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THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

Published weekly in the interest of the parishioners and friends  
of Saint George Orthodox Church, Buffalo, NY  
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**18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.** Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.). Ven. Lóngin the Gatekeeper of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Ven. Lóngin of Yarensk (1544-45). St. Domna of Tomsk

<b>EPISTLE:</b>	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	<b>GOSPEL:</b>
2 Corinthians 9:6-11		Luke 8:5-15
Hebrews 13:7-16	<i>(Fathers)</i>	John 17:1-13

**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!

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**Altar Vigil Candles** are offered by Anthony DelNuovo in Loving Memory  
of Thy Departed Servants of his family. May their memory be eternal.

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**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**

### **Troparion for The Resurrection – Tone 1**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

### **Troparion for The Fathers of The 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council – Tone 8**

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion for Resurrection – Tone 1**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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

### **Kontakion for The Fathers of The 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council – Tone 2**

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith,// the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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 1**

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

*v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!*

### **THE SECOND PROKEMEINON TONE 4**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

### **ALLELUIA VERSES**

*God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.*

*He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.*

*The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

### **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! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

### **Brethren:**

But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

### **Brethren:**

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

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

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

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

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

## GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

### **Let us Attend!**

"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"

And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

### **At That Time!**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

# THE MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2022

## OCTOBER 2022

16 – Make Health/Snack Kits for Mats for Mission

17 – Monthly Community Healing Prayer Service at 6:30 PM

22– Memorial Saturday

Full Panahyda Memorial Prayer Service at 3:00 PM

Great Vespers at 4:00 PM Parish Council Meeting (Via Zoom) (5:15pm)

29 – Monthly Chowder Sale (1-4 pm)

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

**Education Sermon**

**CHILI COOK-OFF/TRUNK OR TREAT FESTIVAL**

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### **BIBLE STUDY**

EVERY TUESDAY (6:30 – 8:00 PM)

### **ADULT EDUCATION/BIBLE STUDY**

EVERY WEDNESDAY (10:00 – 11:30 AM)

EVERY WEDNESDAY (6:45 – 8:00 PM)

### **BOOK CLUB**

EVERY MONDAY DURING THE NATIVITY FAST AND GREAT LENT  
(6:30 to 8:00 PM)

November 14      November 21      November 28

December 5      December 12      December 19

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

## ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH (Buffalo, NY)

### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

To the Glory of God, every year our beloved parish family answers The Call of Our Lord of ministering to those in need by fulfilling The Gospel of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ with participating in 5 on-going Parish Outreach Ministries within the local Buffalo Area on an on-going basis and especially during the Nativity Season.

Every year, we look forward to another wonderful blessed Nativity Season of bringing the joy, the love, and the peace of The Nativity of Our Lord to everyone especially through the following the outreach ministries:

**Hearts for The Homeless** – which is a mobile soup kitchen/thrift shop that feeds the poor and chronic homeless on the street. Characterized by a profound spiritual motivation. The program offers nourishing food, as well as clothing, pertinent information regarding area services, companionship and hope for the future.

- Each Month we collect a different canned good/non-perishable food item along with hygiene products and drop them off at the Hearts for The Homeless Distribution Center

**Buffalo City Mission** – exists to meet the spiritual and practical needs of the poor through the demonstration of the love and preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in providing love, care, shelter, food, and other means necessary to those in need.

- Each Month we collect hygiene products, clothing for men, women, and children and drop them off at the Buffalo City Mission Distribution Center

**HomeSpace** – is a local community organization ministering to local teens and pre-teen moms which provides comprehensive care to 14-21 yr old moms (providing those essential items necessary for caring for their children: diapers, wipes, baby food, clothing (infants through 7/8 years old).

Homespace Corporation supports at-risk young women to achieve independence two generations at a time.

- Each Month we collect hygiene products, clothing for young women and children along with those essential items necessary for caring for their children: diapers, wipes, baby food, clothing (infants through 7/8 years old) and drop them off at the HomeSpace Distribution Center

**Mats for Mission/Resurrection Life Food Pantry** – A Local Organization assisting with providing rest mats made out of plastic bags for the less fortunate as well as providing food and other means necessary to those in need.

