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THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Hieromartyr Gorazd, Bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia (Serbian—1942 (1942). Hieromartyr Babylas (Vavíla), Bishop of Antioch, and with him Martyrs Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonius; and their mother, Christodula (251). Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (16th c. B.C.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Joasáph, Bishop of Bélgorod (1911). Martyr Hermione, daughter of St. Philip the Deacon (ca. 117). Martyr Babylas of Nicomedia, and with him 84 children (4th c.). Martyrs Theodore, Mianus (Ammianus), Julian, Kion (Oceanus), and Centurionus, of Nicomedia (305-311). "Unburnt Bush" Icon of the Mother of God

EPISTLE: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom **GOSPEL**:

3.5 ... 40.46

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Matthew 19:16-26

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

FLOWERS FOR THIS WEEK

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

St. George Orthodox Church

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

We welcome all of you to the Divine Liturgy this morning, especially those who are visiting with us here at St. George Orthodox Church. Everyone is invited to the Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy for Christian Fellowship. It is our prayer that your experience this morning was spiritually uplifting and you will return very soon to pray with our parish family. In the Orthodox Church, we do not practice open Communion. However we do invite everyone to come and participate in the Divine Liturgy. Hence only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through prayer and fasting may receive Holy Communion. May the Lord bless you with many years of good health and happiness.

HYMNS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

Tropars/Kontakions for Divine Liturgy

Troparion for The Resurrection - Tone 3

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

Troparion for The Hieromartyr Babýlas - Tone 4

By sharing in the ways of the A<u>post</u>les, thou didst become a suc<u>ces</u>sor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O in<u>spired</u> one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the <u>shed</u>ding of thy blood.// O Hieromartyr Babýlas, entreat Christ God to <u>save</u> our souls!

Troparion for The Holy Prophet Moses - Tone 2

Thou didst as<u>cend</u> to the heights of the virtues, O Prophet <u>Mo</u>ses; therefore, thou wast deemed worthy to see the <u>glo</u>ry of God. Having re<u>ceived</u> the grace-filled <u>tablets</u> of the Law, and bearing the grace of the writing with<u>in</u> thyself, Thou wast the <u>hon</u>orable praise of <u>prophets</u>,// and a great <u>mys</u>tery of <u>pi</u>ety.

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

Kontakion for Resurrection - Tone 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O <u>Mer</u>ciful One, leading us from the <u>gates</u> of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and <u>Pa</u>triarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress Tone 6 (Hymn to the Theotokos)

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

PROKEMEINON Tone 3

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

ALLELUIA VERSES

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!
Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

Brethren:

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

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

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

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

Let us Attend:

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

THE MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

- 1 Beginning of The New Liturgical (Church) Year Moleben Prayer Service for The New Year – 6:00 PM
- 4 The Hours 9:10 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM
 BAPTISM OF LAURA ROSE ROSTKO 11:30 AM
- 7 Eve of the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Great Vespers with Litiya at 6:00 PM

8 - The Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Festal Divine Liturgy at 8:00 AM {PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE}

11- Opening of Church School (YOUTH SUNDAY)

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

Moleben Prayer Service with Prayers for America/Beginning of School Year

Memorial Litia for Elinor Deeb (40th Day Memorial)

Blessing of Children's Backpacks

Memorial Lunch/Meet n Greet Picnic on Church/Rectory Property

12 – (Observance of The 21st 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

**5th Anniversary of The Miraculous

Oil-Streaming Icon of The Theotokos**

Akathist Service to The Theotokos at 9:00 AM

Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession of The Cross of Our Lord at 6:00 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 9:30 AM Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos at 6:00 PM

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 110th 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

= = = Scriptural Readings for the Week = = =

Monday	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 3:6-12
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Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5	Mark 3:13-19
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7	Mark 3:20-27
Thursday	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
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Friday 2 Corinthians 11:5-21 Mark 4:1-9

Saturday 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 Matthew 10:37-11:1 Sunday 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Matthew 21:33-42

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

THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

The Hours – **9:10 AM** Divine Liturgy – **9:30 AM**Brief Memorial Litia for Thy Newly-Departed Child of God - Harry

Coffee Hour Fellowship in Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy

THE MYSTERY OF HOLY BAPTISM OF LAURA ROSE ROSTKO - 12:00 PM

Luncheon in Parish Fellowship Hall Following The Baptism

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Daily Matins – 9:30 AM Paraklesis Service - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

