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Pastoral Reflection

The Lenten Spring Has Come! The Light of Repentance! Let us cleanse ourselves from all evil, crying out to the Giver of Life: 'Glory to Thee, O Lover of Mankind!' (Lenten verse)

For it is for you that paradise is opened, the tree of life is planted, the age to come is prepared, plenty is provided, a city is built, rest is appointed, goodness is established and wisdom perfected beforehand. (2 Esdras 8:52)

Our word April comes from the Latin word "to open". It makes sense. Spring has come, or can be felt coming. This is the time (God-willing!) when buds open and flowers open. With April showers the heavens open. With plowing, the earth opens to receive seed and rain. Our Lenten journey takes place during some or all of April - this year, it occupies the entire month! - and we might fruitfully associate the April theme of 'opening' with our spiritual life. We sing: Open to me the gates of repentance! We pray: Open my mind and my heart to know Thee, O Lord! We strive to open our hearts to God and one another, to seek His grace to have the knots that bind us untied through repentance and confession. May Paradise be opened to us!

- Fr. Andrew

President's Report

We held our Annual Meeting on February 25, I would like to thank all who attended and participated in the decisions that were needed to be made for the operation of our parish.

As always one of the most important items of business was the election of officers and board members and approval of Service Attendants. These are people who have volunteered to give of their time and talents in various positions and we all thank them for being willing to fulfill these positions. The names of this year's board members and Service Attendants have been published elsewhere and I thank them for stepping up. I would like to thank all of the board members who served this past year, especially those who are completing their terms. Simeon Morbey served as treasurer and Joe Snyder as Financial Secretary. Natalie Tangen served as a trustee and Walt Grivna as an auditor. I'm looking forward to working with the board in the coming year. I would also like to thank Deb Manzoni and Deane Stenach who are ending their terms as Service Attendants.

The most significant decision made at the meeting was to proceed with a comprehensive renovation and remodeling of the parish homes. This is a significant project for our parish totaling up to \$400,000 and we will be embarking on a capital campaign to raise funds for the project. By now you will have received more information in the mail.

The board reported back to the parish in response to the directive from the 2023 Annual Meeting to present a plan of action in response to the Family Ministries Task Force report. Over the past year the board embarked on a process to determine the ministry needs of the parish beyond those defined in the Family Ministries report. When we talk about "ministry" we're talking about how we, as parishioners, provide service and support to others and to our church. In its work the board identified ten areas to be considered:

- Spiritual
- Visitation
- Youth
- Education
- Music
- Internal Parish (facilities, operations, other things not covered elsewhere)

The board prioritized the following two to be focused on initially:

- Youth Ministry
- Parishioner Support Ministry

The board will create a committee consisting of a board member and 3-4 additional parishioners to support the current staff, group leaders and church ministries and to help coordinate the existing ministries. As we know, there are many members already to thank for keeping the ministries up and running. In addition to this they will determine the responsibilities and create a job description for the St. Mary's Parish and Family Ministry Coordinator, whether it be full or part time position to be presented at or before the next Annual Meeting.

Finally as we are in the midst of Great Lent and progressing towards Holy Week and Pascha, I ask your forgiveness for anything I have done to offend any of you. Wishing you a most blessed and fruitful remaining time of Lent and Holy Week, and a most joyous and blessed Pascha.

In Christ,

James Varian, President of St. Mary's Board of Trustees

Presanctified Liturgies

We will serve the Presanctified Liturgy through Great Lent on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m., and Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. On Friday evening the Presanctified Liturgy is preceded by 9th Hour starting at 6:00 p.m.

Confession

We continue to hear confessions by appointment during Lent. We will also hear confessions before Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:15-8:45 a.m. and before Presanctified Liturgy on Friday nights from 5:30-6:00 p.m. We will have General Confession on Saturday, April 27, after Vespers.

