



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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JESUS OF NAZARETH IS PASSING BY

The Gospel of Saint Luke 18:35-43, which is read in the Church on December 2 this year, tells us that our Lord Jesus is visiting the town of Jericho. A blind man upon hearing all of the commotion of the people waiting to see Jesus asked what was going on. They told him "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

The text of the Gospel lesson is as follows: "At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, He asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God."

Now this blind beggar could have said, "Jesus? What can He do for me? I am blind." But he didn't. When a person really believes in Jesus he never says, "It can't be done." He knows that with God all things are possible. So the blind man, realizing that the opportunity of his life was about to pass right in front of him, reached out to grab it. He cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The people gathered around him tried to stop him. "Those who were in front," says the Gospel, "rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more." He was determined to come face to face with Jesus. Nothing would stop him. He refused to be silent and he refused to be restrained. His sense of need drove him relentlessly into the presence of Jesus. If a man wants a miracle, then that is exactly the kind of spirit that he must have. He must be persistent in his quest.

The blind beggar gave everything that he had. He cried out to Jesus persistently and with passionate faith despite the rebuke of the crowd, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on

me!" The result was that he found Jesus, he found God! "Jesus stopped," says the Gospel, "and commanded him to be brought to Him." All heaven is stopped in its course, the world beyond our world is brought to attention, in all its healing power, by just one cry of human need. God is always stopped by an honest cry of faith.

The people around him try to stop him but the blind man cries louder, "Jesus of Nazareth, have mercy on me!" Hearing the cry, Jesus stood still. What a marvelous revelation of God this is! Jesus was no doubt on His way to some important mission. But above the noise of the crowd He heard the cry for help and He stopped. "And Jesus stood still," says the Gospel. Prayer has the power to stop God and to center His attention upon you, just you. The blind man reached out to Jesus through prayer and Jesus stopped. Suppose the blind man had not prayed? Jesus would have passed him by. And how many needs are there in your life that are not met simply because you have not prayed? How many times has God passed you by because you did not ask Him to stop?

And all things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive. The limit God places is not on His ability or willingness to give, but on our willingness to ask and our capacity to believe. No greater moment comes into the life of any person than when, out of a recognition of need and faith in Christ's power to meet that need, he falls on his knees in humility and begins to pray. This man whose prayer stopped Jesus was you and me. He was not the ruler of the country. He was not some prominent or important person, he was a mere beggar. He was a man who may have been on the very bottom of the social ladder. But in the face of the need of just one person, one very obscure person, the Son of God stopped and gave him His full attention. He made available His mighty power.

"Jesus stopped and asked him, what do you want Me to do for you?" And the man said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight, your faith has made you well!" And immediately he received his sight and he followed Him.

When the blind beggar heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he seized life's greatest opportunity and he received his sight. Life's greatest opportunity for us, too, is that

Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, today, right now! He continually knocks on the door of our hearts. He reveals Himself to us through Scriptures, through the Bible. He speaks to us through the Church. He offers Himself to us through the Sacraments. He is always just a prayer away from us.

Yet, are we, like the blind beggar, aware that Jesus is passing by? Do we profit by His presence or do we remain silent and inactive until He is gone? The blind beggar might have sat beside the road, listening and wondering, but doing nothing until his great opportunity had passed him by and he would have remained merely the blind beggar by the roadside. How many of us are doing just that? If we allow Jesus to pass us by then we shall remain poor, blind beggars who failed to respond, to seize the opportunity that would have given us our sight, light, happiness, joy and fulfillment beyond our highest expectation.

To miss Christ is to miss all! To gain Christ is to gain all! "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," says Jesus. The door is your heart and mine. Will you slam the door shut with your indifference, or will you take advantage of life's greatest opportunity and invite Him into your life?

