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#### THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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

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13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation. Ven. Theodora of Alexandria (474-491). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam. Martyrs Demetrius, his wife Euanthia, and their son Demetrian, at Skepsis on the Hellespont (1st c.). Martyrs Diodorus, Didymus, and Diomedes, of Laodicea. Martyr Ia and 9,000 Martyrs with her, of Persia (362-364). St. Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria (9th c.). "Kaplunovka" Icon of the Mother of God in Kazan

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom **GOSPEL**: EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before) John 3:13-17 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Matthew 21:33-42

#### GLORY FOREVER! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

#### **\*\*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. 

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

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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.

## **HYMNS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY**

## **Tropars/Kontakions for Divine Liturgy**

## **Troparion for The Resurrection – Tone 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resur<u>rec</u>tion, they cast away the an<u>ces</u>tral curse and elatedly told the a<u>pos</u>tles: "<u>Death</u> is overthrown! Christ God is <u>ris</u>en,// granting the world great <u>mer</u>cy!"

### Troparion for The Feast of The Nativity of The Theotokos - Tone 4

Your nativity, O <u>Virgin</u>, has proclaimed joy to the whole <u>universe</u>! The Sun of righteousness, <u>Christ</u> our God, has shone from you, O Theo<u>to</u>kos. By an<u>nul</u>ling the curse, He bestowed a <u>bless</u>ing.// By destroying death, He has granted us e<u>ter</u>nal life.

## Troparion for St. Theodora - Tone 8

The image of <u>God</u> was <u>truly</u> preserved in thee, O <u>Mother</u>, for thou didst take <u>up</u> the <u>Cross</u> and <u>fol</u>low Christ. By so <u>doing</u>, thou <u>taughtest</u> us to disregard the flesh for it <u>passes</u> away; but to care in<u>stead</u> for the <u>soul</u>, for it is im<u>mor</u>tal.// Therefore thy <u>spir</u>it, <u>ven</u>erable Theodora, rejoices with the <u>ang</u>els.

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

## Kontakion for Resurrection - Tone 4

My Savior and Re<u>deem</u>er as God rose from the tomb and delivered the <u>earth</u>-born from their chains. He has shattered the <u>gates</u> of hell, and as <u>Mas</u>ter,// He has risen on the <u>third</u> day!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### Kontakion for The Feast of The Nativity of The Theotokos - Tone 4

By your nativity, O most pure <u>Virgin</u>, Joachim and Anna are freed from <u>bar</u>renness, Adam and Eve — from the cor<u>rup</u>tion of death. Andyou're your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and <u>sing</u> to you:// "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the <u>nour</u>isher of our Life."

### **PROKEMEINON** Tone 6

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! v. *To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!* 

### THE SECOND PROKEMEINON Tone 3

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

## ALLELUIA VERSES

I have exalted one chosen out of My people. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

## THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God! Virginity is foreign to mothers; childbearing is strange for virgins. But in thee, O Theotokos, both were accomplished.// Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify thee.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

#### EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

### **Brethren:**

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.

For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **Brethren:**

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

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

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

**GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY** 

### Let us Attend!

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

### At That Time:

The Lord said to those with Him:

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

### THE MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

#### 11- Opening of Church School (YOUTH SUNDAY)

The General Confession – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
 Moleben Prayer Service with Prayers for America/Beginning of School Year and Blessing of Backpacks
 Memorial Litia for Elinor Deeb (40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial) and for all who tragically lost their lives on 9/11 (21<sup>st</sup> anniversary)
 Memorial Lunch/Meet n Greet Church School Picnic on Church/Rectory Property
 12 – (Observance of The 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks on our Nation)
 Prayer Service for America at 6:00 PM
 Bible Study (Via Zoom) – 7:30 to 8:30 PM

13 – Eve of the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious Cross of Our Lord
\*\*5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Miraculous Oil-Streaming Icon of The Theotokos\*\*
Akathist Service to The Theotokos at 9:00 AM
Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos – 6:00 PM
Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession of The Cross of Our Lord at 6:30 PM

#### 14 – The Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious Cross of Our Lord (Strict Fast)

Festal Divine Liturgy followed by Procession with Life-Giving Cross of Our Lord at 8:00 AM (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)

17 - Monthly Parish Council Meeting (Via Zoom) - 5:15 PM Following Great Vespers at 4:00 PM

