



Worship Schedule

Great Vespers

Saturday Evenings, 6:00 PM

Confessions after Vespers or by appt.

Matins

Sunday Mornings, 8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Sunday Mornings, 9:00 AM

followed by a 15 minute

Adult Orthodoxy Lesson

~See calendar for feast day services~

Religious Education

Sunday Church School

Sunday Mornings, 8:30 AM

Chant Class

Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

Religious Study

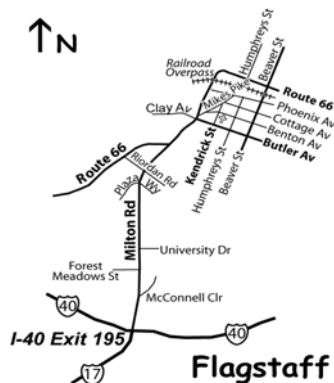
April: Fridays at 12:00 pm "Ladder of
Divine Ascent" &

Sunday @ 11:00 am *Orthodox
Christian History Class*

May & June: 6:30 pm Wednesdays
Paraklesis Service followed by Bible
At St. Vincent De Paul room

*Unless noted, Services and
Classes are held at:*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
224 S. Kendrick Street*



Directions from Interstate

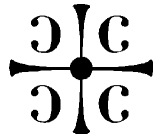
Highways: From I-17N proceed into Flagstaff. From I-40, take Exit 195 into Flagstaff. Once in Flagstaff, continue north on Milton Rd. Pass through five lights. The sixth light will be at Butler Av. Turn right onto Butler Av. Turn right at the entrance to Our Lady of Guadalupe between Kendrick St and Humphreys St. (Left turns are no longer allowed onto Kendrick Street)



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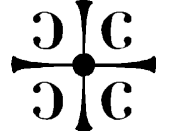
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Pastoral Message

Fr. Nicholas Andruchow



Our Bishop is coming!

On April 5th and 6th for the first time Metropolitan Gerasimos will be visiting the Flagstaff community and celebrating the Divine services with the Greek Orthodox Mission in Northern Arizona. This is a significant event because it reminds us that we are not alone in the vineyard but rather God has sent his messenger to shepherd us. Our bishop is the concrete continuation of Christ's 2,000 year Apostolic decree to care for His sheep. The Christian Tradition has prevailed through the generations because of courageous leaders who maintained the message in spite of persecutions and difficulties. This message was handed down by the elders of the communities both orally and in written form. We see the magnitude of the early leaders' role in the Church by the Holy Spirit coming upon them via the laying on of hands. (Acts 6:6, 8:15, 19:6) When Christ ascended into heaven He left physically but He strengthened us by sending the Holy Spirit which gives us the grace to overcome the most difficult situations. This is essential in our existence because without the Holy Spirit we would truly be in a sad orphaned state.

Head Servant

It is clear that in the New Testament (I Cor. 7:22, Rom 1:1, Gal. 1:10, Col. 4:12, James 1:1) that we are servants (*doulos* in the Greek) of the Lord but in the Old Testament our relationship with the Lord is clarified by the same word referring to one who is a slave (Lev. 25:44, 26:13, Josh. 9:23, 24:29, II Kings 4:1). With this in mind we can see that we are all here in this world to serve the Lord because our ownership belongs to our Creator who is Jesus Christ. In the Roman/Greco household slavery was not uncommon and it was appropriate to have an appointed head master, who was a servant himself, to coordinate and oversee all the other servants of the household. That head master was referred to as the bishop or episcopate. St. Paul speaks of the role of this person significantly in his epistle (I Tim 3:1-7). Throughout the history of Christianity the responsibility of the bishop to watch over the fellow servants has been instrumental in the functioning of the church starting with the Apostles (Acts 20:28, Phil. 1:1, Tit. 1:7) and leading up to present day with our own Metropolitan Gerasimos. When Christ ascended into heaven he declared that He would not leave us orphaned but rather send down the Holy Spirit to comfort us which occurred on the great day of Pentecost (John 15:26). One of the concrete manifestations of God's Holy Spirit is maintained today through his Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos who is the overseer of the faithful servants within the Metropolis of San Francisco. This is a tremendous responsibility for His Eminence and a blessing for all of us knowing that God has giving us an arch pastor to watch over us all.

