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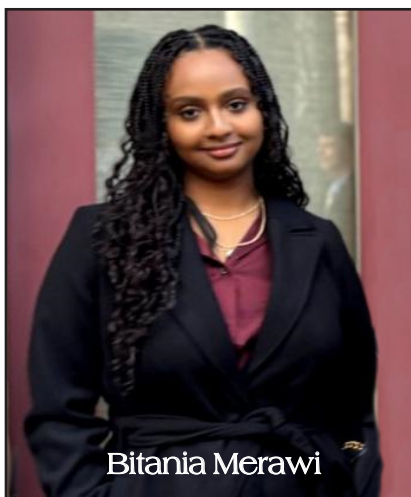
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OUR 2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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Bulletin Board

Mabrook! Blessings!

baptisms

Theodozia Marie Ferguson, 5/18
(daughter of Thaddaeus and Ella Sipp Ferguson)

Micaiah Lucia Limon, 5/24
(daughter of Cadin and Rachel)

births

Nicole Rose Khneizer, 5/5
daughter of Gebran and Eva

Basil James Nisly, 5/7
son of Brandon and Holli

chrismations

Cadin Michael Limon, 5/24
Rachel Renee Limon, 5/24

marriages

Daniel Mordecai and Lily Farha, 5/10
Paul Robinson and Lacey Theis, 5/17

many years!

MODESTY & DIGNITY In Church

As summer approaches, please remember that dress in church should always be dignified and modest.

For women, shorts, sleeveless or low cut dresses and tops, short skirts, tight fitting outfits, and boldly colored clothes are not appropriate. For men, no shorts or message t-shirts; a jacket is customary and long sleeves preferred.

Let us present ourselves with dignity before the Lord in His holy temple!

June FASTING

The normal fasting tradition of abstaining from meat and dairy products on Wednesday and Friday is observed during the first week of June.

There is no fasting during the week following Holy Pentecost, June 7th thru the 14th.

The Apostles' Fast takes place June 16th-28th, with abstinence from meat and dairy products, but allowance for fish Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



2025 SAM & JACQUE KOURI & RUTH COHLMIA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



COHLMIA SCHOLARSHIP
GABRIEL ABOU-FAISSAL



COMBINED COHLMIA & KOURI SCHOLARSHIP
PRESTON SEBITTS



KOURI SCHOLARSHIP
CHARLOTTE BUERGE



FR. MARK IN LEBANON

Fr. Mark will be participating in an Orthodox pilgrimage to Lebanon June 12 - July 3. Metropolitan Saba has organized this trip for our Antiochian seminarians and newly ordained priests to better acquaint them with the historic homelands of our Patriarchate. The Metropolitan will accompany the group as they visit the institutions, monasteries, and churches of the Orthodox Church of Antioch in Lebanon.

Let us keep them in prayer as we commemorate travelers in Divine Services during that period!



The Appeal of Orthodoxy



photo courtesy: Conlee Arpin

We at St. George Cathedral were pleased to welcome noted speaker and author Fr. Josiah Trenham, who presented on the topic of the surge of new people coming to the Orthodox Church. He pointed out that the COVID epidemic created a great deal of soul-searching on the part of people due to the threat of illness and death. This caused many to search for eternal verities, leading some to consider deeply rooted spirituality of Ortho-

doxy. He also noted that the increased number of conversions is not due to organized activity on the part of the hierarchy; it has mostly arisen spontaneously from the grace of God at work in people's lives.

For those unable to attend, the substance of Fr. Josiah's talk can be found in this video online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUqEB35kVE0>



Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America

Parish Life Conference: Embassy Suites Norman (June 11th - 14th)

2025 Host Parish: Holy Ascension Church (Norman, OK)

Save the Date!



25 YEARS OF CSR

10.18.2025

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CAMP ST. RAPHAEL! FAMILY FRIENDLY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE, ENDING WITH AN ADULT EVENING BANQUET HOSTED AT ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL, WICHITA KS. RECONNECT WITH PAST STAFF & MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT!

HOTEL OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

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St. Raphael
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The Typika Service

Due to summer travel and for other reasons, some of the faithful may not be able to attend the Divine Liturgy on certain Sundays. The Typika service is to be prayed on such occasions. The Epistle and Gospel readings for the day can be found at <https://www.antiochian.org/liturgicday>

Copies are available at the Cathedral office.



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ORTHODOX
CHRISTIANS FOR LIFE.
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3rd Anniversary of
The Dobbs Decision!

Join OCFL June 22 during
Coffee Hour for a
Birthday Party
celebrating all the babies
saved since this historic
decision was handed down!

We'll have Cupcakes,
Giveaways, and lots of info!



JOIN US FOR
OUR
MONTHLY
MEETING

Tuesday
June 3
7:15 pm
Parish House

SAVE THE DATE  THIRD ANNUAL

The Golf
Classic

Benefitting Christ The Savior Academy

Friday, September 12

TWENTY TWENTY-FIVE

Willowbend Golf Club  Oddfellow Hall

Questions? Email csagolffclassic@gmail.com

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Welcome Home



My journey to the Orthodox Church began over thirty years ago when I, as a Baptist, began earning a master's degree in Historical Theology at Saint Louis University, a Catholic school. For the first time in my life, I was confronted with the powerful claims of Tradition. These claims challenged the more selective history I had previously learned in Baptist schools. I still clung to my Baptist views (I was a

pastor, after all) and tried to blend my Baptist heritage with a "catholic" view of the Church for several years. It didn't work. In the meantime, I saw that the Orthodox Church had the legitimate claim to catholicity, antiquity, and, of course, orthodoxy. Circumstances in my life finally made conversion possible, though it has not been without challenges.

