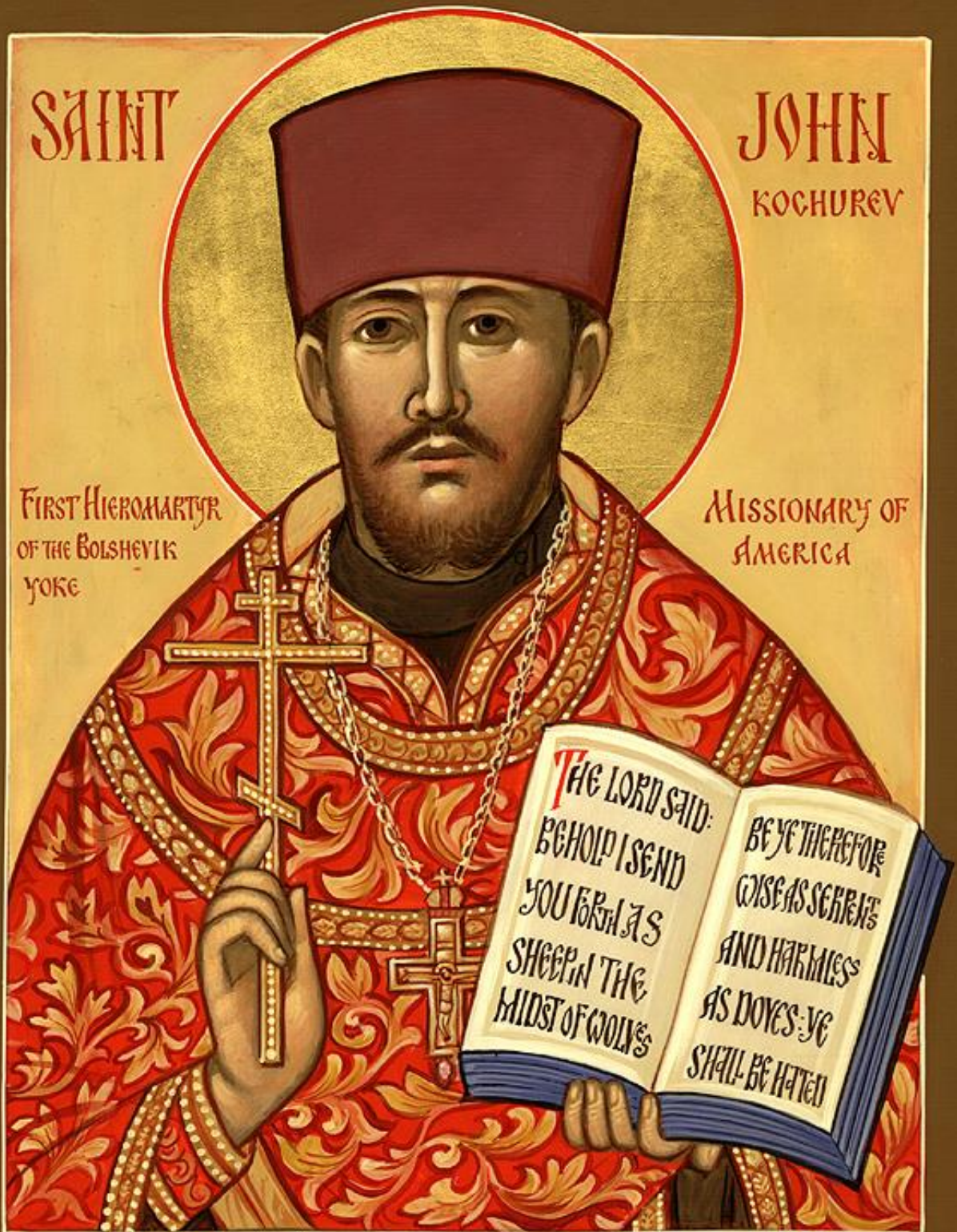


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JOHN  
KOCHUREV

FIRST Hieromartyr  
OF THE BOLSHEVIK  
YOKE

MISSIONARY OF  
AMERICA



**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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**TODAY'S WEEKLY MESSENGER IS SPONSORED BY:**

