

25 YEARS

THE VEIL

The Monthly Journal Covering The News at St. Mary

**PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT**

By Chris Thomas, President

I pray that you had a pleasant summer. Our 9:30 AM service schedule is ending and the school year has begun. Church School begins September 15 and I am thankful to the volunteers who will be helping to spread the gospel to our children. America is not openly hostile to Orthodoxy, something that we should all appreciate as a blessing. But at the same time we all recognize that our children are under constant pressure in our society to turn away from the light of Christ. DOXACON was a worthy activity to take Christ to where the attention of some of our society has their focus, science fiction and fantasy. My thanks to Daniel Silver and the entire committee who gave so much time to successfully host the first DOXACON event.

The Parish Council took a summer break from meetings, but with many events ahead, we met on August 26 to catch up and prepare for a busy Fall. Please allow me to share with you some exciting and some not so exciting business affairs of the Parish:

At the end of 2012 our parish received a donation of \$50,000 from an anonymous donor, to be put to the best use needed for the Parish. The Parish Council voted to apply that funding to the balance of the mortgage of the Church property and adjoining St. Nina house. Together with the regular mortgage payments, we received notice from Burke and Herbert that we have paid off the mortgage! An additional joy to celebrate at our 25 Anniversary Dinner Dance with a mortgage burning ceremony!

The elimination of the Church mortgage lifts a burden and gives our parish additional flexibility as

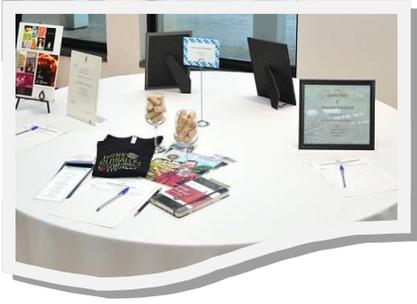
we look to renovations/additions to our facilities. Our balance on our second house is now sitting at about \$172,000 on a 6.25% commercial mortgage, with much of that covered by normal rent. However, the rent does not include the costs of regular and unplanned maintenance costs.

In the area of unplanned maintenance, looking at the Parish's financial position in relation to our budget, we are \$9,000 over budget on expenses. The majority of this amount comes from two unplanned property maintenance expenses: The first, tree removal for a large tree in the back of our parking lot that had become infected and was at risk of falling (over \$3,000) and the second, emergency replacement of our basement furnace (over \$6,000) which had lasted many years beyond any expectation thanks to the care and feeding of our past sacristans, Joe Kumbera and Steve Miroy. These items along with normal maintenance, far exceeded our budget at \$16,368 year to date--which annualize was expected to be closer to \$6,000 at this time of the year.

Our weekly giving is a good news story with a bit of a challenge for the parish. We are currently at \$111,129 in donations, which demonstrates the generosity of the body of the Parish. Our budget for the year should have us at \$127,177 at the start of August, so we are at 87% of our goal. The challenge is we need to continue at that pace and add additional giving to reach our annual budget set at the Assembly of \$202,500.

At the Assembly we agreed that in August the Parish Council would review the budget and determine if we were in a position to hire an engineer/planning architect to help us being to develop a plan and scope out facilities improvements. At the August meeting we agreed that progress on the budget was not quite close enough to our goal to hire one (but we are getting there!). The Council will begin

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Silent Auction 2013 Sneak Peek

FLY HIGH IN THE SKY!

Top bidder will have an exciting opportunity to experience a one-hour private plane ride! You and up to 2 other guest passengers will fly in a Cessna 175 at 3,000 to 4,000 feet above the Leesburg/Frederick/Charles Town area for a full hour. Kes Tomlin will be your guide.

Kes has had an interest in flying since childhood as his father was a small-engine aircraft mechanic. He bought his Cessna 175 a few years ago and received his private pilot's license last year. Kes' instructor was a retired Air Force pilot whose lessons were more in-depth than those of most instructors. He not only has great knowledge about flying planes, but he is also an excellent teacher.

