

**\*\*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION\*\***

\*\*Until further notice, we will continue celebrating the Divine Services up to no more 33 parishioners in attendance. With this in mind, if single parish members or parish member households - UP TO 33 PEOPLE IN CHURCH AT EACH DIVINE LITURGY - would like to attend the Divine Liturgy on a Sunday please refer to the following signup link <https://signup.com/go/AqSQSmX> \*\* (Slots 1-45 in the Church and 46-70 in the Parish Fellowship Hall)! **PLEASE SIGN-UP BY 6:00 PM ON SATURDAY NIGHT AS WELL AS ANSWER THE COVID QUESTIONNAIRE!!**

**Regarding Holy Communion:**

- If anyone would like to come and receive Holy Communion or if you would like Fr. Jason to come and bring Holy Communion to your home, please contact him to make arrangements:  
[jvansuch@hotmail.com/609.851.3811/716.875.4222](mailto:jvansuch@hotmail.com/609.851.3811/716.875.4222)

**Regarding Holy Confession:**

*Taking into consideration the spiritual and mental healing that comes through the Sacrament of Confession, His Eminence blesses, for all priests and communities in the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, that for this period:*

- Confession may continue to be held over the telephone or by live video communication; it may also be done in person with social distancing kept between the priest and the penitent (6 feet), and with face masks worn by both. The Prayer of Absolution can be given by video or phone and especially in person.
- When Confession is heard over the telephone or by live video, the priest must read the Prayer of Absolution before ending the phone call or video communication, in the hearing of the penitent.
  - If anyone would like to have Confession, please contact Fr. Jason to make arrangements:  
[jvansuch@hotmail.com/609.851.3811/716.875.4222](mailto:jvansuch@hotmail.com/609.851.3811/716.875.4222)

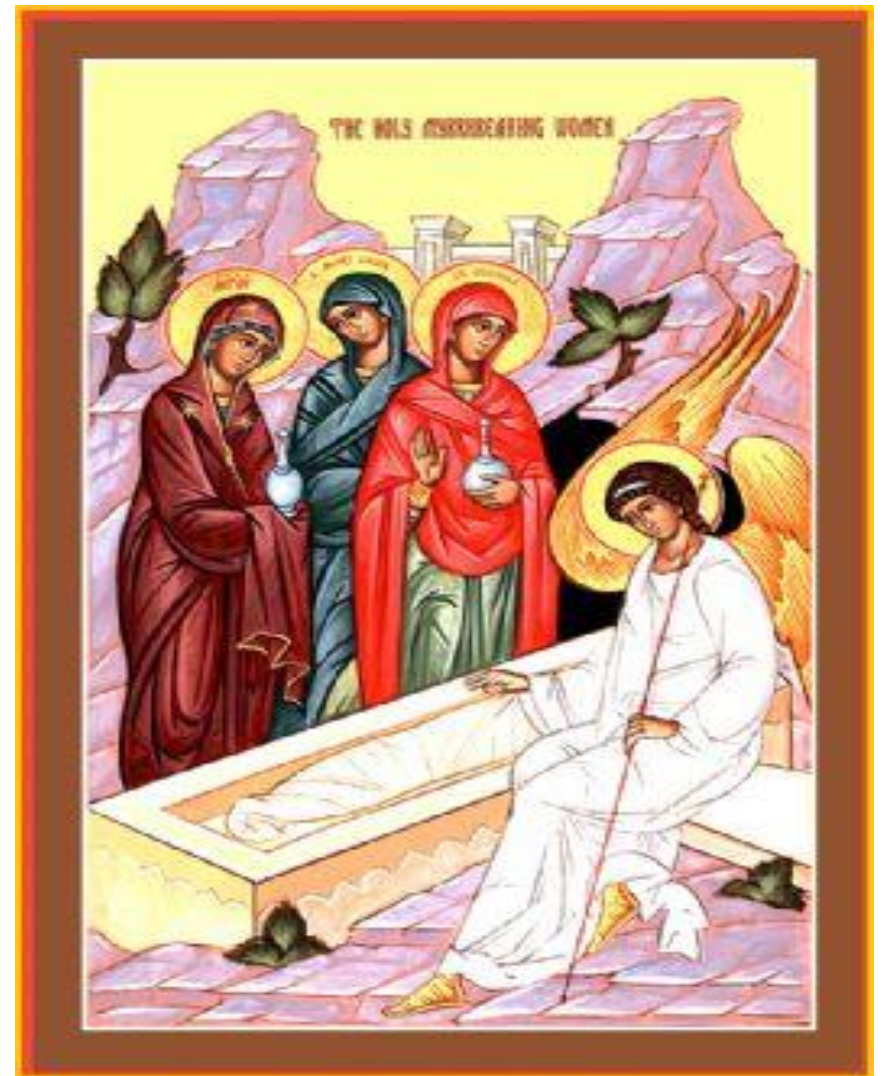
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Please look up the below weblink for the Digital Edition of The Jacobs Well:  
<https://issuu.com/jacobswell/docs/jacobs-well-fall-2019-nk>

Please look up the below weblink for the website of The Diocese of New York and New Jersey:  
<https://www.nynjoca.org>

Please look up the below weblink for the newly-updated Diocesan Directives of The Diocese of New York and New Jersey for the Gradual Approach of Re-Opening of our Parishes:

<https://www.nynjoca.org/files/2020/covid-19/Diocesan-Directives-on-the-Gradual-Re-Opening-of-Diocesan-Churches-2020-05-08-For-Distribution.pdf>



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## THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

Published weekly in the interest of the parishioners and friends of Saint George Orthodox Church, Buffalo, NY a parish of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey and The Orthodox Church in America

### **ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women.** Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Ven. Pachomius the Great (368). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Perekop (Novgorod, 1545), Ven. Cassian (1537) and Lavrentii (Laurence) (1548), Abbots of Konel' (Vologda). St. Alexander, Archbishop of Jerusalem (213-250). Martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, at Lucania (ca. 303). Bl. Child Musa of Rome (5th c.). St. George, Bishop of Mitylene (9th c.). New Martyr Nicholas of Metsovo (17th c.). Saint Brendan the Navigator

**EPISTLE:** Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

**Acts 6:1-7**

CHRIST IS RISEN!  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

AL MASEEH QAM!  
HAQQAN QAM!

