

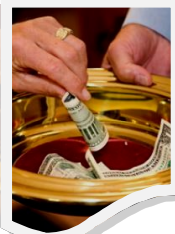
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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Jonathan Jacobson, Treasurer

"Stewardship" is a translation of the Greek word *oikonomia*, from which we obtain the word "economy."

Literally, the term refers to the "management of the household." In Orthodox theology, "economy" also refers to God's management of His creation, and specifically His plan for the salvation of the world through the Incarnation of His Son.

St. Paul describes the divine economy in this way: *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich* (2 Corinthians 8:9, New King James Version). The Apostle describes how God's example should encourage us to also be generous in our giving for the needs of others and the work of God's Church. In 2 Corinthians chapter 9, St. Paul writes:

⁶ But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹ As it is written: He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.

¹⁰ Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your

righteousness, ¹¹ while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. ¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, ¹⁴ and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

In January, the Parish Assembly approved a budget of \$250,500 for St. Mary's for calendar year 2013. **Between January 1 and March 29, 2013, the Parish Council has spent \$66,536 in ordinary expenses**, which equals 96 percent of our budget this far through the year. **We have received \$53,057 in regular income over the same period**, of which \$40,015 were weekly contributions not designated for specific purposes. **This means that we have an operating deficit of \$13,479 as we near the end of the first quarter of 2013**, although we expect March 31 offerings to reduce this deficit somewhat. The Parish Council will take any remaining deficit into account when making spending decisions for the remainder of the year.

As we focus during our Lenten journey on all that our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ has given "for us and for our salvation," let us remember to be generous in giving of our time, talent, and treasure to Christ's work today through His Church. *Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*

Protection of the Holy Mother of God Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA
An English Speaking Parish Community of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate, OCA



From May 26 to June 26, 2013, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary will be offering six continuing education programs, of varied and unique interest, including a class for academic credit. Register before May 15, 2013, to have the \$50 registration fee waived!

Sunday, May 26–Sunday, June 2, 2013

"A Journey in the Sacred Arts: Iconography Workshop for College-Age Youth," designed for college-age students and endorsed by Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF).

— Khouria Erin Kimmet, Annunciation Press Icons, iconographer and workshop leader.



Friday, May 31–Saturday June 1, 2013

"Conference on Poverty"

— The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, SVOTS chancellor/CEO and conference coordinator and participants Jay Richards, author of Money, Greed, and God and Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute, and Susan R. Holman, adjunct lecturer at Episcopal Divinity School and senior writer at Harvard Global Health Institute.

Monday, June 3–Wednesday, June 5, 2013

"Marriage Enrichment: A Christian Perspective"

— The Rev. Aaron Warwick, SVOTS alumnus and workshop leader.

Monday, June 17–Wednesday, June 28, 2013

"Suffering and the Nature of Healing"

—Dr. Daniel Hinshaw, visiting professor of Palliative Care; an academic 2–credit course.

For more details on each course, including tuition and room and board fees, please visit "Upcoming Events" at <http://www.svots.edu>.

**KIDS HOME SICK ON A SUNDAY?
CHECK THIS OUT!**



The highly acclaimed Children's Bible Reader—a children's Bible that tells the major stories of the Old and New Testaments with Orthodox iconography—is now available as a visually stunning, interactive online app. The Children's Bible Reader Online is available at <http://cbr.goarch.org/> and features self-reading bible stories, games, activities, and more.

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DOXAICON UPDATE

By Preoteasa Stephanie Subu

The Doxaicon Committee at St. Mary would like to thank all of the wonderful donors who contributed to our two fundraisers. This funding has helped us secure our space needs at the Hilton hotel, as well as provide coverage for travel expenses for our Keynote presenters. God bless you all.

For those who would like to attend this event, registration for Doxaicon is now open! Through April 30, you can take advantage of early bird pricing. Doxaicon takes place Friday evening, July 19 and all day Saturday, July 20 at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, VA. If you would like a copy of the full schedule, please speak to Psa. Stephanie.

