

## **SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS FOR OUR PARISH**

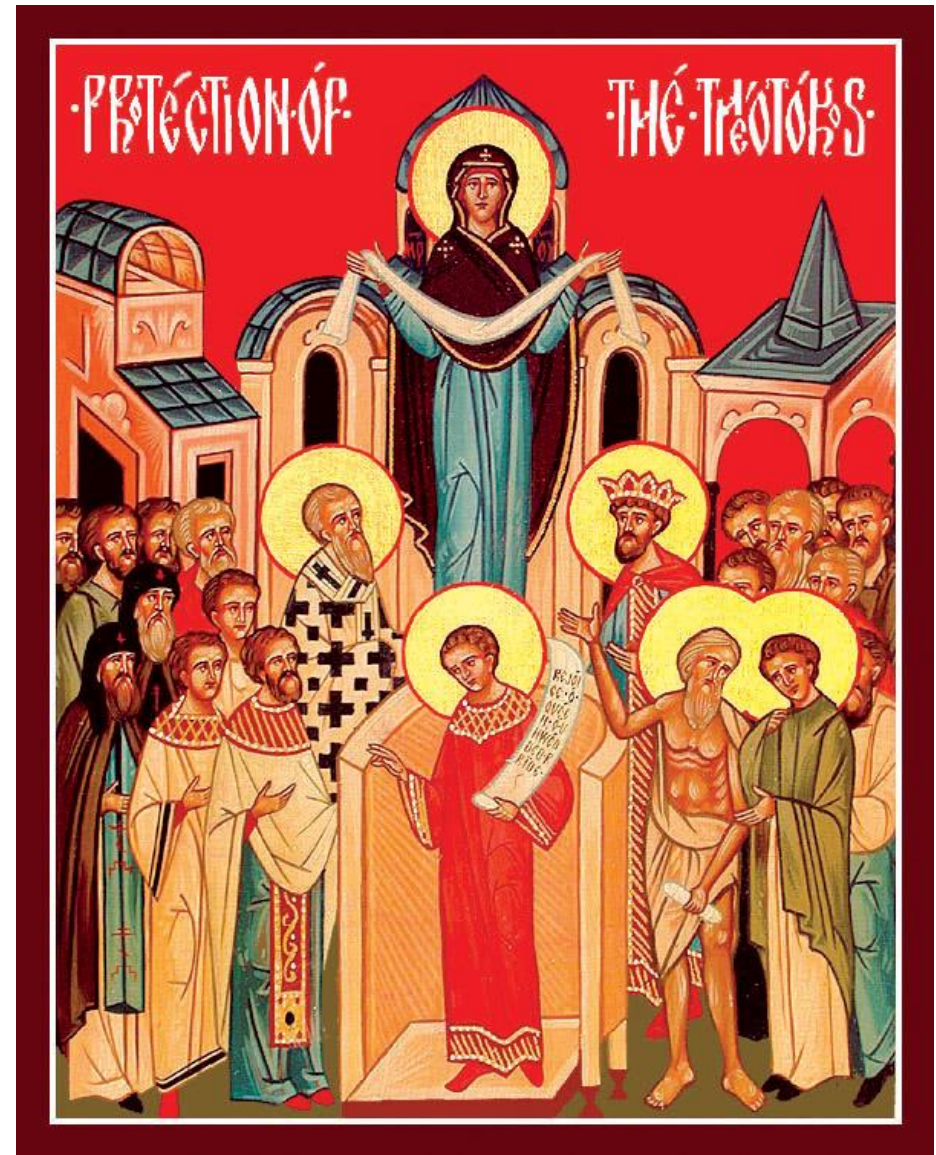
We are celebrating The Divine Services with FULL CAPACITY in The Church. ALL Pews will be open and available for everyone to stand together. So that we can, to the Glory of God, pray together, sing together and stand together as parish family, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Until further notice, we continue to follow the following guidelines based upon The Diocesan Directives/Guidelines and the new directives and announcements