- Each Month we collect plastic bags as well as canned goods and non-perishable food items and drop them off at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry Distribution Center.
- Beginning in January 2022, our church school children will be volunteering here on a regular basis assisting with collecting and sorting out Food Bags for those in need.

**Baker Victory** – A Local Organization dedicated to fostering the highest possible quality of life and personal achievement by partnering with children, adults, their families and the WNY community through a diverse array of social, health and human services.

- Twice a year we collect gifts and other essential items necessary for the children and drop them off at the Baker Victory Distribution Center.

## 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

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**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND GUIDE YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!**  
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**THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES**  
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2022**

**THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

The Hours – **9:40 AM**      Divine Liturgy – **10:00 AM**  
Memorial Litia for Thy Servant of God Boris/Hrisa (Parents of Dr. Boris)  
Coffee Hour Fellowship in The Parish Fellowship following Divine Liturgy  
Church School Class in The Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy  
Make 'Health Kits' for Mats for Mission

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2022**

Daily Matins – **9:00 AM**  
Bible Study (Via Zoom) - **6:30 to 8:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2022**

Adult Education Class (Via Zoom) – **10:00 – 11:30 AM**  
Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos - **6:00 PM**  
Adult Education Class (Via Zoom - **6:45 to 8:00 PM**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 20, 2022**

Akathist Service to St. George – **9:00 AM**

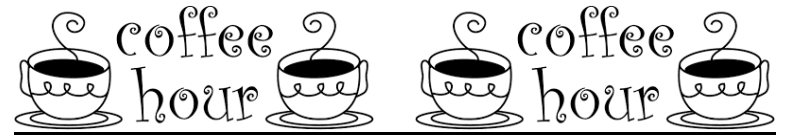
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2022**

**MEMORIAL SATURDAY**  
Full Memorial Panahyda Service – **3:00 PM**

Great Vespers– **4:00 PM**      Parish Council Meeting (**Via Zoom**) – **5:15 PM**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022**

The Hours – **9:40 AM**      Divine Liturgy – **10:00 AM**  
Coffee Hour Fellowship in The Parish Fellowship following Divine Liturgy  
Church School Class 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 hosting 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 or using the dishwasher 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](mailto:610.698.1666/frances.vansuch@yahoo.com))

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

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**COFFEE HOUR DATES AVAILABLE**



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 18 (Elephant Raffle)

**PLEASE SEE MATUSHKA FRAN**

## FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME In The Orthodox Christian Church

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

~ All are Welcome ~

Do we have questions about our life, its meaning, purpose, destiny?  
Are we desiring to know Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God?  
Are we seeking forgiveness, healing, and wholeness?

Do we wonder where to go to find answers?

We can find the answers to these questions and so many other questions  
in The Holy Orthodox Church through Her Sacred Tradition,  
Holy Scriptures, Her Teachings and Dogmas.

The Orthodox Church is the original Christian Church, the Church founded by the Lord Jesus Christ and described in the pages of the New Testament. Her history can be traced in unbroken continuity all the way back to Christ and His Twelve Apostles, empowered and sent forth on the day of Holy Pentecost. Incredible as it seems, for over twenty centuries she has continued in her undiminished and unaltered faith and practice. Today her apostolic doctrine, worship, and structure remain intact. The Orthodox Church maintains that the Church is the living Body of Jesus Christ. Many of us are surprised to learn that for the first 1000 years of Christian history there was just one Church.

Where is "**The Church**" to be found and experienced today? Come Taste and See How Good The Lord is every Sunday by joining us for The Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM.

What is Orthodox Christianity all about? How does it differ from other Christian confessions? This section will attempt to answer these questions and many more.