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

HRISTUS A INVIAT!

CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!  
KRISHTI U NGJALL!  
CRISTO E' RISORTO!

**GOSPEL:**

**Mark 15:43-16:8**

CHRISTOS TENSIOU!  
BAHAKE TENSIOU!

CHRISTOS ANESTI!  
ALITHOS ANESTI!

VOISTINU VOSKRESE!

ADEVERAT A INVIAT!

EN VERDAD, HA RESUCITADO!  
VERTET U NGJALL!  
VERAMENTE E' RISORTO!

### **WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH**

We welcome all of you to the Divine Liturgy this morning, especially those who are visiting with us here at St. George Orthodox Church. Everyone is invited to the Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy for Christian Fellowship. It is our prayer that your experience this morning was spiritually uplifting and you will return very soon to pray with our parish family. In the Orthodox Church, we do not practice open Communion. However we do invite everyone to come and participate in the Divine Liturgy. Hence only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through prayer and fasting may receive Holy Communion. May the Lord bless you with many years of good health and happiness.

## **THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES** **SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021**

### **The Sunday of The Myrrhbearing Women**

Meeting of Church School Children with His Eminence Archbishop

**MICHAEL – 9:00 AM**

The reading of The Hours – **9:10 AM**

Entrance and Greeting of His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL

followed by Making of Catechumens and Hierarchical Divine

Liturgy – **9:30 AM**

Festive Outdoor Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy

on Church/Rectory Property

Church School Easter Egg Hunt on Church Property

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>10:00 – 12:00 P.M.</b>	Daily Matins Set-Up for Chiavetta's Dinner
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>2:00 to 4:00 P.M.</b> <b>4:00 to 7:00 P.M.</b>	Set-Up for Chiavetta's BBQ Drive-Thru Fundraiser Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru Fundraiser
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Akathist to Our Lord
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b> <b>5:15 P.M.</b>	Great Vespers Parish Council Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Holy Pascha: Sunday of The Paralytic</b>	
		<b>9:40 A.M.</b> <b>10:00 A.M.</b>	The Hours Divine Liturgy
		Coffee Hour Fellowship in The Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy	
		<b>12:45 TO 1:15 P.M.</b>	Virtual Church School Class Via Zoom



We welcome into our midst His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL who is visiting us by making an Archpastoral Visit to our parish during the Paschal Season. We express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to His Eminence for visiting us and for leading us in prayer and fellowship. May God continue to bless and guide you for Many Years! Eis Polla! Eti Thespot!

**\* \* \* \* \* PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE \* \* \* \* \***

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS  
FOR THE HEALTH OF THY SERVANTS:**

**HIERARCHS**

Metropolitan HERMAN Bishop DANIEL Archbishop ALEJO

**CLERGY**

Archpriest Herman, Matushka Cynthia and George *(Schick)* Archpriest James and Mat. Patricia *(Mason)*  
 Archpriest Alexey and his family *(Karlcut)* Archpriest Vladimir and Matushka Jeanne  
 Archpriest Timothy/Mat. Michelle Archpriest Michael and Mat. Valerie *(Hatrak)*  
 Archpriest Ken and Matushka Natalie *(Starevsky)* Dn. Sean and Mat. Heather *(McNulty)*  
 Archpriest Gregory and Mat. Diane *(Winsky)* Priest Peter and Mat. Mary *(Irfan)*  
 Archpriest Leonid Archpriest David *(Mezinski)* Presbyter John and Presbytera Nancy  
**MATUSHKI** Presbyter Andreja, Popadija Anica and Family  
 Mat. Katia Mat. Paraskeva Mat. Joanna Popadia Vicki Mat. Christine Mat. Patricia *(Severeno)*  
 Mat. Gloria *(Martin)*