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 WEEKLY MESSENGER**

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**19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.**  
**Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov (1917).**  
Apostles of the Seventy: Stachys, Amplias,  
Urban, Narcissus, Apelles, and Aristobulus (1st c.).  
Martyr Epimachus of Alexandria (250).  
Ven. Spyridon and Nikódēmos the  
Prospora-bakers, of the Kiev Caves  
(Far Caves—12th c.). St. Maura of Constantinople

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**EPISTLE LESSON**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Luke 8:26-39

Hebrews 13:7-16 (St. John)

John 10:9-16

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## Tropars/Kontakions for Divine Liturgy

### Troparion for The Resurrection — Tone 2

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

### Troparion for The Holy Hieromartyr John — Tone 1

Thou wast revealed to all as a true shepherd O Hieromartyr John of Chicago, for thou didst nurture thy people in the Orthodox Faith, guiding them by word and deed on the path of salvation, and defended the Faith even unto the shedding of thy blood. Therefore we thy spiritual children cry out in thanksgiving: “Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee the Martyr’s ^crown!// Glory to Him Who through thee grants mercy to all!”

### Kontakion for The Resurrection — Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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

### Kontakion for The Holy Hieromartyr John — Tone 3

Now the holy Hieromartyr is glorified, for he took up his cross and followed Christ. In so doing, he gave us a model of true discipleship. Therefore, let us cry aloud to him: // “Rejoice, O Father John, the glory of priests!” Now the holy Hieromartyr is glorified, for he took up his cross and followed Christ. In so doing, he gave us a model of true discipleship. Therefore, let us cry aloud to him: // “Rejoice, O Father John, the glory of priests!”

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

## THE EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

*2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 and Hebrews 13:7-16 (St. John)*

### **BRETHREN:**

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**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 2**

The Lord is my strength and my song; /  
He has become my salvation.

*v. The Lord has chastened me  
sorely, but He has not given me over to  
death.*

**THE SECOND PROKEMEINON Tone 7**

Let the saints exult in glory, / let them sing  
for joy on their couches!

**ALLELUIA VERSES**

*May the Lord hear thee in the day of  
trouble! May the name of the God of  
Jacob protect thee!*

*Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on  
the day we call!*

*Thy priests shall be clothed in  
righteousness and Thy saints shall  
rejoice!*

**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! The righteous shall be  
in everlasting remembrance. He shall not  
fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**BRETHREN:**

Remember those who rule over you, who have  
spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow,  
considering the outcome of their conduct.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and  
forever.

Do not be carried about with various and strange  
doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established  
by grace, not with foods which have not profited  
those who have been occupied with them.

We have an altar from which those who serve the  
tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of  
those animals, whose blood is brought into the  
sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned  
outside the camp.

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the  
people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.  
Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp,  
bearing His reproach. For here we have no  
continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the  
sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips,  
giving thanks to His name.

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with  
such sacrifices God is well pleased.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY**

*Luke 8:26-39 and John 9:10-16*

**Let us Attend!**

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes,  
which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out  
on the land, there met Him a certain man from the  
city who had demons for a long time. And he wore  
no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the  
tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.

Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

**At That Time!**

The Lord said: I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

## Upcoming Events within The Life of our Parish/Diocese

### 1) PENNIES FOR HEAVEN HOAGIE LUNCH SALE

The Month of October 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 any loose change/dollars that we may have and donate it to the Church. Then on Sunday October 31, we will hold a Hoagie/Steak Sandwich 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

### 30 – GREAT VESPERS AT SS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

Visit of Archbishop MICHAEL

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) with Pizza, Wings, Soda, Ice Tea, Juice, Water, Beer, Wine.

