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**THE WICHITA EAGLE, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 16, 1910**

## WICHITA'S SYRIAN COLONY IS HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

*Editors Note: As Lebanon was not a country at the time, Lebanese were common called "Syrians" – Lebanon being a part of "Greater Syria".*

Wichita has wholesalers and jobbers in almost every line of business but a peddlers whole-sale house seems rather a unique institution for Wichita. Such an enterprise is that conducted by three different communities of Syrians in West Wichita. Those in the Sunflower block seem to be the most firmly established of the three, and to have the largest business. As one enters their store, their unintelligible chatter gives one the momentary impression that he has been mysteriously transported to southern Asia. Their stock of goods, such as is sold by the Syrian women with whose wares are all familiar, is piled in profusion on the shelves and stored in boxes.



N.F. Farha

N.F. Farha is the manager of this store. His dry goods include novelties, laces, silks and a general line of dry goods. Most of this is of Japanese and French make but some he buys from domestic manufacturers. Mr. Farha's business covers a large territory. He has fifty agents working in southern Kansas and Oklahoma, west to the Colorado. Besides these agents he has retail customers all over the east and southeast of the United States. While a visitor was in the store Mr. Farha received a money order from a customer in Shreveport, LA. for a large shipment of goods

which had just been sent him. The greater percent of his agent are men, but many of them are women.

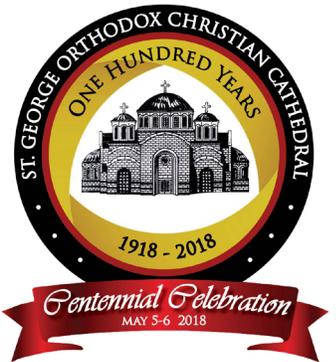
Mr. Farha says they came to this country because they were hated by the Turks and because of the unreasonable injustice of the Turkish rule.

"The Syrian people are infants in this country. The first Syrian landed in America thirty years ago. Since then there has been two hundred thousand come to this country because they were hated by the Turks."

The Syrians are very enthusiastic over the freedom of this country. They do not belong to the Socialist and Nihilist bomb-throwing class. They come here with little means, get into the spirit of things, work hard and deal square.

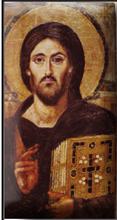
There are almost two hundred Syrians in Wichita, and perhaps thirty families. Many of them have bought property here.

Their ready confidence in our religious workers at home is partly due to their schooling in Syria. Miss Walker, of the Deaconess home has taken a special interest in the Syrians and finds them to be as promising as they are peculiar. The children especially are bright, quick to learn, and will some day be among the most useful citizens. Business ability is the crucial test of today; and they are schooled in business from their infancy.



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## MEMORY ETERNAL

Thomas Leming, 9/27

Stacy Gabriel Homra, 9/23  
of Stuttgart, AR

Michael Ann "Mickey" Cohlma, 9/15

Barbara Bayouth, 9/13  
sister-in-law of Bob Bayouth,  
Lindy Bayouth, Vivianne Farha &  
Gerri McPherson

Marquita "Keta" Cohlma Swyden, 9/2  
of Henryetta, OK  
Aunt of Jeff & Paul Cohlma

## MABROOK! BLESSINGS!

### BAPTISM

Maliki Tsegay, 9/10  
son of Tsegay and Tesfa Sogar

### BIRTH

Evelyn Geneva Earnest, 9/3  
daughter of Joe and Meagan Earnest

### MARRIAGE

Danny Humsi and Grace Saad, 9/3

MANY YEARS!

## 2017 Women's Retreat

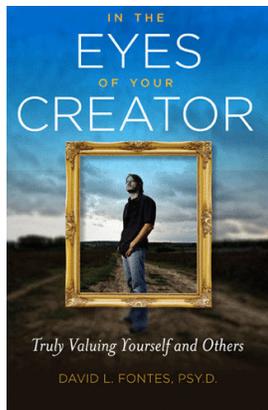
Please join us November 10th-11th

Featuring Fr. David Fontes of Sacramento, CA

Speaker Fr. David Fontes will share with us from his new book, *In The Eyes Of The Creator*. His presentation will explore the difference between the secular version of self esteem and the Church's teaching on how valuable we are as a child of God.

