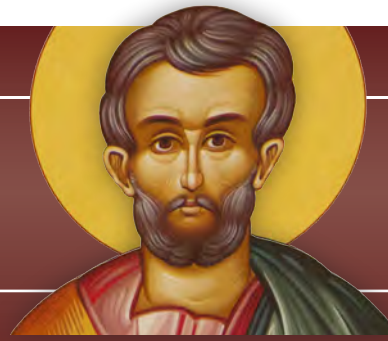




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SAINT MARK PARTICIPATES IN PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

On Friday, September 20, 2013 twenty-two members of Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church took a bus trip down to Coral Gables, FL to participate a special ecumenical prayer service held at the Saint George Antiochian parish. The service was a "general prayer service for peace and solidarity with the Christians of the Middle East" presided by His Grace Bishop Antoun and assisted by 28 other clergy. After the conclusion of the service His Grace and the presiding priest of Saint George, Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba, offered a few remarks during the reception that followed in the hall. The clergy in attendance signed an official resolution for prayers and a statement of support for the Christians in the Middle East.

ICONOGRAPHY CAMPAIGN NOW UNDERWAY

On Monday, September 30th, 2013 scaffolding workers began raising scaffolding inside Saint Mark and thereby commencing work on the parish's long-awaited iconography project. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our community leadership and the many generous donations from our members our internal beautification plan is finally coming to fruition. Work on the iconography will be ongoing throughout the fall. The project is expected to be done, and the scaffolding to be removed, by the end of 2013.



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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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Rev. Fr. Mark Leondis

My Dear Faithful,

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Fr. Mark Leondis



STEWARDSHIP

Penelope Douglas Moloney

Greetings fellow Stewards!

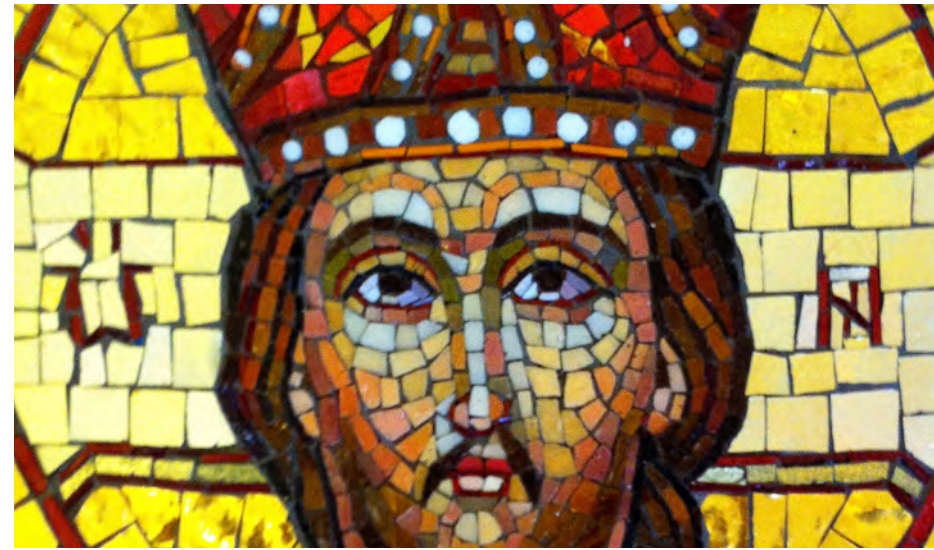
It's not too late to fill out a pledge card for the 2013 Stewardship campaign and become a member in good standing of Saint Mark. Just call the office and request a pledge card or take one that is in the pew.

We are putting the finishing touches on this year's campaign and getting ready for the kick off of the 2014 campaign on Stewardship Sunday in November.

We are also preparing for an amazing presentation by the Metropolis' expert on Stewardship -- Bill Mariannis. Bill will present a seminar on Stewardship Saturday November 2 beginning at 10am. All are welcome to join us at the church and I can tell you it is very worthwhile!!! Bill is a fabulous speaker and he has a dynamite presentation that will change the way you think about stewardship. So please mark your calendars-- Nov 2 beginning at 10am. Lunch and refreshments will be served and again there is no cost and all are welcome !

See you there!!