THE EVE OF THE GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Great Vespers with Litiya – 6:00 PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

THE GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Divine Liturgy – 8:00 AM [PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE]

* Fr. Jason will be away attending The Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference St. Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church in Wappingers Falls from Thursday September 8 (following The Divine Liturgy) and will be returning on Saturday September 10.*

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Great Vespers-4:00 PM

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

General Confession – **9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy with prayers for 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) and for all who tragically lost their lives on 9/11 (21st anniversary)

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

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

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



**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!



5th Anniversary of The Miraculous Icon of The Most-Holy Theotokos

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

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

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!





https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted button id=E5X6YTVC9DF3W

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in prayer Thy Servants of God...

FOR THE HEALTH OF THY SERVANTS:

HIERARCHS

Metropolitan HERMAN Archbishop BENJAMIN Archbishop ALEJO Archbishop NATHANIEL Bishop DANIEL

CLERGY

Archpriest Herman, Matushka Cynthia and George, Elizabeth

Archpriest Leonid Archpriest David

Archpriest Alexey and his family
Archpriest Vladimir and Matushka Jeanne
Archpriest Timmothy/Mat. Michelle
Archpriest John and Presbytera Nancy

Archpriest Ken and Matushka Natalie Archpriest Robert

Archpriest Andreja, Popadija Anica and Family

Archpriest Timmothy Priest Peter and Mat. Mary Dn. Sean and Mat. Heather Archpriest John (Onofrey)

MATUSHKI

Vadym Iryna Yuriy Anastasia

Mat. Katia	Mat. Paraskeva	Mat. Joanna	Popadia Vicki	i Christine
Mat. Patricia	Mat. Gloria	Popadija Sara	Mat. Gayle	Mat. Natasha

Catherine	Ivan/Marina	a/Inna Bo	onnie/Silviu	(Coard	Karen	Aliscia	
Walter/Paul	Edwina, Ir	ene L	uba	Jim, I	Darren, Ma	rsha	
Serena/Asma, Sarah, Lillian, Olga Reader Victor Nicholas, Andrew, Theresa						v, Theresa	
Xenia, Justin	, Danielle, Jo	hn All	ert	Frank	June		
Marilyn	Amanda, Cl	nase, Ronal	d, Candice	Boris	Oscar		
Larry Joseph	Frank	Bil	ly	Clyde	Amy		
Victor Cath	erine	Sus	an	Svetlana	a Juliana		
Evelyn		Rol	ert	Paul	Brian		
Jeanne Angela, Jason, Michelle Linda				Justin	John, Helen		
Joseph, John,	, Margaret, T	homas, Vic	toria, Tyler	Ashley	Steven	Barbara	
Lia/Isaiah	_	Lee, Brid	lget	Matthey	w Willian	ı	
Melody Kelly, Robert, Boris, Zaeb, Tirza, Sabas Sada, Charles, Thlisinitsa, Gemmal,							
Geesa, and P	atric						
Olga and Eug	gene	Jeremy St	ewart	Susan	Mary	7 John	
Susan Instin	Louis Alex	John Key	in Sean	Anthony	Aldo	na Melinda	

Olga and Eugene Jeremy Stewart Susan Mary John Susan Justin Louis Alex John, Kevin, Sean Anthony Aldona, Melinda Yuri/Elena James Lee, Benjamin, Harry Patrick Jaime/Sammy, Juliana Anthony Roscoe Rosemary Aspasia/Stavros, Harry Charles, Seraphim Emma/Alexander Elias, John, Joseph, Nadim, Theresa Amelia, Emily

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) Alvssa Marie and the child to be born of her

Diocese of NY&NI Prayer List

Archpriest Samuel Matushka Patricia (Bohush)

Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra

Archpriest George **Archpriest Paul Archpriest Ionathan Archpriest Paul**

Those Serving in The Armed Forces

Catechumens

Juanita Martha, Selathiel Martha, Akhtar, Barkat, Rehmat Kenneth, Nadine, Jason, Robert, Andrew, Justin, Shawn,

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

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 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

Mat. Anne (Hopko)

Mat. Patricia (Bohush)

Newly-Departed Servants of God

Elinor (mother of Susan Deeb – 40th Day September 5) 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.



