

# THE VEIL



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The Monthly Journal Covering The News at St. Mary



## NAVIGATING THROUGH A SEA OF TRADITIONS

By Rev. Fr. David G. Subu

One of the many things I love about St. Mary is the diversity of Orthodox traditions that are represented. Though the Parish falls under the jurisdiction of the Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America, St. Mary has always been inclusive of traditionally Orthodox expressions of piety from all over the world or from whatever jurisdictions our members may have been formed. At the same time we have many faithful new to Orthodoxy who bring their own understanding of piety as well (American and otherwise).

It's easy to understand why there can be confusion as to what is the practice of piety at our parish--often the many traditions do not line up. What might be expected as mandatory in one stream may be totally ignored or forgotten in another, yet both belong firmly to Canonical Orthodoxy. While the Apostles taught "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," (Eph. 4:5) they did not specify all the possible legitimate expressions of piety in that one faith. Thus it is the responsibility of each community to be guided by its pastor into the most appropriate path of reverence and so live out the faith through its local traditions ("small 't'").

I've been listening to many voices over the last few years tell me about the traditions that they appreciate and respect, those which we already incorporate, and those which could be added to benefit the community. Every so often it is good that the entire community be reminded of some of these traditions and expectations. These are offered as guidance

in learning what it means to "ascend into the hill of the Lord [and] ... stand in His Holy Place." (Ps. 24:3)

**With Propriety and Moderation (1 Tim 2:9):** It is an appropriate tradition to dress modestly and in proper attire fit for glorifying God—especially with all of the prostrations and bowing Orthodox do! Jeans and gym clothes (yoga pants, sweat pants/shirts, tank/spaghetti tops, etc.), are all too casual for worship. At the same time we should never be ostentatious (flashy jewelry or clothing). Shorts and short dresses/skirts (shorter than 3 inches above the knee) and other immodest clothing is out. Please do not expose undergarments or wear clothing that is too tight, low cut, or revealing (which is not to be confused with tailored/fitted). Even children can and should be taught at a young age to dress respectfully. As they get older they may be resistant. Do not give them a pass! Stay the course. As for head-coverings for women: some wear them, some do not—whether it be a scarf or hat. It is encouraged, but not mandated, so let each do what they do unto the Lord (1 Cor. 11:15-16, Rom. 14:4 ff.). Be mindful not to judge those who do or do not wear them.

**Shine like Lights in the world (Php 2:15):** I was surprised to hear that Fr. Calciu, of blessed memory, expected anyone who approached the chalice to do so with a lit candle, in hand, every time. Even though I grew up in a Romanian church, I never heard of or saw that practice. At St. Mary, we at least do it during the first 6 weeks after someone is newly baptized. Others grew up with the practice of entering the church and always lighting a candle before the icons before ever taking a seat. Each of these traditions fall on the spectrum of best practices. We should always strive to enter the church and ap-

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proach the chalice in a spirit of prayer lighting our way, and the candles are a literal reminder of that.



**Come before Him! (1Ch 16:29):** When you come into your parents' house it is considered very rude not to greet them and ask for their blessing, in traditional society. When we enter the church we come before God our Father at the altar, bowing towards it, making the sign of the Cross, and venerating the icons of Christ and His mother, and the saints to show our respect. Only then should we take a seat. If we are late and the service has started, that is no excuse. *Sneaking in late and hiding in the back is just doubling down on bad behavior.* Unless the Epistle/Gospel or Sermon is taking place, you may come up to venerate icons, light candles, and say prayers – this is a feature of Orthodox practice that is often surprising to Westerners, but is typical in the East. Likewise sneaking out at the end without venerating the Cross and greeting the priest is also to be discouraged. We should exit with the same reverence with which we should enter.

**Let all mortal flesh keep silent! (Zec 2:13):** Sometimes I find myself wanting to be chatty in the church before or after a service, but that is really not appropriate. The sanctuary is not a social hall. Let's model the best behavior possible by keeping reverential silence as much as possible, especially at the end of services as we patiently wait to exit. The choir sings beautiful hymns in order to fill the sanctuary with holy words of praise rather than idle talk. May God bless us with an expanded facility where we can do

all the socializing we want!