- Penelope Douglas Moloney
Stewardship



MARBLE THRONE, PULPIT AND CHANT STANDS ARRIVE FROM ITALY

The brand new marble-work has finally arrived from Italy! The pieces were shipped from Italy and made landfall in Miami, and after a short delay in customs were moved up in several large wooden containers to Boca Raton arriving on Friday, September 27, 2013. Master Craftsman Bruno Salvatori and his two apprentices soon followed, flying into South Florida as well during the last week of September.

The installation of the pieces spanned the course of several days over the weekend and were finally completed on Monday, September 30. The completion of the pulpit, chanter's stands, and the bishop's throne coincided with the beginning of the raising of the scaffolding inside the church in anticipation for the final stages of our iconography campaign.

These pieces' arrival marks the end of a long fundraising endeavor and the dawning of a new age of spiritual fruitfulness within the parish. We remember the closing prayer of the Divine Liturgy when we ask God to "Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house and Glorify them by Your divine power." It is our hope that these new pieces, together with our beautiful iconography will serve as a glorification of our community as the Body of Christ and as a witness to the truth of His Gospel and the might of His Kingdom for many years to come.



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 2013 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 - MIKE GONEDES

Our GOYA ministry has started with a boom. We have more GOYANS this year than we ever had before. To date we have over 50 participating in GOYA and once again we are the largest GOYA in South Florida. This ministry is for our youth in grades 7 through 12th.

The mission of the St. Mark GOYA Ministry is to strengthen the relationship of young Orthodox Christians with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The program works to educate and edify young members of the Church, encouraging them to become active sacramental participants in the life of the Body of Christ. In order to do so we have our youth participate in church

services, outreach programs and of course keeping the balance with sports and social activities.

We kicked-off our new year in September with a bowling night at "Strikes." We then followed that with our first District GOYA event down in Miami at the "Survivor Retreat." During this retreat over 70 GOYANS (32 of which were from Saint Mark) discussed the dangers of temptations and had fun competing in several relay races at Saint Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church. It was a beautiful sight to see so many young believers come together to worshipping and socialize. The kids had such a good time, that the kids ended up staying in Miami longer in order to play an impromptu game of football!

Adolescence is an exciting time for young people, but also a difficult period in their lives.

Adolescents have many forces pulling them in different directions. Today even more than ever. They are developing at a rapid pace—physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. They are making life-long decisions about who they are and what they will become. St. Mark hopes to be a part of putting our youth on the right track. If the Church is missing from this process, there is a serious gap in the development of the young person. With the guidance of Fr. Mark and Fr. Steven and our advisors we are expecting a wonderful year!

Every child deserves to experience this ministry. If your child is interested in participating in GOYA please register by calling the Dawn at the church office: 561-994-4822, or Mike Gonedes 561-756-1313



ACOLYTES - BRYAN GIUSTI

Our newly revamped Acolyte program started this month with a pizza party and training workshop after Liturgy on September 8, 2013. There the boys registered for one of two teams (Team Seraphim or Team Cherubim) and we spoke about the honor of being able to serve as ministers in our Lord's Holy Altar. In other news, the fabric just arrived to the Church this week and our volunteers will soon begin work on making the new Acolyte vestments. Exciting things to come!



"REAL" YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - FR. STEVEN KLUND

Saint Mark's new young adult program REAL started off the year with a bang! After the Divine Liturgy for the Holy Cross on Saturday September 14, our young adults volunteered in the "Feed My Community" food drive (the largest philanthropic food distribution effort in South Florida). We followed up that service outing with our parish's first ever "Orthodoxy on Tap" event. Originally created by the Catholic Church, "Orthodoxy on Tap" is an opportunity for our young parishioners to come together at a local bar or restaurant and discuss issues that matter to them. It is a way to bring Orthodoxy to our young adult believers without any imposing formalities. Just an open, honest conversation over drinks.



Both of these events have been also supported by the OCF ("Orthodox Christian Fellowship") chapter at Florida Atlantic University. The OCF group at FAU has just finished establishing itself as an official student organization on campus and has already had several meetings to plan activities for this year. Both REAL and OCF have a growing and exciting group of core members who are quickly gaining momentum.

Our young adults are looking for a way to connect with the faith. We hope that through our various events and get-togethers we will provide that and in doing so create an active community of young adult leaders within the parish.

