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WAMP 2020



by Anastasia Likiaropoulos

WAMP 2020 was an amazing experience. We were able to listen to father Nick Belcher talk about what love has to do with being alive and being an Orthodox Christian. Over the course of three lectures, we were taught how God is a loving God who is like a physician and not a judge as perceived by more western approaches to Christianity.

We also got to enjoy the fellowship of one another throughout games and activities. We played basketball, spike ball, angle ball, and other various indoor board games. The nights at WAMP were also rather eventful. Saturday night we got to participate in something called the Gong Show where any teen could perform an act,

similar to a talent show. Sunday we had Divine Liturgy followed by a wonderful brunch. That night we had our “series dance” which meant that we dressed up as characters from a favorite TV series and either participated in the dance, played board games, or went out to the bonfire to make s’mores.

The next morning was a bittersweet goodbye. We loaded the vans and said goodbye to our beloved friends. WAMP 2020 was a wonderful and impactful experience with church services twice a day and as well as wonderful friends. Even though we were only able to be there for a short time we were equipped with tools that will help us enrich our lives as Orthodox Christians.

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Dr. S. Jim Farha, 1/17

congratulations
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Antiochian Women's KIBBEH SAHRA



Sunday, February 23
following Divine Liturgy

Adults \$15 • Children \$7

JOIN US!

Benefits St. George Programs for Women



The 19th Annual Men's Lenten Retreat-2020

Mark your calendars now
for this year's
Men's Lenten Retreat,
to be held March 13-15
welcoming this
year's presenter,

Fr. Evan Armatas

from the Saint Spyridon's
Orthodox Church
in Loveland, CO

Topic:

"Saving Relationships"



to register please contact the Cathedral office or email
gina@stgeorgecathedral.net

MANY YEARS!

MABROOK! BLESSINGS!

MARRIAGE

David Hahn and Emily Henry, 1/4

BAPTISM

Justin Alexander Carlson, 1/11
Jonathan Victor Salloum, 1/16
(son of Victor and Sadie)



A JOURNEY TO FULLNESS

Continues
Wednesday evenings Feb 12, 19, 26
at 7:15p
A series focused on the
uniqueness of Orthodoxy

FEBRUARY FASTING



The traditional fasting (from meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy products) is observed on Wednesdays and Fridays. February 9-15th is fast free. Meatfare Fast begins February 24, we abstain from all meats, though fish and dairy products are allowed.

36th Annual Food For Friends Christmas Food Baskets

A special thanks to all who participated in this year's Food Basket project.

On December 14th, we celebrated our 36th year for this project where volunteers of all ages packed and delivered 10,500 pounds of food to 100 families in need in the Wichita area. Along with the groceries, parishioners purchased gifts bought especially for the children of the families. Special thanks to Denise Johnston, Joy Farha and Nahia Farha with Ray Sales, who organized the groceries, and to all the men and women who each year tape the boxes, set up the food, assign the deliveries, and organize the gifts. We also want to thank Pratt Industry for donating the 400 boxes we packed. Many lives are touched by this project and we thank everyone for helping to make a difference.



YABOY! ACTION!



YABOY is for 4th-6th grades and has outings once every month. During the fall semester, we visited a trampoline park, played laser tag, bowled at The Alley, and went ice skating together. We have lots more fun planned for the spring semester as well. This past weekend we enjoyed playing games at The Arcade in Old Town. We have plans this semester to go to Exploration Place, Sente Board Games and Entertainment, Sedgwick County Zoo, and All Star Adventures. YABOY's purpose is to forge relationships so that they may further solidify those bonds as they enter Teen SOYO in later years. Our next event will be Saturday, February 22 from 2:00-4:00pm. For more information please contact Ben Mosley (316-617-6965).