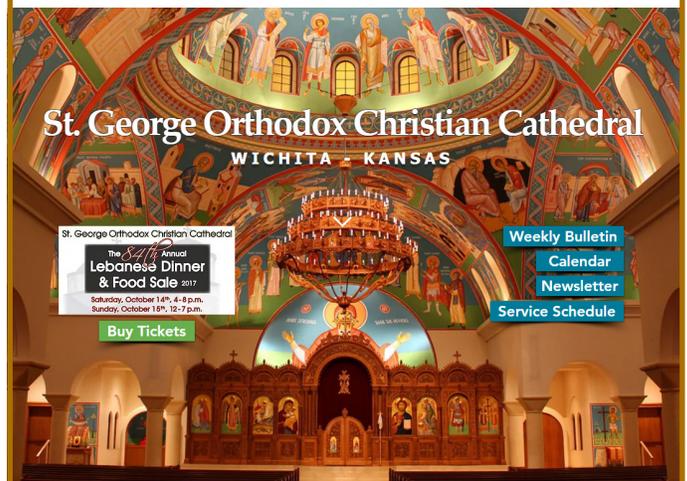
To be held at the Cottage House Bed and Breakfast in Council Grove

More info email: (Sandy) smsipp@gmail.com or (Tina) tinamayo@ymail.com



## St George has a New Website!

Type in [www.stgeorgecathedral.net](http://www.stgeorgecathedral.net) and check it out with more to come!



## Women's Faith & Growth

Join us Thursday, October 21, 7:15p  
in the Youth Center

for an evening of fellowship & faith.  
We are continuing with the book,

**"Nearly Orthodox",**  
by Angela Doll Carlson

See Kh. Meredith if you'd like to order the book through Eighth Day Books.

## OCTOBER FASTING

During this period, the normal fasting traditions are observed: abstain from meat, poultry and dairy products on Wednesdays and Fridays.

## No Children Running

Parents please take note. Children must not be allowed to run up and down the hallway or through the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. This has already resulted in an injury to a parish member, and our elderly members are at risk of being knocked over and seriously injured. Your restraint of your children is greatly appreciated.



## The New Symposium

“Is high-quality, affordable medical care in America still a reasonable expectation for most Americans? Is it even a human right? Is it better achieved by government guarantee or by the free market?”



**Tuesday evening, October 17,  
7:00pm Friends University**

Our panel discussion probing the future of health care in America will be held in room 100 of William Penn Hall (north central part of the campus, directly west of the fine arts building -- and plenty of parking immediately north).

**Our four panelists for evening are:**

**Dr. Carla A. Lee**, APRN-BC, is the Executive Director of La Familia Senior/Community Center and President of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Nurses Society.

**Dr. Mark Mosley** has been an ER physician for 25 years at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at the Kansas University School of Medicine –Wichita. He has treated the medically indigent, homeless, mentally ill, Medicaid patients, and privately insured patients at a for-profit hospital (within HCA, the largest for-profit provider in the United States) -- a very interesting mix of capitalism and government-driven social responsibility. (Dr. Mosley was the “Top Doctor of Wichita” in 2006 and 2007.)

**Dr. Kent Murray** is a retired internal medicine physician, having been Chief of Staff at the Wichita VA for 13 years and an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Associate Dean for Veterans Affairs at the Kansas University School of Medicine –Wichita. As a VA physician, he has spent most of his career in essentially “socialized medicine.” Dr. Murray claims to have seen vast improvements in that system and understands its possible extensions. He has “felt embarrassment that the richest country in the world has, unlike other Western industrialized nations, a largely profit-driven health care system which leaves millions under-insured or uninsured.” Believing that health care is a human right, he generally favors a single-payer system.

**Dr. Josh Umbehr** is a certified Family Physician in Wichita who started Atlas MD, an insurance-free, direct primary care practice, wherein he is able to “shrug off the burdens and restrictions of government and insurance regulation,” so that he can focus solely on his patients and their needs.

