

# COCA December 2024

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December 16 2024 / 6:50PM / St George

## ATTENDEES

St George: Judge Kathryn Michael, Bob Snyder, Fr John Alassaf

St. Nicholas: Basil Kochan

Annunciation: Lou Poplos, Sandy Menhorn

St Elia: No representation

Presentation of Our Lord: Debbie Morgan, Maria Waterhouse

St Thomas: Stephanie 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 dinner and opening prayer by Fr John.

### New Business

Secretary read the minutes. A comment made during the reading of the minutes, by Bob Snyder, was that there would be a Zoom meeting this Monday about the Orthodox school. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Stephanie Marzal, seconded by Sandy Menhorn. The motion was passed.

Treasurer Lou Poplos gave the current COCA checkbook balance of \$6704.60. Basil Kochan amended the motion to give Seminarian Christina Dager \$750.00, instead of \$500.00. Bob Snyder made a motion to give \$750.00 to Sebastian Yearing who is taking the St Stephen's Course. A motion to accept was made by Bob Snyder and seconded by Debbie Morgan for Sebastian Yearing. Motion passed.

- Presentation:

Upcoming 9th Annual Cultural Events announced: Man of God will be shown on Thursday, January 23rd. Doors open at 6:30. Movie begins at 7:00. Also, on Thursday, February 27 Beyond the Peak will be shown. Doors open at 6:30. Film starts at 7:00.

Fish Fry dinners are being planned for during Great Lent.

- Annunciation:

Ahepa and the church completed the Angel Tree. 150 packages were given to Battered Women's Shelter.

Over 300 backpacks were made for Barberton Schools. Good Samaritan Table with meals, groceries, and clothing continue. Additional efforts include a blanket collection and socks for girls.

Greek School is once a month.

Saturday Vespers held at 4:30.

Vasilopita Dance to be held in January.

- St Elia:

\$508.00 was collected for St Herman Seminary (Kodiak,AK). This was matched by the diocese.

Peter Maurin drive is ongoing.

- St George:

New icons in the church are completed.

Christmas Eve service at 6:30.

The Christmas pageant will be this Sunday.

The Food and Coat drive is continuing.

Mens Club Meeting, Thursday, January 2 6PM.

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

- St Herman:

Paired with St Mary's, gift giving to St Vincent De Paul.

Zoe house baby shower with a presentation.

December 12 there will be a Vesperal Liturgy at 6PM, to commemorate St Herman on his feast day.

The Pan Orthodox concert was attended by a few from St Herman. 6 churches participated.

January will be the 20th anniversary of the parish. They are planning a celebration on the 19th or 26th when the bishop will be able to attend. New Bishop Klement was ordained.

Dec 8 St Nick visited.

Christmas Eve service begins at midnight.

- St Mary no representation.
- St Nicholas:

Carol Snyder passed away. She was the mother of a COCA member.

January 7 is the next food drive thru.

Blessing in a Backpack Ministry prepared 63 backpacks.

Cookie walk December 21, see Marketplace for details.

Sunday after Christmas, December 29, at 4:00 there is a choir concert planned.

FOCA concert is online.

- St Thomas

Chris Hart is attending Deacon school

Partner Copley share a christmas

- OCW

Annual Winter Mini-Retreat Saturday, January 28th at 9:30 - 12 at St Thomas. Orthodox clergy who are converts will present their stories and field questions.

At the Christmas gathering on Dec 5th at Sandy Menhorn's, a collection was taken for the Peter Maurin center of \$200.00.

Lenten retreat changed to March 29 at Annunciation with Sarah Grimm-Martelli who wrote the book Memory Eternal. She is a Hospice Grief Chaplain.

- Clergy association. No meeting this month. No quorum.

Discussion:

Bob Snyder suggested a monthly progressive dinner. A progressive icon tour was suggested.

**The meeting was over at 7:45. Fr John led the closing prayer.**

**The group then went into the nave of the church and viewed the beautiful, new iconography.**

Next meeting is set for January 20, 2024 at Annunciation at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Waterhouse