

Confessions:

Fr. Stephen is available for confessions on Saturday evenings after Vespers or by appointment. Please make an effort to go at least once every 3-6 months.

Upcoming Events:

Parish Council and Potluck Date: November 11th after Liturgy

Archpastoral Message from His Beatitude:

To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics, Distinguished Stewards, and the entire family of the Orthodox Church in America:

Stewardship is at the heart of our life and existence as Orthodox Christians. In our own personal lives, in our parish communities, and in our families, we are constantly and sacrificially offering our small gifts, so that we may receive the great gift that God gives to us.

The Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America exists for one purpose: to help the Church and her Outreach Ministries reach the world for Christ! This effort requires prayer and commitment. By God's grace, we have a Church filled with talented and dedicated clergy and laity who give their time to preach, teach, and live the Gospel. Their sacrificial labor needs our financial support to fulfill the work of the Lord. By making a gift to the Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America, you will become a co-worker as we reach out around the world in spreading the Orthodox faith.

On this Sunday, which we call Steward Sunday, together with the members of the Holy Synod, I encourage each of you to express your love for your parish, for the Orthodox Church in America and for our Lord in a tangible way – sacrificial giving. Your gifts will help our ministry departments as they assist our missions to grow, as they help our youth to gather, and encourage all of us to share our faith, thus bearing fruit that has the potential to transfigure the world.

May the Lord continue to grant you every good thing for your salvation and for the growth of His Body, the Church.

With love in Christ,
+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington; Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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Scripture Readings:

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Birthdays/Anniversaries - October

Oct 2 - Daryl Mikita	Oct 12 - Steven and Sarah Dumler
Oct 3 - Michael Hlatki	Oct 21 - Dan and Vickie Tipton
Oct 3 - Mark Manyik	Oct 22 - Luke Mikita Fischer
Oct 6 - David Rozdilsky	Oct 25 - Brady Billmire
Oct 8 - Rita Evanoika	Oct 28 - Kenny Stephens
Oct 11 - Fr. Stephen Osburn	Oct 29 - Steven Dumler

This Week at St. Mary's

Great Vespers (Saturday 5:30 PM November 3rd)

Divine Liturgy (Sunday 9:30 AM November 4th)

Announcements:

Youth Nativity Play

On December 23rd after Liturgy, our youth will be performing a play based on the Nativity story. Rehearsals for this play will start November 4th. Please see Carrie and/or Vicki for more information.

Benches for Hall:

We still are looking for donations to help cover the extra burden of the new benches. If you would please consider donating to this above and beyond your normal tithe. See Fr. Stephen or drop off a check at the office if you'd like to help with this expense.

Youth Trunk or Treat & Chili Potluck- October 28th:

Today is our Trunk or Treat Youth Activity. The event will take place outside in the parking lot of the Hall. Children will change into their costumes during Church School. We also have a chili potluck going on in the Hall during Coffee Hour. Please stay and enjoy some great chili. A big thank you to all who brought chili and/or are participating in the Trunk or Treat!