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THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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of Saint George Orthodox Church, Buffalo, NY
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20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Hieromartyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia (285). Apostles Tertius, Mark, Justus, and Artemas, of the Seventy (1st c.). Hieromartyr Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse (2nd c.). Martyr Eutropia of Alexandria (ca. 250). Martyr Anastasia of Thessalonica (3rd c.). St. Stephen Milutin, his brother Ven. Dragutin (Theoctistus in monasticism), and their mother, St. Helen (Jelena), of Serbia.

EPISTLE:
Galatians 1:11-19

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

GOSPEL:
Luke 8:26-39

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

Troparion for The Resurrection – Tone 3

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

Troparion for The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and Zenobia – Tone 4

As brother and sister united in godliness together you struggled in contest Zenóbius and Zenobía. You received incorruptible crowns and unending glory// and shine forth with the grace of healing upon those in the world.

Kontakion for Resurrection – Tone 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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

Kontakion for The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and Zenobia – Tone 8

Let us honor with inspired hymns the two martyrs for truth: the preachers of true devotion, Zenóbius and Zenobía; as brother and sister they lived and suffered together//and through martyrdom received their incorruptible crowns.

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:

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

Let us Attend!

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

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

Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

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

THE MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2022

NOVEMBER 2022{Nativity Fast Begins: Nov. 15-Dec. 24}

- 5 - Annual Prayer Service for Blessing of Animals - 10:00 AM
- 6 - Youth Sunday (Children Sermon and Children Sing during The Liturgy)
Church School Q&A with Fr. Jay
Church School Nativity Outreach Project
- Start New Pajamas Collection for Roswell Park
 - Start Collection for Christmas Gifts for Baker Victory
 - Start Christmas Cookie Collection for Hearts for Homeless
 - Start Food Collection for Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- Daylight Savings Time Ends!
- 7 - Eve of the Feast of Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Powers of Heaven
Great Vespers at 6:00 PM
- 8 - The Feast of Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Powers of Heaven
Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM
- 12 - Great Vespers - 3:30 PM Parish Council Meeting (Via Zoom) (5:15pm)
- 13 - Stewardship Sunday (Special Parish Thanksgiving Luncheon and Presentation)
Make Health/Snack Kits for Mats for Mission
- 14 - Monthly Community Healing Prayer Service at 6:30 PM
- 15 - {Nativity Fast Begins: Nov. 15-Dec. 24}
- 20 -Eve of the Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
The Hours - 9:10 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Great Vespers - 9:30 AM
- 21 - The Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Festal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM
- 21 - Monthly Community Healing Prayer Service/
Thanksgiving Prayer Service - 6:30 PM
- 24 - **THANKSGIVING DAY**
Moleben Service of Thanksgiving - 9:00 AM

****Education Sermon on Sunday November 27****

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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!****

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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.

**We also support Compass Care Pro-Life Agency on a regular basis!



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 30, 2022**

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

CHILI/CHOWDER/SOUP COOK-OFF in The Parish Fellowship following Divine Liturgy

Church School Class in The Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy

TRUNK-OR-TREAT in THE PARISH PARKING LOT (1:00 PM)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Daily Matins – **9:00 AM**

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**FR. JASON WILL BE AWAY ATTENDING ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1-THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3**

FR. JASON WILL BE AWAY ATTENDING THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
FROM NOVEMBER 1-3.

IF THERE IS A PASTORAL EMERGENCY OR IF ANYONE NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE
OF A PRIEST, PLEASE CONTACT FR. PETER (716.342.8520)! IF THERE IS ANYTHING
IN THE PARISH THAT NEEDS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, PLEASE CONTACT DR.
BORIS OR YOU MAY ALSO CONTRACT FR. JASON ON HIS CELL PHONE!

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND GUIDE ALL OF YOU!

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Great Vespers– **4:00 PM**

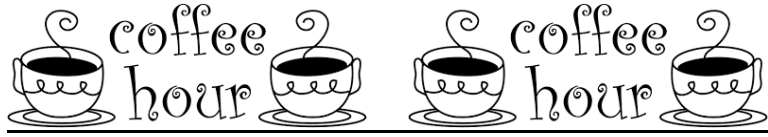
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2022

YOUTH SUNDAY

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

Coffee Hour Fellowship in The Parish Fellowship following Divine Liturgy

Q&A with Fr. Jay 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)

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

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 TIKHON Archbishop MICHAEL
 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, Thlisinitsa, 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
 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	Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra
Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar	Archpriest Paul
Archpriest George	Archpriest Paul
Archpriest Jonathan	

Those Serving in The Armed Forces

Kenneth, Nadine, Jason, Robert, Andrew, Justin, Shawn, William and Darlene
 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	Ever-Memorable Archpriest Bernard
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Ever-Memorable Archpriest George
Ever-Memorable Archpriest Eugene	Ever-Memorable Archpriest George
Ever-Memorable Priest John	Matushka Dorothy
Ever-Memorable Archpriest Rastko	Khouria Grace
Ever-Memorable Dn. Mark	

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
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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) 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 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!