 18 - Mini Byzantine Dinner following The Divine Liturgy (Kick-Off Celebration for the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish)
 \*\*Make Health/Snack Kits for Mats for Mission\*\*

20 – Prep Day for Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

21 – Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Drive Thru Fundraiser (4-7 pm)

24-25-26 - VISIT OF ARCHPRIEST CHRIS ROWE (OCMC REPRESENTATIVE)

- OCMC Pan-Orthodox Retreat
- OCMC Mission Walk
- Concert and Reception
- 26 General Confession 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
   Festive Luncheon and Presentation on OCMC in Parish Fellowship Hall
- 26 Monthly Community Healing Prayer Service at 6:00 PM Bible Study (Via Zoom) – 7:00 to 8:30 PM

27 – Book Club via Zoom (6:30 to 8:00 PM)

28 – Adult Education Class via Zoom (6:30 to 8:00 PM)

#### **30 – Eve of the Great Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos** Great Vespers at 6:00 PM

\* Fr. Jason will be away attending and assisting with The Funeral of His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA from Wednesday September 14 (following The Divine Liturgy) and will be returning on Saturday September 17.\*

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

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

Monday	2 Corinthians 12:10-19	Mark 4:10-23			
Tuesday	Hebrews 3:1-4	Matthew 16:13-18			
	2 Corinthians 12:20-13:2	Mark 4:24-34			
Wednesda	y 2 Corinthians 13:3-14	Mark 4:35-41			
	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35			
Thursday	Galatians 1:1-10, 20-2:5	Mark 5:1-20			
Friday	Galatians 2:6-10	Mark 5:22-24, 35-6:1			
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1:26-29	John 8:21-30			
	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 23:1-12			
Sunday	Galatians 2:16-20	Mark 8:34-9:1			
	2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4	Matthew 22:1-14			

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

#### **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)

Mr. Anthony Dipiano 305 North Street Apt. 77 Buffalo, N Reader Victor Shanchuk McAuley Residence 1503 Military Rd. Buffalo, NY 14217 716.881.3096 Mrs. Luba Japadjief Elderwood Nursing Home 104 Old Niagara Rd. Lockport, NY 14221 (Room 47A)

Mr. Albert Fadell 317.376.2562

Andrew Wityk Ellicott Center 200 Seventh Street Buffalo, NY 14201

#### THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

General Confession – **9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy with prayers for America, The Beginning of The New School Year and Blessing of Backpacks-**10:00 AM** 

Memorial Litia for Thy Handmaiden of God Elinor Deeb (40 Day Memorial) Archpriest John Bohush (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and for all who tragically lost their lives on 9/11 (21<sup>st</sup> anniversary)

Church School Picnic on the Church and Rectory Property following Divine Liturgy

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of The 9/11 Attacks Remembrance 9/11 Prayer Service for America – 6:00 PM Bible Study Class (Via Zoom) – 7:15-8:30 PM

#### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 THE EVE OF THE GREAT FEAST OF THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

Akathist to The Theotokos – **9:30 AM** Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos – **6:00 PM** Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession of Life-Giving Cross of Our Lord – **6:30 PM** 

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

THE GREAT FEAST OF THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS Divine Liturgy – 8:00 AM [PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE]

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

Great Vespers-4:00 PM

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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

Mini-Byzantine Dinner in Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy Church School in The Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy



### **\*\*A REMINDER FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR \*\***

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

We will also be using real coffee cups for coffee hour. If anyone needs assistance with cleaning them following Coffee Hour, please see or contact Mat. Katia.

If there is no host for coffee hour, then we will not have coffee hour on that particular Sunday.

Please refer to the email from Mat. Fran to see which Sundays are available to host coffee hour.

If we do not have a host for a particular Sunday,

then we will not have coffee hour! 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)

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



5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Miraculous Icon of The Most-Holy Theotokos

### **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13**

Akathist to The Theotokos – 9:30 AM Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos – 6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession of Life-Giving Cross of Our Lord – 6:30 PM

### 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 <u>one</u> 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: <u>http://www.youtube.com/v/Gj4pUphDitA&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&feature=player\_e\_mbedded&fs=1</u>"

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: <u>http://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith</u>

or you can begin a Journey Through Orthodoxy by clicking the link below: <u>http://journeytoorthodoxy.com</u>

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: <a href="http://dce.oca.org/page/resources/">http://dce.oca.org/page/resources/</a>

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.