With my paternal love in Christ,

Very Rev. Archimandrite Agathonikos M. Wilson

Father Wilson
(Father Mike)

Presiding Priest and Dean of the Cathedral

THE HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE "BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR PROGRAM"

The Home Instead Senior Care of Manchester "Be a Santa to a Senior Program" is meant to brighten the lives of lonely or isolated seniors of Hillsborough County and let them know they are being thought of and remembered this Christmas season. The gifts will be delivered to local meals on wheels recipients along with their meals during Christmas week. Gift tags will be available during the first week of December. Generic male/female gifts are all that are needed, to keep it simple and easy. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Examples of appropriate gifts are listed on the individual tags.



Dear St. George Community,
I want to thank everyone who attended the harvest pancake breakfast last month! It means a lot to me to see so many people supporting our Sunday School program and supporting our kids.

Oh, the joys of preparing for Christmas! To be honest, I love all the extra excitement of preparing for and celebrating Christmas. It is a time to honor family traditions and create new traditions. Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. God gave us the ultimate gift...His Son, Jesus Christ. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...and his name shall be Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Join us on December 23rd for our annual Christmas pageant! This is a perfect way to kickoff the Christmas holiday weekend!!

In January we will be starting our Sunday School philanthropy project. Stay tuned for details. This will be open to the entire St. George community.

I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas!
Athena Moutsioulis Bevan

Sunday School Save the Date!

Date	Event
December 23	Christmas Pageant & Party
December 30	Family Sunday, No class
January 27	Godparent Sunday &

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to everyone who contributed towards our recent philanthropic outreach efforts. Earlier this summer we sent \$1,250.00 to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese – Greek Fire Relief Fund and then last month we sent \$1,500.00 to the National Ladies Philoptochos Society – U. S. Hurricane Relief Fund. The monies collected and sent out will go a long way to help those in need. Again, thank you for your generosity and your kindness.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving with family and friends as we all have so much to be thankful for in our country and especially here at St. George Cathedral. These are busy times here at your community: Family Nights, Sunday School, Greek School, Cub/Boy Scouts, and Basketball starting up in full as we are again fielding teams in many age groups. Busy times indeed.

We just held our Board elections and I want to thank Bill Macenas, who is stepping off the Board, for his service to our church in that capacity, thanks Bill. I also want to welcome Christos Tsourvakas who was elected for the first time. Congratulations Christos! I look forward to serving our beloved cathedral with you. I also want to thank our four returning Directors as we all will be continuing to serve our church: Steve Chakas, Phil Liakos, Theo Vougias, and once again me. Being a Director is an honor our community gives to some of us and we must never forget that, being here early, or late, going to meetings, cleaning up the mess, keeping us on track and focused, moving forward together as brothers & sisters. Mike Zoukis once told me it's not about being a big shot it is a service job, service to your church. Mike told me that 30 years ago and I have not forgotten and pray I always remember those true words.

The Stewardship letters will be going out to many to remind us to complete the final fulfillment of our 2018 pledge, some have always paid at years' end which is perfectly fine. Maybe we can still generate a few brand-new pledges for 2018, who come but have not yet become a steward of the church. Once the new year arrives the new 2019 commitment will be going out. The message is the same please be generous, it takes a lot of money to pay our bills, run our programs, and maintain our buildings. How about \$100 more from each of us, I know I'm just a pushy NY guy but the need is real. We all need to work on what does the church mean to you and your family. We need to bring in more people to share the burden, get the young people back. Why not talk to your extended family? Is your brother, sister, adult children members of our church? Were you honored to be asked to be a Godparent years ago? Are they here with you? We all need to spread the word to belong in more than just a few passing comments. Let's get our own people back into their community, then we can work on the others, we know you're out there make a commitment. The times demand it.

I do not want to offend anyone of any party allegiance, it really does not matter but I think it is noteworthy that a member of this church, a steward of this community, Chris Pappas has been elected to Congress of the United States.

This is a young man who went to our Sunday school, played basketball in our center, went off to Harvard and then returned to contribute to his family business and to the success of our events: appreciation dinners, Palm Sunday, the Glendi. It is notable and meaningful whether you voted for him or not, he is one of us, this is something to take some pride in and to tell your children, inform them that working hard, doing their best in school, does indeed still mean something that anything is possible in this wonderful country we all share.

