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In Memoriam

David C. Patton

By Fr. Paul O'Callaghan

On Wednesday, April 17, I learned of the passing of David Patton, a long-time member of the St. George Cathedral parish community. David had been in long-term care in a facility in Hillsboro, KS, and under the pastoral care of Fr. Isaac Farha at Holy Transfiguration parish. With the impending Holy Week schedule leaving few options for conducting the service, it was decided that funeral services would be held at Holy Transfiguration Church on the same dates as the Noah Farha services took place at St. George Cathedral. As Bishop Basil was presiding at the Farha funeral, and since I had known David for 30 years, I went to Hillsboro to serve the Patton funeral. The following are some gleanings from the eulogy I offered on behalf of David, supplemented by the memories of his wife, Meg.

In John's gospel, when the disciples observed Jesus cleansing the temple of the moneychangers, they recalled the scripture, "Zeal for thy house has 'eaten me up'" – i.e., "consumed me." This verse reveals the essence of what motivated David. Zeal for God's House – the Church, the Faith – consumed him.

David left a comfortable position as an Episcopal priest at a church about four blocks from the beach in San Diego to embrace the Orthodox Faith. He sacrificed his Anglican priesthood for the sake of the True Faith, but that does not mean his ministry ended. Af-

ter relocating to St. George Cathedral, it became apparent that David's ministry had only just begun.

Few have made a contribution to our community life on the scale that David did. So many years have passed, and he did so much, that it is impossible for me to form a chronology of it all; I can only list and describe some of his activities.

For several years, David worked in the Cathedral office, occupying Gina's present position. David was a member of our Adult Education Team, and was a regular speaker in the various educational series we hosted over the years. I have no doubt that he served on other ministry teams as well.

David was our lead catechist on Orthodox Worship for many years, and gained many godchildren because of it. He also helped catechize the Topekans as they were entering the Church in 1993, and sponsored several of them as well.

For a long time, David was a stalwart at the chanters' stand, following the passing of William Farha, the retirement of Tom Castrisos, and Sam Cohlma's time in medical school. David loved chanting, and at times he was actually the only one there. He was with me as a chanter at many funerals and graveside services. We couldn't have pulled off many services without him! After his stint at the chanters' stand was over, David could be found singing in the Cathedral Choir.

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Great and Holy Pascha 2019

We celebrate the death of death, the destruction of hades, the first fruit of an endless life. And as we leap with joy, we praise the Cause of these good gifts. He alone is blessed and most glorious, the God of our Fathers.

Canon of Pascha Ode VII

Beloved in Christ,

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

As we peer with our noetic eyes into the Empty Tomb, let us rejoice at the triumph of Our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, over sin and death. May we proclaim this good news to our broken world with the joy and zeal of the Myrrh-Bearing running in haste to tell their brethren:

Christ is risen!

With heartfelt prayers to God that you may be granted a grace-filled and joyous celebration of Pascha, I remain,

Yours in the Risen Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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Pascha 2019

"When Thou hadst fallen asleep in the flesh, as one mortal, O King and Lord, Thou didst rise again on the third day, raising up Adam from corruption, and abolishing death: O Pascha of incorruption! O Salvation of the world!" (The Exaposteilarion of Pascha)

To the Right Reverend, Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, the Christ-loving Monastics, and the Faithful Laity of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America:

I embrace and greet you with a holy kiss in the Name of our Risen Saviour. Christ is risen! Χριστός ἀνέστη! Al-masih qaam! Христос Воскресе! Христос a înviat! Cristo ha resucitado!