**Let your requests be made known to God (Php. 4:6):** In many churches, it is typical to bring prayer lists up to the altar before the service for commemoration. Many do not come in time for such prayers to be included in the Proskomedia (preparatory liturgy), but they can be brought during the services before liturgy or nowadays, sent in by email even days before. God wants us to bring our supplications to Him in faith, to His Throne and Altar. **Note:** I always check my email Sunday morning before 9 AM for prayer requests. Written requests and lists are also welcome.

**Breaking Bread (Acts 2:46):** I recently announced that the faithful who receive communion should not bring the blessed bread (antidoron) back to distribute to those who didn't take communion – they will receive it from the Priest at the end, as a blessing. Also, one should be mindful to consume the entire piece and all the crumbs, letting none fall to the floor. Children especially need to be taught how to do this reverentially. The "Holy Bread" is not the same as Holy Communion, and may be received by those who are not of the faith, but it is a symbol of that "One Bread and One Body," (1 Cor. 10:17) so it should be treated with great respect.

The key to all of these little traditions is the big Tradition of Reverence. We are called to serve God with fear and reverence (cf. Heb. 12:28). This in turn teaches us also how live our lives peaceably "in all godliness and reverence, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:3-4) My hope is that you are "in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you." (Tit. 2:7-8) May the same God who filled the temple with His glory also fill you with His Holy Spirit, and make you consecrated temples to His glory, forever and ever!

*- R. David Fisher*



## Our Daily Bread Program Asks for Our Help!

By Jeff Beranek, Coordinator

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."*

- James 2:14-17

### Sign Up Now for Our Daily Bread

Each Fall, St. Mary parishioners "adopt" 15 families by shopping for a week's worth of groceries and personal-care products, then delivering them to the families' homes on our church's assigned day.

**This year, our delivery is scheduled for Sunday, November 16.**

Even in prosperous Fairfax County, there are many

people struggling to keep themselves and their children fed, this year more than ever.

Through Our Daily Bread, an interfaith ministry based in Fairfax City which provides supplemental groceries for up to three months to needy families, we have an opportunity to reach out and help.

You can sponsor as a family or ministry group.

See Jeff Beranek to sign up, or call at 703-875-3090 or email to [jmberanek@msn.com](mailto:jmberanek@msn.com).



## Pan-Orthodox Outreach Effort at Christ House

St. Nicholas OCA Cathedral is looking for volunteers to participate in an ongoing Christ House (<http://www.christhouse.org>) is the only facility in the District that provides comprehensive health care to the homeless with chronic health problems, and our lunches tangibly contribute to their wellbeing. Each Christ House team serves two to three times a year on the second Sunday of the month, preparing and serving lunch to a group of 45-75 homeless men and women.

Volunteering on a Christ House team with other St. Nicholas parishioners does not require a lot of time – just time to buy the lunch ingredients and an hour and a half to serve. We arrive at Christ House around 11:30, heat and serve the lunch, eat and visit with the people there, and leave a little after 1:00 in the afternoon. St. Nicholas teams have been volunteering at Christ House for 13 years.

**If you are interested in volunteering or want to learn more, please contact Olga Uritsky at: [uritsky@mail.com](mailto:uritsky@mail.com) (note that this is not a gmail) phone [\(301\) 5937707](tel:3015937707)**

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We are celebrating our 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year we have some exciting news: this month we'll be sitting for photos in order to make a new **Commemorative Parish Photo Directory**. Here is your chance to make some lasting memories with and for families and friends, and learn about your parish and fellow parishioners. We've had a great deal of interest in doing one of these again and we're glad the time has come! The dates are **Friday, October 17 from 2 PM- 9 PM** and **Saturday, October 18 from 10 AM to 5 PM**. The location is right here at St. Mary's in the Library. **THE CHURCH PHOTO IS FREE....THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO BUY PORTRAIT PACKAGES UNLESS YOU WANT TO!**



**There are two ways to sign up for a sitting:**

**Online:** <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stmaryorthodoxchurch/index.php?page=10> Online reservations will receive a coupon by email for \$10.00 off their order.

**Sunday Coffee Hour:** Please see Preoteasa Stephanie in the parish hall, where she can sign you up. She will hunt you down too!