## Come and See how we are all called to be Stewards of The Church!

- Stewardship is our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.
- 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.

If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please feel free to use the QR Code or link to our parish website donation page below. Thank you for your continued support and generosity for our parish in bringing The Love and Faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ to all! May God continue to bless and guide you and keep all of you in His loving care today and always!



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#### ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in prayer Thy Servants of God...

### FOR THE HEALTH OF THY SERVANTS:

#### **HIERARCHS**

Archbishop BENJAMINArchbishop ALEJOArchbishop NATHANIELBishop DANIEL

#### **CLERGY**

Archpriest Herman, Matushka Cynthia and George, ElizabethArchpriest Leonid Archpriest DavidArchpriest Alexey and his familyArchpriest Vladimir and Matushka JeanneArchpriest Timmothy/Mat. MichelleArchpriest Vladimir and Matushka JeanneArchpriest Ken and Matushka NatalieArchpriest John and Presbytera NancyArchpriest Andreja, Popadija Anica and FamilyArchpriest RobertArchpriest TimmothyPriest Peter and Mat. MaryDn. Sean and Mat. HeatherArchpriest John (Onofrey)

#### **MATUSHKI**

Mat. Katia	Mat. Paraskeva	Mat. Joanna	Popadia	Vicki	Christine			
Mat. Patricia	Mat. Gloria	Popadija Sar	a Mat. Ga	yle Mat	. Natasha			
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Walter/Paul	Jim, Darren, Marsha							
Iman.Serena/Asma, Sarah, Lillian, Olga Reader Victor Nicholas, Andrew, Theresa								
Xenia, Justin,	Frank	June						
Marilyn Amanda, Chase, Ronald, Cano			Boris	Oscar				
Larry Joseph	Frank	Billy	Clyde	Amy				
Victor Catherine		Susan	Svetlana	Juliana				
Evelyn		Robert	Paul	Brian				
Jeanne Angel	a, Jason, Michelle	Justin	John, H	elen				
Joseph, John,	Ashley	Steven	Barbara					
Lia/Isaiah	Lee	e, Bridget	Matthew	Willian	n			
Melody Kelly, Robert, Boris, Zaeb, Tirza, Sabas Sada, Charles, Thlisinitsa, Gemmal,								
Geesa, and Patric								
Olga and Eug	ene Jerei	ny Stewart	Susan	Mary	y John			
Susan Justin Louis Alex John, Ke		, Kevin, Sean	Anthony	Aldo	ona, Melinda			
Yuri/Elena	'uri/Elena James		Lee, Benjamin, Harry Patrick					
Jaime/Sammy	, Juliana Anth	ony	Roscoe	Ros	semary			
Aspasia/Stavros, Harry Charles, Seraphim			Emma/Alexander					
Elias, John, Jo	Amelia, Emily							
Vadym Iryna Yuriy Anastasia								

Mary, Hal, Autumn, Ariana, and Amber, Judithann Anita, James, Jeffry, Dominic, Douglas, Rachel , Dennis 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 Kyriaki and Konstantinos (Pete Thanos parents) Amy(friend of Molly Burke)

Children of God -Keely, Isla, Talia, Lane, Liam Corina and Nicole and the children born of them (Laura Rose) (Landry) Alv

Alyssa Marie and the child to be born of her

#### **Diocese of NY&NJ Prayer List**

Archpriest Samuel Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar Archpriest George Archpriest Jonathan Matushka Patricia (Bohush) Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra Archpriest Paul Archpriest Paul

#### Those Serving in The Armed Forces

Kenneth, Nadine, Jason, Robert, Andrew, Justin, Shawn, Austin, Chris, John, Daniel, Gjorgie, Thomas

<u>Catechumens</u> Juanita Martha, Selathiel

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

#### of Life-Giving Cross of Our Lord - 6:30 PM

### FOR THY DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD:

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

Metropolitan HERMAN Metropolitan THEODOSIUS Ever-Memorable Archpriest Eugene Ever-Memorable Priest John Ever-Memorable Archpriest Rastko Ever-Memorable Dn. Mark

Ever-Memorable Archpriest Bernard Ever-Memorable Archpriest George Ever-Memorable Archpriest George Matushka Dorothy 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
 Mat. Anne (Hopko)

 Elinor (mother of Susan Deeb - 40<sup>th</sup> Day September 5)
 Mat. Patricia (Bohush)

 Rdr Michael (Mellin)
 Child of God Harry

 \*If anyone would like to have their loved ones added to the prayer list

for remembrance during the Divine Liturgy and Divine Services, please see or contact Fr. Jason.



