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- Stewardship is caring for the needs of others.
- Stewardship is offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.
- Stewardship is what a person does after saying "I Believe . . .", as proof of that belief.
- Stewardship is learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

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## THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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

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4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.). Paralytic. Saint Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1090). The Holy Right-believing Tsarevich Dēmétrios of Uglich and Moscow (1591). Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1115). Ven. Pachomius—Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta (1384). Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion (Pskov—1481). St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (4th c.).

EPISTLE: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Acts 9:32-42

GOSPEL:

John 5:1-15

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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

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

Altar Vigil 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 May 15 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC  
ARCHHPASTORAL VISIT OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL TO OUR PARISH

Meeting of Church School Children with His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL 9:00 AM

*\*In The Parish Fellowship Hall*

The reading of The Hours – 9:10 AM

Blessing of Renovated Kitchen and Restrooms and Beverage Area – 9:45 AM

*The Children and Altar Servers will lead His Eminence in a procession from the Parish Fellowship Hall to the front entrance of The Church where we will greet him with flowers, bread/salt and Cross.*

Entrance and Greeting of His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL followed by Tonsuring of Drew Constantine Burke to The Rank of Reader and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

\*\*Awarding of The Palitza to Archpriest Jason Vansuch

\*\*Awarding of Gold Cross and Elevation to Archpriest of Priest Andreja Damjanovski

Festive Luncheon in Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy

Following The Luncheon, there will be an informal meeting with members of The Parish Council with His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL and Archpriest Alexey Karlgut (Dean of NYS Deanery)

5:00 P.M. DDB DINNER AT OUR CHURCH

Monday May 16 6:30 P.M. Bible Study Class (Via Zoom)

Tuesday May 17 9:00 A.M. Daily Matins

#### THE MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST

Wednesday May 18 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy  
6:00 P.M. Paraklesis Service

Thursday May 19 9:00 A.M.. Akathist Service in Honor of  
The Resurrection of Our Lord

Saturday May 21 4:00 P.M. Great Vespers

Sunday May 22 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Holy Pascha: Sunday of The Samaritan Woman

9:10 A.M. The Hours  
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour Fellowship in The Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy  
Church School Class in Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy

**\*\*PLEASE REFER TO THE WEEKLY EMAILS AND PARISH WEBSITE  
FOR CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR!\*\***

# **HYMNS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY**

## **Troparion for Resurrection - Tone 3**

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

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

## **Kontakion for Sunday of The Paralytic - Tone 3**

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee:// "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

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

## **Kontakion for Holy Pascha - Tone 8**

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

## **Prokeimenon Tone 1**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the just!

## **ALLELUIA VERSES**

*I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth will I proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.*

*For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens."*

## **THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

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

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

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

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 10:1-16	John 6:56-59
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 10:21-33	John 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 14:6-18	John 7:14-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 10:34-	John 8:12-20
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 10:44-11:10	John 8:21-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 12:1-11	John 8:31-42
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 11:19-26,29-30	{Sunday of Samaritan Woman} John 4:5-42

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## EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

### ACTS 9:32-42

#### In those Days:

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter and she sat up.

Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

## GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

### JOHN 5:1-15 (Sunday of The Paralytic)

#### Let us Attend!

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the movement of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

## 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.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

### FOR THE HEALTH OF THY SERVANTS:

#### HIERARCHS

Metropolitan HERMAN

Archbishop BENJAMIN

Archbishop ALEJO

Archbishop NATHANIEL

Bishop DANIEL

#### CLERGY

Archpriest Herman, Matushka Cynthia and Family Archpriest Leonid Archpriest David

Archpriest Alexey and his family

Archpriest Vladimir and Matushka Jeanne

Archpriest Timothy/Mat. Michelle

Presbyter John and Presbytera Nancy

Archpriest Ken and Matushka Natalie

Presbyter Andreja, Popadija Anica and Family

Archpriest Timothy

Priest Peter and Mat. Mary

Dn. Sean and Mat. Heather

Archpriest John (Onofrey)

Priest Mykola and those with him

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Mat. Katia Mat. Paraskeva Mat. Joanna Popadia Vicki Mat. Patricia Mat. Gloria

