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THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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

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24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Greatmartyr James the Persian (421). Ven. Palladius of Thessalonica (6th-7th c.). St. Jacob the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1392). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Vsévolod (Gabriel) of Pskov (1192). Seventeen Monastic Martyrs in India (4th c.). St. Romanus the Wonderworker (5th c.). Repose of Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of Yuriev Monastery (Solovétsky Monastery—1633). Commemoration of the Weeping Icon of the Mother of God, called “ZNAMENIYE” (“THE SIGN”) at Novgorod in 1170, and the other Icons of the Mother of God, “OF THE SIGN”: the “KURSK-ROOT” (1295), “ABALATSKAYA” (1637), and others.

EPISTLE: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom **GOSPEL:**
 Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 13:10-17

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.

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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 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for The Holy Great-Martyr James – Tone 4

Long-suffering James, thou didst astound all by enduring horrible tortures with great patience. As the evil assembly performed the slaughter, thou didst utter prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. Through thy sufferings thou didst receive thy crown, and didst come to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God.// Entreat Him to save our souls!

Kontakion for The Resurrection – Tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

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

Kontakion for The Holy Great-Martyr James – Tone 2

Thou didst listen to thy faithful wife and didst contemplate the judgment of God, holy James; thou didst despise the threats and commands of the Persians, accepting the cutting of thy body as though thou wast a vine.// Therefore thou wast revealed as a martyr worthy of honor.

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 7

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

v. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

ALLELUIA VERSES

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

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:

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

Let us Attend!

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

THE MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2022

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

4 – Youth Sunday (Children Sermon and Children Sing during The Liturgy)
Annual Parish Meeting (In the Church – immediately following the Divine Liturgy)

5 – Eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
Great Vespers with Litiya at 6:00 PM

6 – The Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM

11 – ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOL ST. NICHOLAS PROGRAM

12 – Eve of the Feast of St. Herman of Alaska
Great Vespers with Litiya at 6:00 PM

13 – Feast of St. Herman of Alaska
Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM

17 – Holiday Cookie Walk/Bake Sale
Great Vespers – 4:00 PM Parish Council Meeting (Via Zoom) (5:15pm)

18 – Elephant Sale
Make Health/Snack Kits for Mats for Mission

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

****Bring New Pajamas for patients at Roswell Park****

****Christmas Cookies are due for Hearts for Homeless****

****Christmas Gifts are due for Church School Nativity Project****

**** Non-Perishable Food Items are due for Resurrection Life Food Pantry****

19-23 – Little Compline Service – 6:30 PM

24/25 – THE GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 23

9:00 AM – The Service of Royal Hours

December 24 (Eve of The Great Feast of The Nativity of Our Lord) (STRICT FAST)

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by Vespers

4:30 PM – Nativity Vigil Service

December 25 (The Great Feast of The Nativity of Our Lord)

9:30 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

(Brunch in Parish Fellowship Hall)

December 26 (2nd Day of The Great Feast of The Nativity of Our Lord)

9:00 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Nativity Luncheon at Church following Divine Liturgy

December 27 (3rd Day of The Great Feast of The Nativity of Our Lord)

9:00 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

30 – Church School Outing to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine for Festival of Lights

31 – Eve of Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil the Great/New Year’s Day
Great Vespers with Litiya – 4:00 PM

**Church School Children decorate Holy Water Bottles at home with parents
and bring back to church on Sunday January 10 for Blessing of Water!**

Education Sermon on Sunday December 18

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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.

****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 NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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

Special Luncheon in The Parish Fellowship following Divine Liturgy
Brief Parish Council Meeting in The Parish Fellowship Hall during Luncheon
Church School Class in The Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy

MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2022

St. George Book Club (Via Zoom) – **6:30 to 7:30 PM**

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2022

Daily Matins – **9:00 AM**

Little Compline – **6:00 PM**

Bible Study/Adult Education Class (Via Zoom) – **6:45-8:00 PM**

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2022

The Feast of St. Andrew The First Called Apostle

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 AM

Adult Education Class (Via Zoom) – **10:45 AM to 12:00 PM**

THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2022

Akathist to Our Lord – **9:00 AM**

Parish Family Outing to The Movies – 6:00 PM (Meet at Church)
“I Heard The Bells” – 6:30 PM (Regal Theater on Elmwood)

