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THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday . Martyr Euppsychius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (362). Martyrs Desan—Bishop, Mariabus—Presbyter, Abdiesus, and 270 others in Persia (363-364). Monastic Martyr Bademus (Vadim) of Persia

EPISTLE: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
 Philippians 4:4-9

GOSPEL:
 John 12:1-18

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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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

TROPAR FOR THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION FOR THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: // "Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

Prokeimenon Tone 4

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

V. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Alleluia Verses

*O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

The Hymn to the Theotokos

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!
Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, our Savior!"

Communion Hymn

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

HYMNS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

The First Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

I suffered distress and anguish, so I called on the Name of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The Second Antiphon

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me?

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord.

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary. Who without change didst become man and was crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

The Third Antiphon

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

Let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

The Introit of the Little Entrance

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

TROPAR FOR THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

BRETHREN:

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

JOHN 12:1-18 (Feast of the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem)

LET US ATTEND:

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always. Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

=== Scriptural Readings for Holy Week ===

Monday	Exodus 1:1-20, Job 1:1-12	Matt. 24:3-35
Tuesday	Exodus 2:5-10, Job 1:13-22	Matt. 24:36-26:2
Wednesday	Exodus 2:11-20, Job 2:1-10	Matt. 26:6-16
Thursday	1 Cor. 11: 23-32	Matt. {composite}
Friday	1 Cor. 1:18-2:2	Matt. {composite}
Saturday	Romans 6:3-11	Matt. 28:1-20
Sunday	Acts 1:1-18 {Holy Pascha}	John 1:1-17

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 2023, 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!**

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



Remember our Loved Ones during Our Daily Prayers

'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

{Matt. 25:40}

As we say our daily prayers, let us also take time out to remember our loved ones who are homebound, who are in hospitals and who are in nursing homes. Let us remember them that GOD will continue to watch over them and protect them. Also, during the Year, let us take to either send them a card, give them a call, or visit them to let them know how much we love them, how much we remember them, and how much we pray for them.

Please refer to the of our Parish Shut-Ins below.

If anyone has any questions or would like to add someone to our List of Parish Shut-Ins, please see or contact Fr. Jason. May God continue to bless you and guide you!

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH PARISH SHUT-INS (2022)

Mr. Anthony Dipiano
305 North Street
Apt. 77
Buffalo, N

Reader Victor Shanchuk
McAuley Residence
1503 Military Rd.
Buffalo, NY 14217
716.881.3096

Mrs. Luba Japadjief
Elderwood Nursing Home
104 Old Niagara Rd.
Lockport, NY 14221 (Room 47A)

Mr. Albert Fadell
317.376.2562

Andrew Wityk
Ellicott Center
200 Seventh Street
Buffalo, NY 14201

**** NEW COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2023 IN THE PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL!
BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO HOST A COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE JOIN US EVERY
SUNDAY IN THE PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
FOR SOME CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER!****

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

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THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES

Sunday April 9 **THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM**
9:00 A.M. Proskomedie Lesson in Church
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
 (Annual Palm Sunday Procession around the outside of Church)
 Palm Sunday Luncheon following Divine Liturgy in Parish Fellowship Hall
 Church School Class in Parish Fellowship Hall
1:30 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

HOLY WEEK (April 10 – April 16)

Holy Monday April 10 **9:00 A.M.** Confessions
9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Holy Tuesday April 11 **9:00 A.M.** Confessions
9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Holy Wednesday April 12 **9:00 A.M.** Confessions
9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
5:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Thursday
6:30 P.M. Service of Holy Unction

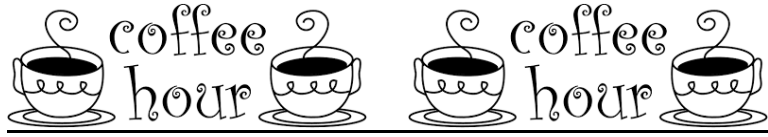
Holy Thursday April 13 **9:00 A.M.** Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil
6:00 P.M. Matins with Reading of 12 Passion Gospels

Good Friday April 14 **9:00 A.M.** Royal Hours
4:00 P.M. Vespers with Burial Service
 * Strict Lenten Pot-Luck Meal following Vespers in Parish Fellowship Hall*
6:30 P.M. Matins with Lamentations and Procession

Holy Saturday April 15 **9:00 A.M.** Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 and 15 Old Testament Readings
11:30 P.M. Nocturne Service

HOLY PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – HOLY PASCHA

Sunday April 16 **12:00 A.M.** **HOLY PASCHA**
 Procession, Resurrection Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy
 Following The Paschal Divine Liturgy, the Blessing of Paschal Baskets and Foods and
 Paschal Reception will be held in Parish Fellowship Hall
11:00 A.M. Paschal Agape Vespers Service



****A REMINDER FOR HOSTING
COFFEE HOUR DURING GREAT LENT ****

When hosting coffee hour during Great Lent, we must refrain from using meat and dairy products in our foods and beverages.

