

## UPDATE ON FULL RE-OPENING OF OUR PARISH – JUNE 2021

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 and the new directives and announcements from Governor Andrew Cuomo:

1. With these new directives and announcements from Governor Andrew Cuomo, we will no longer be requiring a mask mandate. However, to ensure that everyone feels comfortable and safe while attending Divine Services and Fellowship Activities at our parish, we will make the wearing of masks a voluntary decision. If someone wishes to continue to wear a mask, that is their choice and their right to. If someone chooses not to wear a mask, that is their choice not to wear a mask. This is to ensure that we, as a parish family and as brothers and sisters in Christ, minister in every way possible through love to those who come to St. George Orthodox Church to grow in their faith and love of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. Out of love, care, concern, and the well-being of EVERYONE, The Clergy, when distributing Holy Communion and Holding The Cross at the Veneration of the Cross/Dismissal and whenever there is interaction between The Clergy and parishioners, The Clergy will be wearing a mask to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of everyone. As a parish family, let us continue to love one another, respect one another, and pray for and with one another! As I have mentioned previously, the topic of vaccinated vs unvaccinated has no place in our parish. That is a private and individual matter and choice and above that is a HIPAA Privacy Law!

We will also continue to have hand sanitizer and masks available for everyone who wishes to use them to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of everyone who comes to St. George Orthodox Church for Divine Services and Fellowship Activities. These precautions are for the health, safety, and well-being of everyone who comes and enters our Church to pray and worship God.

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.
6. We will be passing the Stewardship Collection Plate during The Litany before The Lord's Prayer
7. The Church, Parish Hall, and Restrooms will continue to be cleaned and sanitized every week

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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## 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

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**12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation.** Hieromartyr Autonomus, Bishop in Italy (313). Ven. Vassian (Bassian) of Tiksnensk (Vologdá—1624). Translation of the Relics of Righteous Simeon of Verkhotú’r’e (1704). Martyr Julian of Galatia and forty Martyrs with him (4th c.). Hieromartyr Theodore of Alexandria. St. Coronatus, Bishop of Nicomedia (3rd c.). Ven. Afanásy of Vysótsk, Wonderworker of Serpukhóv

<b>EPISTLE:</b> Galatians 6:11-18 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Philippians 2:5-11	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	<b>GOSPEL:</b> John 3:13-17 Matthew 19:16-26 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
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## **GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!**

**\*\*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 Church

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**Altar Candles** are offered by Anthony DelNuovo in Loving Memory of Thy Departed Servants of his family. May their memory be eternal.

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**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH**

## **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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**The Hours - 9:10 AM Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM**

**Prayers for Beginning of School/Opening of Church School**

**Memorial Litia for Thy Newly-Departed Ever-Memorable Handmaiden of God, Catherine, along with departed members of Kathryn Seweryniak's family and Thy Newly-Departed Servant of God Dennis Chrush and his beloved wife Thy Handmaiden of God Lynn Eve Chrush on the anniversary of her falling asleep in The Lord as well as all of those who perished in the 9/11 Attacks on our Nation on the 20th Anniversary.**

**Blessing of School Backpacks**

**Blessing of New Chandeliers in Church**

**Special Coffee Hour Luncheon in Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy Presentation on OCMC**

### **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

**THE EVE OF THE GREAT FEAST OF THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-CREATING OF OUR LORD**

**Great Vespers with Litiya and The Procession of The Life-Giving Cross of Our Lord - 6:00 PM**

### **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021** (STRICT FAST DAY)

**THE GREAT FEAST OF THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF OUR LORD**

**Festal Divine Liturgy – 9:00 AM**

**Fill Salad Containers - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Set-Up Hall for Chiavetta's Fundraiser - 7:00-8:00 pm**

### **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

**Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Drive-Thru 4:00 to 7:00 PM**

### **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**Great Vespers - 4:00 PM**

### **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

**The Hours - 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy - 10:00 AM**

**Church School (in person and via Google Classroom) following Divine Liturgy**

**Coffee Hour Fellowship in the Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy!**

**Coffee Hour Host: The Mellas Family Coffee Hour Donation:**

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

**HIERARCHS**

Metropolitan HERMAN Archbishop BENJAMIN Bishop DANIEL Archbishop ALEJO

**CLERGY**

Archpriest Herman, Matushka Cynthia and George, Elizabeth	Archpriest Leonid	Archpriest David
Archpriest Alexey and his family	Archpriest Vladimir and Matushka Jeanne	
Archpriest Timmothy/Mat. Michelle	Presbyter John and Presbyter Nancy	
Archpriest Ken and Matushka Natalie	Presbyter Andreja, Popadija Anica and Family	
Archpriest Timmothy	Priest Peter and Mat. Mary	
Dn. Sean and Mat. Heather		

