

THE VEIL

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PREVENTING THE POST PASCHA SLUMP

By Rev. Fr. David G. Subu

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

Now sing that three times in a row, three times a day, until Ascension, as part of your daily prayers, until you find yourself absent minded humming it at work or around the house! Roll down your window and shout "Christ is risen!" at a total stranger at least once. Then come to Church on Ascension (at least on the eve for the Festal Vespers!) and celebrate the feast just as you did for Pascha. Then prepare for Pentecost in June, that you might receive the renewal of the Holy Spirit. Keep the feast, then keep the Apostles' Fast in June as best as you can. Change your pace. Have a plan. Make a pilgrimage. Reconnect with old friends. Do some spiritual reading but not too much. Enjoy your faith and share your joy. Take time to walk around outside in the good weather and glorify God through His creation. Eat. Pray. Love. Listen. It's simple.

Every year we make a certain amount of progress during Lent if we are diligent, and even if we are among "the heedless" we can feel the glimmers of grace and fan those flames into a steady heat. After Pascha it is very easy to slide back into old routines or be less disciplined in some way and that progress can seem to vanish away. Be not unbelieving, but believing. You have merely fallen back asleep. Rouse yourself and cry once again, "Holy! Holy! Holy art Thou O God!" The transition into summer has its own special lessons – subtle ones easy to miss but deep. You'll see!

There is a value in silent spaces, when the rush of Holy Week has subsided and the rigors of Lent have been lifted. In these spaces we find out how much we truly have changed, and how much we truly haven't. We discover that the road continues, that our work still goes on or has just begun, and that God still has a use for us. Thus we should not spend too much time on our laurels, "resting up" after the services. You only need a day to recover from staying up late on Pascha, most years. Well, maybe two. It's essential to get back up and get back out there, even as the apostles did. They couldn't stay in the upper room forever. Neither did they find that they could go back to their old way of life, fishing on the Sea of Galilee. God had touched them, and called them to a new life, and nothing would ever be the same. We have been given the same invitation to continue the journey with Christ as His apostles, sent out into the world to share the joy and peace of this new life.

I'm not talking about some crass, door to door proselytization here. I'm talking about seriously living out the rest of your life as a holy walk with the Lord. If He calls you to preach, by all means preach! If He calls you to stillness, keep still. If he calls you to good works, work as one blessed with all things. If He calls you to teach, do so sincerely but unashamedly. In the end it's not what you do, it's how you do it—is it done in and with and through the Lord Jesus Christ and His grace, or on your own, alone and frustrated and anxious over and over? Who would want to do that? Be not unbelieving, but believing.

— Fr. David Subu



A TALE OF TWO TUESDAYS

By Jonathan Jacobson

During Holy Week, I noticed in our parish bookstore a pamphlet entitled, *Holy Tuesday: A Hymn of Invitation* (Peter Bouteneff, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary). The pamphlet includes these words from a hymn sung at the Matins service for that day:

Come, O faithful, let us work zealously for the Master, for He distributes wealth to His servants. Let each of us, according to his or her ability, increase the talent of grace: Let one be adorned in wisdom through good works; let another celebrate a service in splendor. The one distributes his wealth to the poor; the other communicates the word to those untaught. Thus we shall increase what has been entrusted to us, and, as faithful stewards of grace, we shall be accounted worthy of the Master's joy. Make us worthy of this, Christ our God, in Your love for mankind.

The text refers to the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), in which Christ says that the kingdom of God is like a man who gives his servants different gifts, *each according to his own ability*, and departs for travel to a far country. When the man returns, he calls his servants to account for whether they have used those gifts in a productive way. The servants who multiplied their gifts hear the words, *Well done, good and faithful servant!* The servant who hid his gift receives, in contrast, a rebuke from the Lord.