Catherine Ivan/Marina/Inna Bonnie/Silviu Coard Karen Aliscia Walter/Paul

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Amelia, Emily

Brian John, Roberta, Barbara John, Michael John Ron, Illiana, Jillian, Joel

George Costa Jonathan, Kevin, Lary, Carly, Sherry, Mary Jo, Clara, Karl, Dragica, Mary

Stephen, Larry, Olga, Olga, Sally, Deborah, David

Rdr Nicholas, Judithann, Michael, Mary, Cate, Michael, Gary, Damian, Olga, Alexandra, Barbara, Damian,

Joseph

Children of God – Harry, Keely, Isla, Talia, Lane, Liam

Corina and Nicole and the children to be born of them

#### Diocese of NY&NJ Prayer List

Archpriest Samuel Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar

Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra

Archpriest George Archpriest Paul

Mat. Gerry

Archpriest Jonathan Archpriest Paul

#### Those Serving in The Armed Forces

#### Catechumens

Kenneth, Nadine, Jason, Robert, Andrew, Justin, Shawn,

Juanita Martha, Selathiel,

Austin, Chris, John, Daniel, Gjorgie, Thomas

For All of our Parishioners and their families, the communicants of this holy house, those who pray here, our loved ones and their families and for those who are praying with us today and all of those whom we have in our hearts and minds

For All of our parishioners who are in hospitals, nursing home, and those who are homebound.

For All of the ill-afflicted of our parishes and families especially those affected with the Coronavirus and other ailments and for their continued full recovery and good health

For All of our doctors, nurses, physicians, and medical professionals

For our Nation that The Lord our God will continue to bless us and guide and teach us to love another, pray for one another and forgive one another.

For All of those who are travelling and for their safe journey and return to their homes

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**FOR THY DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD:**

For all of those who tragically lost their lives to the Coronavirus and other ailments of the clergy and parishioners of This Holy House who have departed this life, who now lie asleep in the Lord

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| 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          | Khouria Grace                     |

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                      Ever-Memorable Sbdn Gregory

Martha, Akhtar, Barkat, Rehmat

**Newly-Departed Servants of God**

Archbishop PAUL                      Tita Damasus (*Abraham*) – 40<sup>th</sup> Day is June 14  
40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial will be Sunday June 12

\*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.

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH BOOKSTORE**

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

**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.

Some of the items on the leaves are as follows:

- Candles
- 7-Day Vigil Candles
- Flowers for Feast Days
- Charcoal
- Altar Wine
- Cups for Zapifka
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

If anyone has any questions, please see or contact Fr. Jason or Barbara. Thank you for your continued prayerful support and stewardship. May God continue to bless and guide all of you, your families and our entire Parish family and keep all of us in His Loving Care!

# THE 2022 PASCHAL GREETINGS OF CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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## GREETING

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

## RESPONSE

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

## 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 (2022)

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**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH OCMC PARISH AMBASSADORS**

To The Glory of God, our parish has been blessed with two parishioners who have answered The Call of Our Lord to be Parish Ambassadors for OCMC guiding us to help bring The Gospel of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ of “Making Disciples of All Nations baptizing them in The Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit!”

Anthony Gregory DelNuovo and John Moses Lutz are our Parish Ambassadors for OCMC (The Orthodox Christian Mission Center). To help the good work being done by The OCMC of supporting Missionaries around the world, our parish will be sponsoring and supporting a missionary on a annual basis. The cost is only \$600/year. So far we have collected over \$1000 for this year’s sponsorship. If anyone would like to make a donation, please see or contact Anthony or John. We express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has graciously donated so far. Thank you for kindness and generosity in supporting the good work and mission of The OCMC in fulfilling Our Lord’s Command in The Gospel of Matthew of: “Making Disciples of All Nations!”

For more information about The OCMC, please visit their website: [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org)

Another blessing for our parish of continuing the Good Work that has been entrusted to us of bringing The Gospel Message to All! Lord it is good to be here!

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**\*\*PLEASE REFER TO THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THE HOLY PASCHAL SEASON THROUGH FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL!\*\***

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**\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\***

**Wednesday May 18 – Mid-Feast of Pentecost (Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM)  
Sunday May 22 – DIVINE LITURGY BEGINS AT 9:30 AM**

**If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see or contact Fr. Jason!**

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

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

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

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

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**“Lessons in Our Faith” Video presented by His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL**

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



**WEEKLY VIDEO SERMONS GIVEN BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL**

These sermons offered to us by The Diocese via video can be found on the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>!

