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Becoming a Church of the Nativity

FR. DAVID SUBU



Beloved faithful in Christ,

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

These are the words of the traditional Nativity greeting, which I offer in anticipation of the feast, words first given in a homily by St. Gregory the Theologian in 379 AD. Throughout this year's issues of *The Veil*, I've tried to show the connections between some of our most beloved celebrations and their origins in the worship of the Old Testament and into the New Testament church. In the last few months, we've looked at the connections between the feast days and the establishment of the churches connected to them. Christmas is no different.

Much ink has been spilled over the dating of Christmas, and though I won't go into that here, I will confidently hypothesize the following—the feast of the Nativity did not exist as a separate liturgical celebration until the 4th century because—you may have guessed it—there was no church dedicated to it until the time of Ss. Constantine and Helen. In their very intentional transformation of the Holy Land into a place of pilgrimage for the Christians of the world, they not only established the church of the Holy Resurrection in Jerusalem but built the first church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, over the very grotto in which Jesus Christ was believed to be born.

You'll notice that in traditional Eastern icons of the Nativity, the "stable" in which the Holy Mother gave birth is depicted as a cave. This cave still exists in Bethlehem, and in 135 AD, the pagan emperor Hadrian tried to cover over its history by making it into a sacred grotto to the Greek God Adonis. But the locals, both Christian and otherwise, preserved the memory of the place, and it was

well known, as attested to by Origen (248 AD). When Constantine built the first Church on the site by 339 AD, the need for a separate and unique patronal feast day decisively gave birth to the holiday we now have. Previously, the Nativity was celebrated as part of the Theophany, the feast of Christ's baptism, as early as the 2nd century. These two "festivals of light" are still connected to this day, making up the twelve days of Christmas. But by 400 AD, Christmas was being celebrated throughout Christendom on Dec. 25th. (Jan. 7th, "Russian" or "Serbian" Christmas, is just Dec. 25th on the Julian Calendar.)

In the centuries following, the Nativity would inspire beautiful liturgical artists and hymnographers such as St. Ambrose of Milan ("Veni redemptor gentium"—Come Redeemer of the Nations.) St. Romanus the Melodist began his song-writing career on Christmas Eve in 518, inspired by a dream of the Virgin he had after falling asleep in Church during the all-night vigil! St. Sophrony of Jerusalem in the 7th century developed the hymns that would give content to the earliest Christmas pageants.

The images of the Nativity and the adoration of the Magi start appearing in art in the 4th century as well, strangely preserved as carvings on sarcophagi in Rome—Christmas coffins were a thing! Those wealthy enough to afford such a send-off for their departed loved ones (or themselves) perhaps hoped that the art would serve as a pleasing offering to Christ the King, an act of adoration like that of the three kings.

The icon of the Nativity (cave and all) starts to make its appearance in the Holy Land by the 6th century, with the Virgin in the center lying-in with (*continued on back*)



God grant you many years!

Don't see your name? Join us on Realm and fill out your profile. If you include your birthday, nameday, and/or wedding date, you'll see them here.

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Adult Catechism I: The Faith

Saturdays @ 3pm-4:30pm

Catechumens — Register on Realm to get the class link and syllabus. This course will help you articulate the history, purpose, value, and meaning of the Eastern Orthodox Church's dogma and doctrine as stated in the Nicene Creed.

[REGISTER ON REALM](#)

Upcoming YAM Events

Save the date for fellowship and service events organized by the Young Adult Ministry (YAM):

- January 15 — FOCUS Winter Clothing Drive
- January 21 — "Women Giving Back" Volunteer opportunity

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Adult Ed

Wednesdays following Vespers

Dive deeper into the mysteries of the faith! Adult Education is reading through *The Religion of the Apostles: Orthodox Christianity in the First Century* by Fr. Stephen De Young. Join in person or online.

FOCUS NORTH AMERICA Service Opportunities



St. Katherine Diaper Drive

SUNDAY, DEC 4
ST. KATHERINE GOC

Collecting small and large diapers to benefit the Mariah Center. For more information, contact Betty at slanta@verizon.net.

