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GROWTH & PLANNING COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK

The Saint Mark family is a vibrant, Christ-centered parish, made up of many faithful Orthodox Christians. Our purpose is worship and ministries are provided to allow us to grow closer to Christ and His Church. We give thanks to God that we are continuing to grow as a parish and many faithful find their spiritual home at Saint Mark. Now that we have completed phase 1 and 2 of our Church (consecrate the sanctuary, and burn our mortgage), we direct our attention to our Fellowship Hall and Classrooms...

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A JOYOUS BEGINNING TO THE NEW YEAR

JOY - ANGELA MITCHELL

The Junior Orthodox Youth Group (children in 1st through 5th grades) is already off to a wonderful start. We began with our parish picnic and then a bowling party at Strikes, with over 36 young people in attendance to “kick off” the new ecclesiastical year. We will remain busy this year learning about our faith while getting to know other children in our church community. The JOY ministry offers a variety of events throughout the year to ensure that our children are well educated about Orthodoxy. These events consist of spiritual retreats that are offered bi-monthly, which are lead by our clergy and consist of spiritual lessons, games and crafts. In addition, we offer family outings such as bowling, mini golf, ice skating, and much more. This truly gives the children, as well as their parents, the opportunity to get to know other church families. If you have not registered your child for JOY yet, please stop by the church office to do so. It is never too late to join.



The Message is an in-print outreach to the Orthodox Christian community of Boca Raton and the greater South Florida region. This publication aims to inform, edify, and serve as a witness to its readers of the Truth of Jesus Christ as confirmed in the Holy Gospel.

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"LEAVING STUFF BEHIND" *Rev. Fr. Mark Leondis*



My Dear Faithful,

This past week the Orthodox Church canonized two new American Saints in the Serbian Orthodox Church: Bishop Mardarije and Father Sebastian. Our very own Archbishop Demetrios who was present, wrote about Saint Sebastian, "Our time needs people of complete dedication to God, of passion for the promotion for His holy Gospel, and for a heart that is beating with unlimited love and care for the people . . . We desperately need the saints of the kind of St. Sebastian."

When one thinks of the tremendous sacrifices that these two holy apostles made, and the many sorrows that they endured, one is especially gratified that they are now universally recognized as being among the Church's luminaries.

Archbishop Benjamin of the OCA told a beautiful story that I would like to share with you.

"I will tell you a story about a funeral. There was a woman I knew when I was a choir director in Detroit, and she had many possessions. She had been a nurse, well paid, and never married. Every time she went on a vacation she brought back some kind of expensive souvenir. One day we got a phone call that she had died and so I went to her house, and there she sat in the living room in her bathrobe, dead in a chair, and suddenly all these things that had been so important to her became the junk that her family had to get rid of. How much of the stuff we collect in our lives goes into the coffin with us? How much can we take into the kingdom of Heaven?

He offered these words in recollecting the life of the newly canonized Saint Sebastian. He spoke of how Saint Sebastian in imitation of Christ, simply focused on his divine calling and how his "possessions" simply got in the way of bringing the Gospel across the United States. "When Saint Sebastian departed for the Kingdom of Heaven, he took the kingdom of Heaven with Him instead of several suitcases." What an amazing lesson for us all?

When Saint Sebastian departed for the next life, his bags were full of spiritual wealth that he gained in his life. He emptied himself and gave his life for the Orthodox Christian Faith. This is true stewardship!!!

Let us use the lives of the Saints as role-models for each of us as we work on our own salvation. O Holy Saints Mardarije and Sebastian, intercede to Christ, to have mercy on our souls.

With love in Christ,

Father Mark

WEEKLY DONATION OPPORTUNITIES - A GREAT WAY TO GIVE THANKS ON SUNDAYS!

