

# THE VEIL

The Monthly Journal Covering The News at St. Mary



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## THE Y.O.L.O GENERATION-Part II

By Rev. Fr. David G. Subu

Last month I shared with you a reflection on the top 5 regrets that the dying have.

This month, in the light of our Lord's glorious Resurrection, I'd like to give thanks for the life regrets that he has assuaged in my life.

As I told you, I myself cannot relate to those who say they have "no regrets". The sheer number of my sins, both of commission and omission, the willing and the unwilling, the known and the unknown, prevent me from such a freedom. However, as a Christian, my life has been changed by Jesus Christ. While I certainly have regrets — things I wish I had done differently, or not at all — they no longer define the story of my life.

The greatest regret that I have is my failure in my friendships and relationships, whether we just grew apart or the friendship was snuffed out by neglect or malice or insensitivity. But through Christ, my relationships and friendships in the fellowship of the Spirit have multiplied many more times over than what I had on my own. And these friendships are exactly the ones I need, and lift me up when I am down, or I lift up others when they need it. There is understanding, because we all recognize ourselves as co-pilgrims through this life, working out our salvation (sometimes) in fear and trembling.

Another regret I grew up with, and one I had no control over, was being an only child. But through Christ I have more brothers and sisters than I can count. Each person whom I encounter is an opportunity from God to expand my sense of family and community. Each person whom I meet is a child of God, and if God has invited me to be one as well, that means I never need be an only child again.

Likewise, my wife and I sometimes regret not having more children. But through Christ in the Church any soul we help lead to the Lord is like our son or daughter to us. Whether as a spiritual father or as a godfather, or simply

as a father figure to others, the desire to offer the gift of loving parenting is always available, and comes with great joy at seeing others grow. It also comes with great responsibility, and that humbles the soul! Whether it is baptizing a baby or burying an elder, I must treat each of the children God has given me as my own son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister — sometimes all at once!

Sometimes I regret that I did not travel as much as I could have before I settled down. God has provided more abundantly! Because of Christ, I have been blessed to travel to many states and even overseas to share His Gospel, experiencing my fellow human beings and their lives across cultural divides in ways far richer than that of any tourist. I have found that wherever I have gone, everyday life is as normal as anything, and the simple joys of food and friendship are the cornerstone of human communion.

I have other regrets — too many to name. When I was in high school I would have loved nothing more than to have joined my friends' rock band and set out for stardom. Now, ironically, I am the only one of them who consistently "sings for my supper," who uses music as a regular part of my career, singing praises to the Lord. Since I was a child, I (curiously) dreamed of becoming an author, and enjoy the vanity of being a published writer. Now, I write regularly, but my words are not for my own glory but for God's, and I hope they will bring Him pleasure that I might find a place in His Book of Life.

Anything and everything that I ever thought was so important, God has shown me a better way. The Righteous Job lost everything, all at once, but God restored to him twice as much as before. God has been merciful to me, the unrighteous and unworthy. He has gently moved me away from what I did not need and has given me far more than I could have imagined in my ignorance and vanity. May you find that he has done the same for you, and is doing the same for you continually. "Blessed be the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed himself to us!"

*— Fr. David G. Subu*





## 2nd Annual R.O.E.A Family Life Conference in June

With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel, the Auxiliaries of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America invite you and your family to this year's [Family Life/All-Auxiliaries Conference](#) being held June 26-29, 2014 at the Vatra Romaneasca.

Last year, our Episcopate began a new way of gathering as a Church family. It was incredibly successful and we hope it will be so again. This year, the conference will feature a special tribute to Archbishop Valerian of blessed memory, commemorating the 100th anniversary of his birth.



In addition to the annual meetings of the Episcopate Auxiliaries—ARFORA (women), The Brotherhood (men and women), AROY (youth), and the monastic communities—the conference includes activities for the *entire family*. The Planning Committee has prepared a [program](#) that includes workshops on a variety of themes and for all stages in life, a series of workshops particularly for Clergy, and those interested in Christian education, a reprise of the spirited "Bible Challenge" competition (form your teams!), tours of the Vatra (our "hearth"), as well as a rich array of worship services, community building events, and opportunities to socialize and enjoy the company of our family and friends. Come and enjoy the Opening Picnic with activities for the whole family on Thursday June 26th, the Tribute Night to Archbishop Valerian on Friday evening, an elegant semi-formal dance on Saturday evening and a Festive Banquet after celebrating the Divine Liturgy together on Sunday. Overall, we have tried to create an event that honors our past while also meeting the needs of our present.

