



## News from the Parish Council

*By Secretary Anna Caraveli*

- **Finances**

Jonathan Jacobson, our treasurer, reported a drop in the amount of contributions. Last month Jonathan had shared the good news, namely that the church’s income was 94% of the budget. This month, however, income has slowed down to only 86% of the budget. He pointed out that, though this was not a crisis, there was some concern, especially given a forthcoming capital campaign for expansion/renovation of the building.

- **Events**

Ellen Robinson reported that this year, the annual dinner dance will be replaced by a family style anniversary celebration on Oct. 19, 2019. It will take place at the church, right after Vespers. A tent will be set up to provide additional space and, perhaps, allow some dancing. Other important dates **Sept. 7 rummage sale Sept. 8, picnic, ministry fair** (see inserts).

- **Steering Committee Updates**

Anna Caraveli updated the parish council on the progress of the steering committee for capital development, namely the completion of a leadership retreat and the formation of a campaign finance committee.

Bob Yuskavage, a member of that committee, in turn, reported that he had contacted two additional lenders: 1) OCCIF, to which he submitted a feasibility application requesting a loan of \$750,000; and, 2, the Griffin Capital Funding in Fredericksburg, VA, a lender that specializes in churches,.

- **Hiring of capital campaign support**

The parish council discussed a proposal made by Jerry Minetos in April, for conducting a financial study that will assess parishioners’ true “appetite” for capital improvements, their priorities and willingness to give. This work will build on the parishioner interviews, conducted about a year ago, and the draft needs and vision statement created by the steering committee, and prepare the ground for the public phase of the campaign.

Most members agreed that this study would be beneficial at this time. Elizabeth Sweet, moreover, proposed holding a town hall prior to the starting date of the project to engage and inform parishioners. Two motions were made and approved

Motion 1: (by Fr. Peter, seconded by Ellen): that a town hall be organized and held on **Aug. 25**, following the liturgy, to discuss case statements, introduce plans to-date and the role of Jerry Minetos.

Motion 2: (By Fr. Peter; seconded by Jonathan) Move that we hire Mr. Minetos to do the study proposed for \$20,000 over a period of three months.

### **Administrative Assistance**

The parish council had already approved \$18,000 for administrative support. The following motion was made by Jonathan Jacobson to help move this plan forward:

The council authorizes Jonathan Jacobson and Ellen Robinson to work with Fr. David to define needs and draft a position description, detailing the scope work and job specifications for an initial amount of up to \$9000.





**July Birthdays**

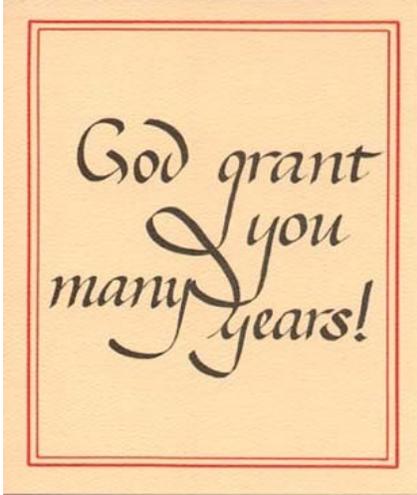
Anna C. Ben L.  
Nicole F. Julie S.  
Sarah Z. Pdn. Peter D.  
Stacy G. Carolyn P.  
Daniel C. Stephanie K.  
Mihaela B. Alex B.  
Glenn P. Eric M.

**July Anniversaries**

4 Mihai and Cristiina Boicu  
9 Matthew & Alethea Tan  
13 Pdn. Peter & Tanya  
Danilchick

**July Saint's Name Days**

2 St. Stephen the Great: Stephen Subu  
12 St. Veronica: Veronica Pintilie  
18 St Elizabeth New Martyr: Elspeth Grind-  
staff, Libby Hall  
19 20 St. Elias: Elias L, Elijah L.  
22 St. Mary Magdalene: Rachel Marie J,  
Renee Mary L.



