

# COCA November 2024

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November 18 2024 / 6:44 PM / Presentation of Our Lord

## ATTENDEES

St George: Judge Kathryn Michael, Bob Snyder

St. Nicholas: Basil Kochan

Annunciation: Lou Poplos, John Bober, Sandy Menhorn, Mark and Karen Horattas

St Elia: Josh Wherley

Presentation of Our Lord: Fr Ian Pac-Urar, Debbie Morgan, Maria Waterhouse

St Thomas: Stephannie Marzal

St Herman of Alaska: Lissa Molchan

Dormition: No representation

St Archangel Michael: No representation

St Demetrius: No representation

## AGENDA

### Old Business

Meeting began with an opening prayer by Fr Ian. An update on Orthodox School by Chris DiGiawbbi and Dr and Mrs. Horattas. They are moving forward with St Constantine Orthodox School in Akron. They are waiting on legal documents at this time. A question was asked regarding how the St Constantine School is financed in Warren. It is funded by grants, tuition and EdChoice Grants. They are currently working with a broker to find a building. K-12, St Constantine's has a beginning board which alleviates beginning start up details. Fall of 2026 is the projected opening. There was a survey sent out at one time to find

out interest. It was a hybrid modeled survey which included Protestant, non-denominational and non orthodox, so it is hard to get an exact number of students who would be attending. Next step after the documents are received, is getting word out. Asking for prayers God will show us His way.

## **New Business**

Treasurer Lou Poplos gave the current COCA checkbook balance of \$4707.60.

Sandy Menhorn brought up not for profit status. Sue Evanoff (OCW Treasurer) has provided information that there is no cost involved in acquiring not for profit status for an organization or church. Sue Evanoff will apply for the tax ID number.

- **Presentation:**

ARFORA is hosting a ZOOM presentation this Thursday night that begins at 7:00.

Father Cezar Pelin (British Columbia, CN) is offering a presentation **"The Presence of Christ and the Renewal of Man Within the Context of the Divine Liturgy."** Presentation will air this lecture as the culmination of the Thursday evening adult book study. Doors will open at 6:30.

Christmas band concert and community dinner is Monday Dec 2, doors open at 6:00.

St Nicholas banquet and cookie walk is on Dec 15. Baked goods may be ordered on the Presentation website.

- **Annunciation:**

Dec 1 pancake breakfast after Liturgy.

Vasilopita dance January 25 at 6:00.

Discussion regarding PanOrthodox Nativity concert December 8 with reception to follow.

Ahepa is making an Angel Tree for battered women shelter.

Philopticos gathering unwrapped gifts for charity.

- St Elia:

Trunk or Treat was successful.

There is a collection for St Herman Seminary (Kodiak, AK) and their diocese will match it.

There is a supply drive for Peter Maurin center for winter clothing, etc.

Several men in the parish went to Holy Cross Seminary (WV) for a visit that ran Friday thru Sunday.

- St George:

October 25th was the anniversary for Fr John's ordination.

Food and Coat drive continuing.

December 5th, Mens Club Meeting 6PM.

December 18th, Young Adults meeting and dinner 6PM, caroling in nursing homes.

Instead of the women's group gift exchange, there will be a donation made to Women's Access Shelter through December 8.

Fundraiser to support a bus which has been converted into a grooming vehicle to offer personal hygiene opportunities to those who need it.

- St Herman:

There are a couple of Catechumens.

January will be the 20th anniversary, planning a celebration.

- St Mary no representation. Dolores Zuder is at St Edward's, keep her in your prayers.

St Mary's is now considered a chapel.

Fr Ian brought up that St John the Compassionate in Canada, is a good example of a mission from a former parish.

- St Nicholas:

Family fun festival was infiltrated on the internet. Be very diligent with safeguards on the internet.

There have been 3 funerals. Jim Malek, a former COCA member, being one of the members who has fallen asleep in the Lord.

Dec 3 is their next Drive thru.

Blessing in a Backpack Ministry prepared 63 backpacks.

Cookie walk December 21, see Marketplace for details.

Reliquary fund drive upcoming.

Deacon Slimack is planning a trip to North Carolina soon, hopefully before Thanksgiving with a trailer of donated supplies to help those in North Carolina impacted by the hurricane.

Sunday after Christmas, December 29, there is a tentative concert planned.

The OCA has a survey that the Metropolitan urges everyone to take, It is in the August 18th letter. These are questions regarding what we want to see OCA do.

St Nicholas Sun Dec 8, visit from St Nicholas is expected!

- St Thomas Status quo.
- OCW finished the book study that was held.

News that former member Pauline Proctor passed away.

Annual mini retreat January 28th at 9:30 - 12 at St Thomas. Orthodox clergy who are converts will present their stories and field questions.

Christmas gathering on Dec 5th at Sandy Menhorns

Made a donation to Zoe for Life

Lenten retreat April 5th at Annunciation with Sarah Grimm-Martelli who wrote the book Memory Eternal. She is a Hospice Grief Chaplain.

Mini retreat January is free.

Working on getting non profit status.

- Clergy association. No meeting this month. No quorum.
- Fr Ian brought up that there is one additional seminarian at Holy Cross from The Presentation of Our Lord. Basil Kochan made a motion to give Seminarian Christina Dager \$500.00 seconded by Stephanie Marzal. Christina is planning on being a Youth Leader.

Question was raised by Sandy Menhorn as to what COCA is doing for raising funds. Sunday of Orthodoxy is our only income.

**The meeting was over at 7:10. Fr Ian led the closing prayer.**

Next meeting is set for December 16, 2024 at St George 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Waterhouse