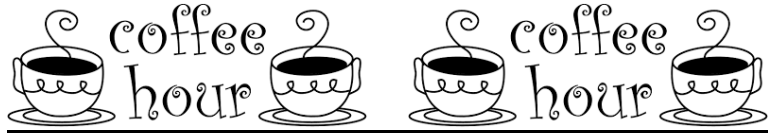
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2022

Great Vespers– **3:30 PM**

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2022

The Hours – **9:40 AM** Divine Liturgy – **10:00 AM** [TIME MAY CHANGE]

Coffee Hour Fellowship in The Parish Fellowship following Divine Liturgy
Church School Class in The Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy
Annual Parish Meeting 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.

Also, during The Nativity Fast, when hosting coffee hour, please keep in mind that we will be observing ALL Fasting Guidelines as prescribed by The Church and refrain from using meat and dairy products.

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, Holy and Prayerful Nativity Fast Season!

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**FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME
In The Orthodox Christian Church**

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

~ All are Welcome ~

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

Do we wonder where to go to find answers?

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

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

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

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

For a visual introduction to the Orthodox Church, please view the video link below:

http://www.youtube.com/v/Gj4pUphDitA&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&feature=player_embedded&fs=1

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

Metropolitan TIKHON Archbishop MICHAEL
Archbishop BENJAMIN Archbishop ALEJO
Archbishop NATHANIEL Archbishop 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 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 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 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, 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
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

John (Hutnyan) - Grandfather of Danielle Geeza [Spiritual Daughter of Fr. Jason]
40th Day - December 13

***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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2022 POINSETTIA SALE SIGN-UP SHEET

We are once agin looking for donations for our Christmas Poinsettias to adorn and decorate our church during The Nativity Season. We will be ordering 15 Poinsettias this year.

****ALL POINSETTIAS ARE A \$15.00 DONATION! PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH (Memo Line: Poinsettia Sale)**

****PLEASE SEE PATTI FIDEN FOR PAYMENT!**

IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE MATUSHKA FRAN OR FR. JASON!

We extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you and your families for your continued prayers and support.

May GOD continue to bless us and guide us as we grow together in faith and in love as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Joyous Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord GOD and Savior Jesus Christ!

****POINSETTIAS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING THE FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY ON CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25!!**

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THE 2022 PARISH NATIVITY CHRISTMAS CARD



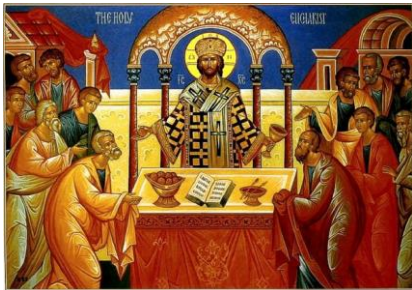
As we enter into The Nativity Fast, we are always finding ways that we can bring the Love and Joy of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ to everyone. One of these ways is to send a Christmas Card to our loved ones during this Holy Season. The idea of sending a Parish Christmas Card is to extend the greetings and prayerful best wishes of The Nativity of Our Lord to our families, friends, and neighbors.

Continuing with our Annual Parish Tradition with the sending of a Parish Christmas Card, we come to all of you – our dear Parish Family for your support in bringing the Love and Joy of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ to everyone during this Holy Season. The cost is only \$20 per family.

If we would like to have our name in the Christmas Card, please fill out the attached form with how we would like our name to appear in the card and hand it in to Matushka Katia or Matushka Fran no later Sunday December 11 along with your payment of \$20.00. Besides our names, we will also have a Nativity Message and Greeting from our parish family.

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DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 9:30 AM DURING THE NATIVITY FAST BEGINNING WITH WEDNESDAY MOVEMBER 16! ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WILL BE HELD FROM 11:00 am TO 12:30 PM.