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

**Hieromartyrs Zenobius
and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia
Commemorated on October 30**



The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian Faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their inherited wealth giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life the Lord rewarded Zenobius with the gift of healing various maladies. He was also chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.

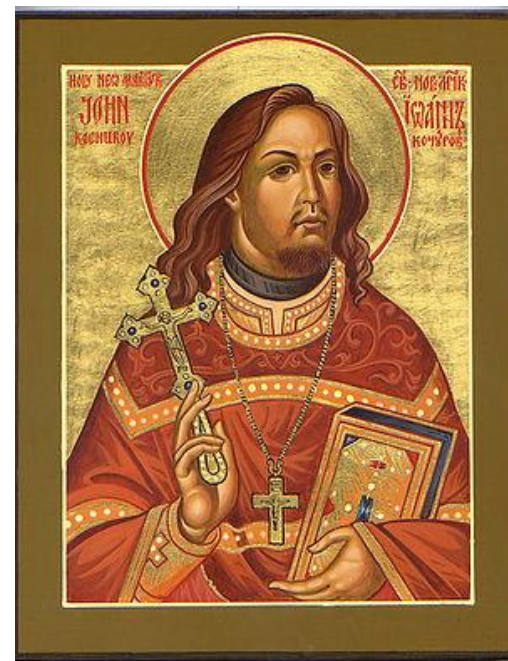
As bishop, Saint Zenobius zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian (284-305) began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobius was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licius. "I shall only speak briefly with you," said Licius to the saint, "for I propose to grant you life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not." The saint answered, "This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be tormented eternally in Hades."

By order of Licius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The bishop's sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured.

By the power of the Lord they remained alive after being placed on a red-hot iron bed, and then in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs in a single grave.

Saint Zenobius is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.

St John (Kochurov) of Chicago Commemorated on October 30



Early years and America

John Kochurov was born on July 13, 1871. His father was a priest. His education included attendance at the Ryazan Seminary before continuing at the St. Petersburg Theological Academy. He excelled at his studies at both the seminary and academy. After graduating in 1895, Fr. John married and then entered his life's work when he was ordained deacon. On August 27, 1895, he was ordained a priest at the St. Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg by Bishop Nicholas (Ziorov) of the Diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska.

Having expressed the desire to be a missionary priest in the United States, Fr. John was soon transferred and became the first permanent priest at St. Vladimir's Church in Chicago. This parish was later to become the Holy Trinity Cathedral. As St. Vladimir's parish did not yet have their own building, his first major project was construction of the church building. Under the guidance of Bishop Tikhon, later Patriarch Tikhon of Moscow and saint, Fr. John enlisted the services of the noted architect Louis Sullivan to design the church. To finance the project, Fr. John sought and obtained donations from Tsar Nicholas II as well as from a few Americans, notably Harold McCormick and Charles R. Crane who was the American ambassador to China. Construction of the church began in April 1902 and was completed the next year for the consecration by Bishop Tikhon.

Fr. John devoted much effort to aiding the establishment of other parishes in the Chicago area. He performed the first service for the future Archangel Michael Orthodox Church in southwest Chicago. In the greater Chicago area he was active in the formation of the parishes in Madison, Streator, and Joliet (all in Illinois), as well as aiding the parishes in Buffalo, NY, and Hartshorn, OK (and, possibly, Slovak, AR).

On the social side of parish life, he, with Fr. Alexis Toth, future Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, was influential in the establishment of a major Orthodox mutual aid society that provided support for the many newly arrived immigrants. He also translated religious texts into English, looking to the time when the church in America would consist of English-speaking members. Before his return to Russia, Fr. John

helped to organize the first All-American Council that was held in Mayfield, Pennsylvania, in 1907.

Russia and martyrdom

Fr. John returned to Russia in 1907 where he was assigned to Narva, Estonia. Here he put to use the skills he had learned in the United States teaching catechism in the schools. Then in 1916, he was transferred to St. Catherine's Cathedral in Tsarskoe Selo, just outside St. Petersburg. At St. Catherine's, he established himself as a popular priest who was skilled in presenting moving sermons. Then in October 1917 the Bolshevik uprising in St. Petersburg spilled over quickly into Tsarskoe Selo as the town was attacked by Bolshevik elements. The people thronged to the churches where the clergy held prayer services and led processions throughout the town praying for peace.