**So, mark your calendars for June 26-29, 2014!** We invite you all to draw near, with faith and love, gathering with us as a Church Family at the Vatra once again this year.







## 7th Annual Lamb Roast & Egg Hunt a Success!

By Preoteasa Stephanie Subu

Just when the Agape meal was winding down at 3:30 a.m., the Lamb Roast preparation was just beginning! "Albert" the lamb was ceremoniously blessed by Father David and witnessed by our surprise guests of the evening/morning – Rob & Anna Williams, Lamb Roast founders, who were visiting us from Germany!

Extra, extra special thanks to Hans Scheifele, Subdeacon Nick Jones, Ron Boersma, Ryan Graham, Stephen Subu, and David Saur for getting the lamb dressed and on the spit in the wee hours of the morning!

By 10:00 a.m., our exhausted roasters were ready for the next crew to arrive to help with kitchen prep, hall clean-up, and tent set-up. Thanks to Kurt Eichenlaub, Marian Maxim, Stephen Subu, Ron Boersma and Phillip Miroy for putting together the tent!

Aside from lamb, attendees had mititei, mac-n-cheese, salata de beouf, Greek salad, liver pate, hot dogs, bread, and dessert. Thanks to Nick Jones, Stephen Subu, Patricia Balzer, the Maxim family, Ellen Robinson and Ursula Rij for helping with the side dishes!

This year, the lamb roast committee was offered to host the festivities in the back yard of St. Nina's, which proved to be a nicer, more private location than the front church lawn. This allowed more space to hide eggs for children to find at the annual Egg Hunt! Thanks to Irene Liu and her team for stuffing and hiding the eggs!

Despite spring break and Easter falling on Pascha, we were blessed to have almost 100 people attend the event. The highlight of the day was another challenging, yet hilarious, Quiz Bowl Challenge, led by Subdeacon Eugene Huang. The prize of superior knowledge went to the team of "The Know Nothings" – Steve Miroy, Steve Berg, Ken Liu, and Ursula Rij.

Because of another successful year and additional donations, the lamb roast committee is looking into the purchase of a second spit for next year! Eliminating costs wherever possible each year, like spit rental, helps us continue to make the Lamb Roast an affordable, family fun event!

## So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: Sanctified Women in the Orthodox Tradition

*Father David Subu will begin a new lecture series focusing on the contributions of Women to the life of the Church, both past and present. Each class will focus on a particular set of saints, vocations, and possibilities for women of all ages:*

*May 7 (Myrrh-bearers Week): Holy Daughters, Holy Mothers, Holy Sisters: the Myrrh-bearers for Christ*

*May 14 (Mid-Pentecost): Judging with Righteous Judgment: Female Christian Leadership*

*May 21 (St. Helen): Holy Penitents, Holy Fools: Women as Spiritual Combatants*

*May 28 (Ascension Eve): Ultimate Courage: Women Martyrs for Christ throughout the ages*

*June 4 (Ss. Mary and Martha): All Work and No Play: Finding the Right Balance in Church.*

*June 11 (Pentecost Week): Where Two or Three Are Gathered: The Necessity and Strength of Sisterhood*

*June 18 (Apostles' Fast): Leaving Family to Follow Christ: A Call to Discipleship*

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## *Pascha Flower Donors for 2014*

*Adrian and Mihaela Beldie-Ulmer in memory of Fr. Alexander Atty*

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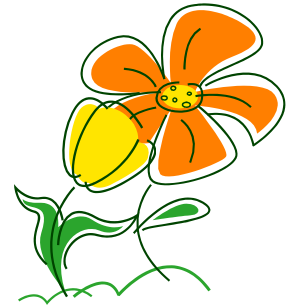
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*Woglom Family in honor of Estelle Bacas, Homer Bacas, and Diana Bacas Hoffman*