- 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.
  - \* The choir will continue to sing up front until such time we can move them back to the choir area
  - \* 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.
  - \* We will continue to use 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.
  - \* We will be passing the Stewardship Collection Plate during The Litany before The Lord's Prayer
  - \* The Church will continue to be cleaned and sanitized every week
  - \* The Parish Fellowship Hall will continue to be cleaned and sanitized every week by hiring our Professional Cleaner (Rocco) who will come in every week on Saturday Night to clean and sanitize the Parish Fellowship Hall and Restrooms. When Hosting Coffee Hour, we will need to be wearing masks as well as use gloves and proper utensils. Following Coffee Hour, the table and chairs will need to be properly sanitized as well as put away properly along with the kitchen and countertops need to be cleaned and properly sanitized.
  - \* 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. We do NOT need to sign-up beforehand but rather we will need to sign in at The Candle Desk when we come to church. This sign-up is important for us and our parish not only to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to come to come to Church to pray, participate in The Divine Liturgy and to receive Holy Communion but also to ensure that I have a record of everyone who attends the Divine Liturgy in case, God-forbid, someone becomes ill I would need to contact everyone who was in attendance. 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!

\*\*If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see or contact Fr. Jason, Paul or any member of the Parish Council!\*\*

May God continue to bless and guide all of you!\*\*



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## THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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

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

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**15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6.** Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens, and with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon (96). Ven. Dionysii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—15th c.). St. John the Chozebite, Bishop of Cæsarea, Palestine

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<b>EPISTLE:</b> 2 Corinthians 4:6-15	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	<b>GOSPEL:</b> Luke 6:31-36
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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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### **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 OCTOBER 3, 2021** YOUTH SUNDAY

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

Church School Class (in person and via Google Classroom) following Divine Liturgy  
**SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – PARISH HALL KITCHEN PROJECT**

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

Coffee Hour Host: Drew and Molly

Coffee Hour Donation:

### **MONDAY OCTOBER 4, 2021**

St. George Bible Study – 6:30 PM {Via Zoom} – The Gospel of Mark

### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 5, 2021**

Daily Matins – 9:00 AM

### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2021**

**FEAST OF ST. INNOCENT**

Moleben with Akathist Service to St. Innocent – 6:00 PM

### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 7, 2021**

Akathist to St. George – 9:00 AM

### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 9, 2021**

Great Vespers - 4:00 PM

### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 10, 2021**

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

Q&A with Fr. Jay (in person and via Google Classroom) following Divine Liturgy

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

Coffee Hour Host: Fr. Jason

Coffee Hour Donation: Kitchen Project

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

**HIERARCHS**

Metropolitan HERMAN Archbishop BENJAMIN Bishop DANIEL Archbishop ALEJO

**CLERGY** Archbishop MICHAEL

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 Thisinitsa,	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,	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**

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
Donald, Helen, Dennis, Protospesbyter Leonid, Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Sergei, Gary	

\*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 6**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

**Troparion for Hieromartyr Dionysius — Tone 4**

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things, thou wast arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. From the Chosen Vessel thou didst draw ineffable mysteries; thou didst keep the Faith, and didst finish a course equal to his. // Hieromartyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

**Kontakion for The Resurrection — Tone 6**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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

**Kontakion for Hieromartyr Dionysius — Tone 8**

As a disciple of the Apostle caught up to the third heaven, thou didst spiritually enter the gate of heaven, O Dionysius. Thou wast enriched with understanding of ineffable mysteries and didst enlighten those who sat in the darkness of ignorance. // Therefore we cry to thee: “Rejoice, universal Father!”

*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!*

## ALLELUIA VERSES

*He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.*

*He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."*

## THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

It is truly meet to bless You, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Without defilement, You gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify You!

## COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! 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.nynioca.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.nynioca.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**

*2 Corinthians 4:6-15*

### **BRETHREN:**

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

**GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY**

*Luke 6:31-36*

**Let us Attend!**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?

For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

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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 SERVICES**
- 2) **Zoom information for Education Classes and Book Club**
- 3) **Updates on Schedule of Services Events**
- 4) **Parish Monthly Update**

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

**INCOME FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 – \$1112.70  
Commercial Savings Account Deposit - \$500.00  
Chiavettia's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser (September 2021) - \$5214.89  
DONATION TO THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND (Kitchen) - \$61.00**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ST. ANDREW'S CAMP

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

The video can be found here on Facebook:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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\*\*Also, make sure we check out the 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:)

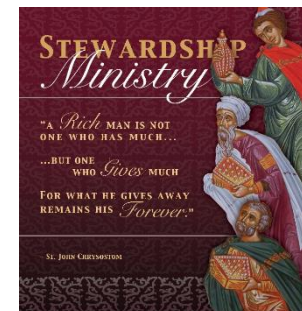
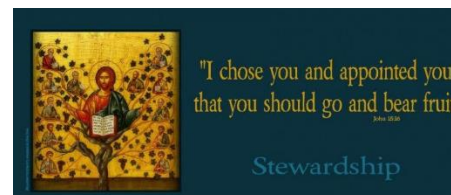
## DIOCESAN ASSISTANCE/RELIEF FOR HURRICANE IDA VICTIMS

In response to The Archpastoral Letter from His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL regarding Emergency Hurricane Ida Relief in the Diocese. As a parish, we will be taking a monthly collection throughout October to help and assist our Brothers and Sisters in Christ throughout our Diocese who have been affected by Hurricane Ida ! Matushka and I are hosting Coffee Hour on Sunday October 17 and will designate the collection for Emergency Hurricane Ida Relief in the Diocese. We will be sending a parish donation to the Diocese at the end of October. All donations to the Emergency Hurricane Ida Relief in the Diocese should be in to Barbara by Sunday October 31. Please make checks payable to St. George Orthodox Church and in the memo line - earmark "Diocesan Hurricane Ida Relief Fund"

Come and See how we are all called to be Stewards of The Church by helping and assisting our Brothers and Sisters in Christ throughout our Diocese who have been affected by Hurricane Ida!

May God continue to bless and guide all of you for your continued love, prayerful support, and generosity!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let Fr. Jason know.





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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>

For new updates on The Life of our National Church, Please look up the below weblink for the website of The Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org>

For new updates on The Life of our parish, Please look up the below weblink for the website of St. George Orthodox Church:

<https://www.stgeorgebuffalo.org>

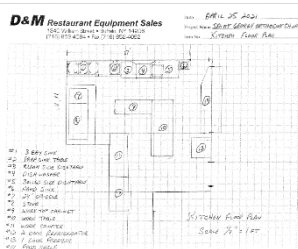
**\*\*If anyone has any questions or concerns or needs any help or assistance, please do not hesitate to see or contact Fr. Jason. May God continue to bless and guide all of you!\*\***

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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 3 and SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2021  
 SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – KITCHEN PROJECT UPDATE**

On Sunday October 3, we will be holding a Special Parish Meeting in-person in the Church to review and discuss the life and mission of our beloved parish of St. George in particular the following items: **The Parish Fellowship Hall Kitchen Project**. We will be holding this meeting with both in-person as well as remote participation to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate in the discussions and decisions for the continued life, mission, and ministry of our beloved parish. All information pertaining to the **The Parish Fellowship Hall Kitchen Project will be emailed out to everyone early next week for your review**. As this is a very important meeting within the life and mission of our parish I look forward to seeing everyone for our meeting as together with one mind, one heart, one voice we will continue the good work of building up the Body of Christ here at St. George Orthodox Church.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3 – APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF KITCHEN EQUIPMENT  
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 24 – APPROVAL OF ENTIRE KITCHEN PROJECT