Women's Club Pascha Bread Baking & Bake Sale

Bread baking for Pascha will be on Saturday, April 6, starting at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to help! Skilled bakers, novice bakers, or no baking experience at all, men, women, young and old, PLEASE come join in the fun! We set up assembly-line style and we learn from those who have been baking forever. We generally work from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. or so. Dough prep, filling prep, rolling, braiding, baking, cooling, packaging, pricing, presentation, dishes, LUNCH, and LAUGHTER! Please bring a rolling pin if you have one! Come for the whole time or come for a few hours. Our sale will be held the following morning on Sunday, April 7, during Coffee Hour. Thank you everyone! Questions? Please call or text Chris Gulachek at 612-889-2079.

Church Grounds Clean-Up Day

Please set aside some time to help clean our church grounds before Holy Week and Pascha. Join us for a outdoor clean-up day for the lawns, parking lots and garden beds around St.

Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, April 20. Bring your favorite hand tools, small wheelbarrow or blower. For more information, please contact John Jurichko. Thank you!

Lazarus Saturday Church Cleaning

Save the date! After Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, April 27, we will be cleaning the inside of the Cathedral for Pascha. Bring along a change of clothes, we'll provide other supplies and refreshments. Bring the kids along, they can help too! See you there!

Taste of NE Festival

The festival committee is starting out strong, but we are still in need to fill some key positions, treasurer, secretary, volunteer coordinator, permit coordinator, kid's games, advertising coordinator, and sponsor coordinator. If you have served in one of the positions, and are willing to be a mentor to someone new, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be meeting 1-2 times a month during Church School, until the end of the school year, as we get closer to the festival we meet every 2 weeks, then weekly evenings. I have job descriptions for each of the jobs if you are interested. Please contact Barb Dupay (Chairperson) at barb_dupay@hotmail.com or (612) 237-1293.

Art-A-Whirl 2024

St. Mary's will open the Cathedral for the NE Minneapolis Art Association's Art-A-Whirl on May 17-19. We look forward to welcoming the community to our church and viewing icons. We will be needing St. Mary's volunteers for setup/take down, cookies, and greeting. As time gets closer, we will have sign-up sheets during coffee hour. Contact Marilyn Johnson at mjohnson@umn.edu if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of this great community outreach.

Perohi Update

Please consider spending a few hours on Monday and Tuesday mornings, twice a month to learn the art of Perohi making! Set-up and food prep on Monday begins at 7:30 a.m., forming the filling at 9:00 a.m. Set-up and dough making on Tuesday begins at 7:30 a.m., rolling, cutting, filling, pinching, cooking and packaging begins at 9:00 a.m. We need lots of volunteers to make this project a success. Our next work dates are April 8 & 9 and April 22 & 23. Contact Janice Strauss at jmbstrauss@gmail.com or 612-965-1775.

Orthodox Game League Night

Join us Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. for an Orthodox Game League Game Night! A night for adults (age 18+) to enjoy fellowship with each other and play games. Meet at Holy Trinity OCA (956 Forest St N, St. Paul). If you can please bring a munchie or dessert to share! Questions? Contact Chris Gulachek at 612-889-2079.

Choir Notes

Blessed Lent to you all! Though we are already well on our way and have already completed the "in-church" rite, I ask your forgiveness for any offenses. May God forgive!

Presanctified Liturgies

You may receive this after you've seen it happen, or maybe not, I do not know - God knows! Regardless! One new thing that we're doing this year at some of our Friday Evening Presanctified Liturgy services is having the choir sing from the front of the Church. This is not unusual for weekday services and vespers, but we're adding the layer of the choir being split on the left and right sides of the Church so we can do some antiphonal singing.

