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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

### **ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2.** Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, of Alexandria (ca. 313). St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod (1754). Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (ca. 361). Ven. Thomas of Bithynia (10th c.). Righteous King John of Serbia, and his parents Righteous Stephen, Despot of Serbia, and Venerable Angelina of Serbia.

**EPISTLE:**  
Ephesians 5:9-19

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

**GOSPEL:**  
Luke 18:18-27

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**GLORY FOREVER!**

### **\*\*FLOWERS FOR THIS WEEK\*\***

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

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**Altar Vigil Candles** are offered by Anthony DelNuovo in Loving Memory  
of Thy Dep

arted 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 Resurrection, Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### Tropar for The Holy Martyrs, Tone 8

Having slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements of the passions through their ascetic labors, the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work wonders both while alive and after death. It is a truly great wonder that naked bones pour forth healing.// Glory to our only God and Creator!

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

### Kontakion for The Resurrection, Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,// and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

### Steadfast Protectress Tone 6

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!

### THE PROKEMEINON – TONE 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.

*v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*

### ALLELUIA VERSES

*May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!*

*Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!*

### 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:**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY**

**LET US ATTEND:**

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?

And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

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=== Scriptural Readings for the Week ===

PLEASE REFER TO THE OCA WEBSITE...[www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)  
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## **THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023**

Matins – **9:10 AM** Divine Liturgy followed by Memorial Litia for Thy Servants of God Lynn, Robert, and Anita – **9:30 AM**

Church School Class in Parish Fellowship Hall following The Divine Liturgy!

BRIEF COFFEE HOUR in Parish Fellowship Hall following The Divine Liturgy!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN THE CHURCH – **11:30 AM**

### **TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2023**

Daily Matins – **9:00 AM**  
Adult Education Class via Zoom – **6:30 to 8:00 PM**

### **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2023** **THE FEAST OF ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA**

Akathist Prayer Service in Honor of St. Herman – **9:00 AM**  
Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos – **6:00 PM**

### **THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2023**

Akathist Prayer Service to Our Lord – **9:00 AM**  
St. George Senior/Retiree Day – **10:00 to 11:30 AM**

**\*\*DROP OFF CHRISTMAS COOKIES – FRIDAY DECEMBER 15 4:00 to 6:00 PM\*\***

### **SATURDAY DECEMBER 16, 2023**

Christmas Cookie Tray Assembling – **10:00 AM**  
Great Vespers – **4:00 PM**

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2023**

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

Church School Class in Parish Fellowship Hall following The Divine Liturgy!

COFFEE HOUR in Parish Fellowship Hall following The Divine Liturgy!



Coffee Hour Fellowship is held every Sunday in The Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. As this is a continuation of The Divine Liturgy itself through Agape and Fellowship, let us come together to enjoy the time as a parish family.

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, 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/frances.vansuch@yahoo.com](mailto:frances.vansuch@yahoo.com))



# FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME

## In The Orthodox Christian Church

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

~ All are Welcome ~

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

Do we wonder where to go to find answers?

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

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

Where is "**The Church**" to be found and experienced today? Come Taste and See How Good The Lord is every Sunday by joining us for The Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM. What is Orthodox Christianity all about? How does it differ from other Christian confessions? This section will attempt to answer these questions and many more.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://journeytoorthodoxy.com>

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

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

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

To visit our parish website, please click on the QR Code below:



## 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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**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**

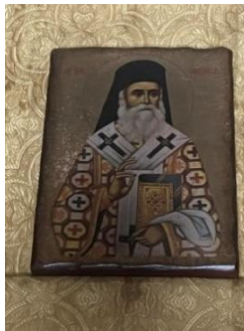
**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. Matt. 22:39**

**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**

**MONTHLY HEALING PRAYER SERVICE**  
**The Supplicatory Canon**  
**Prayer Service to St. Nektarios**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2024 –6:00 PM**



**ST. GEORGE SENIOR/RETIREE DAY**  
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 14**  
**10:00 am to 12:00 PM**

**We invite all Seniors and Retirees to come and join us as we spend a morning together in prayer and Christian fellowship!**