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Lenten nourishment by our Bishop's visit

Yes our spiritual guide and arch pastor is coming to Flagstaff. It is truly a blessing and we should have our hearts open to receiving him with joy and inspiration. His Eminence (that is how we refer to him because of the sacrifices he makes in his role as a bishop of Christ) will be celebrating Great Vespers on Saturday night and Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning. Everyone should attend the services and also the luncheon on Sunday to take advantage of the opportunity to get to know our bishop better. Also on that Sunday we will celebrate the three year anniversary of His Eminence's enthronement to the Metropolis of San Francisco, which includes the jurisdiction of not only California but Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Hawaii. Therefore let us prayerfully continue to prepare in this Lenten season for the coming of Christ's glorious Resurrection Pascha/Easter and receive our arch pastor Metropolitan Gerasimos into our community with a loving heart and a zeal for Christ that warms the entire world.



The Bishop will be arriving on Saturday April 5th for Vespers and celebrating Divine Liturgy on the 6th.

Contact Tammy Kretsedemas (928) 526-1733 or Toula Howington (928) 774-0858 concerning the luncheon on Sunday.

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship

God is Great, Glorify Him! This is the motto of our organization as we approach yet another year as Orthodox college students at Northern Arizona University. We have many exciting events coming soon. Joel, Cody, Mascha, and Father Nicholas will be leaving on spring break for an OCF mission trip to Greece. They will be working on repairs and rebuilding for the monastery of the Holy Twelve Apostles in Kardista. For those of us not going they will continually be in our prayers as they spread the love of the Lord in that ancient land. We have hikes in Sedona and a volunteer day at the Rescue Mission in Flagstaff coming this month. The Rescue Mission will be the club's first opportunity to help those less fortunate than us. We hope to have many more events in which we will give our time and energy to help the City of Flagstaff, our parish, and the university. In the past several weeks we have been very active in our events and functions. This February we renovated the Holy Paschal Cross and Tomb of our Lord for the upcoming Holy Week (see picture below.) They both look amazing with a new coat of glossy paint and new varnishing. Thanks to everyone who helped in the project. Meetings now take place every week and as a result we have grown much closer as friends and soldiers in Christ. We have had discussions about the upcoming election, watched movies on the church history and had a wonderful Russian movie called "The Island". We have discussed the trials that face college students and how we can face them together. On March 12th I gave a presentation to the club on Love, Sexuality, and the Sacrament of Marriage and Fr. Nicholas is planning to give a lecture on icons when he returns from Greece. This has been a very prosperous semester and we are hoping to keep the standard going until the end of this year. We would like to thank Tammy and Toula for all their help in raising funds for the club. We couldn't have done it without you. We also would like to thank Father for putting aside his time to help guide us into the faith. Our events are open to anyone and we hope that we can share our experiences with all of you. As we enter into Lent our compassion and strength as a family will help us grow closer to God and the greatest gifts of all.

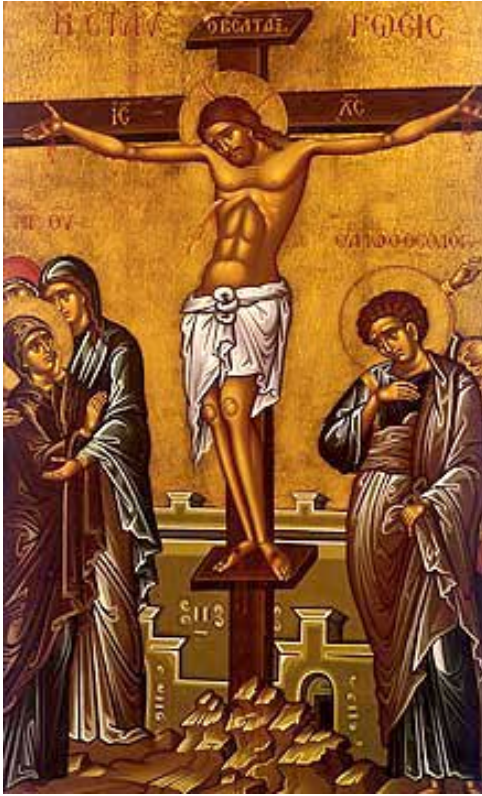
Note: Our link is now available on the GOMONA website. If anyone has any experience with forming internet pages and would like to help us create one please contact us.