5th Anniversary of The Miraculous Icon of The Most-Holy Theotokos

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Akathist to The Theotokos - 9:30 AM Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession

of Life-Giving Cross of Our Lord - 6:00 PM

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 (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!

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 18th 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!

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"Lessons in Our Faith" Video presented by His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL

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

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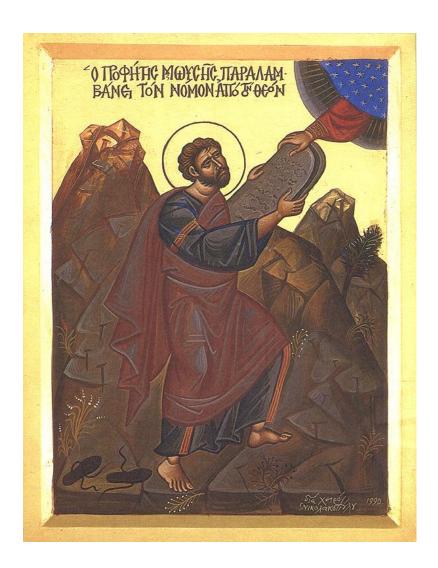
WEEKLY VIDEO SERMONS GIVEN BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL

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THE HOLY PROPHET AND GOD-SEER MOSES

September 4

The Holy Prophet and God-Seer Moses was of the tribe of Levi, the son of Abram and Jochabed (Exodus 6:20). His life is described in the Bible (Exodus 2 through Deuteronomy 34:12).

Moses was born in Egypt around 1689 B.C. When Pharaoh ordered all male children of the Hebrew slaves to be killed (Exodus 1:22), Moses' mother placed him in a basket of papyrus coated with pitch, and set him adrift on the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter found him and raised him as her own son.

At the age of eighty, Moses fled to Midian, where he spoke to God in the Burning Bush on Mt. Horeb (Exodus 3:2). God chose Moses to lead His people from the slavery of Egypt. They crossed the Red Sea as if it were dry land, and for forty years they wandered in the desert.

Arriving in the land of Moab, Moses went to the top of Mt. Nabau, or Nebo (Deuteronomy 32:49), which is called Phasga (Deut. 34:1). There, according to the will of God, he died in 1569 B.C. at the age of 120 without entering the Promised Land.

The first two Biblical Odes are attributed to Moses: "Let us sing to the Lord..." (Exodus 15:1-9), which was sung on the shores of the Red Sea after the Hebrews had crossed it. "Attend, O heaven..." (Deut. 32:1-43) was sung in the land of Moab, a few days before Moses' death. He is also regarded as the author of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

The holy Prophet Moses performed many miracles during his lifetime, and also after his death. He appeared on Tabor with the Prophet Elias at the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6).

On the day that Saint John of the Ladder (March 30) was installed as abbot of Mt. Sinai, the Prophet Moses was seen going around and giving orders to the cooks, stewards, and servants. When the guests had gone and the monks were sitting at table, they wondered what had

become of the stranger who had been giving orders. Saint John said, "Our Lord Moses does nothing strange by serving in the place which belongs to him."

The Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch, and those with him

September 4



The Hieromartyr Babylas and with him the three youths Urban, Prilidian, Epolonius and their mother Christodoula died as martyrs under the emperor Decius (249-251). During his stay in their city of Antioch, the emperor arranged for a large festival in honor of the pagan gods.

At the same time, Babylas, the holy and God-fearing Bishop of Antioch, was serving the Divine Liturgy in church. He prayed for his flock and

taught them to endure all tribulations for Christ with courage. The idolater Decius, curious to witness the Divine Mysteries, decided to enter the church.

News of this reached the bishop, so he went out to meet Decius and blocked the path to the church, for he was unwilling to permit impiety in the temple of God. When the emperor approached the church doors, Saint Babylas refused to let him enter, so the emperor had to abandon his intention. He wanted to take revenge on the saint right away, but when he saw the large throng of Christians, he feared they might riot.

The next day the angry emperor ordered that the church be set on fire, and for Bishop Babylas to be brought before him. When asked why he had insulted the imperial dignity by not allowing the emperor to enter the church, the holy bishop answered, "Anyone who would rise up against God and want to desecrate His sanctuary, is not worthy of respect, but has become the enemy of the Lord."