## CONTINUING CATECHESIS

### Discerning the Spirits

A Series on Orthodoxy and Contemporary Spiritualities

**October 4:**

**Prosperity, Preachers and the Gospel of Jesus**

— Mark Mosley

**October 11:**

**Mindfulness or Watchfulness?  
Differences and Similarities**

— Scott Spradlin

**October 18:**

**Christian Faith and the New Paganism**

— Athanasios Sherry

**All presentations will take place on  
Wednesday evenings  
following Vespers at 7:15p**

## Upcoming Continuing Catechesis Series

### The Sacraments and You

**Exploring the Impact of the Sacraments on Your Life**

Initial Topics

**October 25:**

Baptism and You

**November 1:**

The Crux of Chrismation

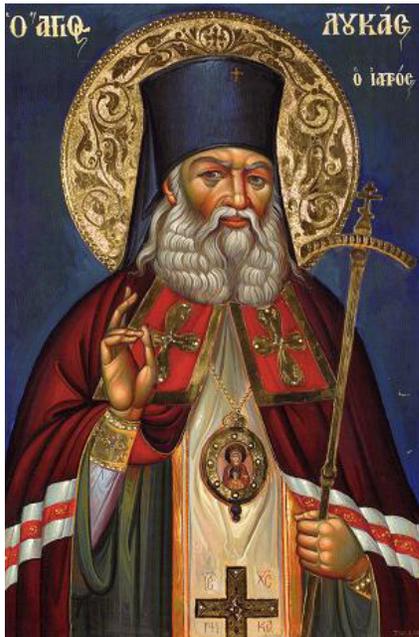
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**More info on future topics and speakers to follow!**

**Watch the weekly bulletin!**

# St. Luke: Beloved Physicians

On the 18th of this month we celebrate the feast of the Apostle and Evangelist Luke the Physician. From his youth, St Luke had a love of wisdom and traveled the world to learn the arts and the sciences. His travels led him to Thebes in Greece where he worked as a physician. It was there that Luke met the Apostle Paul, who was traveling the region, spreading the gospel and establishing churches. St Paul's fiery words convinced Luke that the Truth he had been pursuing all his life was found in the person of Jesus Christ. He gave up his profession and all his possessions and followed Paul in his missionary journeys. St Luke is referred to by Paul in Colossians 4:14 as "the beloved physician." Like those first disciples—the fishermen who became fishers of men—Luke was the physician who became the physician of souls.



his boldness only increased, and he was heard proclaiming: "I wound people in order to save them. You, Mr Prosecutor, why do you wound people?"

Before his exile, St Luke was made a Bishop. In exile he was forced to serve in remote medical facilities, but this afforded him the opportunity to serve the people in those places as a bishop, building up the parishes and strengthening the faithful. St Luke treated anyone who came to him with equal love and compassion, and he never asked for monetary compensation. He wore his cassock everywhere, even in the operating room. The authorities, though godless, were forced to allow him because of his unmatched skill as a surgeon and his notoriety as a professor of medicine. (He received the "Stalin Award" for his numerous scientific publications.) St Luke's notoriety also grew as a result of the pastoral care he provided

As we remember the Evangelist Luke the Physician, we do well to remember another St Luke who was also a physician. This St Luke is a modern day saint who died in 1961: our Father among the Saints, Luke the Physician, Archbishop of Simferopol. Unlike Luke the Evangelist, this St Luke did not give up being a medical doctor in order to follow Christ. Instead, St Luke of Simferopol followed Christ as a doctor. He was a talented surgeon who refused to operate without an icon of the Theotokos present. Under Lenin's communist regime, this was a bold move, and he was eventually brought to trial. There,

for the faithful. In fact, the authorities would have to transfer him to increasingly remote towns in order to tamp down the zeal for Christ that he would inspire in his people.

He died peacefully on June 11, 1961 and was canonized in the mid-1990s. His relics can be found at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Simferopol and in Sagmata Monastery in Greece.



## THE ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT HERITAGE SOCIETY

BELOW, PLEASE FIND AN UPDATED LIST OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT. WON'T YOU DO THE SAME?