Thanks!

Michael J. Conrad, OCF President



Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha and Feast Day Services & Events



April 19th ...Lazarus Saturday: Matins 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM followed by Pancake Breakfast and Palm Cross Making

April 20th ...Palm Sunday: Matins 8:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
6:30 PM: Bridegroom Matins

April 21st ...6:30 PM: Bridegroom Matins

April 22nd ...10:00 AM Presanctified Service
6:30 PM: Bridegroom Matins

April 23rd ...10:00 AM Presanctified Service
6:30 PM: Holy Unction Service

April 24th ...10:00 AM: Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil

6:30 PM: 12 Passion Gospels

April 25th ...8:00 AM: Royal Hours
11:00 AM: Holy Friday Retreat *for all ages*

2:00 PM: Entombment Service

6:30 PM: Lamentation Service

8:00 PM to 10:00 AM: All Night Vigil (To sign up contact Michael Conrad at (209) 840-2445 or mjc222@nau.edu)

April 26th ...10:00 AM: Holy Saturday Vespertal Liturgy
11:30 PM: Pascha Midnight Liturgy

April 27th1:00 PM: Agape Vespers followed by Pascha Picnic at Fox Glenn Park



Flower Donations Needed

For Holy Week flowers need to be donated for the different services please. If you are interested in helping, please contact Father or Toula Howington.

Holy Friday Retreat - April 25 • 11:00 AM RSVP by Sunday April 20

We are holding our sixth annual Holy Friday Retreat at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Please make all attempts to attend, and RSVP to a Church School teacher by Sunday April 20th, either by letting a Church School teacher know, or call Cookie Kraus at 928-774-2883 or email familykraus@hotmail.com.

The retreat will begin with 'rotation learning'. Participants will travel in small groups from station to station where themes about Pascha will be explained, and each participant will receive a small memento of the topic covered. We will break for a lenten potluck lunch (NO NUTS PLEASE), and time permitting, we will end the retreat by practicing the Lamentation Hymns. We should be done in time for the Entombment service at 2:00 pm

DATE:

Sunday
April 27th

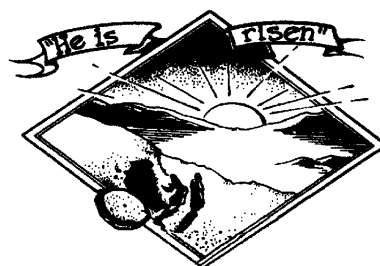
PLACE:

Fox Glenn Park,
Flagstaff, AZ

WHAT TO BRING::

Meat Potluck Dishes
Recommended

PASCHA PICNIC



TIME:

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

INFO:

Contact Sue Neimey
@ 928-639-8483 or
sneimy@sedona.net
or Mary Grove 226-
1882



LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

We are starting the process of creating a 5 year plan for our Church. We will be prayerfully evaluating the path God wants us to take in the following areas: Philanthropy, Stewardship, Outreach, Finances and Education.

All are welcome to participate. If you would like to be a part of this process, contact Sandy Boyce at 928-203-1100 or Kathleen Park at 525-9489.



March 25, 2008 – Important Date for Naming Our Church

Every stewarding household should have received in the mail a form to fill out to submit a name for our church. Please note that to be considered, your form must be returned to •GOMONA **postmarked no later than March 25, 2008**. If you have previously submitted a name, please submit it again, on this form, with your statement about why this name should be the name of our church. We apologize for any inconvenience.