Feast Day of St. Nicholas

TUESDAY, DEC 6
ST. KATHERINE GOC

St. Nicholas Sacks hygiene kits. Sponsor a kit (\$30 each) or fill high-quality zipper totes with toiletries. jinoxen@focusna.org

Kids' Shoes/Clothes/Coats

JANUARY 15, 2023:
ST. MARY'S

Support Women Giving Back by collecting supplies to drop off here, at St. Mary's! yam@stmaryorthodox.org

FOCUSNA.ORG/DC

SUPPORTED BY ST. MARY'S DURING 2022

This is a list of the charities, ministries, schools, monasteries, organizations, and other institutions that you voted to support for this past year. Visit their websites to be reminded of the work they do in the name of the Lord, which we (you!) assist financially.

Thank you for supporting their good work!

SEMINARIES

- St Herman's Theological Seminary (AK), sthermanseminary.org
- St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (NY), svots.edu
- St Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary (PA), stots.edu

MONASTERIES

- Holy Cross Monastery (WV), holycross.org
- Holy Dormition Monastery (MI), dormitionmonastery.org
- Holy Transfiguration Monastery (PA), orthodoxmonasteryellwoodcity.org

MINISTRIES

- Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry, theoocpm.org
- Falls Church Community Service Council, fcsweecare.org
- FACETS, facetscares.org
- Britepaths / Our Daily Bread, britepaths.org
- NAMI Northern Virginia, nami-northernvirginia.org
- Carenet Pregnancy Center, care-net.org
- International Orthodox Christian Charities, iocc.org
- Orthodox Volunteer Corps, orthodoxvolunteercorps.org
- American Friends of Pro-Vita Orphanage, afpvo.org

MISSIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

- All Saints of America / Alexandria (VA), orthodoxalexandria.org
- St. John the Theologian, Fairfax VA, fairfaxorthodox.org
- St. John the Compassionate, Washington D.C., stjohnsmission.org
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), ocf.net

SPECIAL APPEALS

- Project Mexico, projectmexico.org
- FOCUS (Backpack Project), focusnorthamerica.org
- OCMC Soup Luncheons
- Discretionary Aid



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 9am Matins 10am Liturgy	28	29	30 St. Andrew 10am-11am Divine Liturgy @ St. Andrew ROC in Potomac 7pm-7:40pm Vespers	1	2 12pm-1pm Philokalia Book Group	3 3pm-4:30pm Adult Catechism (online only)
NATIVITY FAST NOV 15–DEC 24						
4 9am Matins 10am Liturgy 11:45-1pm Pageant Practice	5 7pm-8pm Great Vespers	6 St. Nicholas 7am-8am Divine Liturgy	7 7pm-7:40pm Vespers 7:45pm-9pm Adult Education	8 7pm-10pm Movie Night: Smyrna	9 Conception of the Theotokos 12pm-1pm Philokalia Book Group	10 5pm-6pm Great Vespers 6pm-7:30pm NPF: Newly-Planted Fellowship
NATIVITY FAST NOV 15–DEC 24						
11 9am Matins 10am Liturgy 11:45am-1pm Pageant Practice 1pm-2pm Baptism	12 6pm-7pm Great Vespers 7pm-9pm Parish Council	13 St. Herman of Alaska 7am-8am Divine Liturgy	14 7pm-7:40pm Vespers 7:45pm-9pm Adult Education	15	16 12pm-1pm Philokalia Book Group	17 Daniel & the Three Holy Youths St. Nicholas Retreat & Pageant Practice 10am-11am Divine Liturgy 5pm-6pm Great Vespers w/ Group Confession
NATIVITY FAST NOV 15–DEC 24						
18 9am Matins 10am Liturgy 12pm-12:30pm Christmas Pageant & Children's Choir 6pm-8pm Men's Fellowship	19 7pm-8pm Great Vespers	20 St. Ignatius 7am-8am Divine Liturgy	21 7pm-7:40pm Vespers 7:45pm-9pm Adult Education	22	23 10am-12pm Royal Hours	24 Christmas Eve 10am-11:30am Divine Liturgy 5pm-6:30pm Great Vespers
NATIVITY FAST NOV 15–DEC 24						
25 + CHRISTMAS + 9am-11:30am Christmas Matins and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 11:30am-12:30pm Christmas Brunch	26	27 St. Stephen	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 5pm-6pm Great Vespers & Te Deum 6pm-9pm New Year's Eve Family-Friendly Party
FAST-FREE WEEK • OFFICE CLOSED DEC 26–30						

