also took advantage of a special deal and received free hot dogs! We were excited to see the Nationals snap a nine game losing streak with a 7-3 win over their rival just before the break! ✂



Upcoming Events

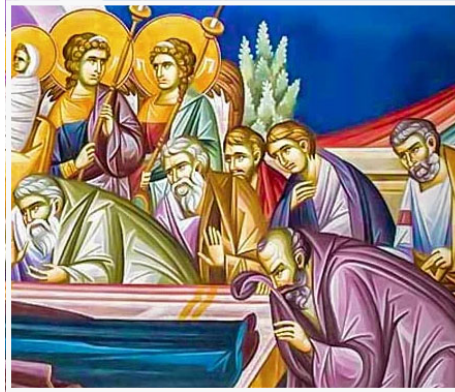
Join us in service, worship, learning, spiritual enrichment, and fellowship!



NPF: Newly-Planted Fellowship

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 @ 6PM-7PM

Young in the faith? Fr. David invites you to explore Orthodoxy and life over a potluck dinner on the second Saturday of each month. This is especially geared towards those who are exploring Orthodoxy, are in the catechumenate, are still relatively new to the faith, or if you're a cradle discovering the depths of the faith. RSVPs on Realm are appreciated! Contact Ken L. with any questions.



Festal Liturgy for the Dormition of the Mother of God

MONDAY, AUGUST 15 @ 10AM-11:30

Celebrate the falling asleep of the Mother of God with the St. Mary community! The Dormition of the Theotokos is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church.



YAM: Game Night

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 @ 5PM-11PM

The Young Adult Ministry invites all young adults to join us for board and card games at the St. Nina's house (the home behind St. Mary's). Bring your favorite games, and we'll bring ours! Dinner will be provided. Since there's no vespers this evening, we'll start early at 5pm. We're continuing our service initiative, so if you are able, we invite you to bring a canned good to donate. Please RSVP to yam@stmaryorthodox.com, so we know how much food to provide.



YAM: Wine & Paint

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

The Young Adult Ministry invites all young adults to join us for an afternoon wine-and-paint led by our own Amy D. RSVP to yam@stmaryorthodox.com for more details.



Liturgy for the New Church Year

THURSDAY, SEPT 1 @ 7AM-8AM

Celebrate the New Church year with us! According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind.



Church Picnic & Ministry Fair

SUNDAY, SEPT 11 AFTER LITURGY

Join us for our annual church picnic to enjoy delicious grilled foods, learn about and join ministries, register children for Church School, and enjoy the last days of summer together.





Church Mouse's Corner

Bright and Dark

An Exploration of Colors in Church Life

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UMN | KATHERINE M.

It is summertime, and a church mouse's thoughts turn towards paraments. Blue, burgundy, gold, purple, white, and green — a whole rainbow of colors used to decorate our church through the seasons. I had intended to start a series of articles on the different colors but then realized that first, I need to tell you about dark versus bright.

Before Sir Isaac Newton published his treatise, "New Theory of Light and Colors" in 1672, color was organized from light to dark. White was on one end of the spectrum, black on the other and all the colors lined up in between. A color like blue would actually be in various places across the spectrum. A sky blue would be on the light side of the spectrum and dark blue would be next to black. Our rubrics reflect this understanding of color. A season or feast is assigned either "bright" or "dark". How this worked out in church is that a bright feast like Pentecost could correctly be decorated in white, gold, and bright red whereas a dark feast like Dormition could be decorated in burgundy, black, and gold.

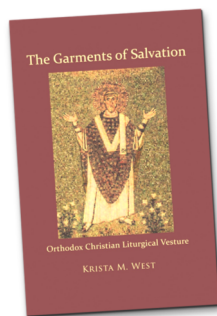
Another aspect of bright and dark is matte versus brilliant. The light colors must also be brilliant and the dark colors matte. While light pink is on the light side of the spectrum, salmon pink is both

bright and brilliant and could and has been used in liturgical items.

The third aspect of all this is quality. The material used is the best that can be afforded, clean, and not worn out. Did you notice during the Pentecostal season, we use our white, red, blue, green, gold paraments? The green paraments we have were showing their long-lived life. It was correct for us according to the rubrics to use the bright colored patterned paraments during the bright Pentecostal season.

There is one place at St. Mary where you can see this reference to bright versus dark. It's the lampada that hangs from the ceiling in front of the iconostasis. The glass votive holder will be either clear or burgundy. No other color is used up there. Honestly, it was because I haven't been able to find something that would work up there, but now — I rather like the used of just bright and dark.

For a wonderful explanation of ancient versus modern organization of color, please see Khoury Krista West's book *Garments of Salvation*, Chapter 5: A Meadow in Full Bloom. ✂



Note the use of bright and brilliant color in this set of blue vestments, "Ochryd blue", by Khouria Krista West.



Learn more about Kh. Krista West's beautiful garments at kristawestvestments.com.

Get your tickets today!
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Doxacon 2022

DEPICTIONS OF EVIL AND REDEMPTION IN SCI-FI AND FANTASY

November 4-5, 2022

DANIEL S. | MINISTRY REPORT



Ticket sales are now open for Doxacon 2022! Our call for papers this year received the most submissions we've ever gotten. We were forced to make some very tough choices between all the excellent talks that were submitted. The result is a stellar program for you this year. Check out our program on the Doxacon website at doxacon.org/speakers.

We're especially thrilled to have our own Amy Browning-Dill as a speaker this year. Amy has been involved with Doxacon since the very beginning, but this is the



Longtime Doxacon volunteer Amy D. will be speaking this year. Visit doxacon.org/speakers for a summary of her upcoming talk.

first time she'll be speaking at Doxacon. She'll be talking about the role of forgiveness and sacrifice in redemption, specifically looking at the TV series *Battlestar Galactica* and *Loki*.

We've done our best to keep ticket prices down and give you the best experience we can. This year, tickets can be purchased for only \$45. Lunch and dinner are sold separately, so you can decide how you'd like to eat.

We've missed seeing everyone in person over the past couple years — the last in-person Doxacon was in 2019! — so we're looking forward to seeing old and new smiling faces. ✂

The Dormition Fast: The Perfect Fast for Taking Your Fasting Skills to a New Level

REFLECTION | ILEANA C.

The Dormition Fast takes place each year from August 1 through August 14. It accordingly takes place every year right in the middle of summer. While those trying to comply with the Orthodox fasting rules can easily find that challenging during the summertime, when neighbors are in the middle of barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs, and the rising hot temperatures bring on an increased appetite for ice cream, I am going to posit that you can take your fasting skills to a whole new level during the Dormition Fast this year. Unlike the Nativity Fast and Great Lent, which are each much longer than a month, The Dormition Fast is only two weeks long. It is a lot easier, whether you are new to fasting or just trying to take your fasting to a new level, to fast for just two weeks than it is to fast for well more than a month. Indeed, last year, due to my work commitments, I had to schedule a summer vacation during the Dormition Fast, and I found that even away from home, I was able to carefully watch what I ate. The fact that my hotel

was less than one walking mile away from a grocery store was a sign to me that God and His Mother were trying to help me follow the fast even when I was on vacation.

So, this year, when you see your neighbors chomping down on hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream, thank God that modern science has given humanity vegan equivalents for each of these items. We can still enjoy each of these items with our neighbors in the first two weeks of August — just vegan style! ✂



Join a Group or Ministry

Come join us in our ministry efforts, develop relationships, and enrich your life and the lives of others. Learn more about this year's groups, ministries, and activities on the website or the **2022 Parish Groups** brochure!



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