

# COCA October 2024

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October 21, 2024 / 6:50 PM / St Elia

## ATTENDEES

St George: Judge Kathryn Michael

St. Nicholas: Basil Kochan

Annunciation: Lou Poplos, John Bober

St Elia: Fr.Don Freude, Joshua Wherley

St Thomas: Stephanie Marszal

Presentation of Our Lord: Debbie Morgan, Maria Waterhouse

## AGENDA

### Old Business

Secretary read the minutes. A motion is made by Lou Poplos to accept the minutes, and seconded by Joshua Wherley. The motion is passed.

The Treasurer report is given by Lou Poplos. The balance is \$5610.60. Stephanie Marszal makes a motion to accept the report, seconded by Basil Kochan. The motion is passed.

### New Business

- Presentation of Our Lord:

Faith and Blue was a wonderful event.

There are currently 2 new inquirers.

October 26-27 will be the new steeple celebration with Archbishop Nathaniel presiding. There will be Vespers at 5:00 on Saturday with reception afterward. The Liturgy on Sunday will be followed by a Swiss Steak dinner. All are invited.

- Annunciation:

Mission Walk went well.

Nov 22 at 5:00 Dinner with Taso and Tula, Tachy a Big Fat Greek Wedding play. It will be hosted by Philoptochos.

Tues Nov 12 @ 11 RSVP Nov 29 Thanksgiving luncheon

- Archangel Michael - No representation.
- St Elia:

October 4-6 the parish hosted the diocesan conference. Sub-deacon Aaron Gray was ordained to the diaconate.

Having visitors every week.

Trunk or treat event is this weekend.

- St George:
- Fundraiser this Friday: a reverse raffle at 6:30 includes 2 dinners for \$125.
- St Herman - no representation.
- St Mary : no representation.
- St Nicholas:

Archbishop Daniel was there for Diocesan Assembly. A Gromata was given to Fr Nick for 30 years of service.

November 7-9 Family Fun Fest showing Shrek afterwards.

There has been 1 Wedding.

There are 6 new Catechumens, which makes 30 for this year!

The All American Council will be in Arizona with the Canonization of St Olga in Alaska 16th of July vigil, canonization on 17th.

Next food drive thru is November 5.

Sacred Alaska viewing made over \$2,000.

The Craft Fair did not go so well. The reason being, perhaps too many events at the same time. Basil Kochan had a booth with End of life

information which is very important due to the fact that many people who aren't Orthodox do not know what their Orthodox loved one needs to have at the end of life.

St Nicholas is participating in the Wish List Program sponsored by Foca for married seminary students of St Vladimir's and St Tikhon's seminaries for Christmas. This is a very important project. Almost all seminarians do not have a job outside while attending seminary. This provides them a chance to have a more joyous gift giving for their families.

A motion is made by Basil Kochan to donate \$750 to FOCA for the St Nicholas Wish List Program, Debbie Morgan seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Liturgical choral workshop this weekend, on Friday October 25 starting at 6:30PM and ending on Saturday at 3:30 with Great Vespers.

- St Thomas

10 people have been baptized this year including a young man last Sunday. There is a man from their parish studying to be a Deacon.

They are now increasing vespers from the first Saturday of the month to the first and 3rd Saturday of the month.

- OCW: book study is on Journey to Reality, written by Zachary Porcu. It held every Tuesday, in the mornings, skipping election day and is going well.

The annual Welcome Tea was great. Our COCA president, Judge Kathryn was named Orthodox Woman of the year!

- Clergy Association: Discussing Sunday of Orthodoxy speaker and location. No decision has been made yet.

- New Business

There is discussion on making COCA non profit again. Judge Kathryn will look up the cost.

Dr Mark Horatas is taking initiative supporting an Orthodox school in Akron and having monthly meetings via ZOOM. There is discussion about who would lead it. Deciding on location will be a major difficulty. The Clergy is supportive. We need to know who is interested in our parishes. We discussed having a survey handed out by COCA reps and Sunday School directors and discuss parents' wishes.

John Bober brought up there is a webinar a week from tomorrow on October 29 by the Assembly of Bishops at 7:00 on The Theology behind Inter-Parish Associations.

Lou announced Pauline Proctor, who served on COCA Board in the past has passed away.

A Motion is made by John Bober to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Basil Kochan.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:56. Fr Don Freude led the closing prayer.**

**Next meeting is set for November 18th at 6:30pm at The Presentation of Our Lord.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Waterhouse