Events are subject to change. Please check the online calendar at stmaryorthodox.org/calendar for the most updated listings. Most services are streamed online on Zoom, YouTube, and StreamingChurch. Find the streaming links on the calendar, and the Zoom password on Realm.

First Doxacon Held in Person since 2019 at St. George GOC Last Month

DANIEL S. | DOXAICON REPORT



Doxacon has been virtual the past two years, but this year, Doxacon was held in person at St. George Orthodox Church in Bethesda, Maryland. 70 attendees, staff, speakers, and vendors gathered to discuss our favorite genres of science fiction and fantasy under the theme *Depictions of Redemption*. Our clergy keynote was Fr. Turbo Qualls and our lay keynote was Richard Rohlin of the Ancient Faith Radio podcast, *Amon Sûl*.

It was quite the experience being back in person. There's just nothing like sitting down at a table with other people and breaking bread together! This year, we had more submissions during our call for papers than ever before. We also had more vendors than in previous years. Artists and authors traveled from around the country to share their craft with Doxacon attendees.

Next year is the ten-year anniversary of Doxacon, and we hope you can help us make it our biggest event yet! Past surveys have shown that word-of-mouth is how most people hear about Doxacon. So if you have someone you know who likes the genres of science fiction and fantasy, please tell them about Doxacon!

None of this would be possible without our amazing staff. So thank you to David and Amy D., Katherine M., Stephanie E., Rae G., Cindy S., Christina Z., Joseph J., Fr. David, Sophia P., and Daniel S. Thanks to Sdn. Nicholas J. for leading the Akathist. And lastly, a special thanks to Preoteasa Stephanie for being the driving force behind the founding of Doxacon. ✝

Advent Soup Luncheon Raises \$3k for OCMC Missionaries—Thank you!

DSA. TANYA D. | ST. JULIANA FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Thank you to all who made our advent soup luncheon a wonderful event for both our parish and for the OCMC missionaries we support.

The St. Juliana Fellowship has been sponsoring this semi-annual event for more than twenty years. We still serve the same winning soups of navy bean, vegetable, and tomato orzo, but each year, through the love and creativity of our members, we manage to also offer more exotic soups! From lentil and dried apricot, to shrimp and kale, to butternut squash with coconut milk, curried lentil, vegetarian chili, or Romanian meatball — our members consistently donate new and delicious soups!

Desserts donated were the best ever! The variety ensured that everyone found something they enjoyed.

Thank you to all who helped set up the luncheon. A lot of effort goes into preparing the room, warming the soups, preparing the coffee, and setting the tables. Thank you to all who helped serve the soups and made sure that everyone received a hearty serving! And thank you to all who cleaned up afterwards, from wiping down the tables to sweeping the floors to removing the trash, and washing up all those pots and ladles! ALL of you are so important to the success of this luncheon and are all so very much appreciated! Thank you!

We raised, through your generous donations, over \$3000 for our missionaries in Romania and Guatemala. Please read the bios of the missionaries who we support and who continue to witness to Christ through their dedication to the poor and needy. ✝

— OCMC Missionaries in Romania

Mrs. Ancuta is a native Romanian and director of the **Protection of the Theotokos Family Center**. Started through OCMC in 2005, the Protection Center is aimed at the prevention of child abandonment. According to official Romanian statistics, in 2006 there were over 7,000 children abandoned by their families in Romania. Ancuta's day-care and counseling project works in conjunction with the local child protection agency and the Orthodox Church to minister to new mothers by offering counseling and material support so that they will not abandon their children due to poverty or feelings of hopelessness. Currently the center is serving 18 children and their mothers.