**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.

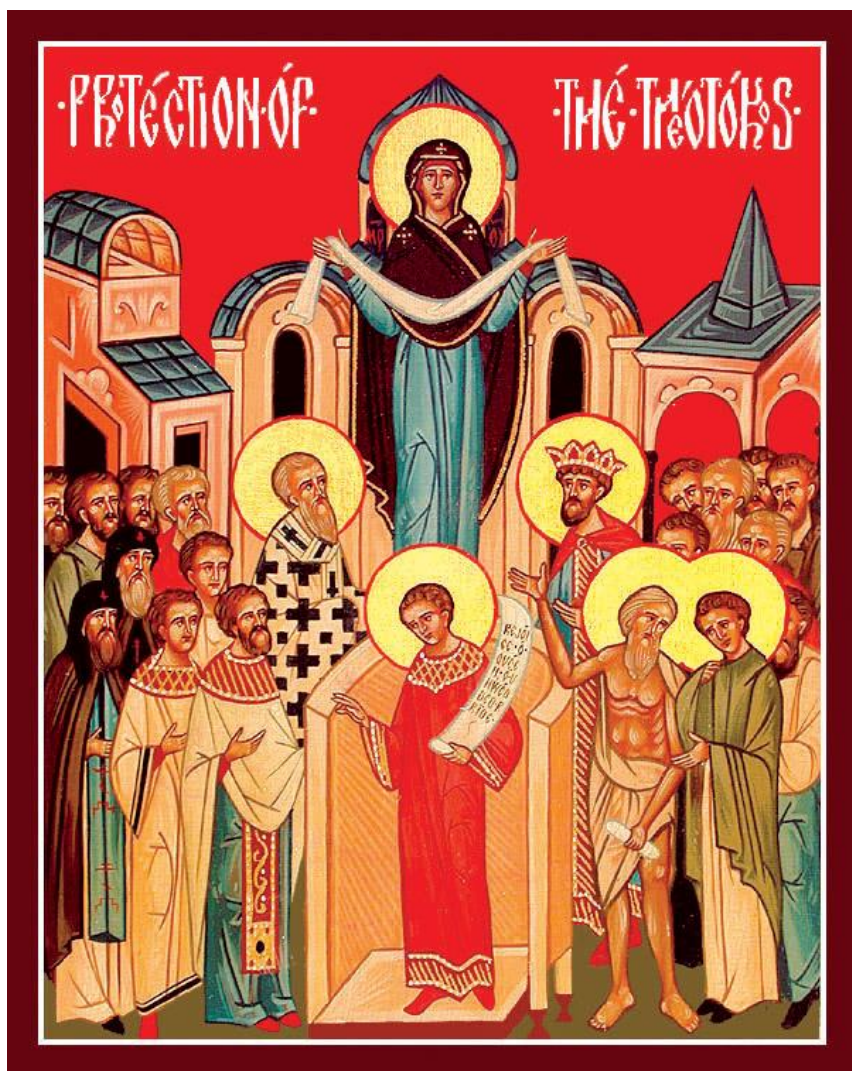
Please refer to the of our Parish Shut-Ins below.

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)**

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|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Diane Salvamoser<br>147 West Hazeltine Avenue<br>Kenmore, NY 14217<br>716.875.9503 | Reader Victor Shanchuk<br>McAuley Residence<br>1503 Military Rd.<br>Buffalo, NY 14217<br>716.881.3096 | Mrs. Luba Japadjief<br>Elderwood Nursing Home (Memory Care Unit)<br>245 Bassett Road<br>Williamsville, NY 14221 (Room 30) |
| Mrs. Bonnie Dan<br>15 Pine Street<br>North Tonawanda, NY 14150<br>716.693.1377          | Mr. Albert Fadell<br>317.376.2562   |   |
| Andrew Wityk<br>Ellicott Center<br>200 Seventh Street<br>Buffalo, NY 14201              | Mrs. Tita Abraham<br>84 Stonington Lane<br>Getzville, NY 14068  |   |

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



### **THE GREAT FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF**

### **THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS**

**OCTOBER 1**

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: "Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!"

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ St Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. St John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." St Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them not go away from my icon unheard."

Sts Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at

prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting St Andrew in contemplation of her.