**Each person or family who signs up and sits for photography will receive:**

- FREE DIRECTORY (1 per family).
- FREE 8x10 of your selected church directory photo.
- Special 20% discount for Military and Seniors who order a portrait package

That's not all! If you own a business, you have an opportunity to advertise in the directory! We will also provide a space for families who wish to place an ad in memory of a departed loved one. Please see the form below to place an ad or memorial in the directory!

**Rates for Business Advertisements:**

- \$50 for a business card or 1/8 page
- \$100 for a 1/4 page with logo
- \$200 for a half page with logo/photo
- \$400 for a whole page with logo/photo

**Rates for Memorials**

- 2 lines: \$10
- \$50 for 1/8 page (business card size)
- \$100 for a 1/4 page with photo
- \$200 for a half with photo
- \$400 for a whole page with photo

**ST. MARY PHOTO DIRECTORY MEMORIAL/BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT:**

**Please publish the attached memorial/advertisement in the upcoming 2014 St. Mary Parish Directory:**

Enclosed is a check in the amount of: \$10 (two line memorial) \$50 (1/8 page) \$100 (1/4 page) \$200 (1/2 page) \$400 (whole page)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person/ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

St.Mary reserves the right to edit, limit and/or refuse publishing materials submitted.

Please make check payable to: St. Mary Orthodox Church with "Photo Directory Ad" in the memo line.

**DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2014. Please submit photos in JPEG format to [goodwifesubu@gmail.com](mailto:goodwifesubu@gmail.com).**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8am - 9am St. Demetrius</li> <li>• 9am - 10am Choir Practice</li> <li>• 10am -</li> </ul>	<p><b>27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am - 12pm Office Hours</li> <li>• 4pm - 7pm Office Hours</li> <li>• 7pm - 8pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am - 12pm Office Hours</li> </ul>	<p><b>29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am - 12pm Office Hours</li> <li>• 4pm - 7pm Office Hours</li> <li>• 7pm - 7:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7am - 8am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<p><b>31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. John of Chicago</li> <li>• 10am - 12pm Office Hours</li> <li>• 12pm - 1pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions</li> </ul>

**GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!**



**October Birthdays**

- Mihai Boicu
- Andrea Boicu
- Carrie Compton
- Joe Cox
- Nicholas Dujmovic the Younger
- Paul Koory
- Christina Kozemchak-Harvey
- Denise Manos
- Dorina Maxim
- Michelle Meehan
- Stephen Mirov
- Jerry Rij III
- Tina Scala
- Seraphina Popa-Scheifele
- Claudia Spita

**October Anniversaries**

- 12 Todd & Elizabeth Sweet
- 21 Robert and Kristine Lorentz
- 23 Stephen and Kathy Mirov

**October Saint's Name Days**

- 3 St. Dionysus-Denise Manos
- 14 St. Parascheva-Petka Lorentz
- 23 St. James (Iakovos), Brother of the Lord: James Woglom

**EPISTLE READER**



NO READER ASSIGNED

**OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS**



10/12 (Sun. )	Bring Food & Set Up (2)	All slots filled ana smith Catherine Walter Adriana Paraschiv
	Sunday School food	Michelle Meehan
	Clean Up (2)	AVAILABLE
10/19 (Sun. )	Bring Food & Set Up (2)	All slots filled Lauren Cooper (2)
	Sunday School food	Khoury/ Lorentz
	Clean Up (2)	AVAILABLE
10/26 (Sun. )	Bring Food & Set Up (2)	1 of 2 slots filled Amy Dill
	Sunday School food	Jessica Issler
	Clean Up (2)	AVAILABLE
11/2 (Sun. )	Bring Food & Set Up (2)	AVAILABLE (2)
	Sunday School food	AVAILABLE
	Clean Up (2)	AVAILABLE



Group Organizing Made Easy!



## AROUND THE COFFEE URN

News and events percolating at St. Mary and greater community

### Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction Huge Success!

The 2014 Dinner Dance and Silent Auction was once again a smashing success! Thanks to the hard work of dance organizers, George and Eleni Woglom, the event grossed over \$12,000!

The theme was "Back to the 1980s" and almost everyone who attended certainly put effort into making sure there was a reason we loved or hated that era: BIG hair, BIG shoulder pads, bold make-up, and neon colors!