— OCMC Missionaries in Guatemala

Jesse and Juanita are a missionary couple working in Central America through the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) under the blessing of His Eminence Athenagoras, Metropolitan of Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. Jesse is from Michigan and studied theology at St. Vladimir's Seminary (M.Div, 2013) and Holy Cross School of Theology before moving to Guatemala in 2015. He now directs the Department of Education in Missions and Evangelism for the Metropolis of Mexico. Juanita grew up in Guatemala and worked as a community health worker before beginning medical school in 2017. She plans to serve as a doctor in Guatemala after graduating from medical school.



Nathan's Trip to Project Mexico: An Update and an Invitation

NATHAN L. | MISSIONS REPORT

In the March/April 2022 edition of *The Veil*, I asked for your prayers and donations for my 10-week summer mission at Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage. Thank you to everyone who supported me. I know that prayers from St. Mary's were instrumental to the successful summer.

If you aren't aware, **Project Mexico** is an Orthodox Christian nonprofit that builds homes for impoverished families in the Tijuana area. All the houses are constructed over the course of just one week by volunteers, mostly from Orthodox parishes in the United States.

This summer, Project Mexico built homes for 20 families, bringing the total number of houses constructed since 1988 to over 400! The other summer interns and I led about 400 volunteers in building homes and creating relationships with the families, each other, and Christ.

I'd like to tell a story from my first week in Tijuana to illustrate the impact of

Project Mexico. That week, volunteers from Florida and Pennsylvania built a house for a family of four: Gerrardo, Alejandra, and their two daughters. At the time, the family had been living in an unsafe apartment with a bad landlord. Despite their poor circumstances, they were incredibly friendly and joyful. Gerardo frequently made jokes, and he included the non-Spanish speakers (like me) through playful pantomiming.

When we arrived at the construction site, I could not fathom building an entire house in so few days. There was nothing but a square of dry land and a few piles of sand and gravel. But by God's grace, we ended up with a new home. We leveled the land, mixed a concrete foundation, screwed together metal panels into a sturdy frame, spread two layers of stucco for the walls, and sealed it up with a roof, two windows, and a door.

On the last day, we painted the outside with a gorgeous red color, chosen by Gerrardo and Alejandra. Most important-

ly, we finished with a house blessing. After the service, the family tearfully thanked God for providing a safe home for their daughters and a place to call their own.

Before we left, Gerrardo and Alejandra surprised us with homemade tamales! I was floored by their generosity. Making enough tamales to feed our whole group was likely labor-intensive and expensive. I will never forget the love that I received from Gerrardo, Alejandra, and all of the families that I met this summer.

With Father David's blessing, I am taking the first steps toward organizing a group of volunteers for a one-week volunteer trip to Project Mexico. If you are even slightly interested in coming with me or would like to learn more, please let me know ASAP! ✂

Find more information here:
projectmexico.org/homebuilding



This building is representative of the initial living conditions for many families that Project Mexico serves.



Halfway through the first day of work, you can see the concrete foundation taking shape.



Gerrardo and his daughter laugh as they paint their new home.



Project Mexico volunteers screw together metal frames to form the walls for a new house.



Alejandra wipes her eyes as Padre Nicholas Andruchow presents Gerrardo with an icon after the house blessing.



The completed house!



Inside the Sheepfold

An exploration of the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, a new curriculum for our 3-to-6 year-olds in our Church School



JESSICA O. | COLUMN

While many people may be familiar with the concept of Montessori schools, few might know that Maria

Montessori was a devout Catholic who also used her observations of children to create a curriculum introducing young children to the liturgy and the life of the Church. **Atrium**, so named because it evokes the picture of a person standing in the space between the front door of the church and its sanctuary, is designed to help the young child, full of potential and eager to learn, enter into the life of the Church through prayerful, hands-on work. Montessori's insights into the learning potential of children and their natural connection to liturgical life are so profound that Atrium has since been lovingly adapted to Orthodox liturgical life and now graces the Sunday schools of many Orthodox parishes.