As I consider the gifts described in the Holy Tuesday service, I see how they correspond with acts of ministry at St. Mary's: good deeds done before, during, and after Liturgy; beautiful worship services; financial gifts to address real needs in our parish and around the world; and instruction provided to both children and adults. The Lord does not give us equal shares of wisdom, singing ability, material riches, or teaching skill. But whatever gifts we have received in terms of time, talents, or treasure, we can exercise them wisely to benefit not only ourselves, but our families, our parish, and our neighbors, wherever they might be. By demonstrating concern for the whole person--body, mind, and spirit--we show we serve the God who is *our Savior, the Physician of our souls and bodies*.

Another Tuesday came to mind after Holy Week and the joyous services of Pascha, as I thought about Tax Day, which was on Tuesday of Bright Week this year. I recalled how, when asked whether it was right to pay taxes to Rome, Christ pointed to the image and inscription of Caesar on a coin, and taught, *Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's* (Matthew 22:21). Then the thought came to me, what belongs to God? I recalled the words of Psalm 23(24):1, *The earth is the Lord's, and its fullness, the world and all who dwell therein*. The whole world belongs to God, us included! If we should doubt that truth, then ask, Whose image, whose inscription do we bear? Have we not been created in God's image (Genesis 1:27), and inscribed with the Name of the Holy Trinity in our baptism and chrismation? It dawned on me that Christ's words—*Render to God the things that are God's*—mean we are called to give our very selves to our Creator and Savior. As we hear during the Liturgy, *Let us commend ourselves, each other, and all our life unto Christ our God*.

Let us thank God for each of His servants among us, the brothers and sisters of our community: those who serve us, and those whom we are called to serve. Let us ask God to show us what unique gifts He has given each of us, that we may know how to offer our whole selves to Him in gratitude for His love.

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COUNCIL CORNER

By Jonathan Jacobson

Distribution of Funds for Humanitarian Aid and Missions

The 2011 Parish Council proposed, and the January 2012 Parish Assembly approved, a 2012 budget for St. Mary's that included \$2,000 for missions work and \$2,000 for humanitarian aid. At the April 24 Parish Council meeting, the Council decided to distribute these funds as follows:

The missions budget will be distributed equally to: the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (<http://www.ocmc.org>), Gospel To All Nations (<http://gtan.org>), the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (<http://www.ocf.net>), the Annapolis College Ministry (<http://www.annapoliscollegeministry.org>), St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary (<http://www.stots.edu>), St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (<http://www.svots.edu>), Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery (<http://www.dormitionmonastery.org>), Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Monastery ([\[entranceofthetheotokos.org\]\(http://entranceofthetheotokos.org\)\), Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery \(<http://www.holymyrrhbearers.com>\), and Monastery of the Transfiguration \(<http://oca.org/parishes/oca-ro-elchxc>\). One quarter of the humanitarian budget will be reserved for local discretionary assistance, and the remainder will be distributed equally to: International Orthodox Christian Charities \(<http://www.iocc.org>\), Project Mexico \(<http://projectmexico.org>\), Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve \(<https://focusnorthamerica.org>\), FACETS \(<http://facetscares.org>\), Our Daily Bread \(<https://www.odbfairfax.org>\), and Good Samaritan Advocates \(<http://www.goodsamaritanadvocates.org>\).](http://</p>
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These contributions are in addition to the special collections that the parish holds from time to time, or the gifts designated specifically by members of the parish. We thank the members, friends, and supporters of our community for their generosity in giving, which benefits not only those who worship and learn at St. Mary's, but people in various kinds of need, both in the local community and across the world.

Jonathan Jacobson, Parish Council Treasurer

FOCUS FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, MAY 27 FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

Svantje Swider is organizing a special picnic themed coffee hour to help raise funds for FOCUS. FOCUS specifically targets the homeless and those in need of assistance in the United States. Hot dogs, hamburgers and other picnic style foods will be served. Svantje will have a sign up sheet to pass around to solicit help in the hall. Please see Svantje or Fr. David to learn more.





"Think of the groovy things you can find to add to the collection!"



"This sale needs excellent items so it can make a profit for the church."