**MATUSHKI**

Mat. Katia	Mat. Paraskeva	Mat. Joanna	Popadia Vicki	Mat. Christine	Mat. Patricia	Mat. Gloria
Catherine	Ivan/Marina/Inna	Bonnie/Silviu		Coard Karen	Aliscia	Walter/Paul
Edwina	Irene	Luba		Jim, Darren, Marsha	Frank	June
Serena/Asma	Lillian	Reader Victor		Nicholas, Andrew	Marilyn	Allison
Sarah		Albert		Boris	Oscar	
Xenia, Justin, Danielle, John		Larry Joseph		Frank	Billy	Clyde
Victor		Catherine		Susan	Svetlana	Juliana
Evelyn		Robert		Rebecca	Paul	Brian
Jeanne Angela, Jason, Michelle		Linda		Justin	Olga	John, Helen
Joseph, John, Margaret, Thomas, Victoria				Ashley	Steven	Barbara
Melody		Lee		Lee, Bridget	Matthew	William
Kelly, Robert, Boris, Zaeb, Tirza,	Sabas Sada	Thlisinitsa,	Gemmal, Geesa, and Patric			
Olga and Eugene	Jeremy Stewart		Susan	Mary John	Tita	
Susan Justin Louis Yuri/Elena	Alex		John, Kevin Irene Sean			
Jaime/Sammy Rosemary	Harry Anthony		James			
Aspasia/Stavros	Charles Seraphim	Emma/Alexander	Chris/Kinsley			
Vadym Iryna Yuriy Anastasia	Elias, John, Joseph, Nadim, Theresa					
Mary, Hal, Autumn, Ariana, and Amber, Ferris Judithann Anita, Jeffry, Dominic, Douglas, Rachel						
Brian John, Roberta, Barbara John, Michael John	Lee, Benjamin, Harry Patrick					
George Costa Jonathan, Kevin, Lary, Carly, Sherry, Mary Jo	Clara, Karl, Dragica, Mary					
Stephen, Larry, Olga, Olga, Sally, Deborah, David	Ronald, Candice					
Rdr Nicholas, Judithann, Michael, Mary, Cate, Michael, Gary, Damian, Olga						

Children of God – Harry, Keely, Illa, Talia Anne and the child to be born of her

**Diocese of NY&NJ Prayer List** Archpriest Jonathan Archpriest Paul  
 Archpriest Samuel Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra  
 Archpriest George Archpriest Paul Mat. Gerry

**Those Serving in The Armed Forces** **Catechumens**  
 Kenneth, Nadine, Jason, Robert, Andrew, Justin, Shawn, Juanita Martha, Selathiel, Nathaniel, Rebecca  
 Austin, Chris, John, Daniel, Gjorgie, Thomas

**FOR THY DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD:**

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Ever-Memorable Archpriest Bernard
Ever-Memorable Archpriest Eugene	Ever-Memorable Archpriest George
Ever-Memorable Priest John	Ever-Memorable Archpriest George
Ever-Memorable Archpriest Rastko	Matushka Dorothy
Ever-Memorable Dn. Mark	Martha, Akhtar, Barkat, Rehmat
Priest Leonid Gregory, Priest Peter, Archpriest Kirill, Dn. Michael, John Robert, Sister Thomas, Frank, Jenny, Charles, Florence, Michael Stevens, William, George, Marion	Ever-Memorable Pdn Gregory
<b><u>Newly-Departed Servants of God</u></b>	Ever-Memorable Sbdn Gregory
Nadya, Donald, Helen, Dennia, Protospesbyter Leonid, Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Sergei	

\*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 The Resurrection – Tone 3**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

**Troparion for The Feast of The Nativity of The Theotokos – Tone 4**

Your Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from You, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing.// By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

**Kontakion for The Resurrection – Tone 3**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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

**Kontakion for The Feast of The Nativity of The Theotokos – Tone 3**

By Your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve – from the corruption of death. And you're your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to You:// "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

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

**Steadfast Protectress Tone 6 (Hymn to the Theotokos)**

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator. Despise not the entreating cry of us sinners, but in Your Goodness come speedily to help us who call on You in faith! Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos!! For You always protect those who honor You!