After you and your guests arrive at the airport of your choice (in Frederick, Leesburg, or Gaithersburg), Kes will explain the major components of the plane and their function. He will then give a step by step explanation of a pre-flight inspection of the plane, checking for any physical damage, fuel, and oil; tightening any loose screws; and making sure all the instrumentation works.

Once in flight, Kes will point out the instruments used for flight and their importance. You will be "up close and personal" as the plane takes off, maneuvers, soars, and lands. And don't forget the view (bring a camera)!

Please be flexible with dates of your flight experience, which depend on the airplane's availability and weather—which is most likely in the month of October, or next Spring. This is an amazing experience you don't want to miss!

BECOME A VIP WITH YOUR OWN VIP— VERY IMPORTANT PARKING SPOT!

This prize is an overlooked gem at our auction! As we all know, parking is at a premium at St. Mary. Wouldn't it be nice to know that each time you come to the church, a prime parking spot is reserved for you and your family? This is an excellent prize for those who never want to worry about finding a place to park for the whole year! This is also a nice gift for expecting parents and those with infants. Your parking spot will be available to you the day after the auction...which will come in handy for our 25th Anniversary Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, where we expect LOTS of parishioners and visitors!

ARE YOU CHROME, SILVER, OR PLATINUM?

By George and Eleni Woglom

In the past 7 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. Because of past generosity, we are excited to announce a mortgage burning ceremony as part of our festivities at this year's dinner dance!

To celebrate 25 years properly, we are in need of sponsors for this year's extra special anniversary event. Do you feel called to make an additional donation to St. Mary's? In the spirit of our Silver Anniversary, we invite you to join one of these increasingly daring levels of sponsorship:

<i>Sponsorship</i>	<i>Donation</i>
Supporter Level	\$100+
Chrome Level (Partner)	\$250+
Silver Level (Patron)	\$500+
White Gold Level (Benefactor)	\$1,000+
Platinum Level (Visionary)	\$2,500+

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!

WINNER, WINNER! HOSTED DINNER!

Our most popular items at our auction are unique dinner parties hosted by our parishioners. Can't afford to travel to Singapore or Spain? Missed the last pub crawl with your fellow mates? Looking for something surprisingly different in culinary cooking? We have 4 scrumptious themed dinner parties waiting for bidding: Singapore Family Style Dinner with the Tans, British Gastro-Pub Dinner Party with the Danilchicks, An Evening in Andalucia Spain with the Chaves, and Modernist Meal Cooking Lesson with Dinner Party with Nick Jones. These dinners will surely delight the palette!

AN UNEXPECTED BIDDING JOURNEY AWAITS!

Father David is seeking a party of adventurers to bid on his most unique gift package yet! Take the most unexpected bidding journey to reach Smaug's Horde and bring home lots of treasure!

The bidding begins at "The Shire" level (\$45 minimum bid), where the top bidder will win a hand painted miniature vignette of Bilbo and Gollum having "A Riddle in the Dark". This vignette will be displayed on a beautiful base to showcase in your home. For those who are familiar with Father David's work and artistry, this is certainly a prize to have for your Tolkien collection!

Feeling a bit bolder to travel on? Dare to go down, down, down to "Goblin Town" level (\$200 minimum bid), where you not only keep the "Riddle in the Dark" vignette, but will also win a Deluxe Limited Edition of Games Workshop "Escape from Goblin Town" Battle Strategy Game with custom carrying case! That's not all... Father David and Preoteasa Stephanie will offer you painting lessons, so your game figurines will be ready for the game!

If all this treasure is not enough, then you can take the ultimate journey of going for "Smaug's Horde" level (\$300 minimum bid) and win not only ALL of the prizes above, but Father David will run an "Ultimate Game Night" for you and 4 additional guests, complete with proper snacks and beverages!

Are you a timid Baggins and would like to just stay in The Shire? Or is the Took in you, for the sake of helping out St. Mary, willing to go for the ultimate prize?

EXCLUSIVE, ORIGINAL CALVIN KLEIN HAND BAGS AND ACCESSORIES

Calling all Fashionistas! Once again, Calvin Klein's head of accessories design, Manon Frappier-Cox, is offering exclusive wares straight from New York City! Her accessories and handbags will be one of a kind and cannot be found anywhere else but at our auction!