Many parishioners have requested to make donations toward candles, Communion wine and flowers at various times during the year. If you would like to offer something in honor of a loved one (or even as general thanksgiving), please contact the Church Office. We will be accepting offerings of \$25 for the following items per Liturgy:

ALTAR CANDLES

VIGIL LIGHT

COMMUNION WINE

MEMORIAL CANDLES

ON
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AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR STEWARDS

KATHI SHARP INTERVIEWING MATT WEAVER

This week Stewardship Committee member Kathi Sharp had the chance to sit down with Matt Weaver in the first of a series of interviews spotlighting some of our Saint Mark stewards. This will be an ongoing forum in which we will be able to learn from our brothers and sisters what being an Orthodox steward means to them.

KATHI SHARP (KS): Matt, you have been an usher and a member of our Stewardship Committee for some time now, but for those who may not know you, tell us about you and your family.

MATT WEAVER (MW): I have been a Boca Raton resident for over 25 years. I am accompanied by my beautiful wife and best friend Nadia. We have two amazing children named Alexander, age 5 and Stella age 2. I am completely fulfilled by spending time with my family every moment outside of my career. Simply put, my family is my life, and I thank God for them every day.

(KS): How long have you been a member of the Orthodox Church?

(MW): At birth. I was fortunate enough to be raised by wonderful parents. My mother was born and raised in Greece on the island of Kos and Rhodes. I was raised with many of the Greek traditions, I was an altar boy, attended both Sunday school and Greek school at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster Pennsylvania. We were extremely blessed at that time by having Father Alexander Veronis as our priest, he was not only a mentor to me but someone who really made an impact in my life from an early age until now.

(KS): What does Saint Mark and Orthodox mean to you and your family?

(MW): I feel that Saint Mark and the Orthodox Church are the foundation of my life. My faith has always centered me which has allowed me to make many right decisions in my life. Having a young family, my mission is to incorporate my family within the church which will provide the



blanket of security, meaning and overall understanding as to our time on earth. I look forward to my children attending Sunday school and becoming involved in other activities within the church. I am particularly grateful in knowing that my children will experience the same benefits I received by being raised in the Orthodox Church with having amazing leadership. Saint Mark is truly blessed to have Father Mark as our head priest and leader, his vision and passion is contagious which I feel will have an impact on not only the children's lives within the church but all parishioners.

(KS): God has endowed us with personal talents and gifts. What is your greatest talent and how will you use it for the glory of God at our Saint Mark Parish?

(MW): I feel that I could add value to Saint Mark in a small way by perhaps increasing awareness. I am committed to devoting more and more time over the long

term and working closely with Father Mark, Father Steven and many of the great Stewards within our Church. I am confident with their experience and guidance my talents will be channeled accordingly.

(KS): Can you suggest a ministry that you would like added at Saint Mark for your growth in Christ?

(MW): There are so many wonderful ministries that Saint Mark has and continues to add. I would like to utilize the talent we have within our church to mastermind and create a ministry that can help change the lives of other human beings. I can't quite illustrate what this will be today but confident over time, and working closely with leadership and other stewards, we can develop a ministry that will be significant. I look forward to being part of this development.

NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE

75% of the Saint Mark budget comes from Stewardship. Without you filling out your stewardship pledge card each and every year, we cannot exist. Everything we possess are gifts from God and they ultimately belong to Him. They are given to us — by Him. If you haven't filled out your 2015 Stewardship Pledge Card — please, do so today (they are located in the pews). "God loves a cheerful giver."

- (2 Corinthians 9:7)

SAINT MARK MINISTRY KICKOFF

GOYA - DOMINIQUE CULTRERA

GOYA kicked off quickly this new ecclesiastical year with several events creating a path to a successful GOYA ministry year incorporating the four principles: Worship (Liturgia), Fellowship (Koinonia), Service (Diakonia), and Witness (Martyria).

Our first event leading up to our 2015 kick-off consisted of more than 50 GOYANs and family members attending a pre-season Miami Dolphins football game. The kids had so much fun reuniting after their summer break! Parents too!

On Friday, Sept. 18, we had our GOYA kick-off event at Father Mark and Presbytera Anastasia Leondis' home inviting all GOYANs 6th-12th grade and their parents. It was incredible to see so many come out and participate! We had an outstanding 80+ in attendance where everyone had an opportunity to get to know one another, meet new GOYANs that either moved up from JOY, new to our Church, or have decided to make GOYA part of their lives.

