

God-forbid, someone becomes ill I would need to contact everyone who was in attendance.

\*We also ask that EVERYONE continues to wear a mask while in Church and in the Parish Fellowship Hall. 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, please use the hand sanitizer that is located at the Candle Desk. There is also one 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.

\*We are taking every measure that we can to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our parishioners and of everyone that comes to our parish to pray. Together, with the Parish Council, we express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your help, assistance, patience, and understanding and for your continued working together and praying together as a Parish Family for The Glory of God, To the Glory of God, and With the Glory of God!

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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 Continued Re-Opening of our Parishes:

<file:///C:/Users/FR62D4~1.JAS/AppData/Local/Temp/Diocesan%20Guidelines%20Continuing%20Reopening%202021%2005%2026%20for%20distribution-3.pdf>



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## THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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

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**5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman.** Ven. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople

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

**Acts 11:19-26; 29-30**

**GOSPEL:**

**John 4:5-42**

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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!

CHRISTOS TENSIOU!  
BAHAKE TENSIOU!

CHRISTOS ANESTI!  
ALITHOS ANESTI!

VOISTINU VOSKRESE!

ADEVERAT A INVIAT!

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

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### 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.

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

\*\*We are celebrating The Divine Services with FULL CAPACITY in The Church. ALL Pews will be open and available for everyone to stand together. So that we can, to the Glory of God, pray together, sing together and stand together as parish family, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Until further notice, we continue to follow the following guidelines based upon The Diocesan Directives/Guidelines:

Based upon Updated Diocesan Guidelines we will continue as follows:

1. EVERYONE continues to wear a mask while in church.
2. The choir will continue to sing up front until such time we can move them back to the choir area
3. The space in the back of the church (choir area and children's area) will remain open for the 15 chairs socially distant for those who wish to stand there.
4. We will go back to using the Common Communion Cloth. However, if anyone wishes to use the individual napkin to wipe their lips after receiving Holy Communion, they may do so.
5. We will go back to venerating/kissing The Holy Icons, The Cross, and other Sacred Objects of Veneration while wearing our masks.
6. The Church, Parish Hall, and Restrooms will continue to be cleaned and sanitized every week

With this in mind, we will still need to sign up when we come to Church for THE DIVINE LITURGY on Sundays! This is to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of everyone attending our Parish for the Divine Liturgy.

Please refer to the following signup link <https://signup.com/go/AqSQSmX>

If we reach FULL CAPACITY in The Church, then we will have overflow in The Parish Hall with live streaming of The Divine Liturgy. 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.

This sign-up is important for us and our parish not only to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to come to Church to pray, participate in The Divine Liturgy and to receive Holy Communion but also to ensure that Fr. Jason has a record of everyone who attends the Divine Liturgy in case,

## **THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday**      **May 30**    **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Holy Pascha: Sunday of The Samaritan Woman**

**9:40 A.M.**      The Hours

**10:00 A.M.**      Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour Fellowship in The Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy

**Monday**      **May 31**      **MEMORIAL DAY**

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 occurs on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Please take time on this day to thank God for the men and women who faithfully served our country and gave their lives while serving our country and defending her freedom. May their memories be eternal!

**\*\*Please refer to the Prayer for Memorial Day in today's bulletin that we can pray together with our families on this day!**

**Tuesday**      **June 1**      **8:30 A.M.**      Daily Matins

**Wednesday**    **June 2**      **9:30 A.M.**      Divine Liturgy  
**6:30 P.M.**      Investment Committee Meeting

**Friday**      **June 4**      **8:30 A.M.**      Daily Matins

**Saturday**      **June 5**      **9:00 am to 12:00 P.M.**    Shredding Fundraiser  
**4:00 P.M.**      Great Vespers

**Sunday**      **June 6**      **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Holy Pascha: Sunday of The Blind Man**

**9:40 A.M.**      The Hours

**10:00 A.M.**      Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour Fellowship in The Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy

**12:45 P.M. to 1:15 P.M.**      Church School Class via Google Classroom

## **HYMNS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY**

### **Troparion for Resurrection - Tone 4**

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

### **Troparion for Mid-Feast of Pentecost - Tone 8**

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as Thou hast cried to all: "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion for Feast of Samaritan Woman - Tone 8**

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw You, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. // She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

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

### **Kontakion for Mid-Feast of Pentecost - Tone 4**

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: "Come and draw the water of immortality!" We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: // "Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!"