After March 25, a master list of all names submitted, in alphabetical order, will be compiled. This master list will include your explanations, but will not say who submitted the names. This master list will then be sent to all stewarding households for your prayerful consideration. Father Nicholas will present background information on the names submitted, because some people may not be familiar with all of them. This background information will be presented during Orthodoxy Class after Divine Liturgy, and also will be available on the GOMONA website. At least three names from the list will be discussed each week. When all the names have been covered, **we will proceed with the first ballot to determine the top 10, and after that the second ballot to determine the top 3. The top three names will then be placed in a vessel and after a divine service invoking the Holy Spirit one will be drawn out of the vessel. This will be the name of our church! So please start the process by submitting your form postmarked by March 25.**
Thank you

† Announcing † All Saints Pan-Orthodox Summer Camp!

Reserve the dates!
Sunday, June 8, 2008- Friday, June 13,
2008

El Nathan Retreat Center
Flagstaff, Arizona



For campers entering 4th Grade through
campers entering 12th Grade

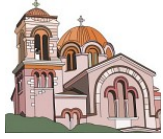
Look for information coming soon on
registration.

Camp Web Information- www.holytrinityphx.org and click
All Saints Camp

Camp Co-Directors:

Kathy Clarke 602.757.1025 jklarke1@cox.net
Kristen Vasilarakos 602.332.8809 kvasilarakos@cox.net

Adults- Interested in being part of the camp team?
Contact Kathy or Kristen above.



Building a House of God

By the grace of God, our Capital Campaign is on a path of success. Through the generous contributions of the faithful, we have collected \$146,100 with \$90,000 in additional pledges. This puts us well on our way to establishing the first permanent Orthodox Christian place of worship in Northern Arizona.

These individuals and families who have contributed in our fundraising efforts have our sincere gratitude. Please call 928 774 8279 or visit GOMONA.ORG for further information on ways you can help.

Honorary Founder \$25,000 and greater

Paul & Sandy Boyce

Jerry & Athena Vasilatos

Janet Morin

*In memory of Roger L. Morin,
Fr. Parry, Alex Harington,
Robert Owen & Inez Virginia*

Founder \$10,000 to \$24,999

Bette D. Maniatis

In memory of Mary Alvantides

Toula Howington

*In memory of Elpitha & Peter Kyparissakou
and Katy Demitra Drake*

Dn. Basil & Mary Rose Andruchow

Pete & Tammy Kretsedemas

Randy & Helen Schulz

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Charles & Elizabeth Beck

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An Anonymous Donor

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Sponsors \$1,000 to \$5,999

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In memory of Maxine & Irving Feiler

Peter Cayias

Gregory Kleiner

In Memory of Mary Kleiner

Fr. Nicholas & Merilynn Andruchow

Deacon Seraphim & Mary Grove

In memory of Warren, Monica, Joseph, & Julia

Greg Adondakis

In memory of Michael Adondakis

Julie & Lew McCormick

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Knezovich

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Supporters \$25.00 to \$999.00

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In Memory of George & Athena Manatos

Constantinos & Aspasia Germanakos

Katherine Jordan

John Saledas

Hercules Dellas

Irene Canelos

In memory of George Canelos

Kay & Stan Coin

William Wafalsky

John & Linda Dexter

Phil & Helen Mitchell

Pauline Alexander

Olga & Nicholas Flouskados

George Kostas

Mary Lambros

Dr. Andreas & Mary Poulakidas

CJ & Marion Contes

Theodore & Maria Kotsonas

Maria & Vincent Sinisalchi

Xenophon & Helene Tsouprakos

Angeline Petroulakis-Miller

Jim & Connie Contes

Georgia & Sotirios Econopouly

Dr. Andreas & Mary Poulakidas

Margaret Dellas

Pat & Louis Katsos

Angela Hapgood

William & Andrea Potaris

Andrew Mitchell

Doris & Jim Demos

John & Linda Dexter

Christina Tzavellas

Maria & Adrian Hreshchyshyn

George & Faith Drapan

George & Angela Janetakis

Joan Janetakis

Maria Schulz

John & Julie Galvin

Theologos & Dora Themelis

Dena Kantaros

Mary Demas

Christene Libbares

Connie Morfogen

Gregory & Melita Calpakis

George Veres

Joanne & Theodore Lakis

Connie & James Contes

Maria Boyce

Dena Kantaros

P. J. Demas

Stewardship 2008

STEWARDSHIP



MINISTRY

As of March 5, 2008, 46 of our stewards have returned their pledge forms for the year 2008; pledging a total of \$70,425. Thank you for being committed to our loving Jesus Christ through His Church. You see, being committed it is not a duty. It is a privilege. It is a blessing that comes from the heavens.