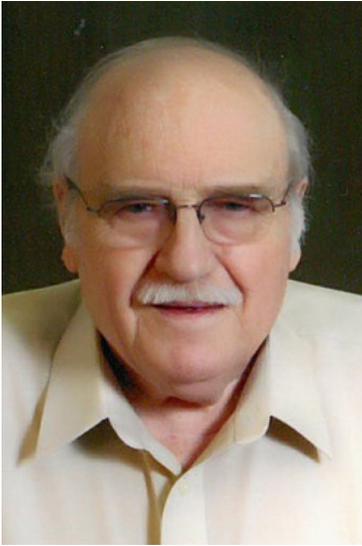
### MEMBERS:

- His Grace Rt. Rev. Bishop BASIL
- V. Rev. Paul & Kh. Jeannie O'Callaghan
- Rev. Dn. David & Mrs. Jennifer Sebitts
- Mr. Mark Ayesh
- Mrs. Sherri Ayesh
- Mr. Lindy Bayouth
- Mrs. Sally Bayouth
- Mrs. Judie Castrisos
- Mrs. Nancy Cohlmlia
- Mr. Bruce Colver
- Mr. David & Mrs. Debbi Elkouri
- Mr. Bill & Mrs. Shirley Farha
- Mrs. Brenda Farha
- Mr. Christopher & Mrs. Genevieve Farha
- Mrs. Joan Farha
- Ms. Julie Farha

- Ms. Laura Farha
- Mrs. Leilah Farha
- Dr. Vincent Farha
- Mr. W.G. & Mrs. Mallory Farha
- Mrs. Sheena Gordon
- Mr. Basil & Mrs. Patou Hourani
- Mrs. Geri Jabara
- Mr. Harvey & Mrs. Missy Jabara
- Mr. Tom Jacob
- Dr. Sam & Mrs. Jacqueline Kouri
- Dr. Glenn & Mrs. Nancy Kubina
- Mrs. Alice Laham
- Mr. Doug & Mrs. Gayle Malone
- Dr. Kent & Mrs. Sandy Murray
- Mr. Constantine & Mrs. Magdalen Vloutely
- Anonymous

### DEPARTED MEMBERS:

- Mr. Lindy Andeel
- Mr. Tony & Mrs. Grace Barkett
- Ms. Sally Bayouth
- Mr. Tom & Mrs. Shirley Castrisos
- Dr. George Farha
- Mr. Ralph & Mrs. Nina Farha
- Mrs. Vickie Farha
- Mr. Zack Farha
- Prof. Fran Jabara
- Mr. Philip Laham
- Mrs. Sherry Morrow
- Mr. Ralph Razook
- Ms. Mary Shadid
- Mr. Paul Wulf & Dr. Taissia Reinhardt-Wulf



## HEADLINE: His Work Lives On . . .

**Dr. Anthony Gythiel**, a faithful St. George parishioner for more than 30 years, departed this life in 2014. But his work – including two new books – lives on.

Tony, as most of his friends called him, was a scholar's scholar. He devoted much of his free time to translating important spiritual texts into English, so they could reach a wider audience. A collection of all his translations would fill a good-sized bookshelf.

Book publishing is often a painstakingly slow process, so it wasn't until this summer that two of Dr. Gythiel's final projects were published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press.

The first was *Dogmatic Theology: Creation, God's Image in Man, and Redeeming Work of the Trinity* by Vladimir Lossky. Only a few of this author's works have ever been available in English, which makes Tony's translation of this new, expanded version even more valuable.