## Vacation Church School 2014 Fruits of the Spirit



Love, Peace, Joy, Faith-  
fulness, Goodness,  
Gentleness, Patience,  
Self-Control, and  
Kindness

## Register Now

July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup>  
11AM – 2PM

At Saint Mark Orthodox Church  
7124 River Road, Bethesda, MD

Ages 4 to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
(entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall)

Enrollment limited to the first fifty (50) students

Classes, prayers, singing  
Lunch, games, music, and crafts

Questions? Contact Ann Prentice 703-866-3036  
[prentice@comcor.net](mailto:prentice@comcor.net)

Registration Deadline July 10th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>• St. Thomas Sunday</b> • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 10:15am Memorial: Spita • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship/ Church School	<b>28</b> • Apostle Jason • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	<b>29</b> • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 7:30pm - 9pm Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b> • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study	<b>3</b> • 3pm - 4:30pm Pre-marital Ed • 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions
<b>4</b> • Myrrhbearers • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship/ Church School	<b>5</b> • St. Irene • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 5pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	<b>6</b> • 9am - 12pm Office Hours	<b>7</b> • St. Alexis Toth • 10am - 11am Divine Liturgy • 5pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Education	<b>8</b> • St. John the Theologian	<b>9</b> • St. Christopher • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study	<b>10</b> • 3pm - 4:30pm Pre-marital Ed • 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions
<b>11</b> • Mothers' Day • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 10:15am Memorial: Mothers • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:45am - 12:45pm Fellowship	<b>12</b> • St. John of Wallachia • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 5pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7:30pm - 9pm Parish Council	<b>13</b> • 9am - 12pm Office Hours	<b>14</b> • Mid-Pentecost • 7am - 8am Divine Liturgy • 5pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Education	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> • St. Brendan the Navigator • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study	<b>17</b> • 3pm - 4:30pm Pre-marital Ed • 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions
<b>18</b> • Samaritan Woman • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 11:45am Church School Recognition Day • 11:45am - 12:45pm Fellowship	<b>19</b> • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 5pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	<b>20</b> • 9am - 12pm Office Hours	<b>21</b> • Ss. Constantine and Helen • 10am - 11am Divine Liturgy • 5pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Education	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study	<b>24</b> • 10am - 11am Wedding: Bujita-Flanagan • 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions
<b>25</b> • 9am - 10am Matins/ Choir Practice • 10am - 10:15am Memorial Service • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:45am - 12:45pm Fellowship	<b>26</b> • Memorial Day	<b>27</b> • Ven. Bede • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 7:30pm - 9pm Women's Bible Study	<b>28</b> • Leave-taking of Pascha • 7am - 8am Divine Liturgy • 5pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Great Vespers with litya	<b>29</b> • Ascension • 10am - 11am Divine Liturgy	<b>30</b> • 9am - 12pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study	<b>31</b> • 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions

## GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!



### May Birthdays

Ileana Henry  
Nancy Koory  
Irene Liu  
Lily Madsen  
Alexis Masick  
Ivan Plis  
Kevin Robinson  
Lucian Rosca  
Robert Yuskavage

### May Anniversaries

1 Joseph & Rosanna Cox  
3 Stanley & Susan Zimmerli Matelski  
8 Aristotelis & Sarah Psitos  
8 Tony & Tom Robertson  
17 Ordination of Protodeacon Peter Danilchick  
23 Lt. Steven and Kristen Hojnicky  
24 Glenn & Carrie Compton  
27 JP & Kami Cleary  
28 Jonathan Chaves & Anna Caraveli  
31 Nicholas & April Masick

### May Saint's Name Days

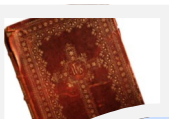
1 St. Brian: Brian Schmalzbach  
4 St. Monica: Lori Monica Jacobson  
5 St. Irene: Hazel Irene Lorentz; Irene Liu  
21 Sts. Constantine & Helen: Eleni Woglom