The Primary Chronicle of St Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks. The Primary Chronicle of St Nestor also notes the miraculous deliverance followed an all-night Vigil and the dipping of the garment of the Mother of God into the waters of the sea at the Blachernae church, but does not mention Sts Andrew and Epiphanius and their vision of the Mother of God at prayer. These latter elements, and the beginnings of the celebrating of the Feast of the Protection, seem to postdate St Nestor and the Chronicle. A further historical complication might be noted under (October 2) dating St Andrew's death to the year 936.

The year of death might not be quite reliable, or the assertion that he survived to a ripe old age after the vision of his youth, or that his vision involved some later pagan Russian raid which met with the same fate. The suggestion that St Andrew was a Slav (or a Scythian according to other sources, such as S. V. Bulgakov) is interesting, but not necessarily accurate. The extent of Slavic expansion and repopulation into Greece is the topic of scholarly disputes.

In the PROLOGUE, a Russian book of the twelfth century, a description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, "For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!"

Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings, "With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land." Moreover, it would seem that St Andrew, contemplating the miraculous vision was a Slav, was taken captive, and became the slave of the local inhabitant of Constantinople named Theognostus.

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its architectural merit is the temple of the Protection at Nerl, which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164.

At Novgorod in the twelfth century there was a monastery of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (the so-called Zverin monastery) In Moscow also under Tsar Ivan the Terrible the cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God was built at the church of the Holy Trinity (known as the church of St Basil the Blessed).

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

## **Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens**

**OCTOBER 3**

Saint Dionysius lived originally in the city of Athens. He was raised there and received a classical Greek education. He then went to Egypt, where he studied astronomy at the city of Heliopolis. It was in Heliopolis, along with his friend Apollophonos where he witnessed the solar eclipse that occurred at the moment of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ by Crucifixion. “Either the Creator of all the world now suffers, or this visible world is coming to an end,” Dionysius said. Upon his return to Athens from Egypt, he was chosen to be a member of the Areopagus Council (Athenian high court).

When the holy Apostle Paul preached at the place on the Hill of Ares (Acts 17:16-34), Dionysius accepted his salvific proclamation and became a Christian. For three years Saint Dionysius remained a companion of the holy Apostle Paul in preaching the Word of God. Later on, the Apostle Paul selected him as bishop of the city of Athens. And in the year 57 Saint Dionysius was present at the repose of the Most Holy Theotokos.

During the lifetime of the Mother of God, Saint Dionysius had journeyed from Athens to Jerusalem to meet Her. He wrote to his teacher the Apostle Paul: “I witness by God, that besides the very God Himself, there is nothing else filled with such divine power and grace. No one can fully comprehend what I saw. I confess before God: when I was with John, who shone among the Apostles like the sun in the sky, when I was brought before the countenance of the Most Holy Virgin, I experienced an inexpressible sensation. Before me gleamed a sort of divine radiance which transfixed my spirit. I perceived the fragrance of indescribable aromas and was filled with such delight that my very body became faint, and my spirit could hardly endure these signs and marks of eternal majesty and heavenly power. The grace from her overwhelmed my heart and shook my very spirit. If I did not have in mind your instruction, I should have mistaken Her for the very God. It is impossible to stand before greater blessedness than this which I beheld.”

After the death of the Apostle Paul, Saint Dionysius wanted to continue with his work, and therefore went off preaching in the West, accompanied by the Presbyter Rusticus and Deacon Eleutherius. They converted many to Christ at Rome, and then in Germany, and then in Spain. In Gaul, during a persecution against Christians by the pagan authorities, all three confessors were arrested and thrown into prison. By night Saint Dionysius celebrated the Divine Liturgy with angels of the Lord. In the morning the martyrs were beheaded. According to an old tradition, Saint Dionysius took up his head, proceeded with it to the church and fell down dead there. A pious woman named Catulla buried the relics of the saint.

The writings of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite hold great significance for the Orthodox Church. Four books of his have survived to the present day:

On the Celestial Hierarchy

On the Ecclesiastical Hierarchy

On the Names of God

On Mystical Theology

In addition, there are ten letters to various people.