There are videos for each week beginning with The Feast of Feasts – Holy Pascha! Be sure to check them out!

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**IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We will continue with our on-going collections for The Buffalo City Mission, Hearts for Homeless, Mats for Mission, HomeSpace, Resurrection Life Food Pantry, Baker Victory as well as 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) **Pastoral Video for 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 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND MINUTES FOR OUR PARISH FOLLOWING THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS!**

**INCOME FOR SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022 - \$**

**Commercial Savings Account Deposit \$**

**DONATION TO THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND (Kitchen) – \$750.00**

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

**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 REMINDER FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR \*\***

When hosting coffee hour, please check the refrigerators in the Parish Fellowship Hall the week before we are hosting to see what supplies we will/may need.

If anyone would like to host coffee hour or has any questions regarding one's preparations for Coffee Hour, please see or contact Mat. Fran ([610.698.1666/frances.vansuch@yahoo.com](mailto:610.698.1666/frances.vansuch@yahoo.com))

May all of us have a Blessed, Joyous, Holy and Prayerful Paschal Season!

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## FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME In The Orthodox Christian Church

Saturday Great Vespers 4:00 PM  
SUNDAY Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM (Sept-May)  
9:30 AM (May-September)  
~ 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.

## 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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According to today's Gospel, four friends brought a paralytic to Jesus Christ for healing. When they saw the packed house they didn't give up in despair. Instead, they went up on the roof, they removed the panels and lowered the paralytic down. Can you imagine the amazement of the crowd in the house seeing the man coming down from the roof? Can you imagine the amazement of Our Lord Jesus Christ seeing the man coming down from the roof and four heads peaking through the roof? The result of this experience was the healing of the paralytic of his physical and spiritual infirmities.

First, we see here a graphic example of faith. We see how faith will literally raise the roof to be in the presence of God in Jesus Christ. The men were not turned back by the jammed doorway. Why? Because of faith. Faith never gives up. Faith perseveres. Faith is inventive. Faith is fertile. Faith is full of ideas. Faith laughs at barriers. If the road is closed one way, faith looks another way.

Second, what we see is that these men made it clear that Christianity is not just a stab in the dark. Christianity is not just trying to be a nice person. True Christianity is a determined and directed effort to establish contact with a person, Jesus Christ. When a person says that "he is not in Church but his heart is with you," he is kidding himself. If his heart is there, his body will be there also. Faith always finds a way to be with Christ

**THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF HOLY PASCHA:  
THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

## SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

On this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The fourth Sunday is dedicated to Christ's healing of the **paralytic** (*Jn 5*). The man is healed by Christ while waiting to be put down into the pool of water. Through baptism in the church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the church, we are told, together with the paralytic, to sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (*Jn 5:14*).

The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."

### Commentary on The Sunday of The Paralytic

On this Sunday the most wonderful healing of the paralytic by the Sheep's Pool, who for 38 years languished in severe illness is glorified. According to the explanation of the Synaxarion, this miracle is celebrated on this Sunday because Christ did it during the Jewish Pentecost. In the healing of the paralytic the Holy Church sees the paradigm of the renewal of life of all humanity through the resurrection of Christ. "Christ", she sings in the hymns of this day, "the first-born of creation, and the Creator of all things that have come into being, is risen from the dead as the first-fruits of them that slept. He renewed in Himself the corrupted nature of our race." "On this day is death despoiled

and Hades brought to naught. And the race of men is vested in incorruption. We therefore cry to Thee with thanksgiving: glory, O Christ, to Thy arising".