**Family/Friends/Parishioners of St. George Orthodox Church**

Catherine Ivan/Marina/Inna Bonnie *(Dan)* Coard Karen Aliscia *(Nick Rostko)* Walter, Paul  
 Edwina Irene Luba Silvu Dan, Jr. Jim, Darren, Marsha *(Relatives of Elaine M.)*  
 Serena Lillian Reader Victor Nicholas, Andrew *(Wityk)* Frank *(Barb. K brother-in-law)*  
 Sarah Oscar Albert *(Fadell)* Frank Boris *(Kuvshinoff)* Marilyn *(Linda cousin)*  
 Xenia, Justin, Danielle *(Friends of Fr. Jason)* Larry Joseph *(Rocco Father in Law)* Ronald, Candice *(Masset)*  
 Victor *(Tita Nephew)* Catherine *(Tony)* Susan *(Kirwan)* June *(Pavlov)*  
 Evelyn *(Friend of Julie)* Billy *(William – Mat. Christine’s cousin)* Clyde Allison *(school)*  
 Robert *(Phillips)* Rebecca *(Relative of Mat. Christine)* Svetlana *(Family friend of Fr. Jason/Mat. Katia)*  
 Jeanne *(Mat. Christine’s Friend)* Angela, Jason, Michelle *(Relatives of Dn. Mark)* Linda Justin *(Slaiman)*  
 Carol *(Mailman’s sister-in-law)* Joseph, John, Margaret, Thomas, Victoria *(Ewing)* Ashley *(Friend from Roswell)*  
 Melody Lee *(Beth’s brother)* Lee, Bridget *(John Kirwan friend)* Paul *(Shosho)* Brain *(Brother of Matthew Just)*  
 Kelly, Robert, Boris, ZaeB, Tirza, Sabas Sada Thisinisitsa, Gemmal, Geesa, and Patric *(Fr. Peter)* Child Senit  
 Anne *(Mariami Grandmother)* Jeremy Stewart *(nephew of Bill George)* Susan *(Zumba)* Juliana *(Matusiak)*  
 Susan *(Deeb)* Justin *(Cmunt)* Louis *(cousin of Barbara)* Yuri/Elena Alex *(Valieff)* John, Kevin Irene Sean  
 Jaime *(Zumba)* Rosemary Harry *(neighbor of Tom and MaryAnne Slaiman)* Anthony *(DelNuova)*  
 Aspasia *(Dean’s Mother)* Charles Seraphim Emma/Alexander *(relatives of Natalie Huett)*  
 Olga *(Friend of Fr. Jason/Mat. Katia)* Vadym Iryna Yuriy Anastasia Noah *(McEntee)* Elias, John, Joseph  
 Mary, Hal, Autumn, Ariana, and Amber Judithann *(Friend of Barbara)* Steven *(Uncle of Dean)*  
 Barbara *(Rdr. John’s Sister in Law)* William *(Friend of Judge Family)* John, Helen *(Parents of Tanya Cmunt)*  
 Brian John, Roberta, Barbara *(Family of Dana and Annette)* John, Michael John Matthew *(Bashira)*  
 Rdr Nicholas, Judithann, Michael, Mary, Cate, Michael, Gary, Damian, Olga, Clara *(Bethlehem)*  
 Jeffrey, Dominic, Rachel *(Family of Andrea)* Lee, Benjamin, Harry Patrick *(Relatives of Beth Mellas)* Stephen

**Diocese of NY&NJ Prayer List**

Protopresbyter Leonid *(Kishkovsky)* Archpriest Samuel *(Kedela)* Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar  
 Archpriest George *(Haseneecz)* Archpriest Paul *(Shafraan)* Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra *(Kovalek)*  
 Archpriest Jonathan *(Ivanoff)* Archpriest Paul *(Kucynda)* Archpriest Sergei and Mat. Gerry *(Glagolev)*  
 Archpriest Terenti *(Wasielewski)* Dn. Stephan *(Karlcut)*

**Expectant Mothers**

Randy Iris, Pete, Sara Douglas, Chris Costa *(Father of Pete Thanos)*  
 Rachel and the child to be born of her Jonathan Kevin, Lary, Carly, Sherry, Mary Jo, Dragiza, Karl

**Those Serving in The Armed Forces**

Kenneth, Nadine, Jason, Robert, Andrew, Justin, Shawn, Austin, Catechumens  
 Chris, John, Daniel, Gjorgie Juanita Martha

**FOR THY DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD:**

All of the clergy and parishioners of This Holy House who have departed this life, who now lie asleep in the Lord.

Ever-Memorable Archpriest Eugene Vansuch Ever-Memorable Archpriest George Timko  
 Ever-Memorable Priest John Bohush Ever-Memorable Archpriest George Aswad  
 Ever-Memorable Archpriest Rastko Matushka Dorothy *(Timko)* Met. THEODOSIUS  
 Ever-Memorable Dn. Mark Ever-Memorable Sbdn. Gregory  
 Ever-Memorable Pdn. Gregory Martha, Akhtar Remyat, and Barkat *(Family of Fr. Peter)*  
**Newly-Departed Servants of God**

\*If anyone would like to have their loved ones added to the prayer list for remembrance during the Divine Liturgy, please see or contact Fr. Jason.

**HYMNS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY**

**Troparion for Resurrection – Tone 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

**Troparion for Pentecostarion – Tone 2**

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

**Troparion for Pentecostarion – Tone 2**

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: “Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: “The Lord is risen, // granting the world great mercy.””

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

**Kontakion for Pentecostarion – Tone 2**

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles:// “The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Kontakion for Holy Pascha – Tone 8**

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

## PROKEMEINON Tone 6

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

*v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

## ALLELUIA VERSES

*O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.*

*Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

## THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

*(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)*

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin!  
Again, I say: Rejoice, thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!  
With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.  
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the  
Resurrection of thy Son!

## COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Praise the  
Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Their proclamation  
has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the  
universe! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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### **== Scriptural Readings for the Week ==**

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60	John 4:46-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 8:5-17	John 6:27-33
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 8:18-25	John 6:35-39
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 8:26-39	John 6:40-44
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 8:40-9:19	John 6:48-54
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 9:20-31	John 15:17-16:2
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 9:32-42 <i>{Sunday of Paralytic}</i>	John 5:1-15

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## EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

**ACTS 6:1-7**

### **In Those Days:**

Now in those days, when *the number of* the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith

## GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

**MARK 15:43-16:8 (Sunday of The Myrrhbearing Women)**

### **Let us Attend!**

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses observed where He was laid.