We have a very active year planned for our GOYANs that will lead our young people into experiencing the Holy Orthodox Faith. By devel-



oping a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and becoming active sacramental members of the living Church, our young people will be equipped with tools necessary to assist them in their journey toward salvation.

Father Mark Leondis, Father Steven Klund, and all of the GOYA Advisors are very excited to be part of enriching our Orthodox children's lives in 2015 and beyond.

Make sure to follow us on all of Saint Mark's social media! You can find us on Instagram [saintmarkboca](#), Twitter [@saintmarkboca](#), and on YouTube - Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church.

PHILOPTOCHOS - PAM PARENT

The women of Philoptochos are gearing up for a very productive year. We will begin the season with our opening dinner meeting at Jimmy the Greek on Monday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m. The cost is only \$20.00. Don't miss this exciting start to our season. New members are always welcome. Reservations are available in the Hall after Liturgy.

On Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate Philoptochos Sunday by commemorating our patron saints, Cosmas and Damian, the Unmercenarys. As a thank you to the community of Saint Mark, we will provide a complimentary light lunch at Coffee Hour. Join us for Liturgy and lunch on this special day.

Just one week later, we will host the Men's Culinary Delights on Saturday, November 7. This event is always a big hit as our men vie for top chef honors and the "Golden Koutala" award. Sign up your favorite chef and come join the tasting extravaganza.

Of course we will continue our support of

the Caring Kitchen in Delray Beach throughout the year. Every third Thursday we prepare and serve meals to the needy. Join us in this rewarding work. We will also continue to assist the Caring Kitchen with repairs and painting as a part of our Chapter Challenge. In June we will present our efforts at the National Philoptochos Convention.



We are very excited to announce a new endeavor for our chapter. On Saturday, February 27, we will have a Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Delray Marriott. Be sure to be a part of what promises to be a delightful day. There will

be fashions for men, women and children, as well as an opportunity to honor our 50 year members, our yiayias, mothers, godmothers and aunts. Other surprises are in store for our guests. As always, the proceeds of this and all our events will go to support the many charities and ministries of the Saint Mark Philoptochos and our beloved Saint Mark Church. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 10/12/15 - Dinner Meeting @ Jimmy the Greek's
- 11/1/15 - Philoptochos Sunday @ Saint Mark
- 11/7/15 - Men's Culinary Delights, @ 6 pm
- 11/9/15 - General Meeting @ Saint Mark, 7 pm
- 12/14/15 - General Meeting @ Saint Mark, 7 pm

SAINT MARK GREEK SCHOOL - ANNA KAISAR

On Tuesday, September 15, the 2015-16 Greek school academic school year brought together the students with an Agiasmo Service (the Blessing of Holy Water) with Fr. Steven.

We offer classes for all ages (even adults), which allow plenty of opportunities to practice the useful vocabulary. We emphasize verbal communication that is very important to build the confidence in speaking Greek and learn the language.

The goals of our school is: First, to make learning the Greek language and culture fun and to present all aspects of the modern Greek language to its students including vocabulary-building, reading, writing and grammar with emphasis on conversation. Second, each student must reach his or her highest potential. Third, to foster understanding and appreciation history and cultural heritage and to be active members of the Church.

We are very proud of our school. We are thankful to have great students supportive parents and highly qualified teachers. In addition to



our rigorous academic program, our students have opportunities to use the language: by participating in skits, plays, songs, and monologues during various celebrations, such as Greek School special programs for OXI DAY, Thanksgiving Supper, Greek Letters Day, and Independence Day.

It is never too late to sign up for Greek School. You may call the church office at (561) 994-4822 for more information, and register at any-time by stopping by Saint Mark mon-fri 9-4pm.

SENIORS OF SAINT MARK - DIANE PATERAKIS

The Seniors of Saint Mark did not slow down for the summer months. In fact, we spent that time gearing up for all the members by planning great events for the new year. We're even coordinating activities with seniors from other parishes.