CAMP **YABOY!**
 St. Raphael
 2020
 Camping
 Season Dates

Session 1: June 28 - July 4
Session 2: July 5 - July 11
Session 3: July 12 - July 18

Camp is available to all children. ages 9-17

Online registration opens Saturday, February 1st at www.campstaphael.org

2020 Diocese of Wichita Parish Life Conference
 June 10th - 13th, 2020
 At the Hilton Hotel, Fort Collins
<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/F/FNLCOHF-MSJ-20200610/index.jhtml>
 Hosted by:
 St. James Orthodox Church, Fort Collins, CO
<http://stjfc.org/Pages/Plc/plc.php>
 2610 S.E. Frontage Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80525 970-221-4180

Antiochian Village 2020 Family Camp

Memorial Day Weekend – May 22-25, 2020
 Speaker: Dr. Philip Mamalakis from Boston, MA!
 more info: <https://avcamp.org/other-programs/family-camp/>

The Taxi Driver

From asceticexperience.com



Saint Porphyrios started to walk with some disciples in order to go to a monastery, hoping to reach there in time for Vespers. But, because the saint was very old and tired, his disciples thought to find a taxi to reach there.

At that time, a taxi appeared from afar. His companions—all three lay people, not clergy—then told the Elder to flag the taxi down, and ask the driver if he could take them to the monastery.

“Don’t be afraid,” Saint Porphyrios told them, “the taxi driver will stop by himself. But, when we get in the taxi, no one is to talk to the driver; only I will talk to him.”

And so it happened. The taxi driver stopped without them waving. Everyone got in and Father Porphyrios told the driver their destination.

As soon as they started, the taxi driver started attacking the passengers, accusing them of a thousand things. And every time he said something, he addressed the three laymen, who were sitting in the back of the taxi and asking them, “Isn’t that right, guys? What do you say?” But they didn’t say anything at the elder’s command.

Seeing that the others were not responding, the driver turned to Saint Porphyrios and said, “Isn’t that right, old man? What about you? Isn’t it true, what the newspapers write?”

Saint Porphyrios then told him, “My child, I’ll tell you a little story, I’ll tell you once; I won’t need to tell you a second time.” And he began to tell him:

“There was a man from a certain place (the Elder mentioned where the place was) who had an elderly neighbor with a large estate. This man started to take care of the elderly man. However, the demon of the love of wealth entered into the heart of that man—until, one night, he killed and buried that old man. Then, with various counterfeit papers, he took his neighbor’s estate and sold it. And you know what he bought with the money he got by selling this property? He bought a taxi.”

As soon as the taxi driver heard this narrative, he was so shocked that he stopped the car on the side of the road and shouted, “Don’t say anything, grandfather; only you and me know this.”

“God knows it too,” replied Saint Porphyrios. “He told me to tell you. And take care to change your life, from here on out.”



“Please enjoy Kenyan coffee, compliments of the Kenyan Mission Team 2020! A freewill donation will be accepted along with offered creamers, etc. All funds help the Kenyan mission team serve the people of Kenya this June through work in schools, orphanages, etc. Kenyan coffee will be offered on February 9th after liturgy. Thank you for your support!”



**Diocese of Wichita & Mid-America
Antiochian Orthodox Christian
Archdiocese of North America**

January 7th, 2019

To the Chrst-loving Priest, Deacons, Monastics and Lay Folk of the God-protected Diocese of Wichita & Mid-America:

Blessings and greetings on this second day of Theophany -- the Synaxis of the Honorable Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist. Happy feast!

I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt thanks to each of you who sent greetings to me and contributions to our Diocese's "Bishop Basil Missions Endowment Fund" on the occasion of my Name's Day, the feast of St Basil the Great which our holy Church keeps on January 1st. I am indeed most appreciative of your thoughtful remembrances and generous contributions.