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

As a friendly reminder, ALL DIVINE SERVICES we will also be LIVE-STREAM ONLY from Fr. Jason's Facebook page so that we can still be together and pray together. So please continue to join us in prayer!! There are two ways you can join us in prayer via Live-Stream even if we do not have a FaceBook account:

- 1) Go directly to our Parish Website ([www.stgeorgebuffalo.com](http://www.stgeorgebuffalo.com)) and on our homepage you will see a box that says "Restream: Stream currently offline". When "live-stream" is active, the live video will automatically appear.
- 2) Go directly to Fr. Jason's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/jason.vansuch> and there you will see the Live-stream video.
- 3) Go directly to our Parish Youtube Page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCft4AWAX2COzLZExfMjc5KQ> and there you will see the Live-stream video.

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**\*\*FLOWERS FOR THIS WEEK\*\***

In front of the Icon of Our Lord, In front of the Icon of The Theotokos, and on the Center Icon Table are donated by St. George Orthodox Church

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Altar Vigil Candles are offered by Anthony DelNuovo in Loving Memory of Thy Servants of God – Marion Rose, William, and George. May their memory be eternal.

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**Thought for the Day on The Holy Myrrhbearing Women:**

The Myrrhbearing Women followed Jesus during His earthly ministry in Galilee, providing for Him and His followers out of their own means ( Mark 15:41). They remained faithful to Him even during the most dangerous time of His arrest and trial, and not only stood by the cross, but accompanied Him to His burial, noticing where the tomb was located. Because of the impending Sabbath, it was necessary for the burial preparations to be brief. Jewish custom at the time dictated that mourners return to the tomb every day for three days. Once the Sabbath had passed, the women returned at the earliest possible moment, bringing myrrh to anoint the body of Our Lord. It was at this point that the Resurrection was revealed to them, and they were commissioned to go and tell the Apostles. They were, in effect, the apostles to the Apostles. For this reason, the Myrrhbearing Women, especially Mary Magdalene, are sometimes referred to as "Equal to the Apostles."

**\*\* NEW PROTOCOLS WHEN ATTENDING THE DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAYS\*\***

☒ A Parish Council Member will greet everyone at the Front Entrance Doors to the Church. We will have the Sign-Up Sheet there to mark off your name if you signed-up to attend. If we did not sign-up, then we will write your name down and kindly remind you to sign-up before next Sunday. We will also take your temperature as well. If someone has a fever or is experiencing symptoms or answers YES to any of the COVID Questions, they will not be permitted to come into the church.

☒ EVERYONE attending the Divine Liturgy (those in the Nave and those in The Parish Fellowship Hall – parishioners, choir members, parish council members) NEED to sign-up. Only Those in the Altar do not need to sign-up as they are not taking space in The Nave. Once we reach our capacity of 33 people in The Church, everyone else will be seated in The Parish Fellowship Hall. We must also remember to wear a mask in Church and in the Parish Fellowship Hall as well as on Church Property at all times and maintain social distancing. If we forget one, we will have them available at the Candle Desk as well as in the Parish Fellowship Hall. Also, when we enter the Church and say our prayers, we must use the hand sanitizer that is located at the Candle Desk as well as review the posted Diocesan Guidelines. These (masks, prayers, hand sanitizer) are also located in the Parish Fellowship Hall These precautions are for the health, safety, and well-being of everyone who comes and enters our Church to pray and worship God.

☒ When receiving Holy Communion, a Parish Council Member will call everyone up – pew by pew – to allow for social distancing (the children and Altar Servers will come first, then the first pews up front all the way to the back of the Church with the Choir being the last ones to receive Holy Communion). If any faithful are in The Parish Fellowship Hall, Fr Jason, Fr. Andreja, or Fr. Peter will bring Holy Communion to those in the Hall.

**\*\*If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see or contact Fr. Jason. May God continue to bless and guide all of you!\*\***

Also in the Parish Fellowship Hall, we have the Giving Tree! If anyone would like to sign up for Coffee Hour Readers Bulletin Collection, Communion Cloth, Home Blessing, please see or contact Fr. Jason!



**A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS TO THE PARISH FROM OUR PARISH GIVING TREE**

- The Kfoury Family for donating the flowers the Feast of The Ascension of Our Lord and for The Feast of The Dormition of The Most-Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
- John and Gretchen Judge and Rebecca Torres for donating the Incense
- Paul and Joan Shosho for donating the Vigil Candles near The Icons of The Holy Sepulchre and The Icons of The Mother of God for the continued good health of their Family.

Please be sure to check out "The Giving Tree" in the Parish Fellowship Hall as well as on our parish website ([www.stgeorgebuffalo.com](http://www.stgeorgebuffalo.com)) to see how we may be able to donate towards the needs of our parish through our continued support and stewardship for our beloved parish.

If anyone has any questions, please see or contact Fr. Jason or Barbara.

Thank you for your continued prayerful support and stewardship. May God continue to bless and guide all of you, your families and our entire Parish family and keep all of us in His Loving Care!

**WELCOME TO THE ORTHODOX CHURCH!**

Do we have questions about our life, its meaning, purpose, destiny?  
Are we desiring to know Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God?  
Are we seeking forgiveness, healing, and wholeness?  
Do we wonder where to go to find answers?

We can find the answers to these questions and so many other questions in The Holy Orthodox Church through Her Sacred Tradition, Holy Scriptures, Her Teachings and Dogmas.

The Orthodox Church is the original Christian Church, the Church founded by the Lord Jesus Christ and described in the pages of the New Testament. Her history can be traced in unbroken continuity all the way back to Christ and His Twelve Apostles, empowered and sent forth on the day of Holy Pentecost. Incredible as it seems, for over twenty centuries she has continued in her undiminished and unaltered faith and practice. Today her apostolic doctrine, worship, and structure remain intact. The Orthodox Church maintains that the Church is the living Body of Jesus Christ. Many of us are surprised to learn that for the first 1000 years of Christian history there was just one Church.