Clean out those closets and attics! It is time once again for St. Mary's to turn your unused items into treasure!

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 from 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.

Will Accept

Cannot Accept

Clothing (<i>MUST be laundered-no stains or holes</i>)	Christmas Decorations
Toys (<i>must work & have all parts</i>)	Hotel Toiletries/Old Make-up
Small Furniture	Puzzles/Games (<i>unless complete</i>)
Small Appliances (<i>must work and be clean</i>)	Car seats, strollers, cribs, high chairs (<i>safety concerns</i>)
Working Electronics	Computers or Computer Parts (<i>outdates easily</i>)
House wares	TV's
Coats/Jackets	Shoes/Undergarments
DVD's/Books/CD's (<i>tasteful please</i>)	Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, etc.

"If you wouldn't give it to your picky relative, don't bring it here!"



**THE CHURCH IS NOT A STORAGE LOCKER!
DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS BEFORE SUNDAY, JUNE 3!**

We are in need for volunteers to work in small shifts to answer questions, keep piles organized and cashiering. If anyone speaks Spanish, that would be a very useful gift! We also need helpers to sort, tag, and organize the items prior to the sale. Plastic bags and vans are needed if you are willing to donate. Thank you!

Questions? Contact Sarah Zimmerli or Ellen Robinson to volunteer and to inquire about donating items.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myrrh-bearers • 9am - 10am <p>Matins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 11:40am <p>Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4pm - 7pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm - 8:30pm <p>Peer Depression Ministry</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4pm - 7pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm - 7:30pm <p>Vespers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm - 9pm <p>Adult Education</p>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm - 1pm <p>Book Study: The Ladder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm - 1pm <p>Ladder Book Study</p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Irene • 5pm - 6pm <p>Great Vespers</p>
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day <p>Church School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am - 10am <p>Matins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 11:40am <p>Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4pm - 7pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm - 8:30pm <p>Peer Depression Ministry</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Pentecost • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4pm - 7pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm - 7:30pm <p>Vespers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm - 9pm <p>Adult Education</p>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm - 1pm <p>Book Study: The Ladder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm - 1pm <p>Ladder Book Study</p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm - 1:30pm <p>Marriage Preparation Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm - 6pm <p>Great Vespers</p>
<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day • 9am - 10am <p>Matins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 10:15am <p>Memorial for Mothers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 11:40am <p>Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm - 8:30pm <p>Peer Depression Ministry</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4pm - 7pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm - 7:30pm <p>Vespers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm - 9pm <p>Adult Education</p>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm <p>Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm - 1pm <p>Book Study: The Ladder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm - 1pm <p>Ladder Book Study</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm - 6pm <p>Great Vespers</p>
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GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!



May Birthdays

Michelle Bahumian
Illeana Henry
Nancy Koory
Irene Liu
Kevin Robinson
Robert Yuskavage

May Anniversaries

- 1 Joseph & Rosanna Cox (1 Year)
- 3 Stanley & Susan Zimmerli Matelski
- 8 Aristotelis & Sarah Psitos
- 8 Tony & Tom Robertson (30 years)
- 23 Lt. Steven and Kristen Hohnicki
- 24 Julian and Lauren Langa
- 28 Jonathan Chaves & Anna Caraveli
- 31 Nicholas & April Masick

May Saint's Name Days

- 4 St. Monica: Lori Monica Jacobson
- 21 Sts. Constantine & Helen: Eleni Woglom,

HOLY BREAD BAKER



NO BAKER ASSIGNED

EPISTLE READER



NO READER ASSIGNED

MAY COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS



April 29– Jenny Henderson

May 6– Maxim Family

May 13– Mother's Day
AVAILABLE

May 20– Lea & Lukas Halim

May 27– Memorial Weekend
FOCUS Picnic Fundraiser
(See ad on page 3)

June 3– AVAILABLE

June 10- AVAILABLE

June 17– Father's Day
AVAILABLE (Fasting)

CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR-END SWIM PARTY!