We are asking for a free-will donation

AND BASKET RAFFLE DURING HALFTIME- **PARISH EVENT ONLY!!**

## NOVEMBER 2021 {Nativity Fast Begins: Nov. 15-Dec. 24}

### 5 – PARISH FAMILY NIGHT!!! (6:30-9:30 PM)

### 6 – Annual Prayer Service for Blessing of Animals– **POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2022!**

6 – Great Vespers – 4:00 PM Parish Council Meeting (5:00pm)

### 7 – Youth Sunday

(Children Sermon and Children Sing during The Liturgy)

Church School Q&A with Fr. Jay ( St. Matthew – His Life and Gospel)

Church School Nativity Outreach Project

- Start New Pajamas Collection for Roswell Park
- Start Collection for Christmas Gifts for Baker Victory
- Start Collection for Hearts for Homeless

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

7 – Eve of the Feast of Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Powers of Heaven  
Great Vespers at 1:00 PM

8 – The Feast of Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Powers of Heaven  
Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM

14 – Stewardship Sunday (Special Parish Luncheon and Presentation)

15 – {Nativity Fast Begins: Nov. 15-Dec. 24}

## THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 31, 2021

General Confession - 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: Parish Council

Coffee Hour Donation: Kitchen Renovation Project Fund

1:00 PM –BILLS PARISH TAILGATE PARTY IN PARISH HALL

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2021

St. George Bible Study Class

(Via Zoom) – 6:30 to 8:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Daily Matins – 9:30 AM

Annual Diocesan Assembly

(Via Zoom) – 11:00 AM

Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos - 6:00 PM

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Akathist to St. George – 9:30 AM

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Great Vespers -4:00 PM

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2021

Parish Family Night – 6:30-9:00 PM

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

YOUTH SUNDAY/EVE OF THE FEAST OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

The Hours – 7:40 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: Church School

Coffee Hour Donation:  
Great Vespers – 1:00 PM

17 – Monthly Collection Drop-Off at Kevin Guest House (5:30 PM)

20 –Eve of the Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple  
Great Vespers with Litiya at 4:00 PM

21 – The Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple  
The Hours – 9:40 AM      Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

21 – Annual Parish Meeting  
\*\*In the Church – immediately following the Divine Liturgy\*\*

22 – Monthly Community Healing Prayer Service/Thanksgiving Prayer Service – 6:00 PM

25 – THANKSGIVING DAY  
Moleben Service of Thanksgiving – 9:00 AM

**\*Education Sermon on Sunday November 21:  
The Liturgical Colors of The Orthodox Church\***

**\*\*Bible Study Class – Monday November 8 (6:30 PM)  
Monday November 22 (7:00 PM)**

**\*\*St. George Book Club – Monday November 29 (6:30 PM)**

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

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

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**PARISH FAMILY NIGHT**



**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

**6:30 to 9:30 PM**

**Little Compline (6:15 PM)**

**S'mores ~ Movie ~ Pizza ~ Games**

**Fun ~ Christian Fellowship**

**A MOST SINCERE AND  
HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

Dear Parish Family:

I thank all of you for your love, prayers, phone calls, text messages, and emails this past week when I had my 2<sup>nd</sup> knee replacement surgery. Thanks be to God all went well. Now begins the long road of rehabilitation and recovery. I pray that I will be back in church soon. Be assured of my love and prayers for all of you and how grateful I am to have you in my life and be apart of such a wonderful parish family.

May God bless and keep all of you.

With Love in Christ  
Mat. Fran



**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH NATIVITY PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:  
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Greetings to all of you, your families, and our entire parish family as we prepare to begin The Nativity Fast in just a few short weeks!