5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Miraculous Icon of The Most-Holy Theotokos

#### **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13**

Akathist to The Theotokos – 9:30 AM Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos – 4:00 PM Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession

#### 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 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 (<u>www.stgeorgebuffalo.com</u>) 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!

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

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

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

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

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

#### 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: <u>https://oca.org/become-a-steward</u>

#### 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: <u>http://vimeo.com/71021182</u> 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 buildingup and strengthening of our parish communities. To learn more about these monthly diocesan publications, please refer to the diocesan website: <u>http://www.nynjoca.org/newsletters.html</u>.

<u>"Lessons in Our Faith" Video presented by His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL</u> 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: <u>http://www.nynjoca.org</u>! 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

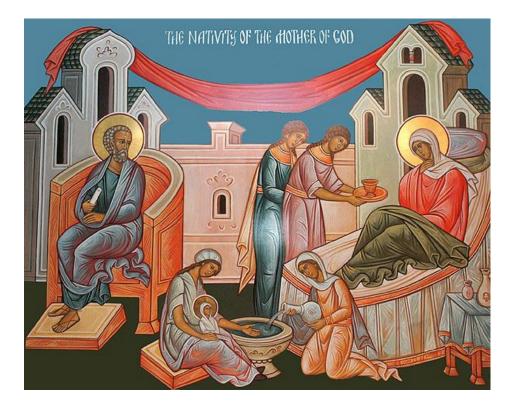
These sermons offered to us by The Diocese via video can be found on the Diocesan Website: <u>http://www.nynjoca.org</u>!

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

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

#### <u>THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST-HOLY</u> <u>LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY</u>

September 8



The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness. The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since St Anna was barren. Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcame the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Sts Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Sts Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feastdays at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

St Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. St Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family. The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World. The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

## The Venerable Theodora of Alexandria

## September 11



Saint Theodora of Alexandria and her husband lived in Alexandria. Love and harmony ruled in their family, and this was hateful to the Enemy of salvation. Goaded on by the devil, a certain rich man was captivated by the youthful beauty of Theodora and began with all his abilities to lead her into adultery, but for a long time he was unsuccessful. Then he bribed a woman of loose morals, who led the unassuming Theodora astray by saying that a secret sin, which the sun does not see, is also unknown to God.

Theodora betrayed her husband, but soon came to her senses and realizing the seriousness of her fall, she became furious with herself, slapping herself on the face and tearing at her hair. Her conscience gave her no peace, and Theodora went to a renowned abbess and told her about her transgression. The abbess, seeing the repentance of the young woman, spoke to her of God's forgiveness and reminded her of the the sinful woman in the Gospel, who washed the feet of Christ with her tears and received from Him forgiveness of her sins. In hope of the mercy of God, Theodora said: "I believe my God, and from now on, I shall not commit such a sin, and I will strive to atone for my deed." At that moment Saint Theodora resolved to go off to a monastery to purify herself by labor and by prayer. She left her home secretly, and dressing herself in men's clothes, she went to a men's monastery, since she feared that her husband would find her in a women's monastery.

The igumen of the monastery, in order to test the resolve of the newcomer, would not even bless her to enter the courtyard. Saint Theodora spent the night at the gates. In the morning, she fell down at the knees of the igumen, and said her name was Theodore from Alexandria, and entreated him to let her remain at the monastery for repentance and monastic labors. Seeing the sincere intent of the newcomer, the igumen consented.

Even the experienced monks were amazed at Theodora's all-night prayers on bended knee, her humility, endurance and self-denial. The saint labored at the monastery for eight years. Her body, once defiled by adultery, now became a vessel of the grace of God and a receptacle of the Holy Spirit.

Once, the saint was sent to Alexandria to buy provisions. After blessing her for the journey, the igumen indicated that in case of a delay, she should stay over at the Enata monastery, which was on the way. Also staying at the guest house of the Enata monastery was the daughter of its igumen. She had come to visit with her father. Attracted by the comeliness of the young monk, she tried to seduce the monk Theodore into the sin of fornication, not knowing that it was a woman standing before her. Meeting with refusal, she committed sin with another guest and became pregnant. Meanwhile, the saint bought the food and returned to her own monastery.