*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.

## Prokeimenon Tone 3

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

## Alleluia Verses

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness,  
righteousness and truth!

For Thou dost love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

## The Hymn to the Theotokos

The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin!  
Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the  
tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye  
people!

Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone  
on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure  
Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

## Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ! Taste the Fountain of Immortality!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 12:12-17	John 8:42-51
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 12:25-13:12	John 8:51-59
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 13:13-24	John 6:5-14
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 14:20-27	John 9:39-10:9
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 15:5-34	John 10:17-28
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 15:35-41	John 10:27-28
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 16:16-34 {Sunday of Blind Man}	John 9:1-38

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## EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

**ACTS 11:19-26, 29-30**

### In those Days:

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

## GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

**JOHN 4:5-42 (Sunday of The Samaritan Woman)**

### Let us Attend!

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"



Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.” And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.” And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I *ever* did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

As a friendly reminder, ALL DIVINE SERVICES, WILL ALSO BE LIVE-STREAMED - from Fr. Jason’s Facebook page and our Parish Youtube Page so that we can still be together and pray together. So please continue to join us in prayer!! There are three 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 video Playbox. 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/UCft4AWAX2COrLZExfMJc5KQ> and there you will see the Live-stream video.

#### **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!



**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 and Charcoal
- The Andrews Family, The Chmiel Family, and Linda Mucyn for donating the Ziplock Baggies for The Blessed Holy Bread
- The Andrews Family for donating the Communion Cups used for The Zapifka
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- 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.
- Rebecca Torres for donating the flowers the Feast of The Transfiguration of Our Lord
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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!

## **The Sunday of The Samaritan Woman**

### **In Spirit and Truth**

**Have you ever listened to a story...** but you only got to hear part of the story? You might have missed the whole point. Maybe you didn't understand it at all.

Today we hear a true story in the Bible. It's the story of our Lord, Jesus Christ talking to a woman about God. The woman wanted to know more about God, but she didn't know she was talking to God Himself! Jesus told her that people "must worship God in spirit and truth." What does that mean? One of the saints of our church, Saint Ignatius (Brianchaninov) once told the people in his church just what this means! He explained that we Christians worship God, but we worship Him "in spirit and truth." Truth is Jesus Christ. We read in the Bible that Jesus once said, "I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life." Christ is the Truth. The Spirit is the Holy Spirit.

So, we Christians worship God "in spirit and truth." We worship God the Father. We worship Jesus Christ (the Son). We worship the Holy Spirit. We worship one God.

We Christians have heard the whole story...not just part of it! We know God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## 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 23, 2020 – \$ 2681.00  
& additional \$500 for Capital Improvement Fund  
DONATIONS FOR THE NEW BOILER (Capital Improvement Fund) –  
Total Donations so far for the New Boiler: \$19,630.00**

**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 fine 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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\*\*Also, make sure we check out the promotional video for prospective campers!

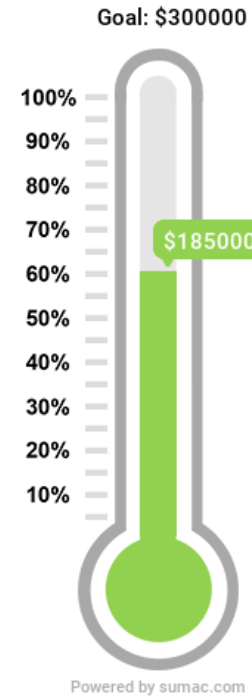
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New Dining Hall and Kitchen - \$300,000.00

\$260,000 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. \*\***





## 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!

**FAMILY WEEK**  
July 5-10

**HORSE WEEK 1**  
July 11-17

**MISH MASH WEEK**  
July 18-24

**HORSE WEEK 2**  
July 25-31

**TEEN WEEK**  
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](mailto:bookstore@stgeorgebuffalo.com). May GOD continue to bless and guide all of you.