As an update on the "Bishop Basil Missions Endowment Fund," I am happy to report to you that Metropolitan Joseph blessed Archpriest Joseph Longofono of Topeka, KS, a longtime priest of our Diocese, to begin his ministry as DOWAMA's first full-time "Dean of Chapels" effective, January 1st. I thank you for your generous support for this innovative project which has been several years in the planning and which was unanimously approved by you at our Diocesan General Assembly this past June during our 2018 Parish Life Conference in Santa Fe, NM. The first three congregations which Father Joseph will serve in this new position are Holy Resurrection/Gillette, WY; St John the Theologian/Rapid City, SD; and Ss Peter & Paul/Topeka, KS. Many and sincere thanks to Archimandrite Jeremy (Davis) of Holy Ascension and his hardworking committee which has labored so diligently in preparing this proposal and seeing it through to its implementation.

Asking our good God -- the All-holy Trinity -- to bless each of you with a New Year filled with good news, good health and God's peace which passes all understanding.

In Christ,

+Bishop Basil
Diocese of Wichita & Mid-America
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

**OCA CONSECRATES
ATHONITE SCHEMAMONK
AS BISHOP OF BETHESDA**
Washington, D.C., January 30, 2020



The Orthodox Church in America gained a new hierarch on Saturday, January 25, as Archimandrite Alexis (Trader) was consecrated as Bishop of Bethesda, auxiliary to the primate His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Clergy and faithful from the Archdiocese of Washington, the Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's Theological Seminaries, and New Skete Monastery gathered for the hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the consecration of the new hierarch, reports the official OCA website.

The newly-consecrated Bishop Alexis was elected by the OCA Holy Synod on November 12 as auxiliary to the Metropolitan for stavropegial institutions, which include the Monks and Nuns of New Skete (Cambridge, NY), St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary and Three Hierarchs Chapel (Crestwood, NY), Holy Myrhrbearer's Monastery (Otego, NY), St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel at the OCA chancery (Oyster Bay Cove, NY), and St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery and Seminary (South Canaan, PA).

His Grace's Orthodox life has thus come full circle, as he was initially received into the Orthodox Church at St. Tikhon's Monastery where he labored as a monk for 10 years and as a lecturer at the seminary. He then became a monk of Karakallou Monastery on Mt. Athos where he was ordained to the priesthood, and later served at a convent-metochion of Karakallou in Greece. His Grace has been living at St. Tikhon's Monastery since his return to America last year.

Community Support

by Traci Spencer

we'd love to have you join us!

"for I was hungry and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you

Completed Projects

Kansas Food Bank

On January 13th, Fourteen St. George volunteers helped fill 568 bags of food for backpacks for children who are in need on the weekends. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile cause.



Lord's Diner

On Sunday, January 19th, St. George volunteers helped serve hot meals to the homeless in our community at their Broadway location. Please join us the third Sunday of every month from 5:00-7:30 to serve the homeless in our community.

What's Coming Up?

Cook-Up-A-Storm

On Saturday, February 8th, St. George volunteers will meet in the St. George kitchen to make casseroles and cookies to serve to the homeless at The Warming Soul's Center on March 3rd. We start at 10 a.m. and are finished by 12 noon. If you would like to join in on the fun and fellowship of this worthwhile ministry, please contact Cindy Abdallah at 648-9576.

Lord's Diner

On Sunday, February 16th, St. George volunteers will be serving the homeless in our community from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Please let Mikell Awwad know if you can serve at 250-3016.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 11th

12:00 noon in the Conference Room.

We would love to have you join us!!

We usually meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at noon. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with our community. Please contact Traci Spencer at 371-5599 if you would like to be involved.

Community Awareness Fair

Please join us for our 4th Community Awareness Fair on Sunday, March 1st, following Liturgy. Our church family will get to learn about the thirteen agencies that our parish is supporting in 2020 and how they can get involved in serving!! Plan to attend and be entered to win a Bradley Fair gift card.

Warming Souls Center

On Tuesday, March 3rd, St. George volunteers will serve casseroles, cookies, salad, and Texas Toast to homeless in our community at The Warming Soul's Center, 841 N. Market. Please let Cindy Abdallah at 648-9576 if you can help serve.

Dear Friends,

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View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign in" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple App store in iTunes, Google Play store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

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