For a visual introduction to the Orthodox Church, please view the video link below:  
[http://www.youtube.com/v/Gj4pUphDitA&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&feature=player\\_embedded&fs=1](http://www.youtube.com/v/Gj4pUphDitA&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&feature=player_embedded&fs=1)

For a brief introduction and in depth study to The Orthodox Faith and to find answers to: 'What we Believe?', "Who we Are?", and "How we Live?', please view the PDF link below:

<http://orthodoxdelmarva.org/files/studies/InquirersClassV1final.pdf>

or you may visit the OCA website by clicking the link below:

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

or you can begin a Journey Through Orthodoxy by clicking the link below:

<http://journeytoorthodoxy.com>

To learn more ways that we can teach our children about the Orthodox Faith, The OCA has provided a wonderful website for us to use that provides great resources such as (handouts, texts, articles, stories, and much more)! To see this great website, please view the PDF link below:

<http://dce.oca.org/page/resources/>

If you have any questions or would like to know more about The Orthodox Faith or needs and help or assistance, please contact our parish priest: V Rev. Jason Vansuch (jvansuch@hotmail.com) or 716.875.4222 and he will be able guide you.

## 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 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 Presbyter 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**

Mat. Katia	Mat. Paraskeva	Mat. Joanna	Popadia Vicki	Christine
Mat. Patricia	Mat. Gloria	Popadija Sara	Mat. Gayle	Mat. Natasha
Catherine	Ivan/Marina/Inna	Bonnie/Silviu	Coard Karen	Aliscia
Walter/Paul	Edwina, Irene	Luba	Jim, Darren, Marsha	
Iman.Serena/Asma, Sarah, Lillian, Olga	Reader Victor	Nicholas, Andrew, Theresa		
Xenia, Justin, Danielle, John	Albert	Frank	June	
Marilyn	Amanda, Chase, Ronald, Candice	Boris	Oscar	
Larry Joseph Frank	Billy	Clyde	Amy	
Victor Catherine	Susan	Svetlana	Juliana	
Evelyn	Robert	Paul	Brian	
Jeanne Angela, Jason, Michelle	Linda	Justin	John, Helen	
Joseph, John, Margaret, Thomas, Victoria, Tyler	Ashley	Steven	Barbara	
Lia/Isaiah	Lee, Bridget	Matthew	William	
Melody Kelly, Robert, Boris, Zaeb, Tirza, Sabas	Sada, Charles, Thlisinita, Gemmal, Geesa, and Patric			
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		
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    Molly (NikolaiDorcas)  
Kyriaki and Konstantinos (Pete Thanos parents)    Amy(friend of Molly Burke)

Children of God -Keely, Isla, Talia, Lane, Liam  
Alyssa Marie and the child to be born of her

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

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

#### **Those Serving in The Armed Forces**

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

#### **Catechumens**

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

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

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

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

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

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## FOR THY DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD:

For all of those who tragically lost their lives to the Coronavirus and other ailments  
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

**\*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.**

### 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](http://www.stgeorgebuffalo.com)) to see how we may be able to donate towards the needs of our parish through our continued support and stewardship for our beloved parish.

Some of the items on the leaves are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

These sermons offered to us by The Diocese via video can be found on the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>! There are videos for each week beginning with The Feast of Feasts – Holy Pascha! Be sure to check them out!

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**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH EDUCATION CENTER**

# **Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord**

**Commemorated on October 16**



The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, a Roman soldier, served in Judea under the command of the Governor, Pontius Pilate. When our Savior Jesus Christ was crucified, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus which stood watch on Golgotha, at the very foot of the holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eyewitnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events shook the centurion's soul. Longinus believed in Christ and

confessed before everyone, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Mt. 27:54).

According to Church Tradition, Longinus was the soldier who pierced the side of the Crucified Savior with a spear, and received healing from an eye affliction when blood and water poured forth from the wound.

After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Savior, Longinus stood watch with his company at the Sepulchre of the Lord. These soldiers were present at the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews bribed them to lie and say that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold. They also refused to remain silent about the miracle of the Resurrection.

Having come to believe in the Savior, the soldiers received Baptism from the apostles and decided to leave military service. Saint Longinus left Judea to preach about Jesus Christ the Son of God in his native land (Cappadocia), and his two comrades followed him.

The fiery words of those who had actually participated in the great events in Judea swayed the hearts and minds of the Cappadocians; Christianity began quickly to spread throughout the city and the surrounding villages. When they learned of this, the Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to send a company of soldiers to Cappadocia to kill Longinus and his comrades. When the soldiers arrived at Longinus's village, the former centurion himself came out to meet the soldiers and took them to his home. After a meal, the soldiers revealed the purpose of their visit, not knowing that the master of the house was the very man whom they were seeking. Then Longinus and his friends identified themselves and told the startled soldiers to carry out their duty.