- A morning filled with prayer, fellowship, education and fun for all of our retired parishioners to come together and spend time together
- Coffee, tea, juice and snacks will be provided
- Held 1-2x a month



**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD**

NOVEMBER thru DECEMBER

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH CHRISTMAS  
COOKIE TRAY SALE/POINSETTIA SALE/BASKET RAFFLE**

NOVEMBER thru DECEMBER

ASSEMBLING OF COOKIE TRAYS - SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

COOKIE TRAY SALE PICK-UP AND BASKET RAFFLE

DRAWING - SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

- \*\* Parish Family Night – Friday December 2
- \*\* Annual Parish Meeting -- Sunday December 10
- \*\* Outing to Fatima Shrine – Friday December 15
- \*\* Parish Outing to “It was a wonderful life” – Sunday December 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 bringing the joy, the love, and the peace of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ 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 and FeedMore of WNY on a regular basis!**

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**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND GUIDE YOU  
 FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!**  
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**\*\*PLEASE REFER TO THE WEEKLY EMAILS AND PARISH WEBSITE  
 FOR CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR!\*\***  
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**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 (2023)**

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

Mr. Albert Fadell  
 317.376.2562

Nicholas Wityk  
 Turtle Rock Road  
 Livonia, NY

Mr. Steve Scordalakis  
 122 Pennsylvania Ave  
 Lockport, NY 14221

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!\*\***

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

*Please remember in prayer Thy Servants of God...*

**FOR THE HEALTH OF THY SERVANTS:**

**HIERARCHS**

Archbishop BENJAMIN  
 Archbishop NATHANIEL

Archbishop ALEJO  
 Archbishop DANIEL

**CLERGY**

Archpriest Herman, Matushka Cynthia and George, Elizabeth  
 Archpriest Vladimir and Matushka Jeanne  
 Archpriest Alexey and his family  
 Archpriest Timmothy/Mat. Michelle  
 Archpriest John and Presbyteria Nancy  
 Archpriest Ken and Matushka Natalie  
 Archpriest Andreja, Popadija Anica and Family  
 Archpriest Timmothy Archpriest Leonid Archpriest David  
 Archpriest John (Onofrey) Archpriest James Archpriest Robert  
 Priest Peter and Mat. Mary  
 Dn. Sean and Mat. Heather  
 Dn. Mark and his family



**MATUSHKI** Mat. Deborah Popadija Sara Mat. Gayle Mat. Natasha  
 Mat. Barbara Mat. Katia Mat. Paraskeva Mat. Joanna Popadia Vicki  
 Mat. Patricia Mat. Gloria Christine Coard Karen  
 Catherine Ivan/Marina/Inna Bonnie/Silviu Jennifer, Amanda  
 Edwina Irene Luba Jim, Darren, Marsha  
 Serena/Asma Lillian Reader Victor Nicholas, Andrew  
 Marilyn Frank June Theodora Amanda, Chase Ronald, Candice  
 Sarah Albert Boris Oscar Billy Clyde  
 Xenia, Justin, Danielle, Anne, Patricia Larry Joseph Frank  
 Victor Catherine Susan Svetlana Juliana  
 Evelyn Robert Rebecca Paul Brian  
 Jeanne Angela, Jason, Michelle Linda Justin Frances  
 John, Helen Ashley Steven Barbara Daniel  
 Joseph, John, Margaret, Thomas, Victoria, Tyler Matthew William  
 Melody Natalie, Lorraine Lee, Maribeth Bridget  
 Kelly, Robert, Boris, Zaeb, Tirza, Sabas, Sada, Charles, Thlisinitsa,  
 Gemmal, Geesa, and Patric Lia/Isaiah  
 Olga and Eugene Jeremy Stewart Susan  
 Susan Justin Louis Yuri/Elena Alex John, Kevin, Sean  
 Anthony Aldona, Melinda, Pam Valerie Mary John Rebecca  
 Jaime/Sammy, Juliana Harry James Jake Raphael  
 Lee, Benjamin, Harry Patrick Aspasia/Stavros  
 Charles Emma/Alexander Elias, John, Joseph, Nadim, Theresa  
 Vadym Iryna Yuriy Anastasia Rosemary Anthony  
 Seraphim Anthony  
 Mary, Hal, Autumn, Ariana, and Amber, Judithann, James, Jeffry, Dominic,  
 Douglas, Rachel, Dennis, Edith, Joanna  
 Brian John, Roberta, Barbara John, Michael John  
 George Costa Jonathan, Kevin, Lary, Carly, Sherry, Mary Jo, Clara, Karl,  
 Mary Al and Sophie and Family  
 Stephen, Larry, Olga, Olga, Sally, Deborah, David  
 Rdr Nicholas, Judithann, Michael, Mary, Cate, Michael, Gary, Damian, Olga,  
 Alexandra, Barbara, Damian  
 Ron, Illiana, Jillian, Joel, Robert, Susan, Arnold, Kyriaki, Danny, Thomas,  
 Amelia, Emily, Kevin/Juanita