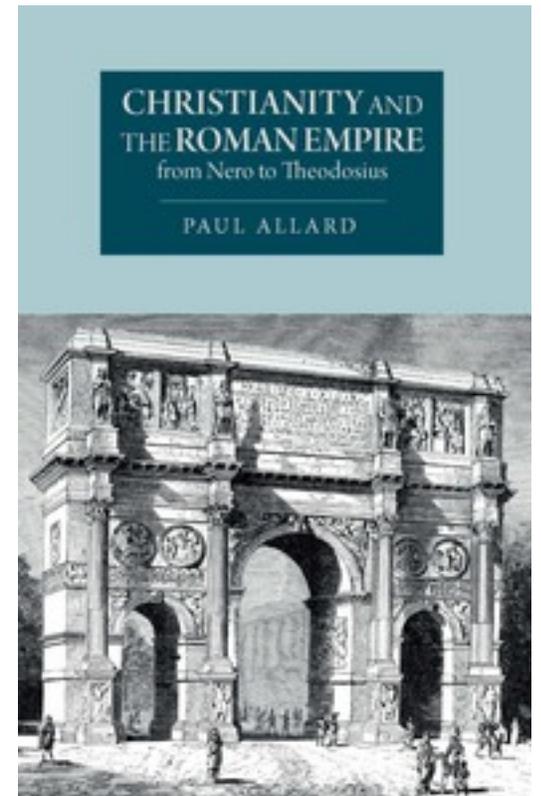
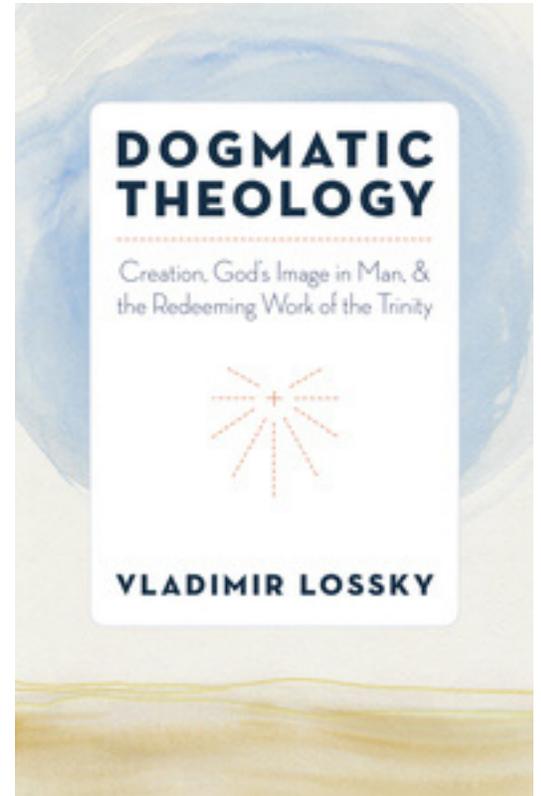
Lossky, who died in 1958, was one of many Russians living in self-exile in France (a community that influenced some familiar names, including Fr. Alexander Schmemmann). Lossky has been called "one of the most brilliant theologians of the twentieth century."

Paul Allard, on the other hand, was a French historian who lived and worked in the nineteenth century. His book, *Christianity and the Roman Empire – Nero to Theodosius*, manages to pack more than 400 years of essential history into less than 200 pages.

Allard's review of the early church during Roman rule is fast-paced, but packed with remarkable information. Anyone wanting to really understand how the church was persecuted – and how that persecution came to an end – will find it rewarding.

Both of these translations by Dr. Gythiel are now available at Eighth Day Books, as are several other important books he translated. Publication of Tony's last work, a translation of *Platonism and Mystical Theology: The Spiritual Doctrine of St. Gregory of Nyssa* by Jean Daniélou -- is likely more than a year away.

With colder weather and longer nights coming, now is a good time to add some worthwhile reading to your to-do list.



Hard questions  
Real answers  
Life-changing experiences

**Weekend Retreat**  
for High Schoolers

Nov 10-11 **Let's Talk About the Hard Stuff**

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- < Awesome Activities >
- < Great Conversation >
- < Fun to be had by all >

You do not want to miss this!

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grace@stgeorgecathedral.net or  
(316) 619-8531

# Fall Festival and Costume Party

Sunday, October 29  
at St. George Cathedral 5:00 - 7:00p



**\$7 Admission**  
Includes Chili Dog Dinner  
Games & Prizes

# Teen SOYO YES OKC

Our teens spent the weekend in Oklahoma City participating in the YES Trip. Friday evening they had a scavenger hunt in Bricktown, which made them get out of their comfort zone and speak to strangers. The teens told everyone facts about the city. On Saturday, the teens prepared for the day by helping prepare lunch to serve and toiletries and undergarments to hand out to those in need. Saturday afternoon, we went to a park and had a World Party. We handed out balloons, snacks, and painted faces for all who attended. We wrapped up the weekend with a fun night at the State Fair. It was a great weekend and we look forward to the next YES Trip in the Spring!