"Why are you doing this? What's the deal?" you may ask. Well, I want to more intentionally explore and clarify the role and relationship of the choir and the rest of the Cathedral community, and hopefully to bring us all together. The role of the choir, the singers, those who have decided to put forth time and energy to preparing and watching me flap my arms about with intent, is to **lead** the congregation in the liturgical worship, to lead the liturgical response of "Amen" to the prayers offered by the priests. The Greek word used to indicate where singers stand in Church is *kliros*, which shares a root with the word "clergy", and it means something that is "allotted, appointed, apportioned, set aside." Indeed, the clergy are those set aside to lead the church and perform the sacred rites. Likewise, the singers are "set aside" to lead the worship of the laity. However, it is important to note that this being "set aside" is not a separation; those who sing **are** part of the body of the church, yet within that body, they lead. This is more clear in "traditional" Orthodox Churches built with *kliroi* in the front/ sides of the Church from which the choir or chanters sing. It fits with the forward directionality of Orthodox liturgy, and is not so stark a separation as with a Choir Loft. This is not necessarily a knock on Choir Lofts - there's a practicality to utilizing vertical space, creating a good physical singing environment, and the "song from on high" sort of angelic vibe they create. There's also the point of making sure a large choir has enough room for music, stands, and sight-lines. However, choirs being out of sight can give the impression that the liturgical song is something to listen to, not something for others to do. Certainly, there are parts of services that are indicated particularly & specifically for the singers to sing, due to their musical or textual complexity. But things like "Lord, have mercy", things that repeat, like communion hymns, songs with refrains, like "Let my prayer arise...", these are things that the service books of old make clear are for all the people to say (or rather, to sing). It is good and right that there are those who lead this, who start it, who support it, but it is leading the song, not singing to the exclusion of all others.

I think the Presanctified Liturgy is a good service for all of us, choir and non-choir as one, to explore and experience in perhaps a fresh way the communal nature of liturgical worship. Our tradition gives us simple responsorial melodies that we use

during the Lenten services that even the newest among us can pick up within a single service. There is the refrain at "Let my prayer arise..." in which we can participate together. There is the manifold singing of "O Taste and see...", the communion verse (Psalm 33) for this service.

This year, I invite you to approach the worship of these services in a new way. I'll provide some of the music for responses and refrains along with the daily service texts, giving the opportunity for everyone to participate more clearly through singing or simply through a new perspective. This also isn't me telling you *not to sing at the other points of the service, but offering focus according to the service structure. If you have any questions, reach out! I'm always down to nerd out about liturgical stuff.*

- Zachariah Mandell, *Music Director*

Choir & Youth Singing Schedule

Wednesday, April 3

- Full Choir Rehearsal - * 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- * Men's Sectional - 8:00 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, April 10

- Full Choir Rehearsal - * 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- * Women's Sectional - 8:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, April 13

- Youth Choir - 3:45 - 4:45pm
- Meet in the Cathedral

Wednesday, April 17

- Full Choir Rehearsal - * 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- * Men's Sectional - 8:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, April 21

- Youth Choir - 11:45 am - 12:30 pm
- Meet in the Cathedral *

Wednesday, April 24

- Full Choir Rehearsal - * 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- * Women's Sectional - 8:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, April 27 - Lazarus Saturday

- Youth Choir sing at Liturgy
- Arrive in Cathedral 8:30 am
- Choir Clean-up - After Liturgy

* Tuesday, April 30

- Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 - 9:00 pm
- *Moved due to the Anointing Service on Wednesday; there is no rehearsal Wednesday, May 1.*

April Birthdays

6 - Irene Lanchava
9 - Lorraine Parlow

21 - Lynn Bjornnes
29 - Joanie Balach



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MARCH 24

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MARCH 31

St. Gregory Palamas

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

1111 Summit Ave, St Paul, 55105

APRIL 7

Veneration of the Holy Cross

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

1250 Oakdale Ave, West St Paul, 55118

APRIL 14

St. John of the Ladder

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3455 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis 55408

APRIL 21

St. Mary of Egypt

St. Stephen Romanian Orthodox Church

350 5th Ave N, South St Paul, 55075

APRIL 28

Bridegroom Matins

St. Herman Orthodox Church

5355 38th Ave S, Minneapolis, 55412



Sheep and Shepherd EGGstravaganza

An Intergenerational Event!

Who: SHEEPS - Students in Grades 1-5 & SHEPHERDs - Adults aged 60 & over

What: Kulich baking, Easter Eggs, games including Resurrectional Relay!

When: Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m. (after liturgy)

Where: Parish Center Dining Room

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/sheepsshepherds>



Saints Friday Night Lenten Dinners

Friday night Lenten Dinners have returned! Please join us for food and fellowship on Fridays: April 5, April 12, April 19, & April 24. Dinners will be served immediately following Presanctified Liturgy. There will be a speaker each week and family-friendly activities available for the youth. Dinner includes our famous salad bar each week plus a surprise entree (soup, veggie chili, pasta...), bread, and dessert. All prepared by the St. Mary's Saints Youth Group and various adult volunteers. Cost \$10 Adults, \$5 youth, free for under five years old. There is a price cap of \$25 for a family. If you just want dessert and a beverage \$3 for Adults and \$1 for Kids.

