

THE VEIL

The Monthly Journal Covering The News at St. Mary



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DO YOU KNOW “THE WAY”?

By Rev. Fr. David G. Subu

This September at St. Mary's we are very pleased to announce the beginning of a new course of adult study as an introduction to Christian Orthodoxy: **The Way**. The Way is a special course developed with oversight from and blessings of Metropolitan Kallistos Ware in Cambridge, UK. It's a little different than what we've done in the last few years. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions:

What is THE WAY?

It is the outreach program of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies. It is a course of 12 sessions, usually over 12 weeks, and consists of:

- » a meal together
- » a talk on a central aspect of Christian belief
- » free discussion in small groups
- » a "question and answer" session, where members of each group put questions to a panel

What does THE WAY do?

The course aims to present the basics of Orthodox Christian faith in an atmosphere of friendship, free exchange and trust, where no question or opinion is treated as foolish or unworthy of attention.

Who is the course for?

The course is taught in English and was initially designed for people between 18 and 45 who had completed secondary school. In practice, it has been enjoyed by those of all ages, races and backgrounds including people with considerable Christian knowledge or very little, by Orthodox wanting to better understand their faith, by other Christians seeking to know more, and by those of goodwill who have a curiosity as to what Christians believe.

Is it different from other courses?

THE WAY builds on the understanding of social dynamics and the importance of human relations in transmitting the faith as shown in courses such as Alpha. However, its understanding of key issues is distinctively Eastern Orthodox, its emphasis is sacramental, and it integrates teaching with worship and prayer.

The current plan is to hold this program on Wednesday evenings, following a service of Small Vespers at 7 PM. Then we'll settle in and eat a meal as we discuss that evening's material, including talks on CD and DVD. Handouts and .pdf files are available if you miss a night. Our first class is September 12 running through December 5 (break one week for Thanksgiving).

How can you get involved?

The fun thing about this program is that is discussion based, allowing for multiple presenters and leaders of breakout sessions. (Don't groan—you know that it'll be fun!) So if you maybe know some basic things about the faith already and enjoy informal discussion you'd probably be a great small group leader. As for the meal, Wednesdays are a fast day during this course, so we're looking at keeping things very simple, like we do in Great Lent. I will host the "kick off" by making a spaghetti dinner. Then we will see if those who plan to come each week would like to make the meal a weekly potluck or if everyone would rather bring their own food. Lastly, tell your friends about it! This will be a great way to introduce them to the spirit of fellowship and faith of St. Mary's in an environment of open inquiry.

I'm looking forward to the new Church School Year—for education in the eternal things of God is more than even one lifetime of learning. I hope that as many of you as possible will participate and help make this event a success—both edifying and enjoyable for all involved!

Your servant in Christ,

— Fr. David Subu



SILENT AUCTION 2012 SNEAK PEEK

A TRIP AROUND ASIA, ONE DISH AT A TIME

By Dsa. Tanya Danilchick

We spent 13 years living in Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia. In addition, we traveled extensively in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, China and India during that time. Everywhere we went we ate the local cuisine, which we then learned to cook at home. On returning to the U.S. we continue to prepare these foods in our own kitchen. We look forward to sharing some of our favorites with you!

Some of the dishes will include sushi and Yakitori from Japan, Peking duck and shredded beef in birds nests from China, red duck curry from Thailand and clay pot prawns and fried pork wontons from Singapore.

We would also like to show you our collection of fine art and antiques from Japan, China and South East Asia, India and Tibet. The top 4 winners will win 2 seats at our table!

EXCLUSIVE, ORIGINAL CALVIN KLEIN HAND BAGS

By Anna Caraveli

In last month's newsletter, it advertised one of our auction prizes is a 2 hour fashion consultation by a wardrobe professional. Don't know where to begin with your style? Why not bid on one of 3 gorgeous Calvin Klein handbags to find outfits for! These handbags are designed by Manon Frappier-Cox, head of accessory designs for the company. These bags will surely get the attention of purse lovers and a good pair of shoes!

LIFE'S SHORT... EAT DESSERT FIRST!

By Denise Manos

This prize is perfect for those who love A: gourmet sweets and B: instant gratification. We will be having live bids on 3 scrumptious gourmet desserts for tables to bid on. The top bidding table will have the dessert they won served immediately!