Aside from [Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh](#) and [Dr. Thomas Bertonneau](#) of S.U.N.Y as Keynote Speakers, our committee is excited to announce that [Matushka Donna Farley](#) will be a session presenter at Doxaicon! Matushka Donna is best known for her book "Seasons of Grace: Reflections on the Orthodox Church Year". She is also an accomplished fiction writer and has twice won the Word Guild Award for Canadian Christian Fiction, and

has appeared in young adult magazine Cicada; a number of Science-Fiction and Fantasy magazines such as Realms of Fantasy, Weird Tales and On Spec; and in major anthologies Catfantastic and Universe 2. Conciliar Press has published her children's picture book "The Ravens of Farne" and her Young Adult historical novel titled "Bearing the Saint". Matushka Donna lives in Surrey, BC and is the wife of Orthodox priest and author Father Lawrence Farley. Our women's bible study group uses Fr. Lawrence's biblical commentaries for our study.

Your friendly neighborhood priest, Father David Subu, will also be a session presenter at this event. Other session presenters will be announced very soon.

That's not all! For all of the J.R.R. Tolkien fans out there, **Ms. Alison Scott**, Head of Collections Development at The George Washington University's Gelman Library, will be presenting a topic concerning the role of libraries in preserving science-fiction and fantasy books. She is bringing as reference, very rare [1st editions of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings"](#), one of which has an inscription written by Tolkien himself to the intended recipient!

To register, please fill out the form below or you can register online through the church website at www.stmaryorthodox.org/events/doxaicon/51.

DOXAICON REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Registration Fee (Includes lunch & dinner): **\$50 per person before May 1st (Early-Bird)**
\$75 per person after April 30th

Number of tickets _____ @ \$ _____ = _____

Names of additional guests: _____

Please make your check out to: St. Mary Orthodox Church (Please write "Doxaicon" on memo line)
7223 Roosevelt Ave.
Falls Church, VA 22042

LAMB ROAST EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY, MAY 5

2:00-5:00 P.M.

Once again, St. Mary will be spit-roasting TWO delicious, fresh lambs in celebration of Pascha! Side dishes and ice cream will be served.



\$12 per adult (Lamb or no lamb)

\$5 per child (Ages 12 and under)

(Proceeds to cover cost of entire event)



Agape Vespers at 1:00 P.M.—Come and hear the good news that Christ is Risen in various languages: Romanian, Greek, Chinese, French, Slavonic, Spanish and more!

Egg Hunt at 2:00 P.M.— All children welcomed! Parent supervision needed. Please RSVP so we have enough eggs-even if you don't stay for dinner

Lamb Dinner served at 2:30 P.M.*

Trivia Challenge at 3:30 P.M.— Teams of 2-4 know-it-all's can take on Subdeacon Eugene's challenging questions to win a prize!

*Lamb not guaranteed unless you RSVP and arrive early.