## HOLY BREAD BAKER



E.K. Sweet

## EPISTLE READER



Subdeacon Marian Maxim

## MAY COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS



### MAY 5

FOOD/ COFFEE SET-UP	Eugene & Stephanie Huang	1 Slot Open
	Ho & Sue Kim	1 Slot Open
Clean-Up	Ho & Sue Kim	1 Slot Open

### MAY 12-Mother's Day

FOOD/ COFFEE SET-UP	Catherine Walter	Alexandra Schmalzbach
	1 Slot Open	1 Slot Open
Clean-Up	1 Slot Open	1 Slot Open

### MAY 18

SPONSORED	MANOS FAMILY
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### MAY 25

FOOD/ COFFEE SET-UP	Nicole Fernandez	1 Slot Open
	1 Slot Open	1 Slot Open
Clean-Up	1 Slot Open	1 Slot Open

### JUNE 1

FOOD/ COFFEE SET-UP	Ken & Irene Liu	1 Slot Open
	Cathy Dujmovic	1 Slot Open
Clean-Up	Ken Liu	1 Slot Open



CLICK ABOVE TO SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR





## AROUND THE COFFEE URN

*News and events percolating  
at St. Mary*

### SIGN-UP FOR COFFEE HOUR ON-LINE

We are brimming with excitement and percolating with joy that our brothers and sisters in Christ can now sign up on-line to co-sponsor Coffee Hour from the comfort of your own home!

Ken Liu is using "Sign-Up Genius" to help coordinate multiple sponsors for each Sunday. This program will also send reminders to your email for your convenience. You can sign up for Coffee Hour at any time by visiting our website and clicking on the "Calendar" tab. You may also sign up in the Fellowship Hall using the paper sign-up form. Ken will take care of any overlaps--but as we know, the more the merrier!

Also, the kitchen has been re-organized and labeled to find everything you need--and where to put it back. If you do not see items stocked in the "Coffee Hour Supplies" cabinet, additional items can be found in the downstairs storage closet across from the women's bathroom.

### LECTURE ON THE STRUCTURE OF VESPERS Monday, May 5

Have you ever wondered why we do Vespers? What is its structure? What is the theology behind the hymns and the psalms? On Monday, May 5, Subdeacon Nicholas Jones will expand his intermediate chant lesson to the general topic of Vespers, and everyone is invited. He will be lecturing from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m in the basement of St. Mary's, and any questions are welcome. Come and join us!

### 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? Please visit <http://www.roea.org/scholarships.html> scholarships to learn more. Some have deadlines as early as May 15, so take a look! Information request is to be sent to: [scholarships@roea.org](mailto:scholarships@roea.org).

## DOXAICON—To Boldly Go To Seattle!

Due to the success of St. Mary's first Doxacon, an Orthodox Christian science-fiction and fantasy conference, "Geek Orthodox" on the west coast have planned one of their own!

Doxacon Seattle takes place August 22-24, 2014. Led by Tanya Keenen, Doxacon Seattle is independently running their own event, but under the advisement of the original team from our parish. Keynote speakers and break-out session topics are yet to be announced.

Our own Doxacon team, now to be referred to as Doxacon Prime, have plans on hosting an east coast event in downtown Washington DC in 2015.

If you would like to learn more about Doxacon Seattle, visit [www.doxacon.org](http://www.doxacon.org). You can also find us on Facebook under groups as "Doxacon".

Interested in being part of the 2015 planning committee? Please speak with Doxacon Prime chair, Daniel Silver.

### STORK ALERT!

David and Amy Dill are please to announce the birth of their 2nd daughter, Anastasia! Anastasia was born a very healthy 9 lbs plus! The Dill's have another daughter, Sophia. Many years!

## CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION SUNDAY

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6*

### Sunday, May 18, will be Church School Recognition Sunday

This short program is a formal recognition of accomplishments the children have made in learning more about the bible and the Orthodox faith under the hard work and preparation of our talented volunteer teachers. We also recognize students who graduate from the program as they prepare to head off to college.

There is never enough gratitude to those who sacrifice much of their social time to teach our youth. Please give our teachers and Church School Principals a big thank you for their dedicated service. A celebratory coffee hour will follow.



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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14 from 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.**



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