We are looking forward to having 2 more "Orthodoxy on Tap" events at the Biergarten on October 17 & November 27. Please contact Fr. Steven Klund at frsteven@saintmarkboca.net or at (561) 994 4822 for more information regarding REAL or OCF at FAU.

GREEK SCHOOL - ANNA KAISAR

Our school year began with an Agiasmo Service on Tuesday September 17th. It was great to see so many returning students as well as so many new faces. We have many different classes based on the level of Greek fluency for all ages starting with our Pre-K class through the teenage years and even offer adult classes too! We are proud to be the largest Greek School in South Florida.

Our teachers Anna Tomadakis, Fotini Amanatides, Rosa Lembessis, Yiannis Profylidenos, Thalia Stahopoulos and Anna Kaisar are eager to teach and improve your child's speaking and learning of the Greek Language.

Our school offers so much more than "just the classroom" There are monthly extracurricular bonding activities such as parties, parades, Greek School special programs, dance, trips, camp that all play a vital part in being part of the St. Mark Greek School to pass on to the next generation our Greek language and traditions.

It is never too late to sign up for Greek School. Either call the church office at 561-994-4822 or Anna Kaisar at 561-613-8376

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - VIRGINIA BARNES

Mark your calendars! This year's community Christmas Pageant will be on Saturday, December 14th. The program will begin promptly at 5pm, and will be followed by the Saint Mark Community Christmas Party at 6pm.

The Christmas Pageant has truly grown into a community event, representing many ministries of Saint Mark. For me, it is a great joy to get to know my Saint Mark family through this rewarding endeavor.

Many have already come forward to help. If you are interested in participating, please contact Virginia Barnes.



BIBLE STUDY & SYNAXIS FR. MARK LEONDIS & FR. STEVEN KLUND

This month Saint Mark has started its Bible Study, and Orthodox Discussion group "SYNTAXIS." We will be covering Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans in Bible Study every Tuesday at 7:00 pm (after vespers at 6:30 pm), and we will be discussing "Journeys in Faith" every Thursday at 10:00 am (after Paraklesis at 9:00 am). Anyone and everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Behind the Scenes of PHILOPTOCHOS

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PAM PARENT - PHILOPTOCHOS PRESIDENT
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Most of you are aware of the many philanthropic efforts of the St. Mark chapter of Philoptochos, but not all realize the day to day efforts of the organization known as the right arm of the church. Many of our women go quietly about the daily work of providing comfort and support to those in need. Last season we had three teams of Philoptochos members who supported Father Mark with his visits to the sick and shut in on a weekly basis. Judy Solomon and Presbytera Mary Leondis made up one team, Yvonne Stamatellos and Pam Parent a second team, and Thelma Constantinou and her husband Gus continued the good work they have been doing for years. We are looking for more volunteers to continue this ministry this year. Contact Pam Parent to volunteer. Thelma also makes sure that a card goes out to those who have had surgery, or who have lost a loved one.

Coffe Hour provides refreshment and an opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners each Sunday. Thanks to our many volunteers, led by Assimo Kitsos, coffee is prepared early Sunday morning, and pastries are cut and placed on trays for serving. Callie Papantoniou and Thelma Constantinou call each week to make sure there are enough women to serve the community. Thank you to the many women who quietly donate necessary items such as napkins, cups, sugar, etc. A very special thank you is due to Riad Boulos and Lil Campayno who provide pastry each week. Lil is at the hall early each Sunday to assist Assimo in the preparation of the pastries.

The proceeds from our coffee hour help to provide the funds to support our many philanthropic endeavours.



Koliva for memorials and Coffee Hour sponsorships are two services that Philoptochos provides for the members of our community. Thelma Sorrentino prepares the wheat on a weekly basis so that it is always fresh and ready for anyone requesting a koliva for a memorial. Mary Widmark, Terry Pariharos, Vasila Manolakis and others are always ready to prepare the koliva for serving after a memorial and we thank them for their diligence. Please

contact the office if you wish to order a koliva from Philoptochos. Suzette Johnson and her mother, Florence Pavel lovingly prepare the sponsor tables for Coffee Hour, providing fruit, paximadia and other amenities. Florence makes sure that each table has a centerpiece that she has designed. None of these women ask for special recognition, but do their work in order to serve the needs of the church and community.