RSVP to psastephanie@stmaryorthodox.org by April 30th.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 • (Western Easter) • St. Gregory Palamas/ St. Innocent • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Church School/ Fellowship	1 • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	2	3 • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 6pm - 7pm Confessions • 7pm - 9pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Lenten Dinner • 8:40pm - 9:40pm Depression Peer Ministry	4 • 10am - 2pm Office Hours	5 • 10:30am - 11:30am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy • 12pm - 1pm Book Study • 6pm - 7pm Akathist	6 • 5pm - 5:45pm Vespers with confessions
7 • Cross Veneration • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 1pm Lenten Soup Luncheon Fundraiser • 11:30am - 12:30pm Church School/ Fellowship	8 • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	9	10 • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 6pm - 7pm Confessions • 7pm - 9pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Lenten Dinner • 8:40pm - 9:40pm Depression Peer Ministry	11 • 10am - 2pm Office Hours	12 • 10:30am - 11:30am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy • 12pm - 1pm Book Study • 6pm - 7pm Akathist	13 • 9am - 10am Choir Practice • 10am - 11am Divine Liturgy with Memorial • 11am - 3pm Lenten Retreat with Kh. Janet Shadid • 5pm - 5:45pm Vespers with confessions
14 • St. John Climacus • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Church School/ Fellowship	15 • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	16	17 • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 6pm - 7pm Confessions • 7pm - 9pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Lenten Dinner • 9pm - 11pm Matins with Great Canon/Life of St. Mary of Egypt	18 • 10am - 2pm Office Hours	19 • 10:30am - 11:30am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy • 12pm - 1pm Book Study • 6pm - 7:30pm Akathist (Full)	20 • Akathist Saturday • 5pm - 5:45pm Vespers with confessions
21 • St. Mary of Egypt • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Church School/ Fellowship	22 • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	23	24 • 6pm - 7pm Confessions • 7pm - 9pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Lenten Dinner • 8:40pm - 9:40pm Depression Peer Ministry	25 • 10am - 2pm Office Hours	26 • 10:30am - 11:30am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy • 12pm - 1pm Book Study	27 • Lazarus Saturday • 10am - 11am Divine Liturgy • 11am - 2pm Church School Retreat/ Parish Clean-Up Day • 5pm - 5:45pm Vespers with confessions
28 • Palm Sunday • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Church School/ Fellowship • 7pm - 8:20pm Bridegroom Matins	29 • Holy Monday • 10am - 11am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8:20pm Bridegroom Matins	30 • Holy Tuesday • 10am - 11am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy • 7pm - 8:20pm Bridegroom Matins	1 • Holy Wednesday • 10am - 11am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy • 11am - 11:30am Holy Unction (Short form) • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8:30pm Holy Unction • 8:30pm - 9:30pm Matins of Holy Thursday	2 • Holy Thursday • 10am - 11:30am Last Supper Liturgy • 7pm - 10pm Matins with Passion Gospels	3 • Great and Holy Friday • 10am - 12pm Tomb Decorating • 6pm - 7pm Vespers • 7pm - 9pm Matins with Procession to Hades	4 • Great and Holy Saturday • 10am - 12:30pm Vespers Liturgy of Pascha

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!



April Birthdays

Alexander Athanasaw
Anna Lerner
Anna Psitos
April Elizabeth Masick
Aristotelis Psitos
Daniel Athanasaw Sr.
Hazel Lorentz
James Thomas
James Woglom
Joe Henry
John Thomas
Michael Thola
Philipp Andrew Mirov
Petka Lorentz
Svantje Swider
Virginia Hope Mirov

April Anniversaries

1 Anniversary of Fr. David Subu's ordination to the priesthood (2000).

April Saint's Name Days

21 St. Mary of Egypt: Yvonne Athanasaw
23 Great Martyr St. George: George Woglom
23 Holy Empress Alexandra: Alexandra Schmalzbach
24 St Elizabeth the Wonderworker: April Elizabeth Masick

HOLY BREAD BAKER



NO ASSIGNMENT

MARCH COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS



March 31– Nick Jones and Svantje Swider

April 7: St. Juliana Guild Lenten Soup Luncheon
Delicious Soup is available for dining in or "take out". Proceeds benefit OCMC missions in Romania and Albania.

April 14: The Spita Family
2 year memorial for husband and loving father Marion Spita.

April 21: The Beranek Family

April 28: The Jacobson family

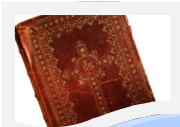
May 5: PASCHA LAMB ROAST EXTRAVAGANZA
MUST RSVP TO ATTEND

May 12: Maxim Family

May 19: AVAILABLE

May 26: AVAILABLE

EPISTLE READER



NO ASSIGNMENT



GREETERS

Greeters are needed all this month to welcome our faithful and visitors! Now that Lent has arrived, so will visitors! The first few seconds will give a visitor a lasting impression! Please see Father David about being part of this essential ministry to church growth and retention!