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH EDUCATION CENTER

The Greatmartyr James the Persian

November 27



The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns

James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

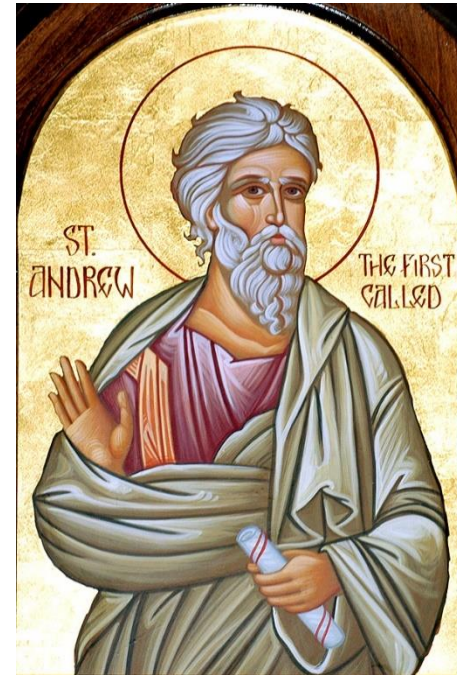
Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, Saint James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture Saint James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

The Apostle Andrew, the Holy and All-Praised First-Called

November 30



The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called was the first of the Apostles to follow Christ, and he later brought his own brother, the holy Apostle Peter, to Christ (John 1:35-42). The future apostle was from Bethsaida, and from his youth he turned with all his soul to God. He did not enter into marriage, and he worked with his brother as a fisherman. When the holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John began to preach, Saint Andrew became his closest disciple. Declaring Christ to be the Lamb of God, Saint John the

Baptist himself sent to Christ his own two disciples, the future Apostles Andrew and John the Theologian.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Saint Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He went through Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, he reached the River Danube, went along the coast of the Black Sea, through Crimea, the Black Sea region and along the River Dniepr he climbed to the place where the city of Kiev now stands.

He stopped overnight on the hills of Kiev. Rising in the morning, he said to those disciples that were with him: "See these hills? Upon these hills shall shine forth the beneficence of God, and there will be a great city here, and God shall raise up many churches." The apostle went up around the hills, blessed them and set up a cross. Having prayed, he went up even further along the Dniepr and reached a settlement of the Slavs, where Novgorod was built. From here the apostle went through the land of the Varangians towards Rome for preaching, and again he returned to Thrace, where in the small village of Byzantium, the future Constantinople, he founded the Church of Christ. The name of the holy Apostle Andrew links the mother, the Church of Constantinople, with her daughter, the Russian Church.

On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans: they cast him out of their cities and they beat him. In Sinope they pelted him with stones, but remaining unharmed, the persistent disciple of Christ continued to preach to people about the Savior. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the Lord worked miracles. By the labors of the holy Apostle Andrew,

Christian Churches were established, for which he provided bishops and clergy. The final city to which the Apostle came was the city of Patra, where he was destined to suffer martyrdom.

The Lord worked many miracles through His disciple in Patra. The infirm were made whole, and the blind received their sight. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the illustrious citizen Sosios recovered from serious illness and Maximilla and Stratokles, the wife and brother of the governor of Patra, were healed. The miracles accomplished by the Apostle and his fiery speech enlightened almost all the citizens of the city of Patra with the true Faith.

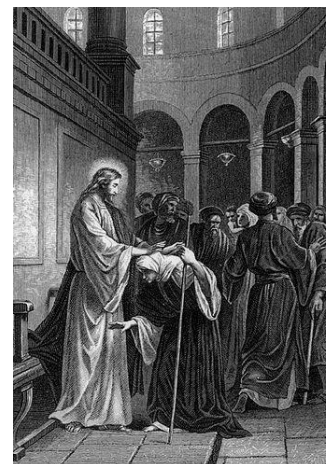
Few pagans remained at Patra, but among them was the prefect of the city, Aegeatos. The Apostle Andrew repeatedly turned to him with the words of the Gospel. But even the miracles of the Apostle did not convince Aegeatos. The holy Apostle with love and humility appealed to his soul, striving to reveal to him the Christian mystery of life eternal, through the wonderworking power of the Holy Cross of the Lord. The angry Aegeatos gave orders to crucify the apostle. The pagan thought he might undo Saint Andrew's preaching if he were to put him to death on the cross.