**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!*

**THE SECOND PROKEMEINON Tone 3**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

**ALLELUIA VERSES**

*I have exalted one chosen out of My people.*

*For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.*

*Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!*

**THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

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

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God!

Virginity is foreign to mothers; childbearing is strange for virgins.

But in thee, O Theotokos, both were accomplished.//

Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify thee.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**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!**

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**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.

## **PARISH THEME FOR 2021: Orthodox Christian Stewardship**

**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 parish 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 Retreats, gatherings, and fellowship and by supporting our Parish in her many endeavors through which, by the Grace of God, we will bring the light and love of Our Lord to all!

## **EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY**

*{Galatians 6:11-18 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Philippians 2:5-11}*

### **BRETHREN:**

I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God

forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

### **BRETHREN:**

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY**

*{John 3:13-17 Matthew 19:16-26 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28}*

### **Let us Attend!**

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,'

'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**At that time:**

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!"

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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

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

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 and Feastday SERVICES**
- 2) Updates on Schedule of Services Events**
- 3) Parish Monthly Update**

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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 FOLLOWING THE  
MONTHLY PARISH COUCIL MEETINGS!**

**INCOME FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 – \$898.00  
DONATION TO THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND (Kitchen) - \$1000.00**

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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**\*\*General Confession will be served on Sunday SEPTEMBER 26 at 9:10 AM.\*\***

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**\*\*THE NEXT ISSUE OF "THE TROPHY BEARER" SEPTEMBER WILL BE SENT OUT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER AUGUST\*\***

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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, WE WILL RESUME THE FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE FOR THE TIME CHANGE OF DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 AM!\*\***

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For new updates on The Life of our Diocese, Please look up the below weblink for the website of The Diocese of New York and New Jersey:

<https://www.nynjoca.org>

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

## **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 McAuley Residence 1503 Military Rd. Buffalo, NY 14217 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. Bonnie Dan 15 Pine Street North Tonawanda, NY 14150 716.693.1377	Mr. Albert Fadell 317.376.2562
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Andrew Wityk Ellicott Center 200 Seventh Street Buffalo, NY 14201	Mrs. Tita Abraham 84 Stonington Lane Getzville, NY 14068
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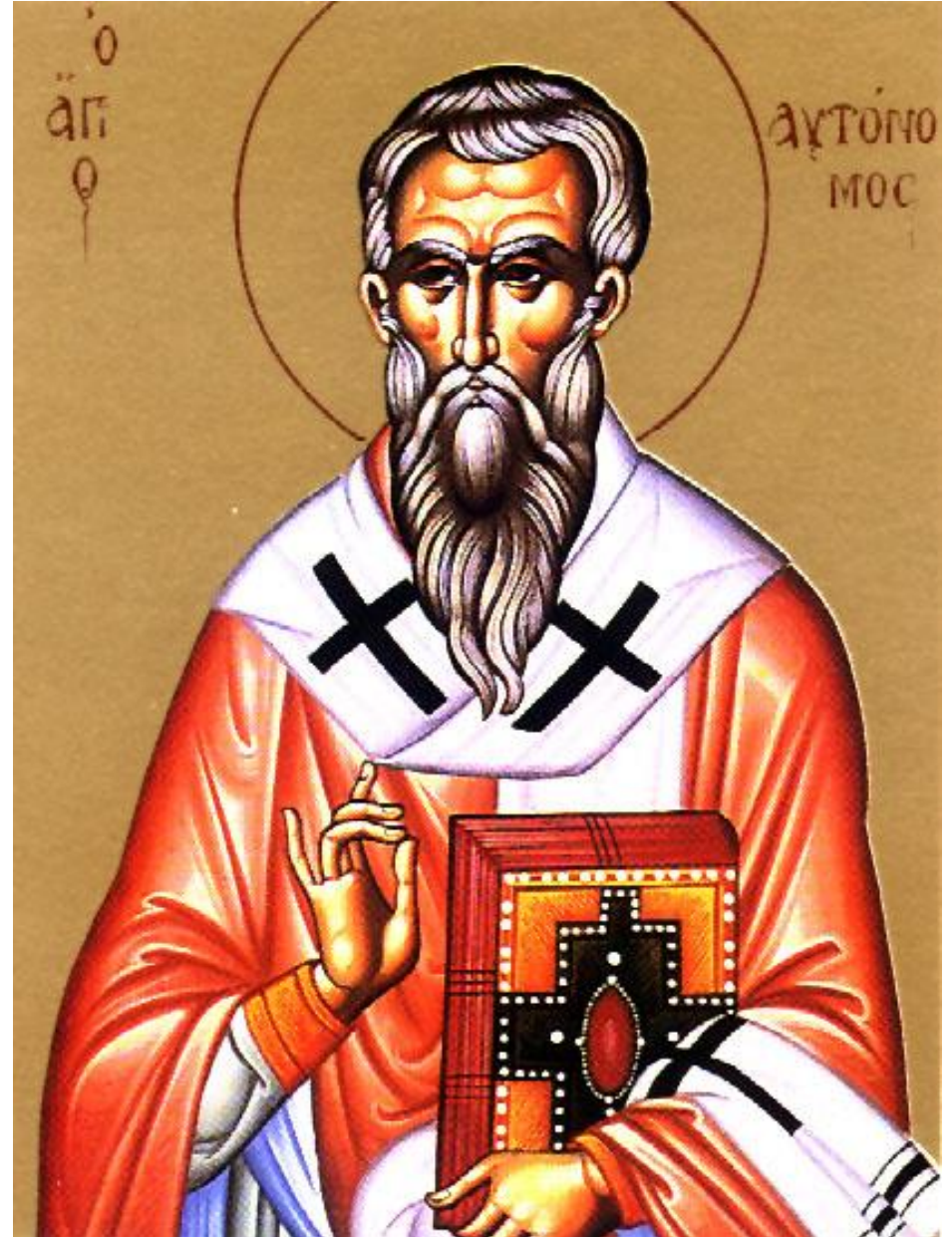
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### **WEEKLY VIDEO SERMONS GIVEN BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL**