**THE SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

The fifth Sunday after Pascha deals with the **woman of Samaria** with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well (*Jn 4*). Again the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah (*Jn 4:10-11; 25-26*). We are reminded of our new life in him, of our own drinking of the "living water," of our own true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth" (*Jn 4:23-24*). We see as well that salvation is offered to all: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

**The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva, Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42).

During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, St Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians.

Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to St Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother



**THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF HOLY PASCHA:**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**



and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret."

St Victor replied, "I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother." Sebastian said, "O Victor, we all know what woes await you, your mother and brother." Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber.

For three days he lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, "The God of the Christians is the only true God." St Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, "Because Christ is calling me." Soon he was baptized, and immediately regained his sight. St Sebastian's servants, after witnessing the miracle, were also baptized.

Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, "Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, will be vanquished." The Lord said to St Victor, "From this day forward, your name will be Photinus, because through you, many will be enlightened and will believe in Me." The Lord then told the Christians to strengthen and encourage St Sebastian to persevere until the end.

All these things, and even future events, were revealed to St Photina. She left Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome.

At Rome the emperor ordered the saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the confessors refused to renounce the Savior. Then the emperor gave orders to smash the martyrs' finger joints. During the torments, the confessors felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed.

Nero ordered that Sts Sebastian, Photinus and Joses be blinded and locked up in prison, and St Photina and her five sisters Anatola,

Phota, Photis, Paraskeva and Kyriake were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina. St Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food to kill her. Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Sts Sebastian, Photinus and Joses, who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified.

Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints, and to beat their naked bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants, and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized.

In an impotent rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from St Photina and to throw the martyr down a well. Sebastian, Photinus and Joses had their legs cut off, and they were thrown to dogs, and then had their skin flayed off. The sisters of St Photina also suffered terrible torments. Nero gave orders to cut off their breasts and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the emperor readied the fiercest execution for St Photis: they tied her by the feet to the tops of two bent-over trees. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright and tore the martyr apart. The emperor ordered the others beheaded. St Photina was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days.

After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. St Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?"



Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God (ca. 66).

### Thought for the Day on The Sunday of The Samaritan Woman

#### CHRIST -- THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*(from the Gospel of John 4:5-42)*

Jesus went to a city in Samaria, to the place where Jacob (of the Old Testament) built a well. He sat by the well, while His disciples went to buy food. A woman came, and Jesus asked her for a drink. She said, "How can You ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink? Jews don't have anything to do with Samaritans." Jesus answered, "If you knew Who asked you for a drink, you would have asked, and would have been given living water. Whoever drinks of the water here will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never be thirsty. The water that I give will become in the person a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman asked Jesus to give her some of the living water. Jesus said, "Get your husband, and come here." The woman answered, "I have no husband." Jesus said, "You have said the truth. You had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband." She told him that her people worshiped on a nearby mountain. (They were pagans.) Jesus said, "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that the Messiah (Christ) is coming." "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." The woman went into the city and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told

me everything that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him. ... So when the Samaritans came to Him, they wanted Him to stay with them; and He stayed two days and taught them. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, but because we heard Him ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.

"Note: The woman's original Samaritan name is not known, but the Orthodox church knows her as Saint Photina (in Greek) and as Saint Svetlana in Russian. She was baptized after the Resurrection, and then preached the Gospel, along with her sisters, daughters, and sons. They all become martyrs. The Greek word "photina" and the Russian word "svet" means "light" because they were "enlightened."

#### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Samaritan woman's name, Photina or Svetlana, translates to the word "enlightened" in English. When Christ first met the Samaritan woman, she was a pagan. That means that she did not know about God or that Christ is the Savior. In ancient times, the Samaritans were not liked by most other people. In fact, the Jewish people would not even speak with them. But Jesus not only talked with the Samaritan woman. He also taught her, using the symbolism of water, about Salvation and Eternal Life, and she was one of the first Gentile (non-Jewish) persons to whom He revealed that He is Christ the Savior. The Samaritan woman became enlightened. When we say that someone has been "enlightened," it means that they realized some-thing important that they did not know before. The Light of Christ led her to become a Saint.