In Christ with love,
Toula

Thank you to our pledged stewards

Fr. Nicholas and Pres. Merilynn Andruchow
John and Nana Allen
George and Kim Adondakis
Phil & Helen Blommendahl
Paul and Sandy Boyce
Anastasia Konomos and Paul Brinkmann
Kristen Coor & Warren Sanford
Margaret Dellas
Elaine Dillingham
Richard and Martha Downey
Maria Genina
Deacon Seraphim & Mary Grove
Estela Ene & Gabriel Gruionu
Angela Hapgood
Toula & James Howington

George A. Howington
Jody Gilson & James Howington
Jane Nicoletti- Jones & Lee Jones
Dale & Elpitha Kraus
Demetrios & Katherine Kretsedemas
George and Sophie Kretsedemas
Pete & Tammy Kretsedemas
Abbie and Jonn Lander
Julie and Lewis McCormick
Bette Maniatis
Matt and Carissa Maxwell
William & Jean Miller
Janet Morin
Jed and Amada Morrison
Daniel & Susan Neimy
Darrell and Georgia Padilla

Angelo & Potoula Pappas
Magdaline Pappas
David & Kathleen Park
Fr. T. Pavlatos Family
Randy & Helen Schulz
Maria Schulz
Jessica & Joe Sorren
Augustine Smyth
Litsa St. Amand
Christopher and Tina St. Cyr
Tom and Pamela Schmadel
Christopher and Katherine Staten
Dean and Nicholette Tavlarides
Theodore and Erica Tsouras
An Anonymous Steward

**** If you have returned a pledge prior to March 5th, and your name is not on this list, please call 928-774-8279 to notify us ****

Stewardship 2008 Pledge Distribution

Pledge Amount	# Stewards	Pledge Amount	# Stewards	Pledge Amount	# Stewards
\$5,001 - \$6,000.....	2	\$2,001 - \$3,000.....	6	\$501 - \$1000.....	10
\$4,001 - \$5,000.....	2	\$1,001 - \$2,000.....	8	\$1 - \$500.....	11
\$3,001 - \$4,000.....	7				

AVERAGE PLEDGE: \$1,530.98



GREEK ORTHODOX MISSION OF NORTHERN ARIZONA STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE: JANUARY, 2008 – DECEMBER, 2008

Name _____ Spouse _____
Children, names and ages _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Home _____ Work _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Treasure

I/We joyfully pledge this amount to support the needs of the Greek Orthodox Mission of Northern Arizona.

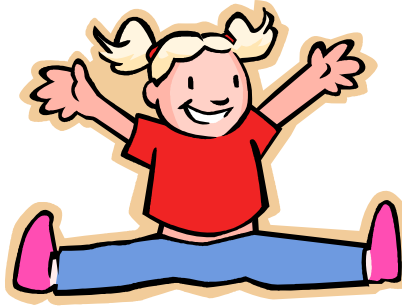
\$ _____

- Weekly Monthly
 Quarterly Annually

Time and Talent: I/We pledge to volunteer my time and talent to the Greek Orthodox Mission of Northern Arizona in the following areas:

- Outreach Construction Coffee Hour Baking Greeters Parish Council Fund raising
 Sunday School Philanthropy Divine Liturgy/Vespers, set up and take down Other _____

Please mail to: Greek Orthodox Mission of Northern Arizona • P.O. Box 2164 • Flagstaff, Arizona 86003-2164