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BY TRACI SPENCER

**we'd love to have you join us!**

*"for I was hungry and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me" — Matthew 25: 35-36*

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

#### The Lord's Diner

On Sunday, September 17th, St. George volunteers helped serve hot meals to the homeless in our community at their Broadway location. The Community Support Committee gave \$500 to The Lord's Diner to support their ministry in feeding the homeless in the Wichita Community.

#### Cash for Classrooms

The Community Support Committee gave \$500 to each of the following schools for their Cash for Classroom program: Enterprise Elementary, Enders Open Magnet Elementary, Anderson Elementary, and North High School. We are thrilled to partner with these schools and help meet children's basic needs to help them have a successful educational experience.

#### VA Hospital

The Community Support Committee gave \$550 in Walmart and Dillon gifts cards to the VA Hospital to provide for homeless veterans' basic needs as they transition into Independent Living.

### WHAT'S COMING UP ???

#### Young At Heart Bingo!

On Tuesday, October 24th, from 11:30-1:30p in the St. George Fellowship Hall we will be hosting Bingo, food, and fellowship. St. Michael and St. Mary's parishes are welcome to join us.

#### The Lord's Diner

On Sunday, October 15th, St George volunteers will be serving the homeless in our community. Please contact Pat Milburn at 265-1380 if you can help serve.

#### Community Support Bulletin Board

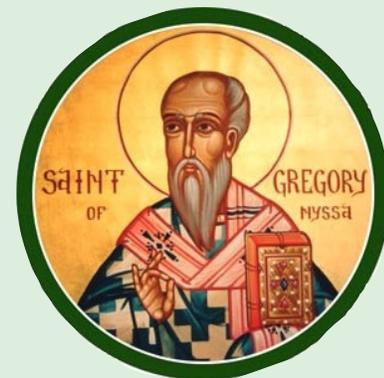
We have done some amazing Done in a Day projects in our community since January. We will be showcasing them on the Community Support Bulletin Board soon. Thank you to all our volunteers and for your hearts for serving others in the name of Christ.

**Next Meeting Tuesday,  
OCTOBER 10TH**

**12:00 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.  
We would love to have you join us!!**

**Be thinking of agencies for 2018 that we can serve!**

Please let Traci Spencer or any other Community Support member know of agencies that we can serve in the 2018 year. We will be making decisions in November.



If freed from rust by a whetstone, the iron which but a moment ago was black will shine and glisten brightly in the sun. So it is also with the inner man, which the Lord calls the heart. When he has scraped off the rust-like dirt which dank decay has caused to appear on his form, he will once more recover the likeness of Christ.

St Gregory of Nyssa on The Beatitudes

### Email/Phone/ Address Updates



**To ALL:** Please help us to keep your contact information current by contacting the Cathedral office informing of any **email/phone/address/or any changes** regarding, so that we may be able to connect to you! You may email [gina@stgeorgecathedral.net](mailto:gina@stgeorgecathedral.net) Thanks so much.

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## The *84th* Annual Lebanese Dinner & Food Sale 2017

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 4-8 p.m.

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 12-7 p.m.

- Dine-In or Drive Thru
- Cathedral Tours throughout the day
- Country Kitchen with Ethnic Specialties & Homemade Goodies

Adults - \$18 • Children - \$9  
(age 10 & under)



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## COUNTRY KITCHEN



Baking for the  
Country Kitchen  
is such a **SNAP**  
because the  
bakers at St.  
George Cathedral  
are so **SWELL!**

Let's whip up some made-from-scratch goodies. Homemade labels and express check-in forms are available in the Cathedral office or at coffee hour. Questions? Please contact Val Learned (371-4866), Janet Cohlmia (305-8447) or Robin Moore (648-3920).

### DONATION DROPOFF SCHEDULE:

Friday, Oct. 13, 1:00 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 12:00 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Please take all items to the Cathedral.