Crissy and the child Luke Raphael born of her  
 Children of God - Jake

**Diocese of NY&NJ Prayer List**

Archpriest Samuel Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar  
 Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra  
 Archpriest George Archpriest Paul Mitred Archpriest Ken (*Starevsky*)  
 Archpriest Jonathan Archpriest Paul

**Those Serving in The Armed Forces**

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

**Inquirers**

Jeremy Ayden Edward  
 Rudy and Karen Judy Raymon/ Gina Raymond and Frankie

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

**For All of our parishioners who are in hospitals, nursing home, and those who are homebound.**

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

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

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

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

**FOR THY DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD:**

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

**All of the clergy and parishioners of This Holy House who have departed this life, who now lie asleep in the Lord**

**Metropolitan THEODOSIUS**

Ever-Memorable Archpriest Eugene  
 Ever-Memorable Archpriest Rastko  
 Ever-Memorable Priest John  
 Ever-Memorable Dn. Mark

**Metropolitan HERMAN**

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

Barbara Gabe Anita Cindy Robert

**\*If anyone would like to have their loved ones added to the prayer list for remembrance during the Divine Liturgy and Divine Services, please see or contact Fr. Jason.**

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH BOOKSTORE**

As you are in the Parish Fellowship Hall for coffee hour, don't forget to check out our newly-formed Bookstore. We have some new items that just arrived. These items include: Icon ornaments, jewelry, Icons, prayer books, prayers ropes, and much more. If you need a Gift, come check out the Bookstore...you may find something you like!! We are now also offering Gift Certificates for our Bookstore. Please speak with Dave or Andrea for more details/information!! We thank David and Andrea Chmiel who are managing of our Bookstore for us. If you have any questions or if you would like to order something that you do not see, please see or contact David or Andrea Chmiel and they will be able to assist you. You may also email them at: bookstore@stgeorgebuffalo.com. May GOD continue to bless and guide all of you.

**Also in the Parish Fellowship Hall, we have the Giving Tree! If anyone would like to sign up for Readers, Bulletin, Collection, Communion Cloth, Home Blessing, please see or contact Fr. Jason!**



**A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS TO THE PARISH FROM OUR PARISH GIVING TREE**

Please be sure to check out "The Giving Tree" in the Parish Fellowship Hall as well as on our parish website ([www.stgeorgebuffalo.com](http://www.stgeorgebuffalo.com)) to see how we may be able to donate towards the needs of our parish through our continued support and stewardship for our beloved parish.

Some of the items on the leaves are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

These sermons offered to us by The Diocese via video can be found on the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>!

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

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**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH EDUCATION CENTER**

**The Conception by Righteous Anna  
of the Most Holy Mother of God  
December 9**

Saint Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, was the youngest daughter of the priest Nathan from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married Saint Joachim (September 9), who was a native of Galilee. For a long time Saint Anna was childless, but after twenty years, through the fervent prayer of both spouses, an angel of the Lord announced to them that they would be the parents of a daughter, Who would bring blessings to the whole human race.