If anyone has any questions about fasting or restrictions when hosting coffee hour, please see Fr. Jason and he will help you and guide you!

When hosting coffee hour during Great Lent, we will be following The , 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.**

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](tel:610.698.1666)/frances.vansuch@yahoo.com)

May all of us have a Blessed, Peaceful, Holy
and Prayerful Great Lenten Journey!



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 Jennifer
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 Pam and Valerie
Elias, John, Joseph, Nadim, Theresa, Thomas Amelia, Emily
Vadym Iryna Yuriy Anastasia
Mary, Hal, Autumn, Ariana, and Amber, Judithann Anita, James, Jeffry, Dominic,
Douglas, Rachel, Dennis, Edith
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, Austin, Chris, John, Daniel, Gjorgie, Thomas

Catechumens

William and Darlene

**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

Sultana (*Grandmother of Mira*) Catherine
G-Day (*mother of Zenash*) Vasili

*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 Donation for Office Supplies (Paper, Copier)
- Monthly Donation for Health Kits for Mats for Mission
- Monthly Donation for Chowder Sale

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>!

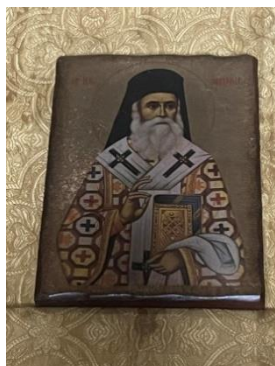
There are videos for each week beginning with The Feast of Feasts – Holy Pascha! Be sure to check them out!

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MONTHLY HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

Supplicatory Canon to St. Nektarios

MONDAY APRIL 24, 2023 – 6:00 PM



ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH EDUCATION CENTER

Holy Week

Great Monday
The Church remembers the story of St. Joseph the All-Comely, who was sold by his brothers into slavery, as a prefiguration of the Passion of Christ. We are also reminded about the fact that Jesus cursed the fig tree that had had not any fruits.
Preparation of the Chrism is being started by some primates of the autocephalous Churches.

Great Tuesday
Christ was teaching in the Jerusalem Temple, Scribes, while hearing His words, decided to kill Him.
The Church reminds us parables of the 10 virgins, of the talents, and with continuing from Monday the narrative about the Final Judgement, calls us to spiritual warfare.

Great Wednesday
On that day Judas decided to betray the Savior for 30 pieces of silver and promised to denounce him to soldiers.
We hear the prayer of St. Ephraim for the last time in a year.

Great Thursday
We remember one of the most important events in the Gospel: the Mystic Supper, when the Lord instituted the mystery of Eucharist.
In cathedrals during the Liturgy bishops wash the feet of 12 people: The preparation of Chrism is finalized. In the evening, on Great Friday matins, we hear 12 selections from the Gospel about the Passion of Christ.

Great Friday
The day of sentencing Christ to death and His Crucifixion. The royal hours are read in the morning. There is no Liturgy - the Sacrifice happens at Calvary. In the afternoon vespers with the elevation of the Shroud are served. St. Joseph of Arimathea removed the Body from the Cross and placed it into the Grave.
The day of strict fast. Many people do not eat at all until the vespers services are over.

Great Saturday
The Church commemorates the Burial of Christ, his descent into Hell to proclaim there His victory over death and liberate those who had been awaiting Him with faith.
In the morning the Liturgy with 12 readings from the Old Testament about the events and prophecies of the salvation by the death of the Son of God. After the Liturgy paschal baskets are blessed. Holy Fire descends in Jerusalem.
Just a little bit more...

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A Little Note About Palm Sunday.....

The Feast of Our Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem ties the Feast of Lazarus Saturday to what we are about to go through: the Final Days of Our Lord’s earthly life, preaching, teaching, suffering, and finally RISING from the dead! It is with this Feast that we come to see and come to know The Savior of the world. As we hear in the Vespers Service for Palm Sunday:

Today the Savior comes to Jerusalem, fulfilling the Scriptures. He is greeted with palms and a carpet of clothes. All know it is He: the Lord, Whom the cherubim praise. Hosanna in the highest!!! Blessed art Thou, O greatly merciful One! Have mercy on us!