ARE YOU A PINEAPPLE, A FIRE JUGGLER, OR A HAWAIIAN KING?

By George and Eleni Woglom

In the past 6 years, St. Mary members have made generous additional donations to ensure that our Dinner Dance is both enjoyable and profitable for the parish. This has made the difference between having a great event... and having a great event that brings us closer to the improvements our building needs.

We are in need of sponsors for this year's event. Do you feel called to make an additional donation to St. Mary's? In the spirit of our Luau theme, we invite you to join one of these increasingly daring levels of sponsorship:

Sponsorship	Donation
Hawaiian Pineapple Level	\$100+
Grass Skirt Hula Level	\$250+
Luau Fire Juggler Level	\$500+
Diamond Head Level	\$1,000+
Royal King Kamehameha Level	\$2,500+

Many St. Mary parishioners already have made extraordinary gifts, both monetary and personal, for this year's dinner and auction. If you have not yet found an opportunity to contribute and would like to make a special donation, please consider including an additional dollar amount with your RSVP -- or contact Father David or Eleni Woglom. God bless your generosity!

THE DINNER JACKET

By Preoteasa Stephanie Subu

My mom's side of the family are humorists. Growing up, I remember our very spirited family reunions in which relatives would pull outrageous pranks, tell jokes, and win the most ridiculous prizes from our annual White Elephant Auction. The most famous was "The Dinner Jacket". It was mustard in color with bright orange tropical flowers all over it. Tacky as you'll ever see. The first winner of this jacket, did not see the humor in it, until they decided to wrap it up again for the next year's White Elephant Auction. Out of this came the tradition of whoever bid on The Dinner Jacket, had to wear it to all family functions. It became the most valued item at the auction every year! The summer of my wedding, my beloved Uncle did his best to be the top bidder on any package he suspected had "The Dinner Jacket" inside. He wanted to have the honor of wearing it at my wedding reception. He succeeded. Guests who did not know my family, assumed he had terrible taste in style. But I knew the meaning of the jacket, which made it very special to me when we danced together, for all to see, at the reception. Nothing brings a family closer than a good laugh!

I now have a new family... the extended family of St. Mary. After 6 and half years of getting to know you, I think it is safe to say we can be "silly. I can think of nothing better than to offer "The Golden Pineapple Award" at this year's auction. To win this award, participants will have show lots of creativity and humor in their choice of attire for the Luau. The rules: no shorts or bikini/tube tops, and if wearing a grass skirt, please wear something under it (we do need to be modest since it is a church event). Think of it as being dressed as the most exuberant tourist in Hawaii! We encourage you to wear flowers, bright tropical patterns and items associated with a Luau. Contestants will be judged by me, in the spirit of what would make my family laugh. The lucky person will win the coveted Golden Pineapple, a trophy worthy to display next to your Mark Twain Prize. I wish to challenge guests to get involved in making our tropical themed event fun, entertaining, and for everyone to have a good laugh. After all, laughter brings a family closer together...even a church family.

EVENING OF CHINESE POETRY IN A BASKET

One of the most popular and critically acclaimed books of Chinese poetry in translation by our own Professor Jonathan Chaves, Pilgrim of the Cloud, with everything you need of endless evenings of enjoyment: various types of Chinese tea, pastries, incense, and assortment of other treats!

Poetry reading at your home by Jonathan can be arranged on request...and encouraged!

ARTISTS BLOCK

Our parish is blessed to have so many talented and creative people. We have girls who dance ballet or Irish step like a pro, we have boys who play the most beautiful piano or violin, we have men who play guitar and banjo, and women who paint.

Three of these women, Stephanie Kozemchak, Amy Dill, and Justina Mugambu are fine artists, who are donating their time and talent for our auction.

Stephanie, once again, will offer to paint an original water color of your home. This is a fabulous prize for new home owners looking for a very special piece to put on their mantle or could be a photo of a home from your childhood as a gift to parents!

Amy is currently painting a watercolor triptych of beautiful Orthodox churches from different parts of the Orthodox world. A wonderful addition to your dining room, conversation or prayer area.