Some internal group changes have occurred. Last month, we made the decision to create Board Members, in lieu of "Callers." All newly created Board Member positions are listed below:

- President: Diane Paterakis
- Treasurer: Bess Hatsis
- Membership: Olga Malides
- Event Coordinator: Barbara Yurchuk
- Parties: Kalle Andromedas
Rena Mamolou
- Sunshine: Maryucas
- Advisors: Ann Sinopoulos
Cali Papantoniou

The Seniors of Saint Mark are all about enjoying each other's company by planning events that everyone is sure to love. We have about 20 church members participating in "Game Day" weekly. Just last month, we enjoyed seeing the play "Royal Family" at FAU and dined on Italian fare at Mama Mia's. We have a full calendar of events and look forward to more Saint Mark members joining our group. Here's what we have planned for the remainder of 2015

- Oct. 18th – 2 pm: Delray Playhouse "Come Blow Your Horn"
- November: Delray Golf Club Luncheon (date and time to come)
- Dec. 10 - 12 pm: Christmas Lunch, Sands Hotel @ Highland Beach

Be sure to join us, as our membership dues are only \$10/year. So much fun for so little! But most importantly, you get the opportunity to meet wonderful people.

Whoever says "we're old & gray" hasn't seen us in action! With the encouragement and support of Fathers Mark and Steven, we're on a roll.

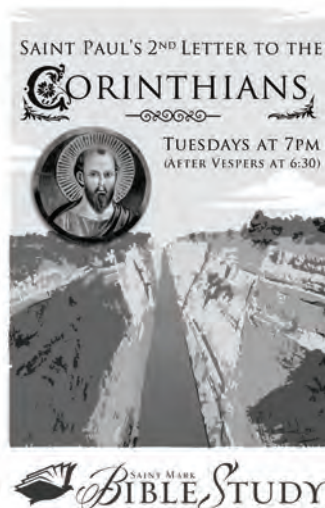
As we continue our event planning, please be sure to look for updates in "The Message." If you have any questions on Membership, please contact Olga Malides. Any other questions, please contact our President, Diane Paterakis.

SAINT MARK CHOIR - KATHY CHAPEKIS

In July, 2015, Virginia Barnes, our choir director, and I attended the Choir Federation Conference held at Saint Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. We joined 170 other choir members from all over the Southeastern diocese to sing the Liturgy of Peace, composed and conducted by Christopher Kypros. Accompanying the choir was organist, Elias Nicholas. Celeste Alexander led the children from all over our metropolis as they sang like angels along with the adults. The guest hierarch was His Grace Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthos.

The St. Petersburg Church did an excellent job hosting the conference. Friday night festivities included a dinner at the Dali Museum. The participants enjoyed beautiful artwork while being entertained by members of the Saint Stefanos choir. Individual talents of the Saint Stefanos choir included two opera singers, a Greek folk singer and violinist. The Saturday night banquet gave choir members a glimpse into the St. Petersburg past as a big band played jazz music and attendees dressed in costumes from the 50's era. The conference culminated on Sunday morning as all 170 voices sang the Liturgy.

In all, the conference was a wonderful experience of Orthodox Christians united by music with fellowship and love.



BIBLE STUDY & SYNAXIS

This month Saint Mark has started its Bible Study, and Orthodox Discussion group "SYNAXIS." We will be covering Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians in Bible Study every Tuesday at 7:00 pm (after vespers at 6:30 pm), and we will be discussing the "Holy Angels" by Mother Alexandra every Thursday at 11:00 am (after Paraklesis at 10:00 am). Anyone and everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

DOP - MARINA NICOLAIDES

This summer, members of our Cassandra chapter here in Boca Raton went to San Francisco, California, for the Supreme Convention where we met with old and made new friends from all over the world.

Again we gave scholarships to twenty four recipients. The organization offered housing for thousands of elderly citizens, providing humanitarian monetary support for food, medical supplies for Greece and Cyprus, feeding the homeless and specially the funds that were offered to Archbishop Demetrios for the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Shrine in ground zero in New York. We were honored to have His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and Bishop Apollistos join us in the Festivities.