"Death was terrible to the human race before the death of Christ, but after Christ's Resurrection man became terrible to death, for One of us conquered death, did not remain in the grave, and did not see corruption. The former Pascha was the liberation of Israel from Egypt. Our Pascha is the liberation from the slavery of death and corruption. Christ is risen! I now know that my salvation has indeed been wrought. I know that God did indeed appear on earth. There have been great men, conquerors of the elements, conquerors of nature, but death equalized all and revealed our common nothingness. Who is this Who has passed through the gates of death? He can only be God. The Incarnation and the Resurrection are combined into one. The Incarnation gives the meaning of the Resurrection, and the Resurrection irrefutably confirms that the Incarnation is truth and reality, and not illusion or dream. Now death is not frightening to me, for I have seen the victory over corruption." (*New Hieromartyr Hilarion Troitsky, 1886-1929*)

Assuring you of my continued love, prayers and blessings, wishing you a joyous Paschal season, and looking forward to seeing you in Fort Worth this June for our "Diocesan Family Reunion" – the 2019 DOWAMA Parish Life Conference, I remain

Your Father in the Risen Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bishop Basil".

+Bishop Basil

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Eugene J. Stevens, 4/5
brother of Sandi Barrese,
Joe Stevens & Judy Sayfie

David Ruel Sebitts, 4/9
(father of Dn. David)

Noah Farha 4/15
(son of Timothy & Sherlce)

David Patton, 4/17

MABROOK! BLESSINGS!

MANY YEARS!

BAPTISMS

Moses Emmanuel Sipp, 4/14
son of Matthew & Sandy

CHRISMATION

Nicholas Pohlenz, 4/27

CLASS OF 2019

Harper Amend
Caleb Doom
Chase Farha
Joey Maksoud
Rowen Mayo
Jonathan Merawi
Reema Moussa
Riley Ruffin
Corwin Spencer
Josie Van Stipdonk
Elissa Zakharva

Join US! May 5th

to Honor Our Cathedral Graduates and for the presentation of the Kouri/Cohlmiia Scholarships

When offering Holy Bread



The limit for the total amount of names is 24 for the living and 24 for the dead.

Offerings mean:

3 families – 8 names each
2 families – 12 names each
1 family – 24 names

Please prioritize the list of names by the following:

- Immediate family members
- Godchildren
- Those in special need of God's mercy
- Orthodox Christians

Thank you for your consideration.



ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN GRANTS

are available to the women of our Archdiocese who wish to continue their education in order to improve their circumstances and those of their families.

Please contact the Cathedral office for Grant Application and more information.

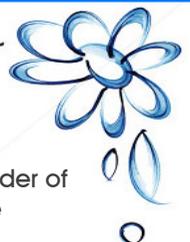
<http://standrewpns.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/AntiochianWomenFlyer.pdf.pdf>

All applications must be received by June 1, 2019



Dr. Jens Kreinath, WSU Professor of Anthropology, presenting on "Reimagining Aleppo" on the Syrian Civil War. Dr. Kreinath recounted fondly his visit with Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo prior to his abduction by terrorists.

MAY FASTING



There is no fasting the first week of May as this is Bright Week. After that for the remainder of the month the normal fasting traditions are observed: abstain from meat, poultry and dairy products on Wednesdays and Fridays.



Kenya 2020 Applications for Project Kenya 2020 are being accepted now through August 1st and will be in hall on table. Please contact Matthew Ash or Sandy Sipp for any questions you may have, and plan on joining us! Fulfilling the Great Commission and serving our Kenyan Orthodox family is the experience of a lifetime. We need you, your family, and all you have to offer next year!

In Memoriam *David C. Patton*

David also headed the Annual Dinner tour team for a number of years. His crowning achievement, however, was of course *Dynamis*, a series of meditations on daily scripture readings that he wrote and published. Originally distributed within the parish, it grew to have a huge email distribution. It continues today as a project of the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry.

Many of us will recall David as a pleasant, affable, person who was approachable and easy to engage in

conversation. When the subject revolved around the Lord, His Church, and the Holy Scriptures – as it usually did – his passion inevitably would surface.

“The zeal of Thy House has eaten me up.” Truly these words were applicable to David, as they were originally to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May his memory be eternal!