One common theme in Atrium is encountering Christ the True Light. Montessori observed that children are drawn to the light and often talk about light in connection with God. In St. Mary's Atrium, we think and talk about light a lot. When a child selects a Gospel story to be read to him or her, the catechist opens the Bible and lights a candle (yes, a real candle). The candle burns as the story is read, reminding us that Christ the True Light is with us. Another work a child may choose is brass polishing, in which the child uses real metal polish to clean a candle snuffer. This work is part of Atrium's Practical Life, about caring for the liturgical objects we use in church and at home. The children have similarly greatly enjoyed the "snuffing" work, in which the catechist lights a candle and, with close supervision, the child practices using a candle snuffer to extinguish it. At prayer table recently, we have been ending our time in Atrium by singing a verse from the liturgy that we hear soon after Holy Communion: "We have seen the True Light! We have received the Heavenly Spirit!"

As we enter the season of Advent, we are beginning to reflect on how the magi knew where to find the Christ-child by following a star, a light in the sky. We read the prophecy of Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have **(cont'd to the right)**

YAM Initiates Fellowship through November

CHRISTINA J. | YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY REPORT

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) organized two unique events during November: a joint dinner with Newly-Planted Fellowship (NPF) and a private screening of the Georgian film *Dede*.

On November 12th, YAM and NPF joined forces for a community fellowship event. Following vespers, our two ministries hosted a potluck dinner and ended the evening with an outdoor firepit. Of course, smores were provided as well! Almost 25 young adults and parishioners attended the event, in which we discussed faith and friendship. Everyone went around in a circle and talked about how friendships have helped us grow in our faith.

On Saturday November 19th, YAM reserved a private theater at George Mason University Theater, where about 15 attendees watched the movie *Dede* (a Georgian film). The movie was received well and then led to good discussions afterwards in the movie theater lobby. Several attendees decided to continue the conversation over lunch. The movie had a religious overtone and brought a perspective from a culture we wouldn't normally see. The movie is worth watching, especially if you are a fan of Georgian Chant! ✂

A Note from the Choir Director

NEW Webpage for Orthodox Christmas Carols

SDN. NICK J. | CHOIR DIRECTOR

As we get closer to the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, the choir will begin to sing Christmas carols. While some of these will be from the familiar American repertoire, some are from the countries of Russia and Romania, or composed by American Orthodox composers. I invite everyone from the parish to learn these less-familiar hymns by visiting the new page on our website, stmaryorthodox.org/christmas-carols, which will have sheet music and recordings. Familiarize yourself with these hymns, and join us in praising the coming of Christ in the flesh as a newborn child! ✂



(Sheepfold, cont'd) seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1). We learn how during the night the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the shepherds and how "the glory of the Lord shone around them," and the angel told them not to be afraid (Luke 2:9-10). We hear Christ say, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), and when we light the candle for Gospel readings, we remember that Christ—Immanuel, God with us—is truly here with us as we turn our attention to Him.

Let us, as adults working alongside our parish children, reflect this Advent on Christ the True Light, who came into the world to rescue us from death and darkness. Let us join the young children who sing with joy and delight, "We have seen the true light! We have received the heavenly Spirit!" ✂

Upcoming Events

Join us in service, worship, learning, spiritual enrichment, and fellowship!

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES

Services for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

GREAT VESPERS
MONDAY, DEC 5
@ 7PM-8PM

DIVINE LITURGY
TUESDAY, DEC 6
@ 7AM-8AM

Services for St. Herman of Alaska

GREAT VESPERS
MONDAY, DEC 12
@ 6PM-7PM

DIVINE LITURGY
TUESDAY, DEC 13
@ 7AM-8AM

Services for St. Ignatius

GREAT VESPERS
MONDAY, DEC 19
@ 7PM-8PM

DIVINE LITURGY
TUESDAY, DEC 20
@ 7AM-8AM

Divine Liturgy for Daniel & the Three Holy Youths

SATURDAY DEC 17 @
10AM-11AM

Group Confession

SATURDAY, DEC 17
FOLLOWING
VESPERS

Great Vespers & Te Deum

SATURDAY DEC 31 @
5PM-6PM

See the Christmas Service Schedule →



Movie Night: Smyrna

THURSDAY, DEC 8
@ 7PM-10PM AT AMC TYSON'S
CORNER 16, MCLEAN, VA

\$18 ON FANDANGO

The Reel Women and Young Adult Ministries are teaming up to invite you to a special one-night film event! Reserve your seats now by purchasing your tickets on Fandango, and join us at the theater! We'll try to meet afterwards to discuss.