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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## **ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH EDUCATION CORNER**



## Hieromartyr Autonomus, Bishop in Italy

September 12

The Hieromartyr Autonomus was a bishop in Italy. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), Saint Autonomus left his own country and resettled in Bithynia, in the locality of Soreus with a man named Cornelius. Saint Autonomus did his apostolic duty with zeal and converted to Christ so many pagans, that a large Church was formed, for which he consecrated a temple in the name of the Archangel Michael. For this church, the saint at first ordained Cornelius as deacon, and then presbyter. Preaching about Christ, Saint Autonomus visited also Lykaonia and Isauria.

The emperor Diocletian gave orders to arrest Saint Autonomus, but the saint withdrew to Claudiopolis on the Black Sea. In returning to Soreus, he had the priest Cornelius ordained bishop. Saint Autonomus then went to Asia, and when he had returned from there, he began to preach in the vicinity of Limna, near Soreus.

Once, the newly-converted destroyed a pagan temple. The pagans decided to take revenge on the Christians. Seizing their chance, the pagans rushed upon the church of the Archangel Michael when Saint Autonomus was serving Divine Liturgy there. After torturing Saint Autonomus they killed him, reddening the altar of the church with his martyr's blood. The deaconess Maria removed the body of the holy martyr from beneath a pile of stones and buried it.

During the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, a church was built over the tomb of the saint. In the year 430, a certain priest had the old church pulled down. Not realizing that the martyr's body had been buried beneath the church, he rebuilt the church in a new spot. But after another 60 years the relics of the saint were found incorrupt, and a church was then built in the name of the Hieromartyr Autonomus.

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost If Thou Wilt Be Perfect Matthew 19: 16-26

From The Explanation of the Gospel of St. Matthew  
by Blessed Theophylact, Archbishop of Ochrid and Bulgaria

**16. And, behold, one came and said unto Him, Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And He said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? There is none good but One, that is, God.**

The man did not come testing Christ, but desiring to learn and thirsting for eternal life. He approached Christ as if Christ were a mere man. That is why the Lord says, Why callest thou Me good? There is none good but One, that is, God. This means, "If you call Me good thinking I am one of the teachers, you speak wrongly, for no man is essentially good; both because we are changeable and easily turned away from good, and because, by comparison with God's goodness, human goodness is counted as wickedness."

**17-19. But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto Him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother, and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

The Lord directs the enquirer to the commandments of the law, so that the Jews could not say that He despised the law. What happened then?