Saint Andrew the First-Called accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord, and went willingly to the place of execution. In order to prolong the suffering of the saint, Aegeatos gave orders not to nail the saint's hands and feet, but to tie them to the cross. For two days the apostle taught the citizens who gathered about. The people, in listening to him, with all their souls pitied him

and tried to take Saint Andrew down from the cross. Fearing a riot of the people, Aegeatos gave orders to stop the execution. But the holy apostle began to pray that the Lord would grant him death on the cross. Just as the soldiers tried to take hold of the Apostle Andrew, they lost control of their hands. The crucified apostle, having given glory to God, said: "Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit." Then a blazing ray of divine light illumined the cross and the martyr crucified upon it. When the light faded, the holy Apostle Andrew had already given up his holy soul to the Lord. Maximilla, the wife of the prefect, had the body of the saint taken down from the cross, and buried him with honor.

A few centuries later, under the emperor Constantine the Great, the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew were solemnly transferred to Constantinople and placed in the church of the Holy Apostles beside the relics of the holy Evangelist Luke and Saint Paul's disciple Saint Timothy.

On Luke 13:10-17. Christ Still Loves Sinners



Dear Brethren, God loves nothing more than He loves man, and hates nothing more than He hates hypocrisy. When our Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, was here on earth, He was full of love and mercy toward all men; only towards the hypocrites did He appear harsh and demanding. All of the sinners who came to ask His forgiveness He freely accepted, and with unspeakable goodness; but the hypocrites, who externally appeared to the people to be saints and men of kindness, these Jesus sorely chastened, even beating them with whips. Let us hear the words of today's Holy Gospel (Lk. 13:10-17).

That sick woman who found her way into the synagogue that Sabbath (Saturday, the Hebrew day of rest) is a good example for each of us. Following her good and pious example, we should come to church each Sunday, for prayer and the preaching of God's Word (the sermon). It was for these two reasons that this woman went to the synagogue – this poor creature who was so bent over in pain that she could not straighten herself even to walk. She came to find consolation – the strength to bear her

pains and her afflictions – and she found much more than she was expecting to receive. She was completely healed of the illness that had troubled her for eighteen years. Picture her, listen with repentance to the sermon of the Lord Jesus Christ. Sitting in some obscure corner of the synagogue, she was asking the mercy of God, and God prepared her to accept the Divine Grace. When, at the close of the sermon, she approached our Lord, He beheld not only her bowed body, but her soul bowed in deep repentance. He spoke to her: "Woman, you are free from your sickness." Then, in order that the Divine, life-giving power might be transferred, He touched her with His holy hands. And because the words of God are in themselves Divine acts, the woman was instantly healed. Behold, dear Christians, how the love of God is manifested and poured out to men. No obstacle can come between God and the man who is asking His help. Not even the Sabbath. For the Law, the Commandments, and even the Sabbath, were created for man, and not man for them. Indeed, God's very laws and commandments are embodiments of His Divine Love for men. The same should be true of human laws, which must be for man's own good, not for his enslavement – otherwise they become unrighteous and inhuman. Laws are made for evil people, in order to prevent them from performing their deeds of darkness. Good people, righteous people, need no laws. "It must be remembered, of course, that laws are made, not for good people, but for lawbreakers and criminals, for the godless and sinful, for those who are not religious or spiritual, for men who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the immoral, for sexual perverts ... for those ... who do anything else contrary to the true teaching" (I Tim. 1:9-10). For Good men, that is, for Christians, there exists but one law, the Law of Love. This Law is positive in its nature; it not only forbids the bad, it encourages positive acts of goodness. Nothing can resist this Law. Yet there is much that would keep us from the good. First and foremost is hypocrisy. What is hypocrisy? Hypocrisy is the sin of pretending to be upright and good, while inside we are rotten and sinful. In other words, hypocrisy is giving others the impression that we are

something which, in reality, we are not. Hypocrites pretend to be concerned about the Law and the Commandments, but only so that they might frustrate the good. They would appear to men as guardians of the Divine Law, and those who fight for the preservation of human law, while in reality they wish only to uproot, burn, and destroy the very foundations of society. The hypocrite does not care if men lose their lives, if injustice appears as truth, if innocent people are crucified, if venerable institutions are demolished, and the fact that the Devil is dancing as he beholds all this only delights the hypocrite.