We had great success last year with hosts willing to prepare the main Lenten entree for each week's meal. We also graciously accept help with set up, serving, clean up, and donated desserts. Youth that help at the dinners will be able to earn community service hours for any organizations they are members of. All proceeds from the dinners will benefit our youth programs. Please contact Chris Gulachek at (612) 889- 2079 if you are able to help. Thank you!

April Youth Calendar

- Friday, Apr. 5, **Evening Lenten Dinners** hosted by the Saints (Grade 6+) (Parish Center).
- Sunday, Apr. 7, 10:30-11:00 am - **Saints Meeting** (Gym).
- Sunday, Apr. 7, 11:45 -12:30 pm - **Youth Folk Dance** for Ages 5-10 (PreK Room).
- Friday, Apr. 12, **Evening Lenten Dinners** hosted by the Saints (Grade 6+) (Parish Center).
- Saturday, Apr. 13, 3:45-4:45 pm - **Youth Choir** for Grades 3-8 (Cathedral).
- Friday, Apr. 19, **Evening Lenten Dinners** hosted by the Saints (Grade 6+) (Parish Center).
- Saturday, Apr. 20, 10:00 am - **Sheeps and Shepherds EGGstravaganza** (Grades 1-5) & Seniors (60+) (Dining Room).
- Sunday, Apr. 21, 11:00 am - **Classroom Choir** for 1st-2nd Grade (Classrooms).
- Sunday, April 21, 11:45 am -12:30 pm - **Youth Choir** for Grades 3-8 (Gym).
- Friday, Apr. 26, **Evening Lenten Dinners** hosted by the Saints (Grade 6+) (Parish Center).

- Saturday, Apr. 27 (Lazarus Saturday), 8:15 am - **2nd Grade First Confessions** (Cathedral).
- Saturday, Apr. 27(Lazarus Saturday), 8:30 am - Youth come early to sing parts of service.
- Saturday, Apr. 27,11:30 am - Cathedral clean-up.
- Sunday, Apr. 28 (Palm Sunday), 9:00 am - **Youth Procession with palms during liturgy.**
- Sunday, Apr. 28 (Palm Sunday), 10:30 am - **Altar Server & Communion Assistants annual photo** (Cathedral).

May Youth Calendar

- Sunday, May 5 - **PASCHA:** No Church School.
- Sunday, May 12 - **Last Day of Church School Classes.**
- Fri. & Sat. May 17-18 - **Saints Volunteer at FOCUS MN.**
- Sunday, May 19, 10:45 am - **Pascha Party Family Event** (Parish Center).
- Sunday, May 19 - **High School Senior Recognition** at Liturgy followed by brunch at Jax.
- Monday, May 27 - **Memorial Day Service** (Cemetery Chapel).



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New Member Applicants

In accordance with the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3: Notice of the new member application shall be published in the next monthly *Bulletin*. The following individual(s) have submitted an application for membership to St. Mary's: *Serie Brown, & Eben Gardner*. If you have any comment pertaining to any applicant, please submit it to any Board member during this 45-day period, which began with the publication of this *Bulletin*.

Paschal Basket Blessings

At the Cathedral Paschal baskets will be blessed:

1. After the mid-night Paschal Matins (gym)
2. After the 1st Paschal Liturgy (dining room)
3. After the 2nd Paschal Liturgy (10 am service)

Baskets can be placed on tables in the Parish Center dining room and the gym.

Pascha Party Donations

Please consider donating some of the following items for the Pascha Party Family Event on Sunday, May 19.

- Peanut-free candy
- Cookies and crackers in individual snack bags
- Individually wrapped and store-bought rice crispy treats
- Granola bars, fruit bars, & fruit snacks

Please bring items to Fr. Benjamin's office by Friday, May 17. Questions? Contact Fr. Benjamin at frbenjamin@stmarysoca.org.