It was overwhelming to hear reports from the leaders of our DOP and all their travels to Greece, Cyprus and the Patriarchate to enhance the importance of the organization for the philanthropic projects and our Orthodoxy. They met with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Fanar where His All Holiness briefed them of some issues and concerns. At that time they presented His All Holiness with a donation of \$10,000. We wholeheartedly congratulate our very own Connie Pillalis, for her leadership and hard work as she was elected the Grand National President. AXIA! AXIA!

On Saturday October 17 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship hall we will have a Country Western Dance with costumes for young and old. We will be selling tickets every Sunday after the Liturgy. Call Marina Nicolaides (561)318-7699, or Joann Chamar (561) 338-6495 for reservations.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL - HELEN LANG & JULIE VAGELOS

The Church School Ministry at Saint Mark, welcomes you and your family to 2015-2016 Sunday Church School! All children between the ages of Pre-k 4, through High School are encouraged and welcomed to participate in the Church School Ministry.

The calendar began with the Fall Ministry Picnic on Sunday, September 13th. Church school classes begin after the Sacrament of Holy Communion is administered by the clergy, and class is dismissed at noon.

Classrooms are located in the Sanctuary loft, as well as within the Fellowship Hall. We encourage parental volunteer participation. Please speak with your child's teacher, a member of the clergy, Helen Lang, Julie Vagelos, or Mary Mukasa, if you are interested in participating in the Church School Ministry.

Please find the schedule of classes for the school year:

September: 13th, 20th, 27th
 October: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
 November: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
 December: 6th, 13th,
 January: 10th, 17th, 24th
 February: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
 March: 6th, 13th, 27th
 April : 3rd, 10th, 17th
 May: 8th (last class), 15th (Graduation in the Sanctuary)

We thank you for registering your children, and bringing them to church school each Sunday! See you in class!

GROWTH & PLANNING - PAT SOURLIS

...Continued from Cover Page An exploratory committee has been formed under the "Growth and Planning Committee," to investigate the possibility of our next phase. Whether it is a renovation or new building/kitchen, we need to study and research the different possibilities that can be offered to our Saint Mark parishioners.

The Committee had a very busy summer interviewing architects and choosing a firm. Our next step is to present the contract and receive approval from the parish council to proceed to make a recommendation to the Parish Assembly. Please pray for the future of Saint Mark that we may continue to be a beacon of light to Orthodox Christians throughout South Florida.

AHEPA - TIM SHARP



By joining the AHEPA Boca Raton Chapter 487 you become part of an organization that promotes Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence. The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is one of the largest Hellenic heritage groups in the world and is a major community service organization in North America.

Please consider joining this esteemed group, along with our other 73 brothers, as we move forward into a new era of AHEPA in Boca Raton. Our Newest members include:

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| • Costa Athan | • Lucas Metropulos |
| • Jim Dovas | • Demetrios Paulou |
| • Steve Giakouminakis | • John Pelekanos |
| • Peter Karantonis | • Joseph Pores |
| • Rick Kontos | • Bill Skoundridakis |
| • Andrew Limperos | • Ted Vagelos |
| • Emmanuel Manos | • John Voytilla |

We give back to the community by providing thousands of dollars in college scholarships to many of the Saint Mark youth and other children and grandchildren of AHEPANs. We also give awards to deserving students of the Greek School and we partner up with both the church and other organizations to fundraise and provide community service. We support Saint Mark at its annual fall picnic, Christmas event, and Greek Festival and plan to embark on another philanthropic project this year with the Saint Mark Service Ministry.

We hold an annual dinner dance to celebrate Valentine's Day in February which brings in over 200 guests and helps us to raise as much as \$5,000 towards education & philanthropy. Along with the dinner dance, we recently raised an additional \$1,500 towards the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Church and Shrine located at "Ground Zero" in New York City.