Decius declared that the holy bishop must worship the idols in order to make up for his lack of respect for the emperor, or else face execution. After convincing himself that the martyr would remain steadfast in his faith, he commanded the military commander Victorinus to put him in heavy chains and lead him through the city in disgrace. The holy martyr replied, "Emperor, these chains are as venerable for me as your imperial crown is for you. For me, suffering for Christ is as desirable as the imperial power is for you. Death for the Immortal King is as precious to me as your life is to you."

At the trial with Bishop Babylas were three young brothers, who did not forsake him even in this most difficult moment. Seeing them, the emperor asked, "Who are these children?"

"These are my spiritual children," the saint replied, "and I have raised them in piety, I have given them an education, cultivated them with guidance, and here before you in a small body are these great young men and perfect Christians. Test them and see."

The emperor tried in all sorts of ways to entice the youths and their mother Christodoula to renounce Christ, but in vain. Then, in a rage, he ordered each of them to be whipped with a number of blows corresponding to their age. The first received twelve blows, the second, ten, and the third, seven. Dismissing the mother and children, the torturer again summoned the bishop, telling him that the children had renounced Christ. He did not believe the lie, however.

Then he commanded all the martyrs be tied to a tree and burned with fire. Seeing the stoic bravery of the saints, the emperor finally condemned them to be beheaded with the sword.

["True Faith is Neither Self-Righteousness nor Despair: Homily on the Rich Young Ruler in the Orthodox Church" (12th Sunday of Matthew)- Taken from Ancient Faith Radio)

Many of us probably make a list of things we have to do from time to time so that we will not forget something on an especially busy day. If you are like me, sometimes you go down a list like that and check off doing an errand, paying a bill, or calling the plumber. When we have a lot to do, we likely feel pretty good about ourselves on those rare occasions when we accomplish everything on our list. There is nothing wrong, of course, with checking everyday chores, but it is a mistake to approach the Christian life in that way. For to participate personally in the salvation that Jesus Christ has brought to the world is a calling of any entirely different sort that must not be reduced to a simple list of tasks.

Unfortunately, the rich young ruler who asked Jesus Christ what he had to do in order to find eternal life did apparently think of his relationship with God in terms of a list of accomplishments. So when the Lord told him to keep the commandments of the Old Testament, the man said that he had checked them all off, that he had completed God's requirements. But just to be sure, this fellow asked what he lacked, what else he could do. And that is when the Lord told him what he did not want to hear, for he challenged him to do something well beyond his

list: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

This fellow was rich and loved his possessions, so he became very sad and apparently walked away in despair. The Lord knew how hard it is for people who have it all in this life to enter the kingdom of heaven, for they are tempted strongly to love their possessions and status more than God and neighbor. But in response to the disciples' question "Who then can be saved?", Christ said "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." In other words, even people like this fellow may find salvation by God's grace.

The Lord challenged the rich young man by giving him a commandment that went to the core of his being, to what he loved the most, his money. By telling him to do what he did not have the spiritual strength to do, Christ challenged him to stop thinking about his relationship with God as a set of simple laws or behaviors that he could master. The truth is that anyone who responds to the Old Testament commandments by saying that he has always obeyed them since childhood has a very shallow understanding of what God requires of us.

Recall that Christ said in the Sermon on the Mount that we are guilty of murder if we hate and insult others. He taught that we are guilty of adultery if we lust in our hearts. And if we do not love God with every ounce of our being and our neighbors as ourselves, we have broken the greatest of the commandments. Unless we are spiritually blind, we should see immediately that none of us has mastered God's requirements, none of us may stand before the Lord bragging that we have done all that was expected of us.

Christ jolted this man out of his delusion, out of his false self-confidence, by giving him a commandment that He knew he did not have the spiritual strength to keep: giving away all his beloved money, possessions, and power. Perhaps for the first time, this fellow was challenged to see that eternal life is not a matter of checking off a list, not something that we can accomplish simply by a bit of will power. And since Christ came to unite our fallen humanity with divinity and to conquer sin and death, it is pretty clear that even the most law-abiding person still needs the mercy, grace, and love of the Lord in order to

inherit eternal life. By our own power, it is simply not possible to share in the holiness of God, but with Jesus Christ, all things are possible.

The Christian life is an ongoing struggle against our own spiritual corruption and that of the world in which we live. We must cooperate with our Lord's mercy by resisting temptations and following His commandments as best we can. But even our ability to do so is not simply our work, for we are enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives to grow in holiness and find healing for our souls beyond what we can accomplish by ourselves. Likewise, no matter how much progress we make in the Christian life, the journey to "be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect" is an eternal one, an infinite undertaking that will not be completed in this life. The more we participate personally in Christ, the more aware we will be of our need for mercy; the more aware we will be that we have only just begun to find healing for our souls.