Christmas Pageant & Children's Choir

SUNDAY, DEC 18 FOLLOWING
LITURGY

See how our little children celebrate the coming of the Lord as a babe!



NPF: Newly-Planted Fellowship

SATURDAY, DEC 10 @ 6PM-7:30PM

Young in the faith? Fr. David invites you to explore Orthodoxy and life over a potluck dinner on the second Saturday of each month. This is especially geared towards those who are exploring Orthodoxy, are in the catechumenate, are still relatively new to the faith, or if you're a cradle discovering the depths of the faith. RSVPs on Realm are appreciated! Contact Ken L. with any questions.



Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY, DEC 18 @ 6PM-8PM

Topic is TBA, but will be hosted at the home of Warren H. Find more information on Men's Fellowship by joining the Realm Group.



New Year's Eve Family-Friendly Party

SATURDAY, DEC 31 @ 6PM-9PM

Join the community for festivities to welcome in 2023!

Christmas Services

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DECEMBER 23 (FRIDAY)
10am-12pm — Royal Hours

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CHRISTMAS EVE (SATURDAY)
10am-11:30am — Divine Liturgy
5pm-6:30pm — Great Vespers

★

CHRISTMAS DAY (SUNDAY)
9am-11:30am — Christmas Matins and Liturgy of St. Basil
11:30am-12:30pm — Christmas Brunch

★

(Nativity, cont'd) the Christ child next to her, wrapped in swaddling clothes. It also has a striking connection to funerals—the pattern of the figures mirrors that of the Burial Shroud (Epitaphios) of Christ from Holy Friday. The early Christians understood the parallels between Christ's birth in a cave and his Resurrection from a cave-tomb later. His second birth, so to speak, from the Tomb, shows us that the one born in Bethlehem is the true Life-giver. Only much later in the Medieval West would the cave image be replaced by the wooden manger, a more common reference point for those living at the time perhaps, but obscuring much of the symbolism.

Every Christmas, we celebrate the defeat of darkness and death in the birth of the Light that enlightened the nations, the Life that trampled down death, the humble King who was born in a cave and lay in a manger. The great mystery of the Incarnation is inseparable from the

mystery of His Death and Resurrection, and our salvation. In closing, I offer you these final words from St. Gregory's Homily on the Nativity, which captures all these elements:

"This is our present Festival; it is this which we are celebrating today, the Coming of God to Man, that we might go forth, or rather (for this is the more proper expression) that we might go back to God – that putting off of the old man, we might put on the new; and that as we died in Adam, so we might live in Christ, being born with Christ and crucified with Him and buried with Him and rising with Him... Therefore let us keep the Feast, not after the manner of a heathen festival, but after a godly sort; not after the way of the world, but in a fashion above the world; not as our own, but as belonging to Him who is ours, or rather as our master's; not as of weakness, but as of healing; not as of creation, but of re-creation." ✠

JOB OPENING: Be the New Communications Manager for St. Mary's

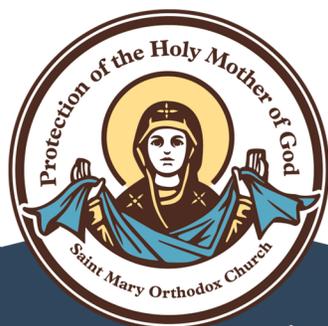
— *It's not too hard, but someone has to do it!* —

Sophia P. has moved to California, and is looking to pass the torch to someone who can serve the community better onsite. Help Fr. David create this newsletter, create the weekly bulletins, update the website, and push timely news on Realm and Facebook. You'll be able to work remotely, be trained by Sophia and Fr. David, and have access to Sophia's parish-specific templates. All you need is proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Publisher) and a dream.

See the full job description at stmaryorthodox.com/communications-manager
Contact Fr. David at frdavid@stmaryorthodox.org if interested.



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