JUST FOR ME BAGS

Join GOMONA and Arizona's Children Association to provide "Just For Me" bags for Children in Arizona's foster care system. Every day more than a dozen children enter Arizona's foster care system. Most of them with little more than the clothes on their back. At the same time more than 20% of children in Arizona live in poverty, some extreme poverty and are unable to afford everyday necessities. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of children who come into foster care with nothing more than the clothing they're wearing and carrying in a plastic bag. Thank you for your continued support in the "Just For Me" bags, Lisa Brollini

ITEMS NEEDED:

Empty Duffle Bags - \$5.00

BABY ITEMS

Blankets
Stuffed Animals
Sleepers
Onesies
Diapers/Pull-ups
Baby Bath Supplies
Bottles/Toddler "Sippie Cups"
Baby Spoons
Socks

CHILDREN AND TEEN ITEMS

Blankets
Sleep Shirts
Soap/Shower Gel
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Deodorant
Combs/Brushes
Toys/ Stuffed Animals
Photo Albums/Journals
Camera & Film
Socks



Oak Creek

I so enjoy sitting by the creek on such a beautiful winter's day. The water is running and I am reminded of the verse in the Revelation of St. John, which says "His voice is like the sound of many rushing waters."

There is a cadence and a rhythm to the movement of the waters. The current is strong. The sound is calming and the wind so gentle against my face. And God whispers "I love you."

There is a form to the creek, a fluid movement forward to its appointed destination. The water swirls this way and then that way. There seems to be a pre-determined purpose to the waters' movement.

Knowing the seasons come and go there will come a time in the not to distant future – a time when the sound will go – the waters will dry up and be no more. Let us seek Him while He may be found.

I don't want to leave this place and yet the noise of the world is so close by. I am at peace. And just for a moment – in this time and in this place God and I met in the beauty of His creation and He whispers again "I love you." And it is enough for now.

By Lisa Brollini

(Lisa Brollini is a member of the GOMONA Parish Council and has been part of the community for over 3 years)



Mission News



Nursing Home Ministry

On Saturday, March 29, the Sunday School children visited Infinia bringing gaily decorated pots, each with a miniature succulent plant. Students decorated the pots at the end of February and then lovingly tended them until it was time to deliver the plants to the residents. The students used cheerful motifs for their decorations: butterflies, their favorite animals, and flowers.

More visits are planned for April 12th, May 17th, and June 21st. Meet at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 9 am to drive over together. We usually spend about one hour visiting individual rooms from 9:30-10:30; then, time permitting, go for coffee. Even though this ministry is only once a month, activities director, Coleen McGrath, assured us that it is an important one since some residents have no family that visit. She recently sent us a new list of those who look forward to our visits.

If you need more information, contact Mary Grove at 928-226-1882 or mfgrove@hotmail.com



Church School Events

Please mark your calendars for the following events, and watch for more details to come!

March 29:

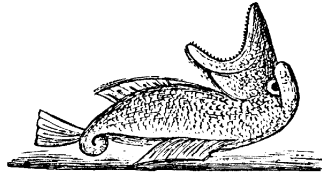
Nursing Home Visit & Confessions

April 25:

Holy Friday Retreat, 11:00 AM

May 18:

End of year presentations
And last day of the 07-08
Church School year



Think Jesus 2008

An important ministry of our Church and our personal lives is to feed the hungry. To aid in this ministry, our Church has volunteered once again for the "**Think Jesus Project's Berg's Bar-B-que.**" Berg's Bar-b-que is held in honor of Pastor Bill and Robin Berg's ministry to the homeless and less fortunate. This event is used to help feed the homeless.

Please note the following dates below. Food is donated pot-luck-style (i.e. pre-cooked/pre-prepared).

May 04

June 29

October 05

December 28

Locations and menu will be announced in Church. A signup sheet will be provided prior to each date.

In Christ,

Philanthropy Committee



Bookstore and Library

Announcing new items in our Bookstore including baptism, chrismation and wedding candles, icons from Greece, small gift items and **our own Mission Cookbook!** Also, the long awaited translation of the Orthodox Old and New Testament Bible, Prayer books, six Akathist hymns, books for the Lenten season, music and more.