To celebrate the church school year, all church school students, their teachers and parents are invited to lunch and a pool party at Craig and Renee Lerner's house on Sunday, June 3rd (Pentecost) after the liturgy and kneeling vespers.

Because of the pool, it is expected that parents stay to monitor your child(ren). You need to bring towels and swim gear with you. Please RSVP with Renee Lerner at rlerner@law.gwu.edu to get directions.





AROUND THE COFFEE URN

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

MANY YEARS TO THE CATECUMENS AND THE NEWLY ILLUMINED!

St. Mary would like to wish many blessings to new catechumens Michelle Meehan and The Tan Family. May God bless you all on your spiritual journey and study! Many Years to Stephanie Czura, Marie Imler and Phil King, who were Chrismated into the Orthodox faith!

STORK ALERTS!

Sophia Katherine Dill was born last month to David and Amy Dill. This is their first child. She weighed 8 lbs & 9 oz. and looking forward to meeting the Shire folk of St. Mary's.

Robert & Kristine Lorentz welcomed their third child, Petka! Rosemary & Hazel are excited to have another sister to play with!

CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION SUNDAY

The last day of Church School for spring 2012 will be Sunday, May 6. Sunday, May 20, will be Church School Recognition Sunday. A big "Thank You" to the teachers and assistants who served in the Church School during the 2011-12 year, including *Julie Jamieson*, *Subdeacon Eugene Huang*, and *Matthew Simington*, who served in the Grade 9-12 classroom; *Subdeacon Nicholas Dujmovic*, who served with me in the Grade 6-8 classroom; *Irene Liu*, *Lisa Jones*, and *Ellen Robinson*, who served in the Grade 3-5 classroom; *Juliana West* and *Nicholas Masick*, who served in the Grade 1-2 classroom; and *Renee Lerner*, *Mina Coleman*, *Mary Niemi*, and *Kami Cleary*, who served in the preschool/Kindergarten classroom. May God grant you, and all of the families in our Church School, many years!

Jonathan Jacobson,
Church School Principal

WEDNESDAY ADULT EDUCATION RESUMES

Beginning April 25, Father David will once again offer Adult Education courses at 7:30 p.m., following Vespers. The course of study will cover Orthodox doctrine basics. All are welcomed!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH OUR EPISCOPATE! DEADLINES VERY SOON!

Did you know that by being a voting member of our parish, you or your child are eligible for a college scholarship through our Episcopate? Yes, its true! Also, many of these available scholarships are aimed for undergraduate and graduate women only! Please visit www.roea.org/scholarships to learn more. Some have deadlines as early as May 15, so take a look!

LAMB ROAST WELL ATTENDED... BUT HELP NEEDED TO CARRY ON THIS TRADITION!

Well over 100 adults and children attended the 5th annual Lamb Roast Extravaganza & Egg Hunt this year! The day began with our largest gathering of languages to date for the Agape Vespers. 22 languages were heard, including Gullah, Scotch Gaelic and Chichewa. After, the children enjoyed an egg hunt. Thanks to Cathy Dujmovic and Ana Rij for coordinating! Following the hunt, guests enjoyed eating lamb, hamburgers, hot dogs and a variety of side dishes. When everyone was fed, it was time to take on Subdeacon Eugene's Quiz Bowl Challenge! Always a fun time!

We would like to especially thank Hans Scheifele, Marshall Standifer and Ryan Graham for keeping vigil over the roasting of the lambs following Pascha services. Yes... they were up all night and all day to bring you such a special treat!

Finally, this lamb roast cannot be an annual tradition without passing on the torch to others. Marshall is moving this month to at last join his wife in Alabama. His love and dedication to the roast has been vital to the success of the event. The Lamb Roast committee is asking for your consideration to help Hans with the lamb next year. The more people learn, the longer this tradition can continue as Hans' time and talent cannot be taken for granted or presumed available. Please see Psa. Stephanie or Hans for more information.

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