AROUND THE COFFEE URN

*News and events percolating
at St. Mary's*

TURN TRASH INTO OUR TREASURE!

It's Spring!!!!

Are you doing your spring cleaning and finding items that you do not know what to do with?

Do you have too many toys or clothes the kids have outgrown or books you have already read?

Do not despair.....The annual St. Mary's Yard Sale is only 8 weeks away. We would love to have your treasures for our sale.

We are looking for household items, small furniture, children's toys and clothes, CDs, DVDs, old costume jewelry, purses, storage units, unique items, tools and any other wonderful items. Please make sure clothing is clean, and in good condition and shoes are paired and in good repair. All proceeds from this sale benefit charity and the good works of the St. Juliana Guild. We will begin collecting items toward the end of May. We will need volunteers to sort and price items the first week of June, as well.

Put the date of the sale on your calendar now: Saturday June 8. Yard Sale.

PASCHA BREAD SALE PALM SUNDAY!

The Pascha bread sale fundraiser is scheduled for Palm Sunday after Liturgy. Stephanie Kozemchak makes the bread following her grandmother's Ukrainian recipe. The bread is similar to challah and contains dairy and raisins, but no nuts. She has not adapted the recipe for gluten free flour as of yet, but will try if someone pre-orders it. Preoteasa says it makes great French toast!



PASCHA FLOWER DONATIONS AND TOMB DECORATORS NEEDED!

This year we will be decorating the tomb of Christ on Good Friday, May 3 in the morning from 9-12. This is traditionally done by the women of the parish and I cordially invite each of you to come and help if you can. We decorate the tomb of Christ with beautiful flowers to express our love, just as we do for someone who passes away. Please let me know if you will be able to help. In addition, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers and supplies that will be needed. Tanya Danilchick tdanilchick@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP! UPCOMING EVENTS THAT CAN USE EXTRA HANDS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Great Lent and what follows, bring plenty of opportunity to get involved with lots of activities that are good for the soul, for making friends, and make something that could be difficult...FUN!

Saturday, April 13: Lenten Retreat

Help needed for setting tables, decorate and serve lunch in the hall. Please see Carolyn Pritchky about Lenten food needed to serve.

Saturday, April 27-Lazarus Saturday Parish Clean-Up

Each Lazarus Saturday, the parish comes together to beautify the church grounds and sanctuary. All hands on deck will be needed to have the church shine and gleam for His glory! Everyone did a fantastic job during the Fall clean-up. Let's have a repeat! Children's area especially needs attention!

Agape Meal & Clean-Up: Lukas & Leas Halim are coordinating the food for the Agape Meal. Not everyone makes baskets to eat from, so it is nice to have food available. A sign up sheet will be in the hall to bring items. Also, a clean up crew is needed to make the hall ready for the Lamb Roast the next day.

Sunday, May 5: Pascha Lamb Roast & Egg Hunt

Volunteers needed to set up tables, tent, lamb preparation, stuff and hide eggs, and to prepare side dishes to serve! Want incentive? FREE lamb dinner!

**ST. JULIANA'S LADIES GUILD
ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT**

**“BULLYING: LOVE THYSELF
AS THY NEIGHBOR”
KHOURIA JANET SHADID**

Saturday, April 13, 2013

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**St. Mary Orthodox Church
Falls Church, VA**



Khouria Janet is a licensed social worker and counselor in the Pittsburgh area.

How does one acquire a peaceful heart, when facing challenges like an overbearing boss, co-worker, or family member? How can we make sure we are not bullies to ourselves?

We will be taking a collection for scholarships to Antiochian Village, where Kh. Janet counsels during the summer. You must RSVP at retreat@stmaryorthodox.org.



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