The Orthodox Church does not accept the teaching that the Mother of God was exempted from the consequences of ancestral sin (death, corruption, sin, etc.) at the moment of her conception by virtue of the future merits of Her Son. Only Christ was born perfectly holy and sinless, as Saint Ambrose of Milan teaches in Chapter Two of his Commentary on Luke. The Holy Virgin was like everyone else in Her

mortality, and in being subject to temptation, although She committed no personal sins. She was not a deified creature removed from the rest of humanity. If this were the case, She would not have been truly human, and the nature that Christ took from Her would not have been truly human either. If Christ does not truly share our human nature, then the possibility of our salvation is in doubt.

The Conception of the Virgin Mary by Saint Anna took place at Jerusalem. The many icons depicting the Conception by Saint Anna show the Most Holy Theotokos trampling the serpent underfoot.

“In the icon Saints Joachim and Anna are usually depicted with hands folded in prayer; their eyes are also directed upward and they contemplate the Mother of God, Who stands in the air with outstretched hands; under Her feet is an orb encircled by a serpent (symbolizing the devil), which strives to conquer all the universe by its power.”

There are also icons in which Saint Anna holds the Most Holy Virgin on her left arm as an infant. On Saint Anna’s face is a look of reverence. A large ancient icon, painted on canvas, is located in the village of Minkovetsa in the Dubensk district of Volhynia diocese. From ancient times this Feast was especially venerated by pregnant women in Russia.

## **Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, of Alexandria December 10**

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313). Saint Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians. Martyr Hermogenes

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint Eugraphus, the secretary of Saint Menas, who had declared himself a Christian upon witnessing the endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes; and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.  
Martyr Eugraphus

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.

***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 Repose of St. Herman of Alaska Commemorated on December 13**

SAINT HERMAN OF ALASKA is often referred to as the first American saint. Born in Russia, he entered the monastic life when he was only sixteen. He would eventually take up abode in the Valaam Monastery on Lake Ladoga. When a mission of monks was organized in 1793 to travel to North America, St. Herman was part of that effort. Russian merchants had discovered the Aleutian Islands and, in addition to their trading endeavors they found a great need to bring the Gospel of Christ to the native inhabitants. St. Herman would settle on Spruce Island, calling his home "New Valaam." The rugged island was heavily forested, but the pious monk enjoyed the solitude it brought him. Earthly pleasures meant nothing to him. He dug a cave with his own hands where he lived for more than 40 years. He humbly wore the same clothing every day; he used two bricks for a pillow and he covered himself at night with a board rather than a blanket.

Although only a simple monk and not an ordained priest, St. Herman soon gained a reputation for being a great spiritual teacher. He established a school and enjoyed teaching the native children about Christ. He particularly loved to teach them the prayers and hymns of the Church. Young and old alike would listen spell-bound for hours to his sermons.

St. Herman also became known for his wondrous works and miracles as well. A great flood once threatened Spruce

Island, and the inhabitants came to their blessed Elder in great fear. He took an icon of the Theotokos, placed it on a sandy bank and began to pray. Amazingly, the progress of the waters was impeded immediately! A forest fire broke out once on Spruce Island. St. Herman dug a simple trench and proclaimed: "The fire will not pass this line." It did not!

St. Herman of Alaska died in the same cave in which he had lived for all those years on Spruce Island. His final words were a statement of his entire philosophy of life: "GLORY TO THEE, O LORD."

### **A Prayer to St. Herman of Alaska Wonderworker of All America**

O Almighty God, We praise and glorify You, Our Lord and Creator. All the earth and everything within it acknowledges You as Creator, The Eternal Father.

Heaven and Earth, Angels and Men, together, praise and glorify You, the most glorious company of Apostles, the praiseworthy fellowship of Prophets, the great and noble gathering of Martyrs, the whole community of Saints, all praise You.

We the members of the holy community on earth pray: Make us worthy with all the Saints in Heaven, especially the newly glorified Elder, the Blessed Herman of Alaska, to reign in Your everlasting glory.



On this day the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church praises and glorifies You, our God, in joyful thanksgiving. The inheritors and children of the Holy Church of Christ which you, O Blessed Father Herman and your holy companions planted here, now flowering and growing throughout this great continent, gather at your reliquary. We gaze at your Relics in the knowledge that your soul joins together with the Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs, Saints and the Heavenly Hosts before the Throne of the Most Merciful God in praise of the Holy Trinity.