I will be excited to see you come and browse, and utilize my corner!

Love, *Toula*

News From Iraq

Hello Father,

Yes, I will be there for Easter. It's always a joy to spend Easter in Flagstaff with all of you. The news here is continuing to improve by leaps and bounds. Terrorist attacks are at an all time low mostly due to the ability of the police department to stand up on its own. They have patrols in and around the city assigned to sectors and beats just like a police department should.

Their training of new officers is just about complete. We have trained 9500 in Ramadi to date. Of course I keep training the female officers. The police chief only trusts me to be in charge of the women, probably because I'm old. Our team continues to mentor the police chief and his staff with great results. Policies are being put in place and officers held to those standards.

The officers are looking, acting and being professional officers. I feel the majority of our job will be done in the next six months as the military pulls out of the training mode. Things are looking good and we can actually walk around town among a welcoming populace.

So, as you can see the situation is improving on a daily basis. They're even building a new power plant in Ramadi to support the new industries opening in the city. Imagine! This was the area considered lost just a year ago. I will see you soon and love to all.



Nick Lucas
"Hajje Kareem"
Camp Ramadi
An Bar Province.



Pysanky Class

March 1 and April 12!

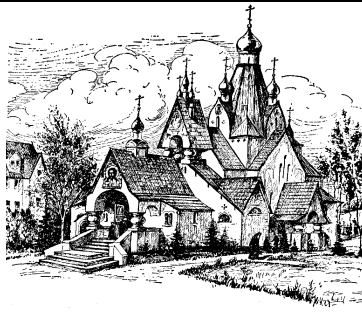
On March 1st, Elaine Dillingham hosted a Pysanky Class where participants learned how to decorate Ukrainian Easter eggs. The class was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe premises, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Six people of various ancestry attended, each paying a \$60.00 fee.

Elaine is a knowledgeable, patient teacher. For thirty years she has created Pysanky, and it was such a joy learning from her. The class was fun, interesting and peaceful. Soft chant and meditative music played in the background, while the room filled with the aroma of honey from the use of beeswax. We learned the techniques and tools used in Pysanky making, and found that if you can draw stick figures, you can create Pysanky! For lunch, a delicious meal of chicken, salad and tiropita (Greek cheese pie) was prepared for us by Tammy and Toula. We were also visited by a reporter from the Daily Sun, so watch for an article featuring Elaine and the Pysanky class before the western Easter. By the end of the day, we brought home two or three Pysanky each, along with some beeswax to get us started at home.

If you weren't able to come to the class, you are not alone. **By popular demand, a second class is scheduled before Pascha, for April 12th!** If you wish to attend, please see Elaine.

We thank you Elaine for your unselfish donation of your time, supplies, your artistic talent and for your donation of all the proceeds to our GOMONA.

Thank you for your caring love!
We love you too.



Mission Boxes

The Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA) proclaimed March 9th Mission Sunday. On this day, children in our Sunday School program learned about missions through materials sent to us from the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). They learned that priests and catechists travel by foot, bicycle, and bus to teach people about Christ and were taught about some of the hardships these men face in bringing the word of God to others and ministering to the poor, hungry, sick, suffering, and orphaned. The children took home coin boxes that they will try to fill during Lent through small sacrifices and money they raise through chores. They will bring the boxes back on Good Friday.

All of us are called to spread the word of Christ. Did you know that \$600 can support a priest and his family for a year? Currently the OCMC supports 324 priests in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Central and South America. Extra coin boxes are available at the back of the church, or make an online donation at <http://www.ocmc.org>. At the website learn more about OCMC, some of their missionaries, and their work. Prayers are another way of helping the missions. Above is one that you can say.

Men's Morning Breakfast

Our men's breakfast will continue through the spring time. For April, May and June we will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month (4/17, 5/22, 6/19). The feast begins at 7:00 am at the Mason Jar restaurant on Rt. 66. This is a great opportunity for the men of our parish to have a morning out, and to get together and have fellowship over breakfast and coffee!