The soldiers wanted to let the saints go and advised them to flee, but they refused to do this, showing their firm intention to suffer for Christ. The holy martyrs were beheaded, and their bodies were buried at the place where the saints were martyred. The head of Saint Longinus, however, was sent to Pilate.

Pilate gave orders to cast the martyr's head on a trash-heap outside the city walls. After a while a certain blind widow from Cappadocia arrived in Jerusalem with her son to pray at the holy places, and to ask that her sight be restored. After becoming blind, she had sought the help of physicians to cure her, but all their efforts were in vain.

The woman's son became ill shortly after reaching Jerusalem, and he died a few days later. The widow grieved for the loss of her son, who had served as her guide.

Saint Longinus appeared to her in a dream and comforted her. He told her that she would see her son in heavenly glory, and also receive her sight. He told her to go outside the city walls and there she would find his head in a great pile of refuse. Guides led the blind woman to the rubbish heap, and she began to dig with her hands. As soon as she touched the martyr's head, the woman received her sight, and she glorified God and Saint Longinus.

Taking up the head, she brought it to the place she was staying and washed it. The next night, Saint Longinus appeared to her again, this time with her son. They were surrounded by a bright light, and Saint Longinus said, "Woman, behold the son for whom you grieve. See what glory and honor are his now, and be consoled. God has numbered him with those in His heavenly Kingdom. Now take my head and your son's body, and bury them in the same casket. Do not weep for your son, for he will rejoice forever in great glory and happiness."

The woman carried out the saint's instructions and returned to her home in Cappadocia. There she buried her son and the head of Saint Longinus. Once, she had been overcome by grief for her son, but her weeping was transformed into joy when she saw him with Saint Longinus. She had sought healing for her eyes, and also received healing of her soul.

### [The Seventh Ecumenical Council.](#)

The Seventh Ecumenical Council was convened in 787 A.D., in the city of Nicea, under the Empress Irene, widow of the Emperor Leo IV, and was composed of 367 fathers.

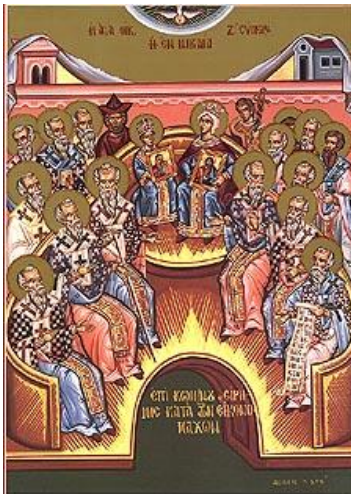
The Council was convened against the iconoclastic heresy, which had been raging for sixty years before the Council, under the Greek Emperor Leo III, who, wishing to convert the Mohammedans to Christianity, considered it necessary to do away with the veneration of icons. This heresy continued under his son, Constantine V Copronymus, and his grandson, Leo IV.

The Council condemned and repudiated the iconoclastic heresy and determined to provide and to put in the holy churches, together with the likeness of the honored and Life-giving Cross of the Lord, holy icons, to honor and render homage to them, elevating the soul and heart to the Lord God, the Mother of God and the Saints, who are represented in these icons. After the Seventh Ecumenical Council, persecution of the holy icons arose anew under the Emperors Leo V, of Armenian origin, Michael II, and Theophilus, and for twenty-five years disturbed the Church.

Veneration of the holy icons was finally restored and affirmed by the local synod of Constantinople in 843 A.D., under the Empress Theodora.

At this council, in thanksgiving to the Lord God for having given the Church victory over the iconoclasts and all heretics, the celebration of the Triumph of Orthodoxy was established on the first Sunday of Great Lent, which is celebrated by the Orthodox Church throughout the world. Note: The Roman Catholic Church, in addition to these seven Councils, recognizes more than 20 "ecumenical" councils. Incorrectly included in this number were councils in the Western Church, held after the separation of the Western Church. Protestants, in spite of the example of the Apostles and acknowledgment of the entire Christian Church, do not recognize a single one of the Ecumenical Councils.

