

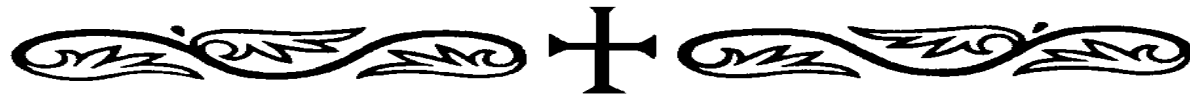
July 11, 2010

St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church

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**GREAT-MARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISED &
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

Epistle: St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10) Gospel: St. Matthew (9:27-35)

MEMORIAL

- Today there will be a 6 month Memorial for +Elisabet Skende. May her Memory be Eternal! The coffee hour will be sponsored by the family of Elisabet Skende.
- Next Sunday, July 18, there will be a 40 Day Memorial for +Koco Panariti. May his Memory be Eternal! The coffee hour will be sponsored by the Panariti family.

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Wednesday, July 14th - Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity. The service begins at 9:30am.
- Saturday, July 17th - Vespers here at St. Mary's in the Sts. Peter & Paul Chapel at 6:00pm
- Monday, July 19th- Vespers Liturgy for the Feast of the Prophet Elias at 6:00pm here at St. Mary's.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, July 14th- Bible Study at 7:00pm in the Sunday School Classrooms

MEMORY ETERNAL

- Our sister in Christ, +Sophie Mina fell asleep in our Lord on Wednesday, July 7th and funeral services were held on Saturday, July 10th. She leaves two daughters, Beverly Bennett and Eileen Tisdale. May her Memory be Eternal!

BATHROOM RENOVATION UPDATE

- The women's bathroom is taking shape! The drywall and ceiling tiles have been replaced and some of the floor tiles have been replaced too. We are sorry for any inconvenience, in the meantime please use the bathroom next to the elevator on the first floor. Thank you.

CHARITY APPEAL

This week we will be collecting for Friendly House.

- The Parish Council has unanimously voted to help support the three following worthy charities: *The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)*, funds will be designated for assisting mission work in Albania. Our own *Holy Trinity Nursing Home* which has cared for dozens of our elderly parishioners. The *Friendly House*, which has assisted hundreds of immigrant families who have moved to Worcester as well as helping the homeless on a daily basis. This will be accomplished by having a basket available for donations at the candle stand weekly. Each week we will alternate the charity that the proceeds from this basket will go to. The first week, all of the proceeds will go to the OCMC. Then the following week the proceeds will go to Holy Trinity and on the third week the proceeds will go to Friendly House. This pattern will be repeated at the candle stand throughout the rest of the 2010. We know times are tough for many of our people, but even a small, \$1 weekly donation by each of our parishioners will slowly begin to add up over time. All these worthy charities need our help as much as St. Mary's does; we truly understand that the Church has financial needs too, but in order for us to grow spiritually as a Community we need to be a catalyst for good works here at St. Mary's, so we decided to begin our work here at home in Worcester as well as in Albania the home of many of our ancestors. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity. -St. Mary's Parish Council

A SPIRITUAL MORSEL FOR YOUR SOUL

- "When the Lord enlightens you, your soul will feel His presence, will feel that the Lord has forgiven you and loves you. And this you will come to know of experience, and the grace of the Holy Spirit will bear witness in your soul to your salvation, and you will want to cry aloud to the whole world, 'How greatly the Lord loves us!'" (*Wisdom from Mt. Athos: Writings of St. Silouan*. By Archimandrite Sophrony, SVS Press, 1974, p. 90)

MESHA NEEDED

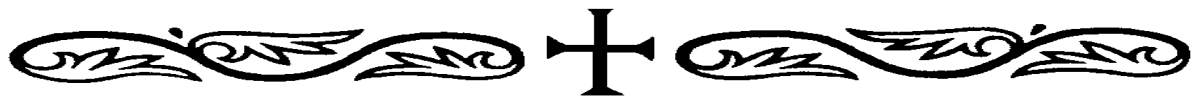
- We are in need of individuals to make Mesha for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday's. We would need 3 Mesha's per week. You don't have to make all three, if you can just make one it would be greatly appreciated. Your donation of Mesha can be in Honor of someone or in Memory of someone and will be recognized. Please call the church at 508-756-1690 and speak with either Fr. Timothy or Lisa and let us know what date you can make Mesha for.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

- If you would like to arrange a Memorial Service, Baptism, Wedding, Churching of your newborn baby or rent the hall, please call the church office Monday through Friday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and speak with our Secretary Lisa regarding scheduling of your event. The Church Office number is 508 756-1690. For ordering memorial wheat (Grure) please call Gloria Simo at 508 791 -0177. To sponsor a Coffee Hour, call Catherine Weiss at 508 852-5296.