Regardless of what some say, Christianity may not be boiled down simply to leading a morally decent life and having warm feelings about God. If that were the case, I suppose that some could claim that they have checked off that box and now need only wait to receive their reward. But that would be a very watered-down form of the faith that would call us neither to holiness nor to a realistic understanding of our spiritual brokenness and weakness. Christians who fall into the self-righteous mindset of those who think they are so holy that they may judge and condemn others do so in part because they have such a shallow and impoverished view of their own spiritual state, of what God requires of us, and of how we all stand before Him in need of mercy and healing.

Too many Christians in our society are just like the rich young ruler. We think that we have done all that God requires and accept illusions about our own holiness, when in reality we love ourselves and our possessions more than God and neighbor. One of the great blessings of the Orthodox Church is that we have so many resources to shake us out of such complacency. Before I became Orthodox, I always thought that I had to supplement what the churches I attended expected of me because they seemed to expect so little. But Orthodoxy really does call us to be "be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect": to love and forgive our enemies; to reject all unholy and tempting thoughts; to pray constantly from the heart; to fast and deny ourselves

on a regular basis; to confess our sins honestly and turn away from them; and to shine with the light of the Divine Glory in every dimension of our lives. This is the fullness of the Christian faith that should lead us to fall in our faces before God as we call for His mercy, not to brag about how righteous we are or to judge our neighbors.

Of course, we always stand in need of the Lord's mercy, as the Jesus Prayer so clearly demonstrates. But we cannot rest content with any type of spiritual disease or disobedience in our lives. We must always pursue healing, strength, and wholeness. Orthodoxy teaches the fullness of the Christian faith, emphasizing both our need for God's forgiveness and our calling to become more like God, to become participants in the Divine Nature by grace. We do not earn God's favor by checking off a list of laws, but neither should we become lax by presuming His forgiveness if we are not sincerely repenting, which means reorienting our lives according to His will for us. We must not be like someone who realizes he is going the wrong way on a journey, feels bad about it, but keeps going in the wrong direction. We have to actually stop, turn around, and go the right way. If we do not, we have not really repented or reoriented our lives.

Not everyone, of course, is tempted to self-righteous thoughts of perfection. Some people know quite well that they have not served God faithfully. That recognition is a blessing because it clues us in to the truth about ourselves. But even those with that level of spiritual vision may be tempted to walk away in despair when they hear what the Lord requires of us. "How could I possibly live the life to which Christ calls us?," we may ask. If that is your question today, focus on the final words of the passage: "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." The good news of the gospel is that there is hope for us all in Jesus Christ, especially when we have come to see how far we are from Him, how we have not served Him faithfully, and how much room for healing there is in our souls.

None of us will enter the Kingdom of Heaven because we have checked off a list or somehow become perfect by our own moral power. All of us should tremble before a calling that seems so far beyond our abilities. And all of us should take heart that, if salvation is possible by God's grace even for the rich young rulers of the world, there is hope for us too in Jesus Christ.

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

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7 & THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Feast of the Nativity of The Most-Holy Theotokos

Wednesday September 7, 2022 Great Vespers with Litiya – 6:00 PM

Thursday September 8, 2022 Divine Liturgy – 8:00 AM {PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE}

**Fr. Jason will be away attending The Annual Clergy Conference in Wappingers Falls from Thursday September 8 (following Divine Liturgy) and will be returning on Saturday September 10). **

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

OPENING OF CHURCH SCHOOL
GENERAL CONFESSION – 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy followed Blessing of Backpacks and Prayers
for Beginning of Church School – 10:00 AM
Memorial Litia for Elinor Deeb (40th Day Memorial)
Church School Picnic on Church Property

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

21st Anniversary 9/11 Remembrance 9/11 Memorial Prayer Service – 6:30 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



5th Anniversary of The Miraculous Icon of The Most-Holy Theotokos

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

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Festal Divine Liturgy and Procession of Life-Giving Cross of Our Lord around The Church – 9:30 AM Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Stewardship Thanksgiving Luncheon (PC)

DECEMBER 17/18, 2022

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

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

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

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