On October 31, 1917 (Old Style), the Bolsheviks entered Tsarskoe Selo in force and arrested Fr. John. He was taken by the Bolsheviks out of town where he was summarily shot. By this act, Fr. John became the proto-hieromartyr of the Bolshevik revolution and the Soviet yoke. Fr. John was buried several days later in the crypt of St. Catherine's Cathedral.

On December 1994, Fr. John was glorified by the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church, in session at St. Daniel's Monastery, Moscow, Russia, as the first of the new martyrs of the 20th century. In the United States he is also honored as a missionary and inspired preacher.

Neither Pharisee Nor “Legion”: On Becoming Our True Selves in Jesus Christ—Homily for the 21st Sunday After Pentecost and the 6th Sunday of Luke in the Orthodox Church

Fr. Philip LeMasters

[Taken From The Ancient Faith Website]



Luke 8:26-39

We all know what it means not to feel like ourselves. We can become so out of sorts for all kinds of reasons that we do not think or act like we usually do. Sometimes we do not even recognize our thoughts, words, or deeds as our own, and wonder where certain impulses or behaviors come from. And we rightly fear what would happen if we accepted those inclinations and let them shape our souls.

St. Paul recognized that human beings do not become their true selves simply by trying to obey a code of conduct. The Old Testament law, about which he was an expert as a Pharisee, made clear to him how far he was from holiness, for he constantly fell short of it. But he found a new identity in dying and rising with Christ. He found his true self in God’s image and likeness, for “it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me.” Instead of being defined as one who inevitably fell short of the law and was captive to sin, he became through faith one who participates in the righteousness of Christ, one who has risen in Him from sin and death to the life of holiness for which God created us in the first place. By faith in Jesus Christ, St. Paul became his true self.

If that was a struggle for St. Paul, imagine what an ordeal it was for the Gadarene demoniac, the man in today’s gospel reading. He was so filled with demons and consumed by evil that he called himself “Legion,” which meant a division of the Roman army containing thousands of soldiers. His sense of personal identity had disintegrated into a mass of a great many demons. Like Adam and Eve who stripped themselves of the divine glory by their sin, he too was naked and without the dignity of a child of God. He lived among the tombs, held captive by corruption and cut off from everyone else. He was such a terror that he broke the chains that bound him and fled alone into the desert. This poor man is an icon of our alienation from ourselves, others, and life itself that evil so easily works in us. He was very far from his true self. And even the best code of behavior would not have helped him. He did not need just a bit of instruction; no, he needed the healing and cleansing of his soul—the restoration of his humanity.

Like St. Paul, he needed to die to sin and rise to a new life in Christ.

That is what the Lord gave him by casting the demons into a herd of pigs, which then stampeded into the lake and drowned. The locals were so astonished by what had happened, and especially by seeing this fellow in his right mind, that they were terrified to the point of asking Christ to leave their region. Understandably, the man whom Christ delivered wanted to go with Him, but the Lord told him to stay there and proclaim all that He had done for him. He was to do the difficult job of bearing witness to the good news among people who knew him, and his horrible past, all too well.

Both St. Paul and the Gadarene demoniac remind us that we must accept a kind of death in order to become our true selves. It is a death, first, to our efforts at self-justification, to our attempts to make ourselves perfect simply by our own abilities. There is often no one more anxious and depressed than a perfectionist, for we never reach that high goal. If that is our approach, then we will be like St. Paul in gaining only slavery to a sense of imperfection and brokenness by obsessively trying to justify ourselves in doing everything right all the time. Though we may think that we are serving God in this way, we are actually serving only ourselves by doing all that we can to hide our sickness and corruption even from ourselves. At the root of our efforts at self-justification is pride, which blinds us from seeing the truth about ourselves, others, and God. We need to die and rise with Christ, not simply a list of rules against which to judge ourselves and others. Our justification is in Him, not in our own attempts to master a code of conduct.

Like the demon-possessed man, we must also die to accepting our distorted condition as normal, natural, or who we truly are. There is some pain in doing that, for we get used to living on our own terms, giving in to temptations that are all too familiar, and excusing any behavior by saying we are being true to ourselves. The problem is that the self so comfortable with sin is not our true self, but a form of “Legion”—of a distorted identity that we take on due to our acceptance of corruption in our hearts and lives. The Gadarene demoniac asked Christ not to torment him, and we may feel the same way when we realize that we must do the hard work of repenting and reorienting our lives according to God’s purposes for us. But like him, we must do so in order to become our true selves in the image and likeness of God. That is never a reward for legalistic perfection, but a way of dying and rising with Christ as we become more fully human in God’s image and likeness.