## LIVING WATER

Christ said, “whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never be thirsty. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

**ETERNAL LIFE:** Water is necessary for all life. Christ taught that our lives are not only physical lives on earth, but spiritual too; and with Him we can have Eternal Life. **BAPTISM:** When we are Baptized, our lives are dedicated to God, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**HOLINESS:** Water is made Holy in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and it is then used by the Priest or Bishop to bless everything that is dedicated to our Orthodox Christian living, including us, the people.

**PURITY:** Christ’s forgiveness of sins makes our souls clean and pure, just as if water washed the sins away. **THE CHURCH:** Water flows and stands for the Church itself, which makes all of us Orthodox persons one with Christ and with one another, as our Orthodox Church life “flows” through its yearly cycle.

## THE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 occurs on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

## A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

O Lord, God of hosts, the God of our salvation, Who alone does wonders, in mercy and

Goodness look upon us, Your humble servants, as the lover of mankind hear us and

have mercy on us!

Help us, O God our Savior, and deliver us, for the glory of Your name, and grant that we may say with truth, as Moses did when he spoke to the people of Israel, saying: “Be bold, and stand fast; and you shall see the salvation that comes from the Lord. The Lord shall fight for you”: as our helper and defender, O Lord, hear us and have mercy on us!

O Lord God our Savior, our Strength, our Hope and our Protection: remember not the transgressions and unrighteousness of Your people, and turn not away from us; in Your mercy and goodness look upon us as we bow down before Your loving-kindness. Rise up to help us. Be merciful even to the forgiveness of sins of those who have perished in sudden death. Bring healing, comfort and hope to the wounded and the grieving. Grant Your light and Your strength to suffering families and communities and to all Your

people. Teach us to do Your will and vindicate those who call on Your Name, O Lord, for we have no other God than You and You alone are compassionate and just and our only sure and certain hope: hear us, O Lord, and have mercy on us!

O Lord, Jesus Christ our God, the God of mercy, love, and compassion, open the hearts and minds of our enemies that they may turn away from evil, from anger, and from hatred and turn rather to the understanding of Thy Gospel and Holy Will as the lover of mankind hear us and have mercy on us!

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, we pray for the President of our country, the Congress of the

United States, for all civil authorities, and the armed forces; and grant them wisdom

and strength, sustaining and guiding them all the days of their life!

We pray for the wounded and all those who suffer and grieve: that the Lord our God will look upon them with compassion, and that He will heal and comfort, strengthen and preserve them, and have mercy on them.

We pray for families and friends and communities suffering bitter sorrow and tragic loss; that the Lord our God may be their shepherd and consolation..

We pray for those who are anxious, confused and fearful: that they may find consolation, hope, and courage in Christ our loving Savior and our God, we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.

We pray for all who serve in the Armed Forces of our country on land and sea and in the air; that the Lord our God will bless them to protect and defend

our land, and bring them safely out of every peril and danger, and ever sustain them with the comfort of His mercy!

We pray for those who have given of their life in defense of our nation and her freedom that the Lord our God may look upon them with mercy, and give them rest where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, but life everlasting, remembering their readiness to give their lives for the lives of others, and that the Lord our God will crown them with glory and honor!

Again we pray for ourselves and one another: that our sins may be forgiven, our hearts cleansed, and our minds turned to righteousness; that the Lord our God will protect, comfort, and guide us; that we may show goodness in the face of evil, and be delivered from temptation to hate and seek vengeance; that in the pursuit of justice we be found worthy of a blessing; and that we, bearing the Name of Christ, may live in hope and may be found His worthy and honorable servants in times of trial and temptation.

For Thou art the protection, the Victory and the Salvation of those who hope on Thee, and we glorify Thee: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Fr. Jason, Matushka Katia

Anna and Alexandra Vansuch

Cordially Invite You to a

Parish Open House/ Church School Picnic

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Sunday, June 27, 2021

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

2 Nottingham Terrace

Buffalo, NY

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Luncheon Refreshments will be served

Games and Activities for Children and Fellowship for Everyone!!