O Blessed Herman of Spruce Island, good teacher of the faith in the Holy Trinity, and our Spiritual Father, intercede before the throne of the Almighty God, for peace within the Church, the dispelling of all disunity, faithlessness and discord.

Come to the aid of our spiritual leaders that they may always be true and effective instruments of the Holy Spirit, with the power to proclaim the evangelical truths, with the wisdom to enlighten the unenlightened, with the spirit to inspire all to love the knowledge of God, with the perseverance to defend the Church, even unto death, from all enemies both within and without and at all times.

May the hearts of your spiritual children be filled with that faith and love of the Holy Church which you manifested in your holy life; praying to Him to: deliver us from the temptations which cause us to fall; renew our child-like faith in our Heavenly Father; replace our trust in God, and in Him alone; satisfy our thirst for the true knowledge of

God; teach us to serve God faithfully; transfigure our life that it may truly reflect the image and likeness of God. O Holy Father and Patron of the Church in America: Be a physician to the weak in faith; be a support to the fallen; be a defender to the defenseless; be a bulwark of strength to the weary in spirit; be a guide to the travelers by sea, by land and by air; be our heavenly intercessor.

O Most wondrous, favorite of God, our Blessed Father Herman, as good laborer you did your great spiritual work in a harsh climate in this land! In the little things you were faithful in your service to God: as the Lord said: "You have been faithful of a little, I will set you over much." And now, when this word has been fulfilled for you, the Lord has set you over our whole church as her heavenly protector. We all call to you in fervent prayer: Pray for our Holy Church. May the Lord keep her pure in Orthodoxy. May He reveal her as an adornment of our land. May He protect her from all the powers of the enemy. May He drive out all adversaries. May He grant us purity of Faith and beauty of soul. Grant us all the Spirit of Peace and Love, the Spirit of Humility and Meekness. Drive out the sin of pride. Save us from self praise. Be our guard from false teachings. Give healing to the sick; to the sorrowful be a comfort. To those who hunger for spiritual truth, give the Heavenly Food, that we may attain our true desire, receiving the good reward at the Final Judgment.

With all the saints we will praise with song: The Life Creating Trinity: The Ineffable Father, the True and Only Begotten Son, the Comforter,

Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. O Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, together with all the Saints and the Heavenly Hosts, pray to God that on each of us He will bestow wisdom for our mind, strength for our will, light for our spirit, enabling us to attain to the true peace of life which is from God alone. We praise with joyous and grateful hearts, the Life-Creating Trinity: Father Almighty, Only-Begotten Son, Comforter, Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



A Note on Christian Stewardship .....

Life is given to us through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our commitment to expressing gratitude for this great blessing is seen through our participation in Christian Stewardship by being faithful stewards of The Gospel. Our commitment reveals how we live our faith in the Resurrected Lord. It is in The Resurrection of Our Lord that we receive eternal life and we express our hope in the life to come by our response as Orthodox Christian stewards.

Come and See how we are all called to be Stewards of The Church!

Please take a moment to reflect upon what God has given us, and to discern how we might be able to return to God a portion of the blessings we have received.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

May God continue to bless and guide you and keep you always in His Loving Care!

#### What is Stewardship?

Stewardship means making a regular commitment of one's time, talent, and treasure to Christ and His Church

Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God.

Stewardship recognizes that we believe that "every good and perfect gift we receive in our lives comes from above."

Stewardship is a spiritual practice, much like prayer and fasting. And just as prayer and fasting are ways we seek to deepen our relationship with God, so we use Stewardship to turn everything in our lives into an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God.

Stewardship, like prayer and fasting, should be undertaken purposefully and with intention - while giving of time, talent, and treasure when we feel so moved is a good beginning, it can only bear limited fruit. We should set aside portions of our time, talent, and treasure to give to God before we give them to anything else, in the same way that we should plan our prayer and fasting. There will always be times for spontaneous giving, as with spontaneous prayer - but intention is also necessary.

#### Why be a Steward?

To be a Steward of the Church means being an active participant in the life of the Church - growing in Faith and communion with God and proclaiming that same Faith with every word, every action, and every moment of our lives.