After a certain while the father of the shameless girl, realizing that a transgression had occurred, began to question his daughter about the father of the child. The girl indicated that it was the monk Theodore. The father at once reported it to the Superior of the monastery where Saint Theodora labored in asceticism. The igumen summoned the saint and repeated the accusation. The saint firmly

replied: "As God is my witness, I did not do this." The igumen, knowing of Theodore's purity and holiness of life, did not believe the accusation.

When the girl gave birth, the Enata monks brought the infant to the monastery where the ascetic lived, and began to reproach its monks for an unchaste life. But this time even the igumen believed the slanderous accusation and became angry at the innocent Theodore. They entrusted the infant into the care of the saint and threw her out of the monastery in disgrace.

The saint humbly submitted to this new trial, seeing in it the expiation of her former sin. She settled with the child not far from the monastery in a hut. Shepherds, out of pity, gave her milk for the infant, and the saint herself ate only wild vegetables.

Bearing her misfortune, the holy ascetic spent seven years in banishment. Finally, at the request of the monks, the igumen allowed her to return to the monastery with the child, and in seclusion she spent two years instructing the child. The igumen of the monastery received a revelation from God that the sin of the monk Theodore was forgiven. The grace of God dwelt upon the monk Theodore, and soon all the monks began to witness to the signs worked through the prayers of the saint.

Once, during a drought, all the wells dried up. The igumen said to the brethren that only Theodore would be able to reverse the misfortune. Having summoned the saint, the igumen bade her to bring forth water, and the water in the well did not dry up afterwards. The humble Theodore said that the miracle was worked through the prayer and faith of the igumen.

Before her death, Saint Theodora shut herself in her cell with the child and instructed him to love God above all things. She told him to obey the igumen and the brethren, to preserve tranquility, to be meek and without malice, to avoid obscenity and silliness, to love non-covetousness, and not to neglect their communal prayer. After this, she prayed and, for the last time, she asked the Lord to forgive her sins. The child also prayed together with her. Soon the words of prayer faded from the lips of the ascetic, and she peacefully departed to a better world.

The Lord revealed to the igumen the spiritual accomplishments of the saint, and also her secret. The igumen, in order to remove any dishonor from the deceased, in the presence of the igumen and brethren of the Enata monastery, told of his vision and uncovered the bosom of the saint as proof. The Enata igumen and brethren shrank back in terror at their great transgression. Falling down before the body of the saint, with tears they asked forgiveness of Saint Theodora. News of Saint Theodora reached her former husband. He received monastic tonsure at this same monastery where his wife had been. And the child, raised by the nun, also followed in the footsteps of his foster-mother. Afterwards, he became igumen of this very monastery.

### 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

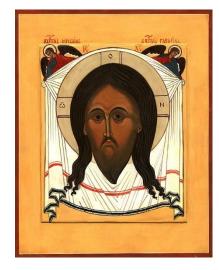
LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, LOVE ALWAYS HAS FAITH, LOVE ALWAYS HAS HOPE, LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS. LOVE NEVER FAILS! 1Cor. 13:7,8

# 9/11: In Prayerful Remembrance



This Sunday – September 11, 2022, marks the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 terrorists attacks on New York City; Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and Arlington, Virginia.

September 11 is a day to remember both the desperate fallenness of this world and the indestructible marks of its creation by our good and loving God... the unspeakable violence of a few terrorists alongside the





courage and divine humanity of thousands of souls who fought and perished that day.

In April 2009, the annual 9/11 observance "became known as the 'National Day of Service and Remembrance,' inspired by the remarkable spirit of unity, compassion and service that arose immediately following the attacks. The day is now the nation's largest day of charitable outreach activities. Millions of people remember this day by performing good deeds and engaging in service projects to help others.

Above all, the day remains one of reflection and prayer. And indeed, there is much upon which one might reflect on this day—the endless conflicts and sorrows in our Nation, Ukraine, Russian, Afghanistan and throughout the world., and the appropriate response thereto; the suffering of countless Christians who have had to abandon their homes, in so many instances literally fleeing for their lives; the challenge to maintain focus on "our true home," the Kingdom of God, wondrously in our midst yet all-too-often overshadowed by this fallen world and its "values" or lack thereof; and ultimately, the need to embrace that great gift of repentance, the very heart of the Gospel, to which all mankind has been called to embrace in faith and love.