I have learned that conversions are not planned; they happen to a person. I did not convert; I was converted. Conversion is a change of heart and mind, whether sudden or over many years, whereby a person finally acknowledges outwardly what has already occurred within. I thank Father's Paul and Mark for their guidance during my catechumenate and the wonderful people at St. George for their welcoming spirit.

Grace & peace,

— Colton Taylor

Welcome and Farewell



— Colton Seraphim Hale

Received into the Orthodox Church from Roman Catholicism on Saturday May 9. He then departed for his new home in Texas on May 20. God be with him!

Paul and Lacey Robinson, with their son Wilder, became members of the church over Pascha of this year, and were married in the church in May. Lacey and Wilder moved from Lawrence to Wichita at that time.

Both growing up protestant, Paul and Lacey had been raised in the church with Christian families, but spent much of their adulthood in a worldly manner. Finding that unfulfilling and feeling called to a higher purpose, Paul directed them to look into the Orthodox Church after learning about it through podcasts. After several weeks of visiting, they began their catechism and felt strongly that this was the path they had been seeking that God had been preparing for them. They are excited to be a part of this church, raise children and serve God with this community, and look forward to what the future holds for their family.

— Paul, Lacey & Wilder Robinson



My name is Nicholas, but you may all call me Nic. I'm a Montessori educator, so it felt natural for my Patron Saint to be St. Nicholas! I currently write short essays at ClassicalMontessori.org if you are interested in my thoughts on education!

I was raised Methodist, but following in my father's footsteps I became atheist before I was even a teenager. God has been working on me over the past decade, as I slowly became open to seeking out the faith. My wife Janelle and I welcomed our first child into the world a year and a half ago, and we wanted to raise Penelope to be a Christian. I told my wife that Orthodoxy was the only church I could take seriously, and she agreed to explore it with me. We were Chrismated this Pascha, and are excited to bring our son Leonidas into the world this July!

— Nicholas, Janelle & Penelope Ortman

St George Sewing Sisters



It is "Birthday Time" for the St George Sewing Sisters! We have been sewing for four years now. We started with about 5 women getting together. Now we regularly have 10 or more -- and not just women! Our ministry output for 2024 was 24 baby quilts, 10 fleece blankets for shut-ins, 30 large totes for the women and babies of the Treehouse, items for Care and Share, raffle quilts for Teen Soyo and Christ the Savior and earnings for the church of \$1900 from items sold in the Big Dinner Country Kitchen. We don't just sew either. This past

year we enjoyed, as a group, the Wichita Quilt Show and the KS Quilt Shop Hop. We pray together before we sew and encourage each other with our combined knowledge and talent

We meet every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We would love for you to join us. Even if you can't commit to every week you are welcome. If you have any sewing or handwork questions or help with personal projects we will do our best to answer them. We are here to serve. Come join us!

3rd Annual



St. George Bible Bowl

The Third Annual St. George Cathedral Bible Bowl was a success! Six teams from all age groups faced stiff competition while answering difficult questions on the Gospel according to St. Luke, but all competed valiantly! Congratulations to Sbdn. Evthymios (Cooper) Dunlavy, Rebekah Sturgill, and Gabriel Hamel who claimed victory—and in great outfits, too! We look forward to next year for the 4th Annual Bible Bowl.





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Next Meeting - June 11 - 12:00 noon

at the Parish House

We would love to have you join us!

Family Promise—May 11-18

Jenny Wall and other St George parishioners prepared and served meals for Family Promise. Family Promise empowers families with children to overcome homelessness and housing insecurity through a holistic approach, community involvement and sustainable solutions. In addition to meals, volunteers can assist with driving, setup/teardown, and evening or overnight hosting. Individuals, couples, and families are all welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in participating in this life-changing ministry, complete the application and 2-hour online training at <https://familypromisewichita.org/volunteer/>. The next opportunity to serve with St George is August 31st-September 6th. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jenny Wall at walljenny4@gmail.com.



Young at Heart Bingo—May 20

Parishioners 55 years of age and older had a delicious lunch prepared by Ilham Saad. Jacob Corbin once again entertained the crowd with his enthusiastic calling. Thank you to Traci Spencer for organizing this fun event.



Coming Up:

Lord's Diner—Jun 15-Jul 20-Aug 17 5-7:30p.

Serving meals to those in need at the Lord's Diner is a great volunteer opportunity for individuals, couples, and families. Youth ages 12-17 are welcome to participate if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Summer is a great time to get a head start on school-required volunteer hours. For more information or to sign up, contact Pat Milburn at patmilburn74@gmail.com.

Dillon's Community Rewards

To earn money for St George Cathedral every time you shop at Dillons, designate St George Cathedral as your Community Rewards recipient. For more information go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p9zrezy>

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