Highlights included:

- Prize for Biggest Hair: April & Nick Masick
- Prize for Best 80s Look: William Lunn
- Flaming Baked Alaska Bidding Show Down
- 80s Trivia
- Dancing Duet of Johnny Castle (Michael Gulette) and Baby Houseman (Stacy Gulette)
- Lots of fabulous dancing that was enjoyed by everyone of all ages.

*Special thanks to Anna Caraveli, Eva Beranek, Denise Manos, and Ellen Robinson for heading committees that truly made the night memorable!*

## SAVE THE DATE!

### New Member Sunday, November 9

Each year, Parish Council formally recognizes those who have made a commitment to officially join our parish and become a voting member of our community. A special coffee hour will be hosted in their honor!

A member of parish council will contact those who joined since last November to get information on you, your family, and anything else you would like us to know!

If you would like to be a full member of St. Mary, please speak with Father David or click on the link below to access parish membership forms!

<http://www.stmaryorthodox.org/membership>

## Start of Church School, Apple Picking, and Patron Saints

The Church School is off to a rousing start this year, with 54 registered students, and counting. Over 16 teachers and assistant teachers are serving in five classrooms and the Children's Choir. This semester, the curriculum includes studies of New Testament stories (pre K to K); the beatitudes and the ten commandments (grades 1 and 2); living out our faith (grades 3-5); the early church in Acts through the first millennium (grades 6 - 8); and comparative religion (high school). Please let Renee Lerner at [rlerner@law.gwu.edu](mailto:rlerner@law.gwu.edu) to register your child.

**We are having an apple picking trip to the Marker Miller Orchards on October 11.** Please see the ad on the back of the newsletter to learn more!

One part of Orthodox life that we would like to encourage is each child's devotion to his or her **patron saint**. Our patron saints are models of the Christian life for us. The word "patron" comes from the Latin *patronus*, protector of clients, defender. We ask for our patron saint's prayers as part of our daily devotions, and through the Holy Spirit they inspire us, both in times of trouble and when we are travelling the plain called Ease. We are the saints' namesakes, and to be a namesake is an important job.

We have listed each child's patron saint and name day on the Church School roster. Church school teachers are encouraged to remember each child's name day as it occurs and may ask the student to tell the rest of the class about their patron saint. Parents can make sure each child has an icon of his or her patron saint and venerates it regularly. On the name day, or the evening before, parents and children can read stories on the lives of the saints. Older children can read about the saint and tell the rest of the family about his or her patron. A special dessert or meal might commemorate the day. If a liturgy is held on the name day, the family makes a special effort to attend and receive our Lord through Holy Communion. Growing closer to our patron saint brings us closer to the light of Christ. To symbolize this, the person celebrating a name day could light the votive candle before the family icon or the icon of the saint.

Looking forward, we will begin Nativity Pageant activities on November 16th. A **St. Nicholas Day Retreat and pageant rehearsal** will take place on **December 6th**. The **Nativity Pageant** will be held on **Sunday, December 14th**, after Liturgy. We are looking for parents who aren't teaching classes to help with various aspects of these special activities. Please let us know if you can help.

--Renee Lerner and Irene Liu



**ST. MARY FAMILY OUTING EVENT!  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11  
MARKER MILLER ORCHARDS  
3035 CEDAR CREEK GRADE  
WINCHESTER, VA 22602  
9 AM - 11 AM**

It's the Apple Harvest Festival at Marker Miller Orchards! All St. Mary faithful are encouraged to gather together and spend a couple hours having classic, Autumn fun! In addition to picking fruit, you can ride a hay wagon, let the kids run around the playground, take the cow train, and have a picnic lunch. Don't forget to pick up your pumpkins and cider before you leave. They even have apple cider donuts and a variety of pies!

Our plan is to meet at the wagon rides at 10:00 am. Families can pick apples either before or after the ride. You may want to bring a picnic lunch or purchase food there for lunch. We encourage carpooling with another family for a beautiful drive out to the country. Please invite some friends or another parish family to join you for an autumn adventure. RSVP to Jessica Issler at [jessicaeissler@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaeissler@gmail.com).



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