The book *On the Celestial Hierarchies* was written actually in one of the countries of Western Europe, where Saint Dionysius was preaching. In it he speaks of the Christian teaching about the angelic world. The angelic (or Celestial-Heavenly) hierarchy comprises the nine angelic Ranks:

Seraphim

Cherubim

Thrones



Dominions

Powers

Authorities

Principalities

Archangels

Angels

The account of the Synaxis of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven is located under November 8.

The purpose of the divinely-established Angelic Hierarchy is the ascent towards godliness through purification, enlightenment and perfection. The highest ranks are bearers of divine light and divine life for the lower ranks. And not only are the sentient, bodiless angelic hosts included in the spiritual light-bearing hierarchy, but also the human race, created anew and sanctified in the Church of Christ.

The book of Saint Dionysius On the Ecclesiastical Hierarchies is a continuation of his book On the Celestial Hierarchies. The Church of Christ, like the Angelic ranks, in its universal service is set upon the foundation of priestly principles established by God.

In the earthly world, for the children of the Church, divine grace comes down indescribably in the holy Mysteries of the Church, which are spiritual in nature, though perceptible to the senses in form. Few, even among the holy ascetics, were able to behold with their earthly eyes the fiery vision of the Holy Mysteries of God. But outside of the Church's sacraments, outside of Baptism and the Eucharist, the light-bearing saving grace of God is not found, neither is divine knowledge nor theosis (deification).

The book On the Names of God expounds upon the way of divine knowledge through a progression of the Divine Names.

Saint Dionysius' book On Mystical Theology also sets forth the teaching about divine knowledge. The theology of the Orthodox Church is totally based upon experience of divine knowledge. In order to know God it is necessary to be in proximity to Him, to have come near to Him in some measure, so as to attain communion with God and deification (theosis). This condition is accomplished through prayer. This is not because prayer in itself brings us close to the incomprehensible God, but rather that the purity of heart in true prayer brings us closer to God.

The written works of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite are of extraordinary significance in the theology of the Orthodox Church, and also for late Medieval Western theology. For almost four centuries, until the beginning of the sixth century, the works of this holy Father of the Church were preserved in an obscure manuscript tradition, primarily by theologians of the Alexandrian Church. The concepts in these works were known and utilized by Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Dionysius the Great, pre-eminent figures of the catechetical school in Alexandria, and also by Saint Gregory the Theologian. Saint Dionysius of Alexandria wrote to Saint Gregory the Theologian a Commentary on the "Areopagitum." The works of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite received general Church recognition during the sixth-seventh centuries.

Particularly relevant are the Commentaries written by Saint Maximus the Confessor (January 21). (trans. note: although many scholars suggest that the "Areopagitum" was actually written by an anonymous sixth century figure who employed the common ancient device of piously borrowing an illustrious name, this in no way diminishes the profound theological significance of the works.)

In the Russian Orthodox Church the teachings of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite about the spiritual principles and deification were at first known through the writings of Saint John of Damascus (December 4). The first Slavonic translation of the "Areopagitum" was done on Mt. Athos in about the year 1371 by a monk named Isaiah. Copies of it were widely distributed in Russia. Many of them have been preserved to the present day in historic manuscript collections, among which is a parchment manuscript "Works of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite" belonging to Saint Cyprian, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Rus (September 16) in his own handwriting.

According to one tradition, he was killed at Lutetia (ancient name of Paris, France) in the year 96 during the persecution under the Roman emperor Dometian (81-96). Today most scholars and theologians believe that Saint Dionysius the Areopagite did not die in Gaul, and that Saint Dionysius (or Denys) of Paris is a different saint with the same name.

Saint Demetrius of Rostov says that the Hieromartyr Dionysius was beheaded in Athens, and that many miracles were worked at his grave.

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## **As Ye Would that Men Should Do to You** **Luke 6:31-36**

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

[In the following commentary, some preceding verses have been included,  
because Bl. Theophylact comments on them as a whole.]