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Lazarus Saturday

In a carefully detailed narrative the Gospel relates how Christ, six days before His own death, and with particular mindfulness of the people "standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me" (John 11:42), went to His dead friend Lazarus at Bethany outside of Jerusalem. He was aware of the approaching death of Lazarus but deliberately delayed His coming, saying to His disciples at the news of His friend's death: "For your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe" (John 11:14). When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus was already dead four days. This fact is repeatedly emphasized by the Gospel narrative and the liturgical hymns of the feast. The four-day burial underscores the horrible reality of death. Man, created by God in His own image and likeness, is a spiritual-material being, a unity of soul and body. Death is destruction; it is the separation of soul and body. The soul without the body is a ghost, as one Orthodox theologian puts it, and the body without the soul is a decaying corpse. "I weep and I wail, when I think upon death, and behold our beauty, fashioned after the image of God, lying in the tomb dishonored, disfigured, bereft of form." This is a hymn of Saint John of Damascus sung at the Church's burial services. This "mystery" of death is the inevitable fate of man fallen from God and blinded by his own prideful pursuits.

With epic simplicity the Gospel records that, on coming to the scene of the horrible end of His friend, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). At this moment Lazarus, the friend of Christ, stands for all men, and Bethany is the mystical center of the world. Jesus wept as He saw the "very good" creation and its king, man, "made through Him" (John 1:3) to be filled with joy, life and light, now a burial ground in which man is sealed up in a tomb outside the city, removed from the fullness of life for which he was created, and decomposing in darkness, despair and death. Again as the Gospel says, the people were hesitant to open the tomb, for "by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days" (John 11:39). When the stone was removed from the tomb, Jesus prayed to His Father and then cried with a loud voice: "Lazarus, come out." The icon of the feast shows the particular moment when Lazarus appears at the entrance to the tomb. He is still wrapped in his grave clothes and his friends, who are holding their noses because of the stench of his decaying body, must unwrap him. In everything stress is laid on the audible, the visible and the tangible. Christ presents the world with this observable fact: on the eve of His own suffering and death He raises a man dead four days! The people were astonished. Many immediately believed on Jesus and a great crowd began to assemble around Him as the news of the raising of Lazarus spread. The regal entry into Jerusalem followed. Lazarus Saturday is a unique day: on a Saturday a Matins and Divine Liturgy bearing the basic marks of festal, resurrectional services, normally proper to Sundays, are celebrated. Even the baptismal hymn is sung at the Liturgy instead of Holy God: "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

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 - Week 5: Sunday, July 30 - Saturday, August 5 -- Teen Week 2
 - Week 6: Monday, Aug. 7 - Friday, Aug. 11 -- Family Week
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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

THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

On the last Sunday of the Great Lent, the Church remembers the triumphant entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. The day before, on Saturday, is the remembrance of the great miracle which had recently been wrought in Bethany - the resurrection of Lazarus, who had been dead and buried four days in his tomb. Many of the people, having witnessed this miracle, believed in Christ and were awaiting His coming into Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. But the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees wanted to have Jesus killed because they envied Him, and so they gave an order to be told when Jesus would come into Jerusalem. The time of Christ's suffering was nearing. Just six days before Passover, when Mary, the sister of the resurrected Lazarus, poured expensive myrrh on Jesus' feet, some of His disciples were displeased at such waste, thinking that the money from the sale of this myrrh could have been used to help the poor. Knowing what lay in store for Him in Jerusalem, Christ told His disciples that with this anointing His body was being prepared for burial. He spoke at great length about the suffering that was drawing near for Him. Finally Jesus gathered His disciples to go to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. "When they drew nigh unto Jerusalem and had come to Bethpage unto the Mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, *'Go into the village opposite you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them unto Me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, 'The Lord hath need of them,' and straightway he will send them.'* . . . And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. And they brought the ass and the colt and saddled them with their clothes, and they set Him thereon" (Matt. 21:1-3; 6-7). Coming near Jerusalem, Jesus wept over the city that was doomed to be destroyed for not recognizing the time that God came to save it. Many in Jerusalem found out that Jesus, the one who had resurrected Lazarus-who had been dead four days - was nearing. "And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way, and others cut down branches from the trees and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and followed, cried out, saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, 'Who is this?' And the multitude said, 'This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.' And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers and seats of those who sold doves, and said unto them, *'It is written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer," but ye have made it into a den for thieves'* And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' they were sore displeased, and said unto Him, 'Hearest thou what these say?' and Jesus

said unto them *"Yea, have ye never read, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou has perfected praise"?"* (Matt. 21:8-16). In the next days Jesus Christ taught in the temple. He spent the nights outside the city. The chief priests, the teachers of the Law, and the elders of the people looked for an opportunity to kill Him, but they could not because all the people were around Him listening to His teachings.

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THE BLESSING OF PASCHAL BASKETS

As is our custom as Orthodox Christians, we will blessing Paschal Baskets this year on the Feast of Holy Pascha.

With this in mind, the Blessing of Baskets will take place following the Paschal Divine Liturgy at midnight on April 16.

When you come to church for the Resurrection Services on Holy Saturday Night, please bring your basket with you and place it on the designated tables in the Parish Fellowship Hall.