Once again, this year, as part of our parish outreach ministry during The Nativity Fast and Christmas Season, we are holding collections for the following Ministries within our Greater Buffalo Area:

- 1) **Baker Victory** – Christmas Gifts for Children  
**BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 5**  
**\*More information will be emailed out this week**
- 2) **Roswell Park** – New Pajamas for the Patients  
(adult men and women s-m-l-xl/ children boys and girls s-m-l-xl)  
**BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 12**
- 3) **Hearts for Homeless** – Christmas Cookies and Canned Goods/Non-Perishable Items –  
**BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 12**
- 4) **Mats for Mission** - Boxed Thanksgiving Dinner (1 boxed stuffing, 1 boxed mashed potatoes, and dessert 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of green beans, 1 can of cranberry sauce, and 1 can of gravy, and 1 box dessert – brownies or cake mix) – **AT LEAST 10 BAGS BY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7!**  
**New Pairs of Winter Gloves – AT LEAST 15 PAIRS BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 5**

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD**

Continuing with our Annual Parish Tradition with the sending of a Parish Christmas Card, we come to all of you – our dear Parish Family for your support in bringing the Love and Joy of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ to everyone during this Holy Season. The cost is only \$20 per family.

If we would like to have our name in the Christmas Card, please fill out the enclosed form with how we would like our name to appear in the card and hand it in to Fr. Jason, Matushka Katia, or Matushka Fran no later Sunday December 5 along with your payment of \$20.00. Besides our names, we will also have a Nativity Message and Greeting from our parish family.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself (716-875-4222)/jvansuch@hotmail.com or Matushka Katia (609-851-3811) / katia.vansuch@gmail.com or Matushka Fran (610-698-1666)/[fances.vansuch@yahoo.com](mailto:fances.vansuch@yahoo.com)

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Thank you for your continued love, prayers, support, generosity and stewardship for our Annual Parish Nativity Outreach Ministry Projects, and for all that you do for our parish and throughout the year as well as for the community in which we live, serve, and dwell.

Looking forward to another wonderful blessed Nativity Season of bringing the joy, the love, and the peace of The Nativity of Our Lord to everyone!

Be assured of my continued love and prayers for you, your families, and our entire parish family. 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 today and always.

I remain, with love in Christ  
Your Humble Servant,  
Fr. Jason

## **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 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!\*\*

# FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME In The Orthodox Christian Church

Saturday Great Vespers 4:00 PM  
SUNDAY Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

~ All are Welcome ~

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 or needs and help or assistance, please contact our parish priest: V Rev. Jason Vansuch (jvansuch@hotmail.com) or 716.875.4222 and he will be able guide you.

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**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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dogthree1@hotmail.com

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)

Andrew Wityk  
Ellicott Center  
200 Seventh Street  
Buffalo, NY 14201

Mrs. Tita Abraham  
84 Stonington Lane  
Getzville, NY 14068

Mr. Albert Fadell  
314.376.2562

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**IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We will continue with our on-going collections for The Buffalo City Mission, Hearts for Homeless, Mats for Mission, HomeSpace, Feed More of WNY, 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 COUNCIL MEETINGS!**

**INCOME FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER , 2021 – \$**

**Commercial Savings Account Deposit -  
DONATION TO THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND (Kitchen) -**

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



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

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!



**ST. JOHN KOCHUREV - HIEROMARTYR AND MISSIONARY OF AMERICA**

**OCTOBER 30**

## St. John Kochurov

### Missionary to America and First Hieromartyr under the Bolshevik Yoke

#### Early Years

Saint John was born to a priest's family on July 13, 1871.

He enrolled in the Ryazan Seminary where he showed great promise, excelling in his studies. He furthered his education by enrolling in the prestigious St. Petersburg Theological Academy, completing his formal education and graduating in 1895.



Very shortly after graduating from the Academy, St. John married. Later that summer, on August 27, 1895, at the St. Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg, he was ordained to the holy priesthood by Bishop NICHOLAS (Ziorov) of the Aleutians and Alaska.

#### Coming to Chicago

Saint John eagerly expressed a desire to be a missionary priest in far-off America and shortly thereafter he was granted a transfer to the United States and assigned to be the first permanent priest to serve St. Vladimir's Church — eventually to become [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#). (The community had been served periodically by [St. Alexis](#) Toth of Minneapolis.)