### **The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**



Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

## **The Parable of the Sower**

Published by [Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis](#)

[The Orthodox Christian Network]

When I was a young priest, I said to my Spiritual Father one day that I was getting frustrated because I didn't see quick results from my work. I guess I expected to give sermons and see people running up to me and saying "Father, I finally get it." When I didn't get this, I quickly got discouraged. My Spiritual Father said to me:

Imagine that you have a big bag of seed. Every day you get up and walk down a path and throw the seed. You don't get to turn around and see if the seed grew. You don't even get to walk down the path again.

Every night, when you are tired, you put the bag down and sleep, and the next day you get up and start throwing the seed again.

Your job is to throw the seed; not watch it grow. If you take comfort in doing your job, you will be a lot more fulfilled. Just throw the seed; that's all God expects.

He was right. I now focus on throwing the seed, and not whether it grows. And the reason is because the seed can only grow in the fertile soil of a good heart. I can't control hearts, only throwing seed into them.

I've learned over the years that my job is **to create an environment which encourages people to grow in their faith**. I can't control the people growing in their faith, but I can control the *environment* I create. This is true not just for priests, but for many people. Parents create an environment which encourages their children to grow in faith, responsibility, maturity, and fun. Teachers create an environment that encourages learning. Doctors and nurses create an environment that encourages healthy living. Let's say I am sick and go to the doctor. The doctor prescribes medication so that I can be healed. If I don't take the medication and don't get healed, that is not the doctor's fault. The doctor can't make me take the medication. The doctor can create the environment (in this case the proper prescription) which encourages healing. The healing in this case, rests on me, the patient, to follow the prescription.

We'd probably all be a lot more satisfied in our jobs if we focused on creating environments that encourage things, rather than focusing solely on results. This is one practical application of this morning's Gospel.

The analogy of the seed and the sower is really applicable to the world today. The seed, as Jesus says, is the word of God. Each of us has the word of God sown into the soil of our hearts—at baptism, each Sunday at the Liturgy, and on our own in prayer. Some hearts are like the path—they have no dirt, no depth of spirituality. This analogy reminds me of the people who receive the seed at baptism and never really attend church — the seed never takes root.

Some hearts are like rock. They receive the word of God, but there is no moisture, no love, no compassion; and so the seed doesn't grow.

Many hearts are like the thorns—They receive the word of God with great joy, but in times of temptation, they fall away. I feel like I am in this category at times. The Christian faith brings me great joy. But then in time of temptation, or even busy-ness, I “fall away.”

Ideally, our hearts have good soil. They hear the word of God, accept it, internalize it, and *live* it. And from them, the Word spreads to others, it yields some results. In order to cultivate good soil, we need patience, we need consistency. This is why we pray often, why we worship, why we read scripture and why we seek to live out the Christian life on a daily basis. These things grow and make fertile the soil in our hearts.

God has put His seed, His Word in us. He expects a return on His “investment” in us. Ideally His Seed in us should yield a “[one hundredfold return](#).” Likewise, when we invest ourselves in God, we also hope for a return, eternal life. When our soil yields a positive return, we are well on our way there.

There is one more lesson from today's parable, which comes from [Luke 8:9-10](#). When the disciples asked Jesus what the parable meant, He answered them, “*To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.*”

A parable is a story with a hidden meaning and a life application. The “*secrets*” or “*mysteries*” (The Greek word in [Luke 8:10](#) which is translated as “secrets” is “mysteries” which is the same word we use in the Orthodox Church for sacraments. We call the sacraments the “*mysteria*,” or “mysteries.”) of God are revealed to us in prayer and the sacraments. There are many who “see but do not see,” who “hear but don't understand.” To the person who has never attended the Divine Liturgy, as an example, they see an elaborate production, a priest wearing vestments, an ornate church, altar boys milling around, and a choir singing. However, to the devout worshipper, the Divine Liturgy is the Kingdom of God revealed in the here and now. This is why the Divine Liturgy is the ultimate parable. Prayer is also a

parable. To the person who does not pray, prayer seems to be a person talking to himself or herself. To the person who is fervent in prayer, prayer is spiritual intimacy with God.