Following the Paschal Divine Liturgy, we will process into the Parish Fellowship Hall to have the Service for the Blessing of Baskets and Paschal Foods and Paschal Reception.

If you are unable to be at the Paschal Divine Liturgy and would like to have your Basket blessed, Fr. Jason will also bless baskets following the Paschal Agape Vespers Service on Pascha Morning at 11:00 AM.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

1) **The Schedule of Services for Holy Week, Pascha and Bright Week has been emailed out to all parishioners this past week. Copies are available in the Parish Fellowship Hall.**

2) **Good Friday Light Lenten Meal** (following Vespers at 4:00 PM)
FRIDAY APRIL 14

*Following the Vespers Service on Good Friday, there will be a Light Strict Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner in the Parish Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring something LENTEN for the Light Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner on Good Friday, please see or contact Fr. Jason or Mat. Katia who are organizing the dinner for us.

3) **Good Friday-Holy Saturday-Holy Pascha Sign-Up Sheets**

*We will need assistance with the Processions on Good Friday (Vespers and Matins, Holy Saturday Night (Pascha Midnight Service) as well as we will need people to assist with reading the 15 Old Testament Readings at the Vespers and Liturgy on Holy Saturday Morning. Also, we will need parishioners to assist with Grave Watch on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you would like to assist with any of the processions, Grave Watch, or breaking down of the Tomb of Our Lord, please see or contact Fr. Jason or if anyone would like to read one of the 15 Old Testament Readings on Holy Saturday Morning, please see or contact Mat. Katia.

4) **Parish Paschal Meal Reception** (Feast of Holy Pascha April 16)

*Following the Paschal Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Paschal Baskets on The Feast of Holy Pascha, we will once again be holding our Annual Parish Paschal Reception in the Parish Fellowship Hall. As this has become a great tradition in our parish, we look forward to this year's reception as we come together and celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord. Let's come together again on the Feast of Feasts and share the Paschal Joy with one another by enjoying Christian Fellowship and delicious foods. If anyone would like to bring something for the Paschal Meal Reception or for more information on how you can help, please see or contact Fr. Jason, Mat. Katia, Mat. Fran who are organizing the dinner for us.



ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SUNDAY APRIL 23

**Immediately following the Festive Parish Luncheon
on the Church and Rectory Property!**

For all children of our parish and their families!

**Let us come together and celebrate the Glorious Feast of the
Resurrection of Our Lord and St Thomas Sunday by participating in
the Divine Services followed by some Christian Fellowship.**

AND

PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR PARISH SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023

Saturday April 22, 2023

Great Vespers with Litiya – 5:00 PM

Saturday April 23, 2023

Divine Liturgy followed

by Procession around the Church – 10:00 AM

Festive Pot-Luck Luncheon in Parish Fellowship Hall following
Divine Liturgy along with Parish Meet n Greet and Parish
Council Discission on Capital Campaign

SOME NOTES ABOUT PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA



RED PASCHA EGGS

In just one week, we will enter into Holy Week and prepare for the Joyous Celebration of Holy Pascha during which we will be looking for everyone's help in order to get everything ready and prepared to celebrate The Glorious Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection. With that in mind, we will be looking forward to those beautiful Red Eggs from our beloved parishioners.

As is our custom here at St. George's we are asking the parishioners to donate the Red Eggs for Holy Pascha. Please bring your Red Eggs to church on Good Friday or Holy Saturday and place them in the Refrigerator Cooler in the Parish Hall Kitchen so that we can store them until services on Pascha Night, we would very much appreciate it. The Red Eggs will be blessed following The Paschal Divine Liturgy and they will be distributed following the Paschal Divine Liturgy and again on Sunday Morning following the Paschal Agape Vespers.



GRAVE WATCH and PROCESSIONS

As is a pious custom in some Orthodox Parishes, we watch the Grave of Our Lord when the services are not being celebrated; we pray at the Tomb and watch like the soldiers did. With this in mind, if you or your families would like to watch the Grave of Our Lord on either Good Friday or Holy Saturday, please see the Sign-Up Sheet on the Table in the Parish Fellowship Hall.

We will be having one-hour increments for reading the Psalms on Good Friday and reading the Acts of the Apostles on Holy Saturday. Also, we will need assistance for the Processions on Good Friday and Pascha Night. Please see Fr. Jason if you would like to assist with the Processions.

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH
2023 PASCHAL AGAPE VESPERS
GOSPEL IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES
{During Vespers on Holy Pascha }**

SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023

11:00 am

*We would like to have as many languages as possible as we proclaim the Resurrection of Our Lord! If anyone has a particular language(s) that you would like to read in, please let Fr. Jason know which language(s) you will be reading the Gospel in and he will send out the order to everyone prior to The Paschal Agape Vespers. The Gospel Lesson for the Paschal Agape Vespers is: John20:19-25

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to see or contact Fr. Jason. God Bless You!