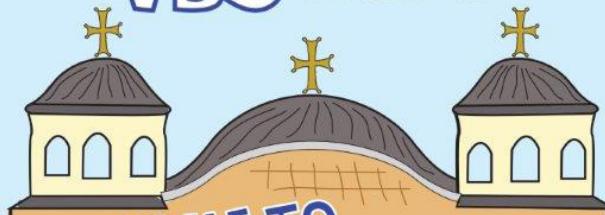
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 FRIDAY MAY 17 & SATURDAY MAY 18

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 came to Me" — Matthew 25: 35-36

Completed Projects

LORD'S DINER

On Sunday, March 17th, Eight St. George volunteers served the homeless in our community at the Broadway location. St. George serves the third Sunday of every month from 5:00-7:30. Please let Mikell Awwad know if you can serve at 250-3016.

RAISE MY HEAD FOUNDATION

The St. George Community Support Committee gave \$1,000 to Raise My Head Foundation to help launch and market their cottage industry (soaps, candles, lotions, and t-shirts). Raise My Head Foundation is a recovery home for women who are survivors of abuse, exploitation, and/or trafficking. These women live together in the recovery home, provided a safe place to heal, and learn entrepreneurial skills by managing their cottage industry.

HOPE RANCH

Hope Ranch has three levels to the care that they provide women who are survivors of abuse, exploitation, and/or trafficking: Mentoring by other women, Equestrian therapy, and a brand new Residential Home; opened in December 2018. These women receive care and healing where they work toward reintegrating into the community while provided professional counseling, health care, education, and vocational training. The St George Community Support Committee gave \$1,000 toward furniture for the third bedroom so they can increase their care to six women.

REAL MEN REAL HEROES

Real Men Real Heroes is an organization that provides positive African American male role models to young African American males in the Wichita Community. They have weekly sessions with the youth; which provide meaningful interactions and a grass roots level approach to mentoring.. Buddy Shannon has done an excellent job of developing and managing this program. The St. George Community Support Committee gave \$800 to Real Men Real Heroes toward purchasing meals for the male youth whom they meet with weekly; as well as helping pay for training for their mentoring program.

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 14th

12:00 noon in the Conference Room.

We would love to have you join us!!

We 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.

What's Coming Up ?

NAMI of Wichita

Help us in blessing Foster Kids with a birthday box for their The National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter of Wichita has eight- week family sessions; which provides support and education for families having loved ones who suffer from mental illness. The Community Support Committee is giving \$500 toward printing all the materials needed for these family support groups.

THE TREEHOUSE

The St. George Community Support Committee is providing 300 roses for the third annual Mother's Day fundraiser at George's French Bistro. On Friday, May 10th at 10:00 am St. George volunteers will meet in the St. George kitchen and cut the thorns off 300 roses; as well as tie ribbons and Treehouse information on each rose. WE NEED YOU TO HELP!! Please call Traci Spencer at 371-5599 if you can help with this project.

GEORGE'S FRENCH BISTRO'S 3RD ANNUAL TREEHOUSE FUNDRAISER

George Youssef is graciously giving a percentage of his sales on MOTHER'S DAY to The Treehouse. Please support this worthwhile agency and enjoy your Mother's Day meal there while receiving a rose with information about the Treehouse ministry attached to it.

ATISHWIN INSTITUTE

On Saturday, May 18th at 1:00 we will have a tour of The Atishwin Institute, a recovery home for recovering alcoholics and addicts. Our own Parishioner, Bill Vinyard, is able to incorporate the twelve steps of AA and God because Atishwin Institute isn't a government run facility. They even have an Orthodox Chapel; which has been blessed by Fr. Paul. The Recovery Home houses twelve men. Bill's ultimate dream is to have an Orthodox Recovery Home supported by St. George. The Community Support Committee is giving \$2,000 toward new windows in their facility. Please join us for the tour on May 18th.

LORD'S DINER

On Sunday, May 19th,. St. George volunteers will be serving the homeless in our community at the Broadway location from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Please let Mikell Awwad know if you can serve at 250-3016.



Fr. Michael Shanbour being elevated to the rank of Archpriest by Metropolitan Joseph, March 24, 2019. Axios!

Christ is Risen! Indeed is Risen!



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This Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, give a special donation in her honor to help a mother in need. Please contact The Treehouse for more information.

Join us on Mother's Day at Georges French Bistro and mention The Treehouse and part of the proceeds will be donated to The Treehouse.

Celebrate MOM



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