

Excitement at Vespers

Excitement was catching when Valley Orthodox gathered with His Grace Dmitri, Bishop of Dallas, for vespers at the Catholic Student Center in Edinburg on February 9.

A good crowd turned out including a news team from Channel 4. In addition, more names were given the Bishop of persons desiring, but unable, to attend that evening.

In short the prospect for an active, regular parish in the Valley is good. Temporarily services will have to be on a monthly basis due to a shortage of clergy, but the Bishop emphasized the desire of the Diocese to help financially in the support of missions for as long as it takes.

As our newest mission grows, a self-employed priest will be sought to move to the Valley.



Divine Liturgy on March 10

The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday March 10 at 10:00 am in Wetlens at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1105 Fern.

(Our Savior's has graciously agreed to let us have monthly services for a six months period in their church building.)

Fr George Sontergaard of Houston will celebrate the liturgy and supervise our initial work in the Valley.

In order to allow as many as possible to receive Holy Communion, Fr George will begin hearing confessions

What's in a name?

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Our mission needs a name, and in the Diocese of the South no one name may be used by more than one parish or mission.

One of the names not as yet chosen is that of St. George, a saint dear to Orthodox of all backgrounds. A dedication to St. George has been suggested because of his pan-Orthodox appeal---the same appeal our Valley mission is having from the start.

What do you think? If you have other suggestions do not hesitate to let us know. We will choose our name after Liturgy on March 10.

St. Seraphim Cathedral

Remember that St. Seraphim Cathedral, 4112 Throckmorton, Dallas, TX 75219 is your cathedral. Fr. Thomas (Green) is Rector and can be reached at 214-528-3741.

Until a priest can be assigned permanently do not hesitate to call if the services of a priest are needed.

In addition to numerous functions and activities St. Anne's Ladies Society there operates a bookstore, the purpose of which is the dissemination of Orthodox reading material in this western portion of our diocese. An assortment of books, pamphlets, and tracts will be available on our next visit.

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Possibilities for growth in the Valley are tremendous. Our first visit was a Godly success and with God's grace the day will come when an Orthodox temple will stand in the Valley. Let us pray daily for that end.