Where is "**The Church**" to be found and experienced today? Come Taste and See How Good The Lord is every Sunday by joining us for The Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM.

What is Orthodox Christianity all about? How does it differ from other Christian confessions? This section will attempt to answer these questions and many more. For a visual introduction to the Orthodox Church, please view the video link below: [http://www.youtube.com/v/Gj4pUphDitA&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&feature=player\\_embedded&fs=1](http://www.youtube.com/v/Gj4pUphDitA&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&feature=player_embedded&fs=1) For a brief introduction and in depth study to The Orthodox Faith and to find answers to: "What we Believe?", "Who we Are?", and "How we Live?", please view the PDF link below:

<http://orthodoxdelmarva.org/files/studies/InquirersClassV1final.pdf>

or you may visit the OCA website by clicking the link below:

<http://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith>

or you can begin a Journey Through Orthodoxy by clicking the link below:

<http://journeytoorthodoxy.com>

To learn more ways that we can teach our children about the Orthodox Faith, The OCA has provided a wonderful website for us to use that provides great resources such as (handouts, texts, articles, stories, and much more)! To see this great website, please view the PDF link below:

<http://dce.oca.org/page/resources/>

If you have any questions or would like to know more about The Orthodox Faith, please contact our parish priest: V Rev. Jason Vansuch ([jvansuch@hotmail.com](mailto:jvansuch@hotmail.com)) or 716.875.4222 and he will be able guide you.

## **IMPORTANT DATES WITHIN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH**

### **Parish Announcements:**

- We will continue with our on-going collections for The Buffalo City Mission, Hearts for Homeless, Mats for Mission, HomeSpace as well as Kevin Guest House and our other outreach ministry projects.
- **WE CONTINUE TO CONTACT ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IS OKAY, SAFE AND HEALTHY.**

**\*\*Please be on the lookout for emails this week with the following items:**

#### **1) Reader Outlines for ALL weekend SERVICES**

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**EACH WEEK WE WILL BE RECORDING  
THE WEEKLY INCOME FOR EACH SUNDAY AS WELL AS OFFERING THE  
MONTHLY INCOME and EXPENSE FOR OUR PARISH!**

**INCOME FOR SUNDAY MAY 2, 2020 – \$ 3,030.00  
& \$500 for Capital Improvement Fund  
DONATIONS FOR THE NEW BOILER (Capital Improvement Fund) –  
Total Donations so far for the New Boiler: \$19,130.00**

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND GUIDE YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!**

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**\*Please refer to the Weekly Bulletin and Church Website for any changes to the calendar!\***

### **DAILY FAMILY PRAYER RULE WE CAN PRAY TOGETHER AT HOME WITH OUR FAMILIES**

A Prayer Rule must be done in front of the icons and the Gospel in our Icon Corners with a lit candle.. It is important to remember that we must make time for God, for the “Kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force”(Matt. 11:12).The best time to pray is in the morning or in the evening when we as a family can come together in prayer. Also, when using a Rule of Prayer, we must be flexible and do what we can and do it attentively and consistently. Our goal is to maintain the connection with God and cultivate a real relationship with Him.

With that in mind, please find below The Rule of Prayer offered by our Diocese for us to use at home especially during this most difficult time when we are not able to be in church together as a parish family.

<https://www.nynjoca.org/files/2020/praying-at-home/A-FAMILY-PRAYER-RULE.pdf>

**May God bless you and keep you always in His Loving Care!**

## **ST. ANDREW'S CAMP**

**\*\* Saint Andrew's Camp has released a new promotional video for prospective campers!**

The video can be found here on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintandrewsorthodoxcamp/videos/357928144820497/>

**\*\*Be sure to check it out...you may recognize the priest:)**

For more than sixty years, St. Andrew’s Camp has offered the young people of our parishes an incredible summer camping experience. Children and teens have been instructed in prayer and the divine services, the reading of Scripture and the teachings of our Orthodox Church. They have been nourished with the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. They have had fun swimming, horseback riding, playing sports, singing and learning musical instruments, creating in the visual arts, learning to safeguard the planet, and exploring the stars. And they have established friendships that last a lifetime, met their future spouses, and nurtured their vocations to serve the Lord in ministry.

As a token of gratitude for the labors of love extended by the administration and staff, both clergy and laypersons, of St. Andrew’s over the past six decades, it is now time for us to help the Camp in an especially needed way.

Please join us in raising funds for the new multi purpose building which will include new kitchen, dining hall and activities center. The cost of this new building is \$300,000. To become a reality, the completion and furnishing of this much-needed center will require great generosity of individuals, organizations and parishes.

You can click on the link below which will take you to the gofundme.com page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-andrew039s-camp-fundraiser-by-ss-peter-and-paul>

As we continue to fulfill the work of Our Lord by living and fulfilling His Gospel Message, let us open our hearts and minds by providing support and assistance to our Diocese, to our children, by taking a moment to reflect upon what God has given us, and to discern how we might be able to return to God a portion of the blessings we have received.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you and your families for your continued prayers, support and generosity.