Together with this the Holy Church, reminding us about the paralysis of our souls through sin, calls each of us to appeal: "O Most Gracious One, heal my soul which has been ailing for many years, as Thou healed the paralytic before, that I may follow Thy way, which Thou hast shown to those who love Thee"; "As Thou raised up the paralytic, O Christ, so also make whole my soul which is paralyzed by transgressions, and help me to walk in Thine upright ways". As the miracle remembered now was accomplished by the Savior at the Sheep's Pool, in which for the healing of sufferings, "an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons and troubled the water" in some troparia of the canon he is glorified as the Holy Archistrategus Michael. Praising him as the "chief of angels", "leader" of the "highest ministers", the Holy Church hymns him as the "guide for the erring" and, in view of our spiritual paralysis, prayerfully appeals to him: "pray for our enlightenment", "pacify our life, which is ever troubled by the assaults of the serpent and by the circumstances of an ever unstable life", "with us pray for the deliverance of our sins and correction of our way of life", and "the enjoyment of eternal blessings".

## The Feast of Mid-Pentecost

On Wednesday May 13, we celebrate the midpoint of the fifty days between the Feasts of Pascha and Pentecost. St John tells us (John 7:14) that "in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught." The Feast in question is the Feast of Tabernacles (celebrated in September), not Pentecost.

The Church has appointed John 7:14-30 to be read for the Midfeast, thereby linking Pascha and Pentecost. In Chapter 8 of St John's Gospel, the Lord came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him. After leaving the Temple, he encounters the man born blind. We will hear about him on the Sunday of the Blind Man.

The Troparion of the Midfeast ("In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink [John 7:37]. O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!") hints at the encounter of Christ and the Samaritan Woman in just a few days.

In the middle of this fourth week, the middle day between Easter and Pentecost is solemnly celebrated. It is called the feast of **Mid-Pentecost**, at which Christ, "in the middle of the feast" teaches men of his saving mission and offers to all "the waters of immortality" (Jn 7:14). Again we are reminded of the Master's presence and his saving promise: "If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink" (Jn 7:37). We think also once again of our death and resurrection with Christ in our baptism, and our reception of the Holy Spirit from him in our chrismation. We "look back to one, and anticipate the other" as one of the hymns of the feast puts it. We know that we belong to that kingdom of the Risen Christ where "the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'

And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price" (Rev 22:17. Is 55:1).

*In the middle of the feast, O Saviour, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry unto all: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! O Christ God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee! (Troparion).*

*Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the law: Come and drink the water of immortality! We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: Grant us Thy bounties, for Thou art the Fountain of our life! (Kontakion)*

### Thought for the Day on The Sunday of The Paralytic:

#### CHRIST -- THE PHYSICIAN OF OUR SOULS

From the Gospel of John 5:1-15 During a feast day, Jesus went to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem there was a pool called Bethesda. In those days, an angel went at certain times into the pool and stirred the water. Then whoever stepped in first was made well. Many sick persons went there who were blind, lame, or paralyzed. There was a man there who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been in that condition for a long time. He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The man answered, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I try to come, someone always gets in before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, he walked and carried his bed. (At that time in history most beds were like a folding cot.) That day was the Sabbath, so the Jews said to the man, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." (People were not allowed to do any kind of work on the Sabbath.) He answered, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who said that to you?" But he did not know who it was, because Jesus had already left that place. Afterward Jesus found the man in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, or a worse thing might

happen to you.” The man left and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

## Finding Copper Pennies

There was a small boy who when walking down the street one day found a bright copper penny. He was so excited that he found money and it didn't cost him anything. This experience led him to spend the rest of his days walking with his head down, eyes wide open, looking for wealth.

During his lifetime he found 1,296,000,000 pennies, 480 nickels, 1900 dimes, 16,000 quarters, 200 half dollars and thousands of crinkled dollar bills. He accumulated quite a bank account in his lifetime. He prided himself in the fact that he spent his life getting his fortune from nothing.

Yes, the boy now old man, spent his life collecting money for nothing. Except that in his lifetime he missed the breathless beauty of 31,369 sunsets, the colorful splendor of 157 rainbows, the fiery beauty of hundreds of maples nipped by autumn's frost. He never saw the thousands of white clouds drifting across blue skies, shifting into various wondrous formations. Birds flying, sun shining, and the smiles of a hundreds of thousands people that passed through his life. All of this is not a part of his memory. Nor did this man-boy have any time to build a successful family or circle of true friends. No one cried for him when he passed on, in fact, many were glad to see him leave this world.

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We are like stained-glass windows.

We sparkle and shine when the sun is out,  
but when the darkness sets in,

our true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

***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***