### What is Orthodox Christian Stewardship

*"It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He be, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today." - Fr. Anthony Coniaris*

Stewardship reminds us that everything we have has been given to us by God - not for us to have, but for us to care for as stewards, or caretakers. This is why we call those who are actively living the Orthodox Christian life "stewards," because to live the Orthodox Christian life fully means to recognize that we have received everything from God, and therefore we offer some of what we have received back in thanksgiving.

Financial stewardship is an offering, and it is part of how we participate in the saving work of Christ and His Church. By offering back some of what has been given to us, we allow God to work through that offering "for the life of the world." Just as we offer bread and wine for the Liturgy which God transforms into the Body and Blood of Christ to transform us into the living Body of Christ, so do we offer our time, treasure, and talents to Christ and His Church so that God might receive them and transform them into the means not only of our salvation, but for all Creation.

**\*\* WEEKLY DIVINE SERVICES AND EDUCATION CLASSES\*\***

**TUESDAY MORNINGS**

Daily Matins - 9:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos - 6:00 PM

**THURSDAY MORNINGS**

Akathist or Moleben Prayer Service - 9:00 AM

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY**

Catechism/ Adult Education Class - 6:30 PM  
(via Zoom)

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY**

St. George Bible Study Class - 6:30 PM  
(via Zoom)

**EVERY OTHER MONDAY**

St. George Book Club - 6:30 PM  
(via Zoom)

**EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

St. George Prayer Group - 6:30-7:30 PM

**WEEKLY EDUCATION VIDEOS ("Q&A with FR. JAY)  
and DAILY PASTORAL MESSAGES**

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH 2023**  
**NATIVITY PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY**

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

1. **Baker Victory – Christmas Gifts for Children** (a list will be sent out next week with information and list of Christmas Gifts for the Children)

**Please bring the Christmas Gifts to Church no later than Sunday December 10th and place them in the bin located in the Parish Fellowship Hall.**

2. **Mats for A Mission– Health Kits** are given to the individuals on a monthly basis when leaders from The Mats for Mission go downtown and pass out rest mats, food, and other personal and hygiene products to those in need

**Please bring the Health Kits to Church no later than Sunday December 10th and place them in the bin located in the Parish Fellowship Hall1**

3. **Hearts for Homeless – Christmas Cookies and Canned Goods/Non-Perishable Items**

Please bring the Christmas Cookies and Non-Perishable Items/Canned Goods to Church no later than Sunday December 10th and place them in the bin located in the Parish Fellowship Hall.

4. **Feed More of WNY - Non-Perishable Food Items and Canned Goods and New Pairs of Winter Gloves (all sizes)**

Please bring the Winter Gloves to Church no later than Sunday December 10th and place them in the bin located in the Parish Fellowship Hall.

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD**



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 Barbara Kuvshinoff no later Sunday December 10 along with your payment of \$20.00. Besides our names, we will also have a Nativity Message and Greeting from our parish family.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself (716) [875-4222](tel:875-4222) / [jvansuch@hotmail.com](mailto:jvansuch@hotmail.com) or Barbara (716-553-5722 / [barbara.kuvshinoff@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kuvshinoff@gmail.com))

**2023 POINSETTIA SALE SIGN-UP SHEET**



We are once again looking for donations for our Christmas Poinsettias to adorn and decorate our church during The Nativity Season. We will be ordering 20 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 MARY MELLAS FOR PAYMENT and TO SUBMIT FORMS (SEE ATTACHMENT WITH THIS EMAIL) ORDERS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 17!

WHEN SUBMITTING FORM, PLEASE FILL OUT THE NAMES OF OUR LOVED ONES (HEALTH and DEPARTED) TO BE REMEMBERED DURING THE FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY ON THE GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD ON CHRISTMAS MORNING AT 9:30 AM!

IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS,  
PLEASE SEE MATUSHKA FRAN OR MARY MELLAS!

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!!

# Basket Raffle



**These are Special Basket Raffles Items!**

**Tickets can be purchased for \$5/each!**

**Basket Raffle Tickets can be purchased for \$2/each or 3 for \$5!**

**Drawing will be held on Sunday December 17, 2023.  
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