DESSERT FRENZY IS BACK!

Back by popular demand, we will have a "Dessert Frenzy Live Auction" at this year's dinner dance. For those who have A: a real sweet tooth and B: love instant gratification— then this is for you! Four scrumptious desserts will be available for tables to bid on. How about a Key Lime Cheese Cake prepared by the hands of Fr. David Subu? Enjoy tableside service from renowned parish baker, Subdeacon Nick Jones, to experience his sweet creation. Does Wegmans have you wagging? You can bid on a decadent cake from their bakery! The top bidding table will have the dessert they won served immediately!

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the process of identifying possible candidates and will reassess later this year. Our expectation is that following normal giving cycles, giving will rise in the last 6 weeks of the year.

Council also reviewed a proposal to address the deteriorating condition of the carpet in the church hall and hallway. Our concern was beyond ascetics, and included sanitation. With an expectation that the current hall would remain as part of an improved facilities, while wanting to limit investments with possible future facility choices, we agreed to use a part of the \$25,000 that was donated several years ago towards hall renovations to remove the carpet and install vinyl tile flooring. The flooring will be high enough quality to serve as a long term surface, while at the same time priced at a level of that recognizes the new flooring may or may not be included as part of hall expansion plans. Regardless, it is imperative that cleanliness and hospitality prevail for our current and prospective members.

At the next Parish Council meeting we will review humanitarian aid charity allocated in our budget of \$2,000. If you would like to offer a charity for consideration as part of our giving, please let me know.

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Celebrating 25 Years of Faith and Fellowship

The Parish Community of
Protection of the Holy Mother of God Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA
Invites You to Attend Our

Silver Anniversary

Dinner Dance & Silent Auction

Saturday, October 5, 2013 • 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
St. Luke Banquet Hall • McLean, Virginia

*Special Guest: His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel
Bishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate*

Ticket Includes:

- Italian Dinner Buffet, Dessert & Beverages
- Live DJ Featuring Dance Music Through the Decades
- Dessert Frenzy • Dancing & Fellowship • Benefit Auction

Age 21+ Only • Semi-Formal Attire

Suggested Donation \$50/person

Paid Reservations Required By September 22

Invitations & Registration Details Coming Soon!
Bring family and friends!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church New Year • 9:30am - 10am Prayers for new school year • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Day • (Office closed all week) 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Office closed all week) 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Hermione • (Office closed all week) 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPISCOPATE CONGRESS (Grass Lake, MI) • (Office closed all week) 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPISCOPATE CONGRESS (Grass Lake, MI) • (Office closed all week) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPISCOPATE CONGRESS (Grass Lake, MI) • (Office closed all week)
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nativity of the Virgin • 9am - 10am Choir / 9:30 Akathist • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ss. Joachim and Anna • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class • 7:30pm - 8:30pm Peer Depression Ministry 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy with Memorial 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exaltation of the Cross (strict fast) • 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday after the Cross • 9am - 10am Choir / 9:30 Akathist • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship/ Church School 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class • 7:30pm - 8:30pm Peer Depression Ministry 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ss. Sophia, Faith, Hope and Love • 7:30pm - 9pm Women's Bible Study 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 9pm Adult Education 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions
<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am - 10am Choir / 9:30 Akathist • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship/ Church School • 6pm - 8pm Young in Faith 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class • 7:30pm - 8:30pm Peer Depression Ministry 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 9pm Adult Education 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. John the Theologian • 10am - 11am Divine Liturgy • 10am - 2pm Office Hours 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm - 6pm Vespers with confessions
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am - 10am Choir / 9:30 Akathist • 10am - 11:30am Divine Liturgy • 11:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship/ Church School • 1pm - 2pm Baptism: Henderson 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 8pm Great Vespers with Litya 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of the Mother of God • 10am - 11am Divine Liturgy 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 4pm - 7pm Office Hours • 7pm - 7:30pm Vespers • 7:30pm - 9pm Adult Education 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - 2pm Office Hours • 12pm - 1pm Book Study 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30pm - 5:15pm Vespers (early) • 6pm - 10pm 25th Anniversary Dinner/

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!