How we experience prayer, Liturgy and the other mysteries of God depends on the soil we are cultivating in our hearts. The soil in our hearts is cultivated through patience, consistency, and being in an environment that encourages good soil—personal prayer and study, and belonging to an encouraging church community. It is also cultivated through a disciplined life that doesn't allow the thorns and cares of life to choke it out.

Going back to the beginning of this reflection, creating an environment in your life that helps you receive the seed and grow it will allow the seed to grow in you. Throwing the seed to others, regardless of whether it grows or not, is part of our role as Christians. We are to be cultivators of seed, as well as sowers. First we cultivate, then we sow. And if we are giving our best to do both, this is what pleases God. For He crowns not success, but effort.

***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***

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

<b>Monday</b>	Philippians 1:1-7	Luke 9:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Philippians 1:8-14	Luke 9:23-27
<b>Wednesday</b>	Philippians 1:12-20	Luke 9:44-50
<b>Thursday</b>	Philippians 1:20-27	Luke 9:49-56
<b>Friday</b>	Philippians 1:27-2:4	Luke 10:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3	Luke 7:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	Gal 1:11-19	Matthew 13:54-58
	2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9	Luke 16:19-31

**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)*

*White Elephant Auction*

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**Drive-Thru Homemade  
Chicken/Beef Chowder Sale  
\$10/Quart  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2022**



*ENTER PARKING LOT OFF OF NOTTINGHAM TERRACE AND  
EXIT OUT THROUGH AMHERST STREET PARKING LOT*

\*\*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!

**\*\* THE LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (1-4 PM)\*\***

**CHILI &  
CHOWDER  
= COOK-OFF =**

**Basket Raffle**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2022**

**In The Parish Fellowship Hall immediately following The Divine Liturgy!**

**There is a \$5 charge for the Chili/Chowder Cook-Off which will get us all-you-can-eat chili/chowder plus 1 ticket for the Basket Raffle. Additional Basket Raffle Tickets can be purchased for \$2/each and 3 for \$5!**

**We invite all of our wonderful cooks in the parish to prepare your favorite Chili or Chowder and bring it to church with you on Sunday October 30 and prepare to battle against your fellow Parishioners in a friendly competition!**

**There will be a special prize for the winner!!**

**Let us come together as a parish family and enjoy time together in Christian Fellowship and each other's delicious food!!**

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**TRUNK OR TREAT FALL FESTIVAL  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2022  
1:00 to 3:00 PM**

**A safe friendly way for our children to go  
Trick-or-Treating while enjoying time in fun and Christian Fellowship  
with their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!**

**We invite everyone to decorate the Trunks of our Vehicles in a friendly  
manner on Sunday October 30 as we will have our children go "Trunk or  
Treating" to each vehicle in our Parish Parking Lot. The events is for all  
of the children in our parish! Children are encouraged to bring their  
costumes with them to church on Sunday October 30 and change into  
them following our Chili/Chowder Cook-Off.**

**We also ask for those who wish to participate in decorating our trunks to  
also supply candy to pass out when the children come around.**

**In addition to the "Trunk of Treat", we will also have Fall activities in the  
Parish Fellowship Hall for the children to participate in.**

**If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let  
myself, Mat. Katia or Andrea know.**

**Looking forward to a wonderful day together as a parish family as we  
come together in prayer, fun, good food, and Christian Fellowship!!**

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



We are thrilled to announce that tickets for Sight & Sound Film's debut feature are on sale now! I HEARD THE BELLS tells the inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas carol and its author, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. We invite you to join us this holiday season as this story of resounding hope and rekindled faith comes to life in movie theaters nationwide— December 1, 3, and 4 only

**WHEN** - Thursday 1 December at 7:00 pm

**WHERE** - Regal Elmwood Center 16  
2001 Elmwood Avenue, 14207, Buffalo

**COST** - \$12.50/PERSON

We will meet at the Church at 6:00 PM for Pizza and then head over to the Theater around 6:30 PM.

Please see or contact Fr. Jason if you are interested in going so that we can order tickets! Deadline is Sunday November 27!