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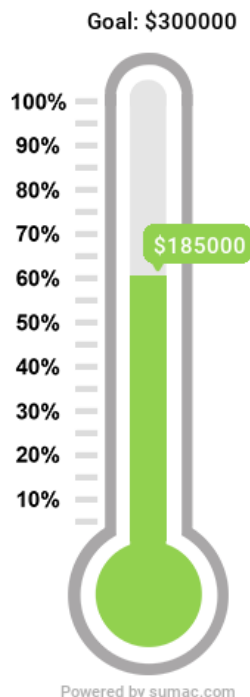
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New Dining Hall and Kitchen - \$300,000.00

\$185,000 has already been donated to the construction of our new Dining Hall and Kitchen.



**\*\*As part of our commitment of supporting the good work being done at St. Andrew's Camp of ministering to and nurturing the spiritual growth of our children in the love and faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we will be holding collections in response to the Diocesan Appeal during this Great Lenten and Paschal Season. \*\***

# St. Andrew's Camp

## Announcing 2021 Season!

It's time to beat the quarantine blues this summer at Camp! We are *very excited* to be reunited with our beloved campers for our 64th Camp Season of 5 glorious weeks in the beautiful outdoors on Lake Oneida, New York!

<b>FAMILY WEEK</b> July 5-10	<b>HORSE WEEK 1</b> July 11-17	<b>MISH MASH WEEK</b> July 18-24
<b>HORSE WEEK 2</b> July 25-31	<b>TEEN WEEK</b> August 1-7	

Click [here](#) to REGISTER your child for a summer of fun!

### WAIT! WE WANT YOU TOO!

Are you ready to get out and interact with people? Want to make a difference in the lives of youth, while growing your faith and enjoying nature? Then helping out at Saint Andrew's Camp is for you!

We have a need for counselors, cooks & kitchen assistants, nurses, and weekend work crews. Join us for a weekend, a week or more!

Take your summer to the next level and join the fun and important ministry at Saint Andrew's Camp!

For more information about the camp program or helping out, contact the Camp Office at (315) 675-9771 or [saintandrewscamp@aol.com](mailto:saintandrewscamp@aol.com)

[www.saintandrewscamp.org](http://www.saintandrewscamp.org)

[www.facebook.com/standrewsorthodoxcamp](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsorthodoxcamp)



## Remember our Loved Ones during Our Daily Prayers

*'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

{Matt. 25:40}

As we say our daily prayers, let us also take time out to remember our loved ones who are homebound, who are in hospitals and who are in nursing homes. Let us remember them that GOD will continue to watch over them and protect them. Also, during the Year, let us take to either send them a card, give them a call, or visit them to let them know how much we love them, how much we remember them, and how much we pray for them.

Please refer to the of our Parish Shut-Ins below.

If anyone has any questions or would like to add someone to our List of Parish Shut-Ins, please see or contact Fr. Jason. May God continue to bless you and guide you!

### ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH PARISH SHUT-INS (2020)

Mrs. Diane Salvamoser 147 West Hazeltine Avenue Kenmore, NY 14217 716.875.9503	Reader Victor Shanchuk 495 Lafayette Avenue Buffalo, NY 14222 716.881.3096	Mrs. Luba Japadjief Elderwood Nursing Home (Memory Care Unit) 245 Bassett Road Williamsville, NY 14221 (Room 30)
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Mrs. Catherine Tony 274 Wadsworth Ave. Tonawanda, NY 14150 716.695.3068	Mr. Albert Fadell 317.376.2562	Mrs. Bonnie Dan 15 Pine Street North Tonawanda, NY 14150 716.693.1377
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Andrew Wityk Ellicott Center 200 Seventh Street Buffalo, NY 14201	Mrs. Tita Abraham 84 Stonington Lane Gertzville, NY 14068
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### WEEKLY VIDEO SERMONS GIVEN BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL

These sermons offered to us by The Diocese via video can be found on the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>! There are videos for each week beginning with The Feast of Feasts – Holy Pascha! Be sure to check them out!

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## An Invitation to Support the Stewards of the OCA!

The Orthodox Church in America (OCA) set the direction for expanding our apostolic work in North America at the 18<sup>th</sup> All-American Council. The foundation for this work is Jesus Christ, Whom we encounter in our spiritual lives, stewardship, evangelism and outreach, and relations with others as we engage the world. Being a steward of the OCA goes beyond the financial gifts which support the work of our church. Being a steward is about caring for and knowing the history of the mission of the Orthodox Church here in North America and finding your place in that history. Having received this great gift of our Orthodox Faith, we bear the responsibility to continue the legacy of Saint Herman and Saint Tikhon; Saint Innocent and Saint Alexis and all the other saints known and unknown who have worked to build up and expand Christ's Church here in North America. Please consider being a part of that mission today by giving to the Stewards of the OCA. For more information, please visit The OCA Website: <https://oca.org/become-a-steward>

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## An Invitation to Support the Ministry of the DDB!

In order to fund necessary ministries and fulfill the work of the Church in the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** generously contribute financial support. To learn more about the DDB, please go to the following link: <http://vimeo.com/71021182> and watch a 60 second video inviting you to join the ever-growing list of Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of The Diocese of New York and New Jersey who joyfully support the on-going work of our diocese. Their support allows us to provide assistance to new mission parishes, scholarships to seminarians, support the departments of The Diocese, and much-needed encouragement to older struggling parishes. How about you? Our parish is a member of the DDB. If anyone would like to join, please see Fr. Jason as well as take a pamphlet from the table in the back of the church. May God continue to bless and guide you for your continued support. The Diocese of New York and New Jersey has two monthly newsletters: "**First Fruits**" and "**Beyond the Plateau**." The goal, as expressed by Archbishop Michael, is to increase communication and grow the communal spirit of diocesan fellowship in the building-up and strengthening of our parish communities. To learn more about these monthly diocesan publications, please refer to the diocesan website: <http://www.nynjoca.org/newsletters.html>.