**27-36. But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy tunic also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? For sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? For sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the sons of the Most High; for He is kind unto the**

**unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.**

The Apostles were about to be sent out to preach and many persecutors and plotters awaited them. If the Apostles were fearful and dismayed by persecution, they might want to protect themselves from their persecutors by keeping silent and not teaching. If that happened, the radiant sun of the Gospel would be extinguished. In anticipation of this, the Lord exhorts the Apostles not to give way to defensive measures against their enemies, but instead bravely to endure all things, even insults and murderous plots. This is what He Himself did on the Cross, saying, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do* (Lk.23:34). To prove to the Apostles that this commandment to love ones enemies is possible to keep, He then says, "What you want to be done to you, do the same to others; and be to others that kind of person you want others to be to you." If you want your enemies to be hard, unfeeling, and angry towards you, then be the same yourself to them. But if you want them to be kind and compassionate towards you, and not to remember wrongs, do not think that it is impossible for you yourself to be the same towards them. Do you see this natural law which is written in our hearts? That is why the Lord also said, *In those days I will surely put My laws into their mind, and write them on their hearts* (Jer. 38:33). Then He adds another compelling reason to keep this commandment: if you love those who love you, you are like the sinners and the Gentiles; but if you love those who do evil to you, you are like God, Who is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Which do you desire—to be like sinners or to be like God? Do you see the divine teaching? First He persuaded you by means of the natural law: what you want to be done to you, do to others. Then He persuades you with the result and the reward—He promises that you will become like God.

## UPCOMING EVENTS WITHIN OUR PARISH

*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>	Galatians 4:28-5:10	Luke 6:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Galatians 5:11-21	Luke 6:37-45
<b>Wednesday</b>	Galatians 6:2-10	Luke 6:46-7:1
<b>Thursday</b>	Ephesians 1:1-9	Luke 7:17-30
<b>Friday</b>	Ephesians 1:7-17	Luke 7:31-35
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Corinthians 10:23-28	Luke 5:27-32
<b>Sunday</b>	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Luke 7:11-16

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### 1) CROP HUNGER WALK/NON-CONTACT FOOD DRIVE Saturday October 16 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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.

### 2) PENNIES FOR HEAVEN The Month of October

### HOAGIE LUNCH SALE Sunday October 31

We will be holding a collection of loose change/dollars for the entire month of October beginning on Sunday October 3. We will have two (2) jars located in the Parish Fellowship Hall and ask that when we come to church, bring an loose change/dollars that we may have and donate it to the Church. Then on Sunday October 31, we will hold a Hoagie Lunch Sale (Hoagie, Chips, Macaroni Sale or Cole Slaw/beverage/dessert) for \$10 each! We will also have a special for our children!! An email will go out with more information 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.

## OCTOBER 2021

### PENNIES FOR HEAVEN The Month of October

### HOAGIE LUNCH SALE Sunday October 31

- 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)
- 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

**10** - Church School Q&A with Fr. Jay (The Daily Prayer Cycle – Memory Prayer – The Jesus Prayer)

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

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

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

**19** – Mats for Mission Outreach Ministry Project

Making Bag Lunches (6:30 to 8:00 PM)

**23**– Memorial Saturday

Full Panahyda Memorial Prayer Service at 3:00 PM

Great Vespers at 4:00 PM Parish Council Meeting - 5:00pm

**24** – Special Parish Meeting (Kitchen Renovation Project)

**31** – General Confession – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

**\*Education Sermon on Sunday October 31: The 12 Major Feast Days\***

**\*\*HOAGIE/STEAK SANDWICH SALE LUNCH SALE**

**\*\*BILLS vs DOLPHINS PARISH GATHERING AT PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL (1-4 PM) AND BASKET RAFFLE DURING HALFTIME- **PARISH EVENT ONLY!!****

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

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

***\*\*Please refer to the weekly bulletin, monthly calendar and our church website for any changes to the calendar\*\****

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