Please RSVP to Matushka Katia by Wednesday June 23

[Katia.vansuch@gmail.com](mailto:Katia.vansuch@gmail.com)

609-851-3034

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**\*\*General Confession will be served on Sunday June 27 at 9:00 AM.\*\***

**1) The Holy and Great Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**

**Wednesday June 9, 2021**

Moleben in honor of Our Lord Resurrection – 9:30 AM

Great Vespers with Litiya – 6:00 PM

**Thursday June 10, 2021**

Festal Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

**2) The Holy and Great Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

**Wednesday June 23, 2021**

Great Vespers with Litiya – 6:00 PM

**Thursday June 24, 2021**

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

**3) The Holy and Great Feast of Ss Peter and Paul**

**Monday June 28, 2021 (STRICT FAST DAY)**

Great Vespers with Litiya – 6:00 PM

**Tuesday June 29, 2021**

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM



**4) Annual Parish Open House/Church School Picnic/Moleben - SUNDAY  
JUNE 27**

\*Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday June 27, we will be holding Our Annual Parish Open House at the Rectory/Church School Picnic. We will also be holding the End-of-the year Moleben Prayer Service of Thanksgiving for the Church School. An email and mailing will be going out with More details and information.

Please plan on joining us for the celebration as we have a day planned filled with activities for everyone, good food, and lots of Fellowship.

**A Very Special Celebration of the  
The Great Feast of Holy Pentecost**

**JUNE 20, 2021**

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the

"birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

To read the rest:

[http://www.goarch.org/special/listen\\_learn\\_share/pentecost](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/pentecost)

LINKS TO LEARN ABOUT PENTECOST:

[http://www.goarch.org/special/listen\\_learn\\_share/pentecost](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/pentecost)

[http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints\\_view?contentid=961&PCode=7PS&D=S  
&date=6/8/2014](http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints_view?contentid=961&PCode=7PS&D=S&date=6/8/2014)

<http://lent.goarch.org/family/pentecost.asp>

***Join the celebration!!***

**MANY LANGUAGES**

When we come together for the Pot-Luck Luncheon on the Feast of Holy Pentecost (SUNDAY JUNE 20), we will be singing 'The Our Father' in the various languages of our parish that represent the different ancestral

backgrounds altogether simultaneously to represent The Holy Spirit coming down upon the faithful on that First Day of Pentecost and divided the tongues. If you know 'The Our Father' in your native language or another language, please let Fr. Jason know so that he can compile a list. So far we have the following languages:

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| English   | Greek     |
| Russian   | Eritrean  |
| Albanian  | Spanish   |
| Bulgarian | Ukrainian |
| Georgian  | Romanian  |
| Arabic    |           |

### **ETHNIC FOODS**

We invite you to bring in an ethnic food to share during coffee hour. We hope to see foods from all different ethnicities that reflect the fact that our parish represents people from all different ancestral backgrounds.

***If you will be bringing in a pot-luck dish, please let Mat. Katia know by either speaking with her or emailing her: [katia.vansuch@gmail.com](mailto:katia.vansuch@gmail.com) or call/text her (609.851.3034)***

A list of the foods will be sent out separately in preparation for our Annual Festive Ethnic Luncheon.

### **WEAR GREEN TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY JUNE 20**

Many times you will hear Pentecost being called "Green Sunday." So we hope you will wear green to help enhance the special celebration. (Do you think that green is only for the Irish to wear green for a holiday?)

### **BRING GREEN CUTTINGS**

If you can, please cut some greens from your property and bring them in with you on SATURDAY JUNE 19... that we can use to help decorate the church; any length would good☺

**We hope to see everyone on Sunday June 20, wearing green, bringing in a favorite ethnic food, and joining in this special Holy Day of Holy Pentecost.**

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### **Father's Day Luncheon - SUNDAY JUNE 20**

\*Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday June 20, we will be having our Annual Father's Day Luncheon in the Parish Fellowship Hall in connection with our Annual Festive Ethnic Luncheon. Please plan on joining us for the Divine Liturgy during which we will remember all of our beloved fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, and men of our parish and families as we ask God's blessings upon all of them for continued good health and happiness as well as rest eternal and blessed repose to our beloved fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, and men of our parish and families who now lie asleep in the Lord.

# 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)***