The official of the synagogue, had he been able to, would have killed Jesus and the sick woman both, and all for the sake of the Sabbath. He was not moved at all by the healing, right in front of his eyes, of the woman whom he surely knew to have been ill for years. He felt for Christ only hatred and envy. But he knew well how to cover up his passions, and to appear before men to be concerned only with God's Sabbath, all the while rejecting God's Christ! Probably the people who knew this official fell for his act completely – but not Jesus. He openly called him a hypocrite and impostor; a liar and actor, who feels one thing, and says another thing.

Unfortunately, dear Christians, we have many such hypocrites today. We must be on guard to detect them. Externally, they appear to be saints, while inwardly they are full of evil. Yet, very skillfully they mask their true feelings in front of people; they cover themselves with the cloak of piety, and at the same time are ready for any evil. If you offer them a word of advice, they will not heed it. If you do for them a deed of kindness, they will feel no obligation. They cry loudly on behalf of the Law, the Commandments, the Holy Canons, order, and truth; yet they do not believe in their own words. No one denies the value of the Law, the Commandments, and the Canons. But, on the other hand, do not these exist for men, and not men for them? What good does it do to preach the Commandment "Thou shall not

kill", if we will kill our fellow man regardless? What good is it to scream about the Canons, if thereby we are destroying the Church? Concerning Law, order, and truth, it is generally accepted that the people who cry the loudest for these things neither know nor respect them themselves. They only speak; they preach, but do not practise.

Dear Christians, Jesus Christ loved and still loves all sinners, the tired, the sick, the humble. He even loves the hypocrites, but He hates their hypocrisy! And the hypocrites hate Christ, for love and hypocrisy cannot co-exist. They are mutually exclusive.

Let us have love for one another, and by this we will prove that we love God, and that we honor the Sabbath. If we only appear to seek God, while in reality we hate both Him and our fellow men, we may be sure that we are hypocrites. We have no regard for God, nor for His commandments, despite our lofty words to the contrary. We are liars. The commandments of God and the canons of the Church are love; let us love, in order to possess life and salvation.

[From The Website Orthodox Sermons, Rev. George Dimopoulos]

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

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=== Scriptural Readings for the Week ===

Monday	2 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Luke 19:37-44
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2	Luke 19:45-48
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-12	Luke 20:1-8
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	Luke 20:9-18
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-18	Luke 20:19-26
Saturday	Galatians 1:3-10	Luke 12:32-40
Sunday	Hebrews 13:7-16	Luke 12:32-40
	Ephesians 4:1-6	Luke 17:12-19



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!

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH NATIVITY PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Greetings to all of you, your families, and our entire parish family as we prepare to begin The Nativity Fast this week!

Once again, this year, as part of our parish outreach ministry during The Nativity Fast and Christmas Season, we are holding collections for the following Ministries within our Greater Buffalo Area:

- 1) **Baker Victory** – Christmas Gifts for Children
BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 11
- 2) **Roswell Park** – New Pajamas for the Patients
(adult men and women s-m-l-xl/ children boys and girls s-m-l-xl)
BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 11
- 3) **Hearts for Homeless** – Christmas Cookies and Canned Goods/Non-Perishable Items –
BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 11
- 4) **Mats for Mission** - – **New Pairs of Winter Gloves All Sizes –**
AT LEAST 15 PAIRS
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Thank you for your continued love, prayers, support, generosity and stewardship for our Annual Parish Nativity Outreach Ministry Projects, and for all that you do for our parish and throughout the year as well as for the community in which we live, serve, and dwell.

Looking forward to another wonderful blessed Nativity Season of bringing the joy, the love, and the peace of The Nativity of Our Lord to everyone Be assured of my continued love and prayers for you, your families, and our entire parish family. 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 today and always.

Asking for your continued love and prayers,
I remain, with love in Christ,

Your Humble Servant,
Fr. Jason