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
- Patricia Balzer
- Phil King
- Rick Power
- Rosemary Lorentz
- Sally Apodaca
- Stephanie Czura

September Anniversaries

- 3 Robert & Paula Yuskavage
- 3 John & Nancy Koory
- 7 Hans & Andra Scheifele
- 11 Stephen & Stephanie Zimmerli
- 18 Subdeacon Nicholas & Cathy Dujmovic

September Saint's Name Days

- 1 St. Rose of Sardinia: Rosemary Lorentz
- 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
- 14 Elevation of the Cross: Nicholas Cleary
- 17 Martyrs St. Sophia and Her daughters Faith, Hope and Love: Nadine (Hope) Thola; Sophia Coleman; Sophia Cleary; Sophia Dill

SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS



September 1: SPONSOR NEEDED

September 8: PARISH PICNIC (see back page)

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

September 15: SPONSOR NEEDED

September 22: SPONSOR NEEDED

September 29: SPONOSOR NEEDED

HOLY BREAD BAKER



Stephanie Kozemchak

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 1

- 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*

PARISH CLEAN-UP WEEKEND!

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration is around the corner, taking place the weekend of October 5-6. We expect many visitors and well wishers, so its time to mark your calendars to clean up the parish property --both inside and out!

On Saturday, September 21 from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m., we need LOTS of parishioners to come and help with the following:

- Weeding/Raking/Mowing
- Wash Windows/Walls
- Clean-Up Kitchen Area
- Sweep Parking Lot/Sidewalks
- Weed/Mow and Straighten Up Tot-Lot Area
- Wash Tables/Chairs/Table Cloths
- Mow/Weed the St. Nina House area

If this date does not fit your schedule, please see Fr. David about projects that can be done during the week.

CHARITY WALK FOR ORTHODOX MISSIONS AND LOCAL CHARITIES

On October 19, 2013, Orthodox Christians from around the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area will converge on the National Mall for the inaugural Monumental Missions Walk. Sponsored by the Metropolitan DC Orthodox Christian Mission and Outreach Committee, the Monumental Missions Walk is a 3-mile long spiritual stroll past some of the Nation's most important landmarks.

At each designated monument along the route all participants will learn the spiritual significance of the landmark and to provide insight into the role that religion has played in the history of this great country. The Monumental Missions Walk will afford participants the unique opportunity to pause and admire these important places of reflection through the unique lens of faith.

Tickets are \$25 Adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Price includes a T-shirt. Remaining proceeds benefit OCMC and local DC outreach charities.

Please visit

<http://monumentalmissionswalk.eventbrite.com/>

to purchase your tickets.

**4TH MEETING OF PRAYERS
FOR THE FALLEN
ARLINGTON NATIONAL
CEMETERY
OLD AMPHITHEATER
SAT, SEPT. 21 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 RECOM-
MENDED FROM CHURCH**

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

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Our Church School program will begin Sunday, September 15. Our Church School program is open to ages 4-Grade 12.

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 8. 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 Church School Co-Principals, Renee Lerner and Irene Liu.

SISTER DEBORAH TO VISIT ST. MARY

Sister Deborah (Hile), will be a guest of the St. Nina House October 4 through November 4. A former parishioner, Sister Deborah is very much looking forward to being among her spiritual family and good friends. While she is here, St. Nina House Director, Patricia Balzer, is asking if meals can be provided and/or grocery purchases. She is an ovo-lacto vegetarian with no known allergies. Please speak with Patricia for more information about her needs during her stay.

**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE:
SEPTEMBER 25**

END OF SUMMER PARISH BBQ AND PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Following Divine Liturgy, we move coffee hour to the great outdoors next door at Tyler Park!

**HAMBURGERS * HOT DOGS * SIDE DISHES
REFRESHMENTS * CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Please look for a sign up sheet in the parish hall for food items to bring. Please see Ho Kim to volunteer for set-up and clean-up.



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