25 Righteous Anna: Anna L.

**August Birthdays**

Tudor A. Nat A.  
Maria A. Ava B.  
Cristina B. Maria B.-U.  
Sophia C. Cathy D.  
Susan F. Elspeth G.  
Alex K. David M.  
Shannon R. Juliana S.  
Timothy Y. Alex Y.

**August Anniversaries**

7 Lori and Jonathan Jacobson  
16 Fr David and Psa Stephanie Subu  
19 Eva and Jeffrey Beranek  
26 George and Eleni Woglom

**August Saint's Name Days**

26 St. Adrian & Natalia: Natalya B.eranek, Nathalie  
Spita, Adrian Apodaca  
27 30 St. Alexander of Constantinople: Alex W.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Parish Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, October 19, 2019

4pm to 8 pm at St. Mary's

**CHILDREN WELCOME!**

A light evening of joy, fellowship, and celebration for  
the entire community

**Parish "Town Hall"**

Sunday, August 25, 2019

12:30 pm to 1 pm at St. Mary's

An Opportunity to find out about our Strategic Plan-  
ning Efforts and the next steps forward for St. Mary's!

**The Veil**

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God Orthodox Church*

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ca,*

*Orthodox Church in America*

*Archbishop NATHANIEL of Detroit, Hier-  
arch*

*Parish Priest: V. Rev. Fr. David G. Subu,  
Parish Deacons: Prodn. Peter Danilchick,  
Dn. Nicholas Dujmovic*

*Sub-Deacon Nicholas Jones, Choir Dir.  
Todd Sweet, Parish Council President  
Irene Liu, Church School Principal  
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## BACKPACKS FOR KIDS IN NEED!

Help fill a backpack with needed back-to-school supplies for children living in our city who have none.



**Step 1:** Pick up a backpack from parish coordinator\***July 14**

**Step 2:** Fill backpack with items from the supply list in each bag

**Step 3:** Return backpack to parish to go out to kids in-need **August 11**

*\*we are asking for a minimum \$10 donation to help cover the cost of the backpack*

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# Annual Sunday School Year Kick-Off

# PICNIC

## And Ministry Fair

**September 8, 2019**

**Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin**

**12:00 Noon @ Tyler Park**

**Irvington Ave. Falls Church, VA**

*(RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO ST. MARY'S! NO DRIVING!)*

- ◆ Please sign up to bring your Picnic dish on Realm.
- ◆ Activities for Kids, Church School Registration , and Fun!
- ◆ Meet the Sunday School Teachers and discover adult ed!
- ◆ Learn about the many ministries offered through St. Mary's, how you can benefit and how you can serve!
- ◆ Browse and shop leftover treasures from Rummage Sale!

# ST JULIANA FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday September 7, 2019 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
St Mary's Fellowship Hall

**Time to clean out those closets, drawers and garages!**

Bring your donations between **Monday, July 1** and **Friday, September 6**. Items can be placed in the K-1 classroom and/or the Junior High classroom.

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

WILL ACCEPT	WILL NOT ACCEPT
Clothing (no holes or stains, MUST be laundered.)	Undergarments Swimsuits
Toys /games(must work and have all parts)	Large Furniture Items
Housewares, linens and towels	Items that do not work
Small Appliances	Items missing parts
Shoes (good condition)	Stained or torn clothing
Coats & Jackets	VHS and Cassette tapes
DVDs, Books, CDs	Cribs, Car Seats, Bassinets
Tools	
Sporting equipment	



**Electronics must be approved by Lori Jacobson before donation.**

Please be mindful of the items you are donating – if you wouldn't buy it, don't bring it.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Set up/ pricing - week of September 2**

**DAY OF SALE - September 7 from 8 am until 2pm.**

**Sunday after Sale - sale of remaining items to parishioners**

**Clean up - Usually Monday and Tuesday after Sale.**

Questions? Ask any member of the St Juliana Fellowship.  
Proceeds benefit the charitable works of the St. Juliana Fellowship