The Caring Kitchen is one of our outreach programs. Each month Fran Papamichael rounds up volunteers who cook and serve lunch to the needy of Delray. It is a very strenuous job to plan the menu, prepare the food and serve it all in about 2 1/2 hours, but it is also a rewarding task. Call Fran if you are interested in assisting.

On Saturday, November 2, we will hold our 3rd annual Men's Culinary Delights. Men from our community will prepare their specialities and vie for the honor of becoming top chef at St. Mark. Last year was a great success and a good time was had by all. This year will feature prizes for the winners in each category, a Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffle, wine and beer and lots of fun. Be sure to attend the opening event of the social season at St. Mark. Admission is only \$20.00 and, as always, proceeds will go to the philanthropic efforts of Philoptochos. Chefs should contact Suzette Johnson in order to register. Tickets will go on sale in the hall on Sunday, October 6.

If you are interested in joining or supporting Philoptochos please contact Pam Parent at: pamnwall@icloud.com

2013 SAINT MARK STEWARDSHIP REPORT



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2013 STEWARDSHIP PAID

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**393
SUPPORTERS**

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A Parish that practices true Orthodox Christian Stewardship is truly on fire and can achieve the unimaginable and experience no financial challenges as it strives to emulate the kingdom of God. It is the challenge of every Parish council, stewardship and other ministry leaders and Priest to ensure that his or her Parish practices true stewardship and gives every parishioner the opportunity to maximize his or her commitment of time, talent and treasures for God's work. The question is how best to implement a truly successful stewardship ministry program?

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- The real facts of what is happening in Christian churches in America
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- How to re-organize your Parish to maximize results
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"Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given."

– (Luke 12:48)

**BILL MARIANES WILL BE AT SAINT MARK SPEAKING ABOUT
STEWARDSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - 3, 2013**



THE CALL TO ILLUMINATION

REV. FR. STEVEN KLUND

In the Church when we speak of someone converting to the faith we refer to them as “Newly Illumined” or in Greek “*Νεόφνητος*.” The prayers offered during the baptism service mirror this theme of “illumination” saying: “Let us pray to the Lord that we may be enlightened by the light of understanding and piety through the descent of the Holy Spirit.”

That “light of understanding” is what Christ provides, for as St. John says in chapter 9:5 He is “the Light of the World.” With this light we may now walk according to the truth of His Gospel and no longer in the darkness of our own limited understanding.

Such a light was shown forth on September 14, 2013. As is tradition in the Orthodox Church, the fourteenth day of September every year is the feastday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It was on this day, centuries after our Lord’s Crucifixion, that Saint Helen found the true Cross of Christ. Saint Helen along with Saint Makarios, Patriarch of Jerusalem exalted the newly discovered Cross for the veneration and enlightening of all the faithful. She then returned to Constantinople and her son Emperor Constantine the Great with a portion of the Cross which would be used as a symbol of strength and victory for the Byzantine Empire for centuries to come.



Fast-forward back to this date on 2013, following the Divine Liturgy for the Cross Fr. Mark Leondis and Fr. Steven Klund drove out to the Delray Rehabilitation Center where another miraculous discovery was made. Maria Pokrajac, her son Emmanuel, and family were waiting with a long-time friend. She was laying down on her bed in a floral shirt looking out of her bedside window. It was her 95th birthday that day and she was very thankful that she had lived to see it.

You see, Just a few nights earlier she had a near-death experience and was taken into hospice care not expecting to last through the night. However, God had other plans, for the next day she was walking around her room, eating, talking, laughing like nothing had ever happened. Maria was stunned to see her dear friend’s miraculous turnaround and even more shocked to hear what she said next. “Maria,” she turned and said, “before I die, I want to be baptised an Orthodox Christian.”

Maria was overjoyed and immediately called the Church to schedule her baptism for September 14th. What a beautiful way to celebrate your rebirth in Christ, by doing so on the date of your birth into this world!

The story of her illumination will provide a light for others to follow. Her discovery of the faith mirrored that of Saint Helen all those years ago. The most amazing though is just how fitting it really was to be baptized on the day of her soon-to-be nameday...

...After all her name is *Elaine*.

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