AHEPA chapter meetings are generally held in the church fellowship hall, along with the Daughters of Penelope (DOP), and start at 6:30 pm. Dues are only \$80 per year, and for those young prospective AHEPANs under the age of 25, we offer a discounted price of \$50. We sincerely hope that all will consider joining our AHEPA chapter and should you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me at timsharp1958@gmail.com or call at 561-213-1016.

SAINT SPOTLIGHT

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS

VERY REV. PAUL O'CALLAGHAN

"For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying: 'What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet.' For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." - Hebrews 2:2-10

Every year on November 8, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael as well as all of the bodiless powers of Heaven. The epistle reading for that day, Hebrews 2:2-10, teaches that the relationship between God and His people under the Old Covenant was administered by the angels. The classic example of this angelic ministry is portrayed both in the Rublev icon (pictured above) and in Scripture: three Visitors appeared to Abraham by the oak of Mamre "as he sat by the door of his tent at noon" (Gen. 18:1). Typologically these three angels represent the three Persons of the Godhead.

God also appeared with His angels in other theophanies such as the giving of the Mosaic Law: "The Lord is come from Sinai, and has appeared from Seir to us...with the ten thousands of Holy Ones; on His right hand were His angels with Him" (Dt. 33:2). Many of the Judges and Prophets received revelations from God through angels as did Gideon (Judges 6).

The Prophet Gad foretold a pestilence that would befall the na-

tion because of King David's sins, but by the prayers of the Prophet and the King, the hand of the angel who brought the pestilence was halted after one day (2 Sam. 24:13-17). The Prophet Isaiah saw God's deliverance of Jerusalem carried out by an angel against an apparently invincible army of the Assyrians (Is. 37:33-38). Through the Christian centuries, the Church has recorded appearances by angels with special messages and miracles for individuals and communities of the Faithful.

To herald the Incarnation of the Lord, the Archangel Gabriel appeared, much as angels had under the Old Covenant. However, Gabriel was the only messenger of the coming King (Lk. 1:11-20, 26-38; Mt. 1:20-24), for, in the present age of the Church, God has given dominion to His Only-Begotten, Who for a time was made "a little lower than angels" (Heb. 2:7). Of course, until the Lord returns, "we do not yet see all things put under Him" (Heb. 2:8).

Anciently, the angels were revealed to Isaiah as the leaders of the heavenly worship (Is. 6:1-4). With the coming of the New Covenant, our appreciation of angelic leadership in worship has enlarged (Rev. 4:6; 5:11), for now the Church understands that the angels are close to us during our earthly worship, and especially during the Divine Liturgy during which we "mystically represent the Cherubim" as we "sing to the life-giving Trinity" with all the heavenly powers. The icons on the "Deacon Doors" constantly remind us that the angels are aiding us in worship.

Finally, let us note that angels serve the faithful as holy guardians, protecting our souls and bodies. Above all, they pray to God for us, that He would grant us the grace of repentance and forgive all our offenses each day, ever encompassing "us with the shadow of [their] immaterial glory, preserving us who kneel and cry ceaselessly" to our angelic guardians: "*Deliver us from oppressions, since you are the princes of the ranks of dominions on high.*"



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SYNAXIS

Orthodox Discussion Group

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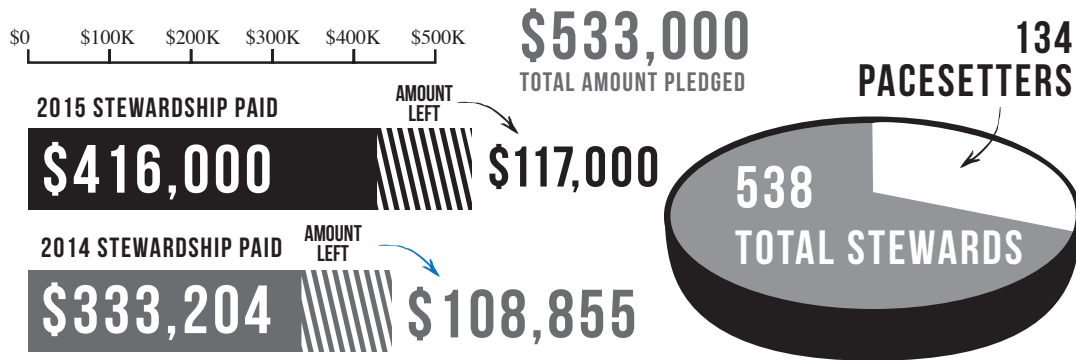
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ANGELS @ SYNAXIS