Saint Vladimir's Church community did not have its own church building yet. At the direction of St. Tikhon, St. John contracted architect Louis Sullivan to design a temple for the community to use and construction began in April 1902. He sought and received donations from Tsar Nicholas II and wealthy Chicagoans including Harold McCormick and Charles R. Crane, the American Minister to China. For the laying of the cornerstone, a choir from St. Mary's in Minneapolis under the direction of Professor Zaichenko came for the august occasion and he personally oversaw the construction. In 1903, St. Tikhon consecrated the newly completed building.

#### Working beyond Chicago

Saint John, along with St. Alexis of Minneapolis were two of the more influential priests in the united [brotherhood](#) Russian American Orthodox Mutual Aid Society (later, Russian Orthodox Church Mutual Aid Society/ROCMAS).

While serving St. Vladimir's, our holy father John also devoted great efforts toward the establishment of other churches. He performed the first services for the Orthodox community on Chicago's south-west side which eventually would become Archangel Michael Orthodox Church. Beyond the immediate vicinity of Chicago, St. John was also instrumental in forming numerous other parishes including Nativity of the Virgin Mary in Madison, IL (1900), Three Saints in Streator, IL, St. Nicholas in Joliet, IL (1907), in addition to Buffalo, NY and Heartshorn, OK.



## **Administrative Work**

He also worked in the field of translating religious texts into English, providing for the future of a Church that would not be populated predominantly by immigrants but English speaking native-born Orthodox.

His administrative abilities, put to use by founding parishes and serving as [Dean](#) of the central states, were also helpful in helping to organizing the historic first All-American Sobor, convened by St. Tikhon at Mayfield, PA in 1907.

## **Return to Russia**

In 1907, he returned to Russia and due to his skills in education he was assigned to teach catechism in the schools of Narva, Estonia, where, as in America, the Orthodox were a minority.

In 1916, he was assigned to St. Catherine's Cathedral in Tsarskoye Selo (near Petrograd), where his skillful and moving sermons attracted many people.

## **Martyrdom**

On October 30, 1917, as the town was under attack by the Bolshevik forces during the turmoil of the Russian Revolution, people thronged to the churches seeking consolation. The clergy conducted a prayer service and procession throughout the town to pray for peace.

The following day, the town was seized by the Bolsheviks and St. John was arrested, taken to the outskirts of town and shot to death. He thus became the first clergy martyr of the Russian Revolution in 1917.

Several days following his death, St. John was buried in the crypt of St. Catherine's Cathedral, which was later demolished some years later.

## **Epilogue**

On December 4, 1994, St. John was canonized by the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church. In Russia, he is venerated as the first of the new martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, while in America, he is additionally remembered as a missionary and inspired preacher.

A full account of St. John's life, translated from the Russian by Anatoly Antonov, can be found on [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org).

# **The Legion of Demons and Herd of Swine**

**Luke 8:26-39**

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

**26-33. And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is across from Galilee. And when He went forth to land, there met Him out of the city a certain man, possessed by demons for a long time, who wore no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Son of God most high? I beseech Thee, torment me not. (For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he broke the bands, and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.) And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many demons were entered into him. And he besought Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought Him that He would suffer them to enter into them. And He suffered them. Then went the demons out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were drowned.**

See how the demon is torn between two wicked passions: impudence and fear. When he says, What have I to do with Thee? he shows the impudence of a shameless slave; when he says, I beseech Thee, he shows his fear. He was dwelling among the tombs because he wanted to instill in men the false suspicion that the souls of those who have died become demons. The demons ask not to be cast into the abyss, but that they be permitted to remain a while longer upon the earth. The Lord permits them to remain upon the earth so that they might fight and contend with men, and thus render men tested veterans. If man had no adversaries, there would be no struggles and contests; and if there were no contests, there would be no crowns of victory. There is a more spiritual sense which you should learn as well: the man who has demons within him and wears no garment and makes his home outside the house, is anyone who does evil and demonic deeds, who has stripped himself of his baptismal robe, and dwells outside the Church. Such a man is not worthy to enter into the Church, but instead he lives in the tombs of dead and rotting deeds, for example, in brothels and in the chambers of publicans and graft. These are indeed tombs of iniquity.