Justina makes Pysanki Eggs, and she will be offering to the top bidders a class on how to make them. You will learn to use the tools and techniques for making the very delicate designs on such fragile eggs!

Let us not allow starving artists. Reward their creativity and time by bidding generously!

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A St. Mary Orthodox Church of Falls Church, VA Event

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Dinner Dance & Silent Auction

Saturday, September 29, 2012

Hosted at St. Luke's Orthodox Church in McLean, VA
6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

LUAU BBQ DINNER

Tropical Refreshments & Dessert

BENEFIT AUCTION

Live D.J.

Come in festive tropical or semi-formal attire and bring dancing shoes! "Golden Pineapple Award" for the most exuberant outfit! This event is open to everyone age 21 and over.

Just some of the fabulous auction items
that will await for bidding are...

Group Dinner Parties * Unique Items of Craft
Religious Items * Guided Tours * Themed Gift Baskets
Service for Hire * Gourmet Baked Goods

ALL THIS RIGHTEOUS FUN FOR ONLY
A \$50 SUGGESTED DONATION!

Please make checks payable to St. Mary Orthodox Church with "Dinner Dance" in the memo. If you cannot afford the suggested donation, please consider donating what you can! We would like to see 100% participation! Checks, along with your name, address, email, phone, and guest name(s), can be mailed to Eleni Woglom at: 9644 Boyett Court
Fairfax, VA 22032.

PAID RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY SEPTEMBER 16. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 • Ss. Adrian and Natalia • 9am - 9:30am Akathist/Choir practice • 9:30am - 11am Divine Liturgy: Summer Hours	27	28	29 • Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Strict Fast) • 10am - 11am Divine Liturgy • 7pm - 8pm Vespers with Akathist	30	31	1 • 5pm - 5:45pm Vespers with confessions
2 • 9am - 10am Choir Practice • 9:30am - 10am Akathist • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy	3 • Labor Day	4	5 • 10am - 1pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers	6 • 10am - 1pm Office Hours	7 • 10am - 1pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Great Vespers with Litya	8 • Nativity of Virgin Mary • 9am - 10am Adult Baptism: Roberts • 10am - 11am Festal Liturgy • 5pm - 5:45pm Vespers with confessions
9 • 9am - 10am Choir Practice • 9:30am - 10am Akathist • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 1pm PARISH PICNIC POTLUCK	10 • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	11	12 • 10am - 1pm Office Hours • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 9pm Adult Education: The Way	13 • 10am - 1pm Office Hours • 7pm - 9pm Vigil (Vespers and Matins)	14 • Exaltation of the Holy Cross • 10:30am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 12pm - 1pm Book Study: The Ladder	15 • 10am - 12pm Choir Practice • 5pm - 5:45pm Vespers with confessions
16 • 9am - 10am Choir Practice • 9:30am - 10am Akathist • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship Hour/ Church School • 6pm - 7:30pm Young in Faith	17 • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	18 • 7:30pm - 9pm Women's Bible Study	19 • 10am - 1pm Office Hours • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 9pm Adult Education: The Way	20 • 10am - 1pm Office Hours	21 • 10am - 1pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study: The Ladder	22 • 1pm - 2pm Wedding: Popescu • 5pm - 5:45pm Vespers with confessions
23 • 9am - 10am Choir Practice • 9:30am - 10am Akathist • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship Hour/ Church School • 12:30pm - 2pm Parish Council	24 • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class	25	26 • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 9pm Adult Education: The Way	27 • ROEA Clergy Congress (Detroit)	28 • ROEA Episcopate Congress (Detroit)	29 • 6pm - 11pm ANNUAL DINNER DANCE & SILENT AUCTION
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GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!



SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

September Birthdays

Alexandra Boicu
Brian King
Daniel Silver
David Cheplick
Eva Marie Beranek
Father David Subu
John Grecco
Kathy Miroy
Matthew Cleary
Matthew Tan
Melissa Koltos
Phil King
Rosemary Lorentz
Sally Apodaca
Stephanie Czura

September Anniversaries

3 Robert & Paula Yuskavage (35 years!)
3 John & Nancy Koory
7 Hans & Andra Scheifele
11 Stephen & Stephanie Zimmerli
18 Nicholas & Cathy Dujmovic

September Saint's Name Days

6 St David of Egypt: Fr. David Subu
6 Archangel Michael: Forest (Michael)
Thola, Michael Thola
9 Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos:
Anna Lerner; Anna Rij
17 Martyrs St. Sophia and Her daughters
Faith, Hope and Love: Nadine (Hope)
Thola; Sophia Coleman; Sophia Cleary;
Sophia Dill

September 2: The Lorentz Family

September 9: PARISH PICNIC (see back page)

Please sign up in parish hall to bring a food item to share! Grillers needed!

September 16: Boicu Family

September 23: Schmalzbach

September 30: Codrea Memorial Meal

HOLY BREAD BAKER



BAKER NEEDED

EPISTLE READER



NO READER ASSIGNED



REGULAR HOURS WILL RETURN

The Dog Days of summer are winding down, but the busy Fall season is soon winding up... as well as our Sunday service schedule!

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Akathist
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour



AROUND THE COFFEE URN

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

SVS EDUCATION DAY TO FOCUS ON TOLKIEN & C.S. LEWIS

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary is hosting their annual Orthodox Education Day on Saturday, October 6.

TOPIC: "Inklings of Glory: Godward Journeys with Tolkien and Lewis."

SVS invites your parish book club to read The Abolition of Man, by C.S. Lewis, and to participate in a discussion led by Fr. Andrew Cuneo, the only Oxford University graduate in the world who holds a doctorate in the study of C.S. Lewis!

Prefer Middle Earth over Narnia? SVS will also offer a lecture by J.R.R. Tolkien expert Dr. Christopher Mitchell, who will be bringing along part of the unique Christian literature collection from the Marion E. Wade Center.

Finally, our younger Orthodox community can participate in a young people's workshop with Dr. Kate Behr, who will be exploring the book and movie phenomena, The Hunger Games.

For more information, please visit www.svots.edu.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Our Church School program will begin resume Sunday, September 16 with an Open House for parents and students to meet the teachers. Our Church School program is open to Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten through High School age groups.

In order for our teachers to properly prepare material for the school year, **parents MUST register their child.** Registration forms will be made available at the Parish Picnic Potluck on Sunday, September 9. We also ask for parents to be open to volunteering their time with substituting to assist, should a teacher be unavailable. If you have any more questions, please speak with Father David.



**3RD MEETING OF PRAYERS
FOR THE FALLEN
ARLINGTON NATIONAL
CEMETERY
OLD AMPHITHEATER
SAT, SEPT. 22 AT 10:00 AM**

*INSPIRED BY ST RACHEL OF BORODINO
PRAYING FOR THE SOLDIERS...*

Please bring a list names of your departed at the Cemetery for us to remember.

ONLY 5 VEHICLES ALLOWED TO ENTER. CARPOOLING RECOMMENDED FROM CHURCH

To RSVP or for any additional information, please contact Nadine Thola at lnkspots@cox.net or Fr. David at 703-280-0770 or frdavid@stmaryorthodox.org.

ST. JOHN THE LADDER BOOK STUDY GROUP CLIMBS BACK UP SEPTEMBER 14!

Following Divine Liturgy of the Exaltation of the Cross, Father David and Anna Caraveli will be back to discuss the timeless wisdom of The Ladder of Divine Ascent. This group meets every Friday from Noon-1:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch, while we read passages from a chapter, followed by group discussion. We left off on the topic of "Discernment", but still have lots to go! This group is open to everyone!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

All women are invited to the home of Eleni Woglom for a lovely evening of prayer, scripture study and fellowship. Led by Stacy Gullette, the group will explore specific chapters, diving very deep into the history and meaning of the events through the eyes of noted Orthodox commentators. The study is followed by prayer and a light refreshments. Bible study begins at 7:30 p.m. For directions or further information please see Eleni.

**THE VEIL WOULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION! DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE:
SEPTEMBER 25**



P A R I S H P I C N I C

Take coffee hour outside and join us next door at Tyler Park!

**KIDS ACTIVITIES!
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!**

A sign ups sheet will posted in the hall for items to bring. Please see Ho Kim or Psa. Stephanie for more information

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



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