THURSDAYS AT 11 AM

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2015 SAINT MARK STEWARDSHIP REPORT



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The Ladies Philoptochos Society Of Saint Mark is the philanthropic arm of our parish. Did you know that each year, our Philoptochos donates over \$25,000 to charities in the name of Saint Mark? Below is a list detailed.

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75Th Anniversary Founders Fund
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 Social Services
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 UNICEF

..... METROPOLIS COMMITMENTS

Clergy Education
 Metropolis Youth Camp
 Philanthropy
 Project Africa
 Saint Stephen's Camp

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 Saint Mark Greek Festival
 Saint Mark HDF Youth Dance
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 Caring Kitchen
 Children's Place at Home Safe
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Aid to Greece and Cyprus Campaign
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 Contact Athena Economou, Event Chair
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**St. Mark Ladies
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**Spring Fashion
 Show
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LEGACY GIVING - REMEMBERING SAINT MARK IN YOUR WILL



The Saint Mark parish extends its deepest gratitude to Nick and Sophia Athan, of blessed memory. Upon their passing from this life, they bequeathed gifts to our Saint Mark parish.

Nick and Sophia were both stellar members of the Saint Mark family, who dedicated their lives to the Church. Nick was a founding member of Annunciation Church in North Miami and very active from the beginning at Saint Mark. Among many other offerings, they donated our episcopal throne leading up to our Consecration.

While they were on this earth, they were always generous with their stewardship — time, talent and treasure. They were wonderful examples of being good stewards, and their giving continued when they left this life.

We continue to pray for Nick and Sophia that their memories will be forever eternal.



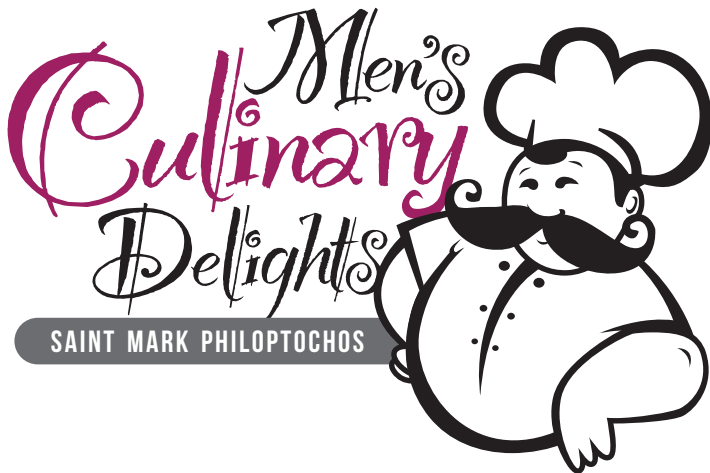
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THE MARRIOTT @ BOCA CENTER
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\$75 TICKETS (\$85 AFTER DEC. 1)
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SATURDAY
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CONTESTANT REGISTRATION

NOVEMBER 7, 2015

The "Men's Culinary Delights" cooking competition will take place in the Saint Mark Community Hall from 6-9 pm, November 7. There will be music and fun as well as 50/50 raffles. Admission is \$20 for all tasters with \$5 wine and beer, and \$2 soft drinks. For more information contact Pam Parent (561 706-2457) or Suzette Johnson (561 573-1057)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ ☐ Sweet ☐ Savory ☐ Appetizer

Thank you for participating in Saint Mark's fifth annual culinary competition. Please fill out the information provided and attach your sweet or savory dish recipe.
Thank you for your participation.

May the best dish win!

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