Our spiritual journeys will surely not be as flamboyant or famous as those of St. Paul and the Gadarene demoniac, but the challenges we face are very similar. Too many have turned Christianity into a self-righteous system of legalism in which it is all too easy for self-appointed judges to separate the sheep from the goats, as though they were the Lord at the Last Judgment. Instead of a vocation to shine with

heavenly light and participate personally in God’s gracious Divine Energies, some water the faith down to a simple list of “do’s” and “don’ts” that usually fits with popular cultural notions about who is good and who is bad. Of course, there are paths that lead to holiness and paths that do not; the Church provides many clear and steadfast resources to guide us in the right direction. But the difference between true and false paths is not mere legalism. The key factor, instead, is whether a path leads to fuller participation in the life of Christ, which requires both faith and faithfulness and forbids the self-righteous condemnation of others. Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, became St. Paul by faith and repentance in response to the gracious calling of the Risen Lord. St. Paul called himself the chief of sinners and knew that he was made right with God by mercy, not his own accomplishment. “It is no longer I who live but Christ Who lives in me.” He gave up all attempts at self-justification. That is how he became his true self in God’s image and likeness.

On the other hand, many others have turned Christianity into a kind of spiritual self-indulgence that requires very little of anyone. Some water the faith down to acceptance of virtually any belief, behavior, or inclination in what amounts to little more than religious sentimentality. Remember, however, that Christ did not simply help the demon-possessed man to feel better about himself and otherwise do as he pleased; no, he cast evil out of him, gave him his life back, and commanded him to stay in that region and bear witness to how God had delivered him. The Lord empowered him for a challenging life of holiness and changed him in a way that astonished everyone who knew him. That fellow could then say with St. Paul, “It is no longer I who live but Christ Who lives in me.” Like the Apostle, he surely knew that his salvation was not somehow his own accomplishment or just a nice feeling, but the gracious gift of a Lord “Who loved me and gave Himself for me” in ways that infinitely surpassed what even the best legal code could ever achieve.

Like St. Paul and the Gadarene demoniac, we will become our true selves in God’s image and likeness by participating in the grace and mercy of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. Like them, we must die both to self-righteous legalism and to the sinful corruptions that have become second nature to us. We must have faith in Christ even as we

pursue a faithful life, turning away from all that distorts our beauty as the living icons of our Lord. The more closely we unite ourselves with Him, the more fully we become our true selves. For He made us to be neither Pharisees nor “Legion,” but His beloved sons and daughters who become ever more like Him in holiness. That is the calling of each and every one of us; and through repentance, faith, and love, we may answer it to the glory of God.

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

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)****

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=== Scriptural Readings for the Week ===

Monday	Hebrews 13:7-16	Luke 12:32-40
	Philippians 4:10-23	Luke 11:29-33
Tuesday	Colossians 1:1-2, 7-11	Luke 11:34-41
Wednesday	Colossians 1:18-23	Luke 11:42-46
Thursday	Colossians 1:24-29	Luke 11:47-12:1
Friday	Colossians 2:1-7	Luke 12:2-12
Saturday	2 Corinthians 3:12-18	Luke 9:1-6
Sunday	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8	Matthew 10:1, 5-8
	Galatians 2:16-20	Luke 8:41-56

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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!



Exiled unjustly, convicted without a trial, slandered without cause. The life of St. Nektarios of Aegina was one of persecution and prosecution. A priest of the common people, his popularity provoked the jealousy of the clergy in Alexandria and as a result, he was defrocked and expelled from Egypt. In contrast to his religious “superiors”, Nektarios cared for the poor, taught peasant girls to read and write, and performed miracles. Even his last moment on earth was used to help another: upon his death, Nektarios’ undergarment was removed, and as it fell upon a paralyzed man in the hospital bed next to him, the lame man arose to walk. So, too, do we hope MAN OF GOD will awaken the paralyzed faith in audiences around the world.

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 \$10.00 CHILD

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!

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The DVD is available to borrow for free at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (www.buffalolib.org).

If you have a Buffalo & Erie County library card and a pin number, you can request the dvd be sent to a library near you through the website above . You will be notified by phone or email when it is available to be picked up. It can be borrowed for 7 days.

If you have no pin number on your library card, contact your local branch and request the DVD.

If you live in Erie County but do not have a library card, bring proof of address (utility bill) to your local branch and fill out an application. Library cards are free.

If you do not live in Erie County, but work in the county, you are eligible for a library card with proof of place of employment.

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We will be holding a Parish Family Movie Night during The Nativity Fast to watch "The Man of God" together as a Parish Family....look for more details coming soon:)