**20. The young man saith unto Him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?**

Some accuse him of boasting and arrogance. How could he have achieved love for neighbor if he were rich? For no one who loves his neighbor as himself is wealthier than his neighbor. Others understand it

thus: suppose, he says, that I have kept all these things”what do I still lack?

**21-22. Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow Me. But when the man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.**

Everything, He says, which you say you have accomplished, you have done by fulfilling only the letter of the law, as do the Jews. But if thou wilt be perfect, that is, if you wish to be My disciple and a Christian, then go and sell all that you have, and give everything all at once, keeping nothing back with which to give alms continuously. He did not say, "give repeatedly to the poor," but give once and for all and be stripped of your wealth. Since there are some who give alms but lead a life full of every kind of filth, He adds, and come and follow Me, that is, possess every other virtue as well. The young man, however, was sorrowful, for though he desired eternal life and the soil of his heart was deep and fertile, the thorns of wealth were choking him. For it says, he had great possessions. He who has few possessions is not similarly restrained by them, for the bond of many possessions is more tyrannical. Because the Lord was conversing with a rich man, He said, "Do you love wealth? Know that you will have treasure in heaven."

**23-24. Then said Jesus unto His disciples, Verily I say unto you, That it is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.**

As long as a man is rich and he has in excess while others do not have even the necessities, he can in no way enter the kingdom of heaven. But when all riches have been shed, then he is not rich and so he can enter. For it is just as impossible for a man with wealth to enter the kingdom of heaven as it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. See how Christ first said it was difficult to enter, but here that it is completely impossible. Some say that camel is not the animal, but the thick cable used by sailors to cast their anchors.

**25-26. When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible: but with God all things are possible.**

The disciples, being compassionate, did not ask this question for their own sake, for they were poor, but for all men. The Lord therefore teaches us not to gauge salvation by human weakness, but by God's power. If one only begins to cease from greed, he will advance to reducing his excess, and from there he will proceed to eliminating even his necessities, and thus he will be prospered along the way by God acting in collaboration with him.

## **The Universal Exaltation of The Precious and Life-Giving Cross of Our Lord September 14**

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord: The pagan Roman emperors tried to completely eradicate from human memory the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and was resurrected for mankind. The Emperor Hadrian (117-138) gave orders to cover over the ground of Golgotha and the Sepulchre of the Lord, and to build a temple of the pagan goddess Venus and a statue of Jupiter. Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols there. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the great Christian sacred remains, the Sepulchre of the Lord and the Life-Creating Cross were again discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under the Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337) after his victory in the year 312 over Maxentius, ruler of the Western part of the Roman empire, and over Licinius, ruler of its Eastern part. In the year 323 Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire.

In 313 he had issued the Edict of Milan, by which the Christian religion was legalized and the persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the empire were stopped. The ruler Licinius, although he had signed the Edict of Milan to oblige Constantine, still fanatically continued the persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the 313 Edict of toleration extend also to the Eastern part of the empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, having gained victory over his enemies in three wars with God's assistance, had seen in the heavens the Sign of the Cross, and written beneath: "By this you shall conquer." Ardently desiring to find the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, St Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to St Macarius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Although the holy empress Helen was already in her declining years, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. The empress gave orders to destroy the pagan temple and the statues in Jerusalem. Searching for the Life-Creating Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body (March 6).

In order to discern on which of the three crosses the Savior was crucified, Patriarch Macarius alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead one, he came to life. Having beheld the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross was found. Christians came in a huge throng to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching St Macarius to elevate the Cross, so that even those far off might reverently contemplate it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders raised up the Holy Cross, and the people, saying "Lord have mercy," reverently prostrated before the Venerable Wood. This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

During the discovery of the Life-Creating Cross another miracle took place: a grievously sick woman, beneath the shadow of the Holy Cross, was healed instantly. The elder Jude and other Jews there believed in Christ and accepted Holy Baptism. Jude received the name Cyriacus and afterwards was consecrated Bishop of Jerusalem. During the reign of Julian the Apostate (361-363) he accepted a martyr's death for Christ (see October 28). The holy empress Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings and where the Mother of God was buried after her death. St Helen took part of the Life-Creating Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. The holy emperor Constantine gave orders to build at Jerusalem a majestic and spacious church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-Giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The temple was constructed in about ten years. St Helen did not survive until the dedication of the temple, she died in the year 327. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, September 14, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross was established. Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine emperor Phocas (602-610) the Persian emperor Khosroes II in a war against the Greeks defeated the Greek army, plundered Jerusalem and captured both the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633). The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years and only under the emperor Heraclius (610-641), who with the help of God defeated Khosroes and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Cross of the Lord returned to the Christians. With great solemnity the Life-creating Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Heraclius in imperial crown and royal purple carried the Cross of Christ into the temple of the Resurrection. With the emperor went Patriarch Zacharios. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the emperor suddenly stopped and was not able to proceed farther. The holy Patriarch explained to the emperor that an angel of the Lord was blocking his way. The emperor was told to remove his royal trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world from sin had made His way to Golgotha in all