Prayer stands at the heart of this day. We pray for those who lost their lives on 9/11, as well as for their families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of those with whom, just one day earlier, they had walked and talked; for those who, in ways known and unknown, selflessly reached out to victims and survivors alike; for those brave first responders—fire fighters and physicians, police and military personnel and officials, clergy and counselors and coworkers—who brought comfort and hope to friend and stranger alike; and for everyone still struggling with the effects of that day – a day that struck our Nation.

[A Reflection by Archpriest John Jillions (former OCA Chancellor)] Taken from The OCA Website Please find below a prayer from The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of The USA that was shared following the 9/11 Attacks on our Nation:

"Lord God, Lover of Mankind, bless our God-protected nation, the United States of America, and forgive those who hate and wrong us. Do good to those who do good and grant all our people safety, health, salvation and eternal life. Visit those who continue to suffer from the terrorist attack upon our nation and heal them. Guide those in our armed forces; in our fire, police and rescue services and in our government. Upon those who have asked us, unworthy though we are, to pray for them, have mercy.

Remember our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, and friends who have fallen asleep in the Lord under the most horrific of circumstances and grant them rest where the light of Your Face shines in a place where there is no more pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering but life everlasting. May their memory be eternal before Your Holy Throne.

Remember us, O Lord, your humble, sinful and unworthy servants and enlighten our minds with the light of Your Knowledge and guide us in the way of your Commandments, through the prayers of our Most-Pure Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and of all Your Saints, for You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen."



## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

### 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary 9/11 Remembrance

9/11 Memorial Prayer Service – 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Via Zoom) – 7:15-8:30 PM

### **SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

Mini Byzantine Dinner (Patti Fiden)

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30 & SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

Feast of The Protection of The Most-Holy Theotokos

Friday September 30, 2022 Great Vespers – 6:00 PM

Saturday October 1, 2022 Divine Liturgy – 9:00 AM Great Vespers – 4:00 PM

## **OCTOBER 30, 2022**

Chili Cook-Off Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

## **NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

Stewardship Thanksgiving Luncheon (PC)

### **DECEMBER 17/18, 2022**

Cookie Walk/Bake Sale (Mat. Fran) Fun White Elephant Auction

#### \*\*PLEASE SHARE THESE FEASTS, DIVINE SERVICES, AND EVENTS WITH EVERYONE

### Saint Tikhon's Monastery The Oldest Orthodox Christian Monastery in America

2022- DIOCESAN APPEAL – 2022

His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL has asked that every parish within The Diocese of New York and New Jersey hold a 3 week collection to seek donations for The Monastery Housing at St Tikhon's Monasetery in South Canaan, PA. This is where the Monks reside, pray, and study while focusing on their spiritual struggle and journey in order to pray for all of us living and ministering in the world.

Let us look into our hearts and see how we can give back to God a portion of the blessings He has bestowed upon us out of His Love, Mercy, and Grace for all of us by supporting and donating out of love and gratitude to God to St. Tikhon's Monastery where Saints have Lived and Walked and Prayed!

#### SPECIAL DIOCESAN APPEAL COLLECTIONS

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4 ~ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

### **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18**

### MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND GUIDE YOU

### FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!

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

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or

Visit our Fundraising Pages at the Link Below:

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https://allevents.in/buffalo/chiavettas-chicken-dinner-fundraiser-drive-thruonly/80001161288404

> \*\* THE LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (1-4 PM)\*\* Chicken/Beef Chowder Sale

\*\*Please see or contact Mike Dan for more information and/or to help out! We will need \$250/each month to cover cost of ingredients to ensure full profit!

Thank you for your continued love, prayers, generosity, and support. May God richly bless and guide you and your families!

## MINI- BYZANTINE DINNER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

In The Parish Fellowship Hall immediately following The Divine Liturgy!

There is no charge for the dinner...we are simply asking for a "Celebration Donation" as we begin the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year-Long Celebration of Our Parish!!

As we begin the year long celebration of Services, Events, and Activities to mark The 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Beloved Parish, let us come together on Sunday September 18 as a Parish Family and enjoy a delicious lunch (prepared by our wonderful parishioners) and spend time together in prayer, Christian Fellowship and reflect upon the past 110 years of our parish and her life and ministry To, With, and For The Glory of God!

During the luncheon, Fr. Jason will give a brief history about our parish after which we invite everyone to share our memories and stories as well as what makes St. George Orthodox Church so special to us and to our families and why we call it our Spiritual Home!

Please share these events with our families, friends, and neighbors!