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### "Lessons in Our Faith" Video presented by His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL

His Eminence Archbishop Michael presents a series of talks on matters of faith, belief, and the teachings of the Church. These instructional videos are concise and "to the point," offering Orthodox Christians much-needed information, helpful advice for their spiritual journey, and assistance in answering questions that may come from non-Orthodox friends or acquaintances. The goal is that we might better know and better live our faith. These instructional videos can be found at the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>! For those who do not have internet, please see the handouts from each lesson which are located on the table in the back of the church. **There are 14 videos! Be sure to check them out!**

### ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH BOOKSTORE

As you are in the Parish Fellowship Hall for coffee hour, don't forget to check out our newly-formed Bookstore. We have some new items that just arrived. These items include: Icon ornaments, jewelry, Icons, prayer books, prayers ropes, and much more. If you need a Gift, come check out the Bookstore...you may find something you like!! We are now also offering Gift Certificates for our Bookstore. Please speak with Dave or Andrea for more details/information!! We thank David and Andrea Chmiel who are managing of our Bookstore for us. If you have any questions or if you would like to order something that you do not see, please see or contact David or Andrea Chmiel and they will be able to assist you. You may also email them at: bookstore@stgeorgebuffalo.com. May GOD continue to bless and guide all of you.

### Self Preservation

Many things have been done - or words were said  
That pierced the heart - like a bullet of lead  
And though the event came - and soon was gone  
The sting of it all - lingered on and on.

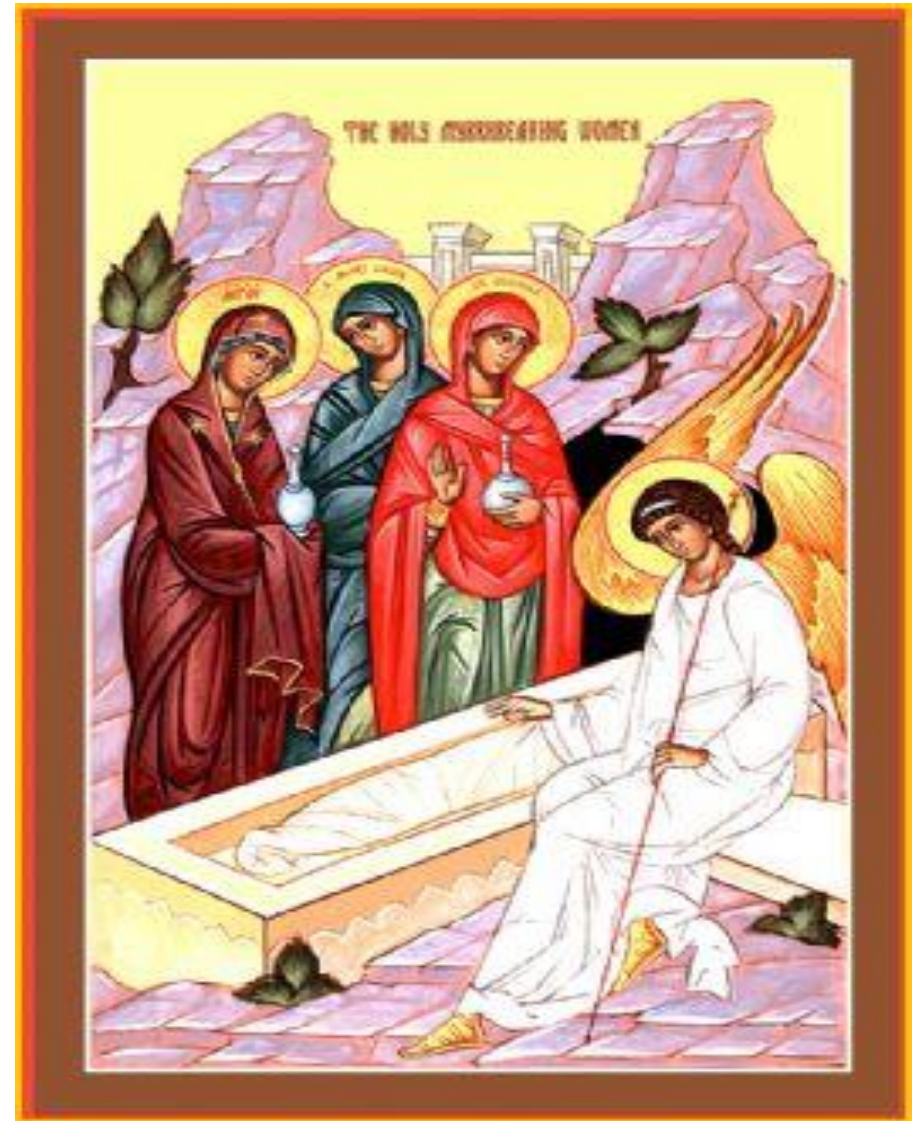
Dwelling on the past - though time has marched on  
Will make us miserable - no mood for a song,  
Because peace and joy - Satan is stealing  
Thus, he alone prospers - if we hold an ill-feeling.

We must forgive others - in a way that is right:  
Leaving their flaws - for only God's sight.  
Sometimes it's impossible - to humanly do  
So we call on the Holy Spirit - to see us through.

When the Lord forgives us - our slate is wiped clean.  
God doesn't hold grudges - or see us as mean.  
Yes, He gives us a chance - for a whole new start.  
He holds no memory - of our mistakes in his heart.