Paschal Greeting

Looking for a way to send your best wishes for a glorious Pascha to your friends and family at St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral? Just print your family listing on the form below and submit it with a \$20 payment to St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, 1701 Fifth Street N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55413, by **Sunday, April 21**, and your listing will appear in both the Pascha Messenger and the May Monthly Bulletin.

Sample listings would read: *The Thomas Smith Family*, or *Mr. & Mrs. John Doe*, or *Jane Doe*, or *Jim and Jane Doe*. Proceeds from this Pascha Greeting Page will be placed in the General Fund of our Cathedral.

2024 Pascha Greeting Listing

Name _____

Amount Enclosed:

_____ cash _____ check

Property Maintenance

You can now notify the property maintenance committee of any maintenance issues you see around the Cathedral properties (Cathedral, Parish Center, Cemetery Chapel, etc.) by emailing us at maintenance@stmarysoca.org.

Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry is continually updating its list of parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes and would like to be on our Visitation List. If you or a loved one is a member of St. Mary's and physically unable to attend church and church activities and would enjoy a visit or telephone call from a member of our Visitation Committee, please notify the Church Office (612-781-7667).

Flower Chart 2024

The 2024 flower chart to sign-up for Sunday flowers is available online at: <https://bit.ly/flowersignup>. When signing up, enter your contact information (name & email), and for whom or what the occasion is (ex. in memory of John Doe). You may order flowers from your favorite florist and have them delivered (before 3 p.m.) on the Friday before to St. Mary's Parish Center, 1701 5th St NE, or you may bring the flowers to Saturday Vespers or before Sunday Liturgy.

Special Contributions

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Valentin Scheglowski
From: Family & Friends

In memory of Valentin Scheglowski
From: Lynn & Joe Snyder

PASCHAL FLOWERS

In memory of Gerry & Steve Felleggy, Art Ziek, & Ann Reshetar
From: Mary Ellen, Warren, & Katie Griggs

PASCHAL CANDLES

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If you would like a donation or memorial you've made to be published, please be sure to write "to be published" or "publish" on the donation. In the event that a memorial or donation that you requested to be published has not been published, please contact the Cathedral Office.

St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 pm Grief Support Group 7:00 pm Balalaika Rehearsal	3 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8-8:30 pm Men's Sectional	4 6:30 pm Women's Club Meeting	5 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm Confessions 6:00 pm 9 th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 pm Saints Lenten Dinner	6 Memorial Saturday 8:00 am Pascha Bread Baking 9:00 am Memorial Liturgy 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Great Vespers & Litiya
7 Veneration of the Cross 7:45 am Matins 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am Saints Meeting 11:00 am Church School 11:45 am Youth Folk Dance	8 7:30 am Perohi Set-Up 9:00 am Perohi Making	9 7:30 am Perohi Set-Up 9:00 am Perohi Making 6:30 pm Grief Support Group 7:00 pm Balalaika Rehearsal	10 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8-8:30 pm Women's Sectional	11	12 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm Confessions 6:00 pm 9 th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 pm Saints Lenten Dinner	13 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Great Vespers & Litiya
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21 St. Mary of Egypt Parastas Sunday 7:45 am Matins 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Church School 11:45 am Youth Choir	22 7:30 am Perohi Set-Up 9:00 am Perohi Making	23 7:30 am Perohi Set-Up 9:00 am Perohi Making 7:00 pm Balalaika Rehearsal	24 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8-8:30 pm Women's Sectional	25	26 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm Confessions 6:00 pm 9 th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 pm Saints Lenten Dinner	27 Lazarus Saturday 8:15 am 2 nd Grade First Confessions 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Cathedral Clean-Up 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Great Vespers & Litiya 6:00 pm General Confessions
28 Palm Sunday 7:45 am Festal Matins 9:00 am Festal Liturgy 11:00 am Church School 12:00 pm Vespers 12:00 pm Parish Center Reserved	29 Holy Monday 11:30 am Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins	30 Holy Tuesday 11:30 am Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	<p>Schedule is subject to change. Please check the Messenger or www.stmarysoca.org</p>			

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