Please Recycle this bulletin - Ju Lutem Riqarkulloni



KEMI NEVOJË PËR MESHË

- Kemi nevojë për njerëz që dinë të bëjnë Meshë për Liturgjinë Hyjnore të Dielave. Nevojiten tre Mesha në javë. Nuk është e nevojshme që të bëni tre Mesha njëherësh, edhe vetëm një është e mjaftueshme. Ju falenderojmë për mundimin dhe ndihmën. Meshën mund ta dhuroni për nder të dikujt ose në përkujtim të dikujt tjetër që do të përmenden në mirënjohje. Telefononi në kishë në numrin: 508-756-1690 dhe bisedoni me At Timotheun ose Lisan nëse keni mundësi të ndihmoni me Meshë kishën tonë.

FAQJA E INTERNETIT TË SHËN MARISË

- Faqja e internetit të kishës sonë tashmë është plotësisht e rifreskuar me lajmet dhe informacionet e fundit. Gjithashtu tashmë mund të shikoni dhe printoni Buletinet dhe Lajmet e kaluara. Në faqen e re do të gjeni dhe një seksion të ri që ju informon për Ngjarjet e Ardhshme brënda dhe rreth kishës së Shën Marisë. Klikoni tek adresa www.stmarysalbanianchurch.org dhe shikoni përreth. Na jepni përshtypjet dhe ne i mirëpresim të gjitha mendimet dhe sugjerimet tuaja.

FAQJA E INTERNETIT

- Tashmë Shën Maria ndodhet dhe në Facebook! Ju mund të merrni informacione në lidhje me Kishën e Shën Marisë, shërbimet e saj të ardhshëm, lajmet e fundit dhe rreth besimit ortodoks në faqen tonë të re në Facebook. Falenderojmë At.. Timotheun për krijimin e kësaj faqeje.

LAJMËRIM

- Nëse ju keni një adresë e-mail dhe dëshironi të merrni informacion nga Kisha duke përfshirë Buletinet e së Dielës si dhe Tidings ju lutemi dërgoni një e-mail Lisa Gregory në zyrën e Kishës në adresën info@stmarysalbanianchurch.org. Aktualisht ne kemi mbi 130 adresa, por ne e dimë që janë shumë më tepër ata që do të kishin dëshirë të merRnin këtë informacion nëpërmjet e-mail-it.

SHËRBIME PËR PËRKUJTIMORE DHE SAKRAMENTE

- Nëse ju keni nevojë të bëni një Shërbesë Përkujtimore, Pagëzim, Dasmë ose të merrni me qera sallën e Kishës ju lutemi telefononi në zyrën e Kishës nga e Hëna në të Premte midis orëve 10:00 pd dhe 2:00 md dhe flisni me sekretaren tone Lisan për të planifikuar evenimentin tuaj. Numri i telefonit është 508-756-1690. Për të porositur grure ju lutemi telefononi Gloria Simo në 508-791 -0177. Për të sponsorizuar orën e kafesë, telefononi Catherine Weiss në 508 852-5296.



THE EPISTLE

(For St. Euphemia the All-Praised)

God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

**St. Michael's Orthodox
Christian Church**

**86th Annual Church Festival
(One of the Oldest & Best in Town)**

Sunday, July 18th

12 Noon

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church
Romanian Avenue (off Cisco Street)
Southbridge, Massachusetts

**SHISH KEBAB
Cooked to Perfection**

**HOME MADE
ROMANIAN PASTRIES**

Live Music by the Near East Sounds Band

Antique Car Show ~ Games for the Kiddies

Free Admission ~ Rain or Shine

“What Jesus Had to Say about Money”

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. –Luke 12:22-34

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. –Luke 12:48

Bible speaks a lot about money and possessions

1. Roughly 2,350 verses in the Bible
2. Common theme throughout Law and Prophets
3. Trademark of God's people—care for the poor and needy

Jesus continued biblical tradition about money and possessions

1. Jesus speaks of money in ONE of every SEVEN verses in first three gospels
2. About one-third (16 of 38) parables speak of money
3. 15% of everything Jesus said is about money
4. He taught TWICE as much about money then on prayer and faith combined
5. Only the Kingdom of God gets more attention—and even much of that is in terms of money