If we can't forgive - like the Lord intended  
We have a miserable life - which can't be mended.  
Because an unforgiving heart - is real devastation  
And forgiving completely - is self-preservation.

### ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH EDUCATION CORNER



### **THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF HOLY PASCHA:**

### **THE SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**

Today we commemorate the Holy Myrrh-bearing women Sts Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Clopas, Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4). Also St Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), and Nicodemus.

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is commemorated twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this third Sunday after Pascha, we honor the **myrrhbearing women** who cared for the body of the Saviour at his death and who were the first witnesses of his Resurrection. The three troparia of Holy Friday are sung once again and from the theme of the day:

*The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.*

*The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: Myrrh is fitting for the dead, but Christ has shown himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.*

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### THE SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

The third Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers. The day commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found

the tomb empty. As the woman wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead.

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to His sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called Myrrh-bearers.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called “the mother of James and Joses” (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence:

(Matthew 21:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41.

Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14.)

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Savior’s preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of

myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence for the divine Teacher (John 19:39).

Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matthew 27:60).

### Life Is a Gift

Today before you say an unkind word - Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

Today before you complain about life - Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before you complain about your children - Think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep - Think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive - Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

**But, before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another - Remember that not one of us is without sin and we all answer to one MAKER.**

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and thank GOD you're alive and still around.

# THE 2021 PASCHAL GREETINGS OF

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

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### GREETING

CHRIST IS RISEN!  
CHRISTOS TENSIOU!  
AL MASEEH QAM!  
CHRISTOS ANESTI!  
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!  
HRISTOS A INVIAT!  
CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!  
KRISHTI U NGJALL!  
YESU MASIH ZINDA HO GAYA HAI!  
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!  
CHRYSTOS UVASKROS!  
KRISTE AGHSDGA!  
CHRISTOS VOSKRES!  
LE CHRIST EST RESURRECTE!  
HA-MESHIHA QOM!  
HARISUTOSU FUKKATSU!  
CHRISTUS IST AUFERSTANDEN!  
KRISTO ZMARTWYCKWSTAL!  
YINQA HRLYSTOS!  
KRISTO AMEFUFUKKA!  
KRISTO GESSO!  
CRISTO E' RISORTO!  
UKRISTU UVUKILE!  
**KRISTUS ER OPSTANDEN!**

### RESPONSE

INDEED HE IS RISEN! *(English)*  
BAHAKE TENSIOU! *(Eritrean)*  
HAQQAN QAM! *(Arabic)*  
ALITHOS ANESTI! *(Greek)*  
VOISTINU VOSKRESE! *(Russian)*  
ADEVARAT A INVIAT! *(Romanian)*  
EN VERDAD, HA RESUCITADO! *(Spanish)*  
VERTET U NGJALL! *(Albanian)*  
HAANYAQEENAN WOZINDA HO GAYA HAI! *(Urdu)*  
VOISTINA VOSKRESE! *(Bulgarian)*  
SAPRAUDY UVASKROS! *(Belarussian)*  
CHESMARITAD AGHSDGA! *(Georgian)*  
VOISTINI VOSKRES! *(Ukrainian)*  
EN VERITE, ILEST RESURRECTE! *(French)*  
BE-EMET QOM! *(Hebrew)*  
JITSU NI FUKKATSU! *(Japanese)*  
WAHRHAFT AUFERSTANDEN! *(German)*  
ZAPRAWDE ZMARTWYCKWSTAL! *(Polish)*  
YINQA BEJ! *(Klingon)*  
KWELI AMEFUFUKKA! *(Swahili)*  
BUHAR HA SHO NAY! *(Korean)*  
VERAMENTE E' RISORTO! *(Italian)*  
UVUKILE KUPHELA! *(Zulu)*  
**SANDELIG HAN ER OPSTANDEN! *(Danish)***

**Orthodox Christian Stewardship** is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed. Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God by teaching and giving examples of a virtuous life to all (St. John Chrysostom). A primary goal of Stewardship is to strengthen our understanding of the teachings and dogmas of The Orthodox Faith through supporting the work of The Church. This can be found in The Divine Services as reiterated by St. John of San Francisco: "The Divine Services in their composition contain all the fullness of the dogmatic teaching of the Church and set forth the path of salvation." Fulfilling our responsibility of continual learning begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. Through being Stewards of the Gospel and of The Orthodox Church, Education calls on the faithful to cheerfully receive instruction given to the Church by Our Lord, Holy Scripture, The Divine Services, and The Holy Fathers of

the Church. Through Orthodox Christian Stewardship, The Church promotes spiritual growth and strengthened faith and calls on all of us to bring the faith and love of Our Lord to every aspect of our lives as gifts from Him through our time, talents, and treasures. During this year, let us come together as a Diocesan Family and recommit ourselves to both spiritual growth of our Life in Christ as well as through Orthodox Christian Stewardship by attending the Divine Services, attending the many opportunities of Education for both Adults and Children through Parish Education, gatherings, and fellowship and by supporting our Parishes and Diocese in the many endeavors through which, by the Grace of God, we will bring the light and love of Our Lord to all!

***LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE. 1 Cor.16:14***

***YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. Matt. 22:37***

***YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. Matt. 22:39***

***LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU. Matt. 5:44***

***LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, LOVE DOES NOT ENVY, LOVE DOES NOT BOAST, LOVE IS NOT PROUD, LOVE IS NOT SELFISH, LOVE IS NOT PROVOKED. 1Cor. 13:4***

***LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, LOVE ALWAYS HAS FAITH, LOVE ALWAYS HAS HOPE, LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS. LOVE NEVER FAILS! 1Cor. 13:7,8***