# Doxacon 2019

finding faith, truth, and beauty in fiction

November 1–2 @ St. George Orthodox Church  
in Bethesda, Maryland

## Exciting changes are coming to Doxacon!

### Our ticket price is going down

We've worked it out so that tickets can be more affordable for you this year! Tickets will start out at the early-bird price of \$40, which will include all events on Friday and Saturday. Going forward, instead of including food in the ticket price, you can now purchase a meal ticket separately, and we'll have snacks available to buy at the event. You'll also be free to slip away to any of the restaurants nearby, or bring a college-style sack of peanut-butter sandwiches and dry ramen packages. The choice is yours!

### We're at a new location

St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Washington, D.C. has been a stellar and gracious host for the past three conventions, but is unable to offer its gorgeous cathedral grounds to us this year. Instead, you'll park your hovercraft, dragons, and space vessels at St. George, a beautiful local church nestled in a wooded Maryland suburb. The new venue provides some new opportunities that we think you'll love, such as nearby restaurant options, cheaper local hotels, and — of course — a new community to connect with!

### We're prioritizing the magic of friendship

Last year, we handed out a survey to learn from you how we can create a better convention, and we heard that you wanted more opportunities to chat with others about the presentations, your favorite fandoms, your insights, and all the other geeky things you've had no one to talk to about. Since Doxacon is meant to be a place to build relationships based on the media we're fans of, we're making a lot more time for interaction! This year, we'll have the Grand Hall set up so you can freely hang out with friends, play board and tabletop games, and browse vendor tables. We'll also continue to have panel discussions with our speakers, and smaller discussion sessions on specific topics led by Fr. David Subu and Leah Libresco.

### We have some exciting new faces

Our two clergy and lay keynote speakers, Fr. Niko Bekris and Steven Christoforou, have prepared intriguing lectures on this year's theme — **superheroes!** We're also thrilled to be hosting Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick of the Amon Sul podcast and the new Doxa-Moot conference.

### We think you're great

Doxacon has changed a lot since its inception as we adjust to what works and what doesn't, and we're so grateful that you've continued to come back each year as we've grown. The primary goal of Doxacon is to bring together the geeky among the faithful — this event is not only for you, but isn't possible without you! Come, worship with us, make new friends, and celebrate the fandoms you love!

Purchase Tickets now: <http://www.doxacon.org/tickets.html>

# July/August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Saints of North America</li> <li>10am - 11:45am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:45am - 12:45pm Fellowship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp Vatra (Seniors) July 1-13 (Office Closed)</li> <li>7pm - 8pm NAMI Family Support</li> <li>7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp Vatra (Seniors) July 1-13 (Office Closed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp Vatra (Seniors) July 1-13 (Office Closed)</li> <li>7pm - 7:40pm Vespers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp Vatra (Seniors) July 1-13 (Office Closed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp Vatra (Seniors) July 1-13 (Office Closed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp Vatra (Seniors) July 1-13 (Office Closed)</li> </ul>
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prophet Ezekiel</li> <li>10am - 11:45am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:45am - 12:45pm Fellowship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp Vatra (Juniors) July 21-Aug 3)</li> <li>St. Mary Magdalene</li> <li>7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Office Closed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Office Closed)</li> <li>7pm - 7:40pm Vespers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dormition of St. Anna</li> <li>(Office Closed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Office Closed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Office Closed)</li> </ul>
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take me out to the ball game

**Join Your friends at St. Mary's for a day with the Washington Nationals on  
July 28!**

**Tickets are \$16, on the 3rd base line (and in the shade).**

**A few tickets remain and orders are due ASAP!**

**Checks payable to St. Mary Orthodox Church please.**

**Please contact Christina Jatras <[christina.jatras@gmail.com](mailto:christina.jatras@gmail.com)> for more info.**



**THE VEIL**

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