**34-39. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the demons were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the demons was healed. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought Him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and He went up into the boat, and returned back again. Now the man out of whom the demons were departed besought Him that he might be with Him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and tell what great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done unto him.**

When those who had been feeding the swine fled into the city, it became an opportunity for salvation for the Gadarenes, but they did not understand. They ought to have marvelled at the Saviour's power and believed in Him. The Evangelist says that they besought Him to depart from them, instead of calling upon Him in supplication. They did this out of fear of suffering another loss like that of the swine. But the man who had been healed shows indisputable proof of his healing. That he had been healed in his mind is shown by the fact that he now both recognizes Jesus and begs His permission to be with Him. For he was afraid, it would seem, that the demons would again easily assault him when he was separated from Jesus. But the Lord shows him that even if he is not with Jesus, the Lord's grace can shelter him from demonic attack. The Lord says to him, Return to thine

own house, and tell what great things God hath done unto thee. By not saying, "what great things I have done unto thee," the Lord gives us an example of humility and teaches us that we should attribute all our accomplishments to God. But though the Lord had commanded him to tell what things God had done for him, he told instead what things Jesus had done for him, so great was his gratitude. Therefore when you do something good for someone, do not desire it to become public knowledge; but he who is the beneficiary of that good deed ought to be moved by gratitude to tell it to others, even though you do not want him to do so.

### **THE STORY OF THE THREE MONKS AND THE CONVERSATION WITH THE DEVIL**

The devil appeared to three monks and said to them: if I gave you power to change something from the past, what would you change?

The first of them, with great apostolic fervor, replied: "I would prevent you from making Adam and Eve fall into sin so that humanity could not turn away from God."

The second, a man full of mercy, said to him: "I would prevent you from God and you will condemn yourself eternally."

The third of them was the simplest and, instead of responding to the tempter, he got on his knees, made the sign of the cross and prayed saying: "Lord, free me from the temptation of what could be and was not".

The devil, giving a raucous cry and shuddering with pain, vanished.

The other two, surprised, said to him: "Brother, why have you responded like this?"

He replied: "First: we must NEVER dialogue with the devil . Second: NOBODY in the world has the power to change the past. Third: Satan's INTEREST was not to prove our virtue, but to trap us in the past, so that we neglect the present, the only time God gives us His grace and we can cooperate with Him to fulfill His will."

Of all the demons, the one that catches the most men and prevents them from being happy is that of "What could have been and was not".

The past is left to the mercy of God and the future to his Providence. Only the present is in our hands. "Live in the moment"

Also, here are two books that are beneficial for us with our continued study and understanding of our knowledge and growth in and of The Orthodox Faith:

1. Introducing The Orthodox Church - Fr. Stanley Harakas
2. Know The Faith - Fr. Michael Shanbour

May this story and these books be beneficial to all of us as we strive to not only live our faith, trust and belief in God in our everyday lives but also learn how to realize and know the presence of God in our lives.

**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 ===

Monday	Philippians 2:12-16	Luke 11:29-33
Tuesday	Philippians 2:17-23	Luke 11:34-41
Wednesday	Philippians 2:24-30	Luke 11:42-46
Thursday	Philippians 3:1-8	Luke 11:47-12:1
Friday	Philippians 3:8-19	Luke 12:2-12
Saturday	2 Corinthians 1:8-11	Luke 9:1-6
Sunday	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8	Matthew 10:1, 5-8
	Galatians 1:11-19	Luke 8:41-56

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