Prayer for Missions

God of truth and love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Hear our prayer for those who do not know You.

That they may come to a saving knowledge of the truth, and that Your Name may be praised among all peoples of the world.

Sustain, inspire, and enlighten Your servants who bring them the Gospel. Bring fresh vigor to wavering faith; sustain our faith when it is still fragile.

Continually renew missionary zeal in ourselves and in the Church, and raise up new missionaries who will follow You to the ends of the world.

Make us witnesses to Your goodness —full of love, full of strength, and full of faith —for Your glory and the salvation of the entire world. Amen.



Rummage Sale

May 30th & 31st

Spring Cleaning time is rapidly approaching! GOMONA's 5th Annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be held May 30th, 7AM-4PM & May 31st, 7AM-2PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Please start getting your items ready to donate, (watch the weekly bulletin for collection dates and times), and thinking about what to make for the bake sale. Last year's sale was a great success, raising over \$2,100 for the mission. Call Kathleen Park (525-9489) if you'd like to volunteer your time for this fundraiser.



Collection for the Homeless

On Sunday June 1st, we will pass a second basket for an offering for the homeless. Please plan accordingly.

Sayings of our Holy Fathers

The Writings of Staretz Silouan:
Adam's Lament

O Adam, yet we are thy children!
Tell us in our tribulation how we may inherit paradise,
That we too, like thee, may behold the glory of the Lord.
Our souls long for the Lord, while thou dost live in the heaven and
rejoice in the glory of the Lord.
We beseech thee- comfort us.

'Why cry ye out to me, my children?
"The Lord loveth you and hath given you commandments.
"Be faithfule to them, love one another, and ye shall find rest in
God.
"Let not an hour pass withouth ye repent of your transgressions,
"That ye may be ready to meet the Lord.
"The Lord said: "I Love them that love me, and glorify them that
glorify me."

O, Adam, pray for us, thy children. Our souls are asd from many
sorrows.

O Adam, our father, thou dwellest in heaven and dost behold the
Lord seated in glory.

On the right hand of God the Father.

Thou dost see the Cherubim and Seraphim and all the Saints
Ant thou dost hear clestial songs whose swwtiness maketh thy
soul forgetful of the earth.

But we here on earth are sad, and we weary greatly after God.

There is little fire within us with which to love the Lord ardently.
Inspire us, what must we do to gain paradise?

Adam makes answer:

'Leave me inpeace, my children, for from sweetness of the love of
God I cannot think about the earth.'

O Adam, our souls are weary, and we are heavy-laden with
sorrow.

Speak a word of comfort to us.

Sing to us from the songs thou hearest in heaven,

That the whole earth may hear and men forget their afflictions....

O Adam, we are very sad.

'Leave me in peace. The time of my tribulation is past.
From the beauty of paradise and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit I
can no longer be mindful of the earth.

'But this I tell you:

'The Lord loveth you, and do you line in love and be obedient to
those in authority over you?

'Humble your hearts, and the Spirit of Gof will live in you.

'He commeth softly into the soul and giveth her peace,

'And beareth wordless witness to salvation.

'Sing to God in love and lowliness of spirit, for the Lord rejoiceth
therin.'



For The Record...

Baptisms & Chrismations

January 13, 2008

Tatiana (Kelly) Barber
Sponsor: Potoula Pappas

Euniki (Vickie) Barber
Sponsor: Toula Howington

January 20, 2008

Valdimir (Cody) Burkett
Sponsor: Dave and Kathleen Park

Maria (Masha) Genina
Sponsor: Abbie and Jonn Lander

New Catechumens

February 17, 2008

Jed, Amanda, & Kenny Morrison

40 day Blessing

March 2, 2008

Sophia Venetiou
Congratulations to Alex & Elizabeth on
your new born baby girl!

Births

March 1, 2008 7:30 PM

8lbs. 4 oz.

Jonah Maxwell
Congratulations Mat and Carissa on your
new born baby boy!

*We Welcome all of you to our
Orthodox Community!*

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Truly He Has Risen!

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