humility. Then Heraclius donned plain garb, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church. In a sermon on the Exaltation of the Cross, St Andrew of Crete (July 4) says: “The Cross is exalted, and everything true gathers together, the Cross is exalted, and the city makes solemn, and the people celebrate the feast”.

*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***

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=== Scriptural Readings for the Week ===

<b>Monday</b>	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 3:6-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5	Mark 3:13-19
	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7	Mark 3:20-27
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Corinthians 10:7-18	Mark 3:28-35
<b>Friday</b>	2 Corinthians 11:5-21	Mark 4:1-9
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Corinthians 2:6-9	Matthew 22:15-22
<b>Sunday</b>	Galatians 2:16-20	Mark 8:34-9:1
	1 Corinthians 16:13-24	Matthew 21:33-42

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**UPCOMING EVENTS WITHIN OUR PARISH**

**1) We will be holding a “Non-Contact Food Drive” for The Feed More of Western NY on Saturday October 16**

**from 10:00 am to 1:00 PM. An email will go out with more information and a list of items needed along with information for what help and assistance will be needed on that day. For more any questions or for more information or to help out, please see or contact Fr. Jason.**

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**SEPTEMBER 2021**

- 13 – Eve of the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious Cross of Our Lord**  
**\*\*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Miraculous Oil-Streaming Icon of The Theotokos\*\***  
 Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession of Cross at 6:00 PM
- 14 – The Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious Cross of Our Lord (Strict Fast)**  
 Festal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM
- 14 – Mats for Mission Outreach Ministry Project**  
 (6:30 to 8:00 PM)
- 18 - Non-Contact Food Drive (10:00 am to 1:00 pm)**  
**Monthly Parish Council Meeting (5:00 PM)**  
 Following Great Vespers at 4:00 PM
- 19 – The Hours – 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**  
 Hoagie Sale Luncheon in the Parish Fellowship Hall following Liturgy
- 20 – Monthly Community Healing Prayer Service at 6:30 PM**
- 26 – General Confession – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**  
**\*Education Sermon on Sunday September 26: The Liturgical Year\***
- 30 – Eve of the Great Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos**  
 Great Vespers at 6:00 PM

## **OCTOBER 2021**

### **1 – The Great Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos**

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM

### **6 – Feast of St. Innocent, Apostle to America**

Moleben Service at 9:00 AM

### **8 – Sixth-Year Anniversary of the Falling Asleep in the Lord of Dn. Mark**

Full Panahyda Memorial Prayer Service – 9:00 AM

### **9 – Feast of St. Tikhon, Apostle to America**

Moleben to St. Tikhon – 9:00 AM

### **9 – Parish Council Meeting (5:00pm)**

### **3 – Youth Sunday (Children Sermon and Children Sing during the Liturgy)**

Memorial Litia for the Sixth-Year Anniversary of the Falling Asleep in the Lord of Dn. Mark

Church School Q&A with Fr. Jay (The Ranks of Saints)

### **11 – Monthly Community Healing Prayer Service at 6:30 PM**

### **13 - Monthly Dinner at Kevin Guest House (5:30 to 7:30 PM)**

### **16 – 1<sup>st</sup> CROP Hunger Walk and Food Drive for Feed More of WNY**

### **19 – Mats for Mission Outreach Ministry Project (6:30 to 8:00 PM)**

### **23– Memorial Saturday**

Full Panahyda Memorial Prayer Service at 3:00 PM

Great Vespers at 4:00 PM

### **\*Education Sermon on Sunday October 24: The 12 Major Feast Days\***

**\*\*Bible Study Class – Monday October 4&18**

**\*\*St. George Book Club – Monday October 11&25**

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**\*\*PLEASE SHARE THESE EVENTS WITH EVERYONE!\*\***

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