I want to wish you a blessed, safe Christmas and New Year, remember your church when enjoying your family and friends, we are part of your extended family. Please join with me in a prayer for our city, all its people and our country as we celebrate once again the birth of Christ, may God bless you all and continue to bless His Cathedral of St. George.

Frank C. Comerford
President

TABLE SPONSORS

Give your community a Christmas gift:
Join in one and all to sponsor a table.
Give a gift in memory of someone or
just join in as a group and sponsor a table.
Please join in by sponsoring a table 60" for \$317.00 each
with 40 available
or sponsor one of the
5 larger ones 72" tables for \$400.00 each
Everyone is encouraged to participate.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

If a loved one is in the hospital, a nursing home, house-bound for any reason, or in a hospice facility, please contact Fr. Mike immediately on his cell phone or at the Church Office to arrange a visit.

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Please help a needy child and or family through the Make-A-Wish Foundation gift-giving program. Gift tags will be available during the first week of December. Please return the wrapped gift to the church by Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Gift requests are listed by age and gender on the individual tags.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Funerals

Irene Ficek

Nia Pleat

May their memories be eternal!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund in memory of:

Evangelos Tsingos	\$500.00
Koula "Kay" Fasekis	\$130.00
Haralabos "Bobby" Bailakis	\$250.00
Hercules Nagios	\$800.00

The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund

in memory of:

Evangelos Tsingos	\$200.00
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The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship Fund

in memory of:

Evangelos Tsingos	\$200.00
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SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL JOB FAIR

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As you know this year we held 2 job fairs here at the St. George Community Center. The first one was held in June and the second one was held on November 9th. In June we had 189 employers and 800 job seekers. The November 9th Experienced Worker Job Fair attracted 85 employers and 674 job seekers. The November 9th Job Fair was a partnership between Employment Security Business and Economic Affairs, and AARP. Also East Side Plaza partnered with us by providing parking for all the employers that participated. Also WMUR broadcast live the evening before the job fair with Siobhan Lopez and Ray Brewer live the next morning from St. George at 5am the day of the job fair. WGIR and WZID provided numerous mentions on air as well.

In New Hampshire and especially in this community this is all about partnerships, collaboration, and showing our citizens that we are all part of a much larger community based on putting our best foot forward and making a positive difference in other people's lives. So here, at St. George we can assist our seniors, our veterans, our college graduates, our high school graduates, those with disabilities, or those individuals who have been incarcerated with new opportunities and a chance for a better life all under one roof.

If any of you are interested in a part or fulltime position Joyce has copies of the job fair flyers from the November 9th Job Fair .Please stop by the church office so you can see who the employers were that participated and the type of job opportunities that are available. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me by cell 361-3259.

During this very special time of the year we are extremely thankful for the support from the St. George Cathedral Board of Directors as well as the St. George Cathedral Community for providing the use of the community center for our job fairs. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

Hoping you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Wishing all of you and your families A Merry Christmas!

Thanks Again,

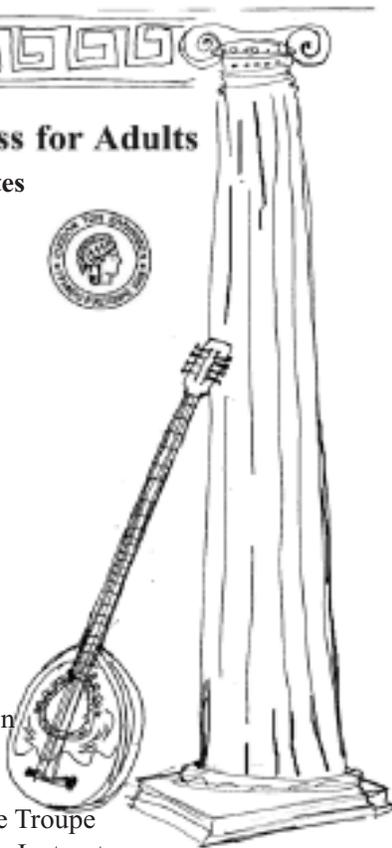
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WE HAVE A TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Here are the tags

Twitter - @SaintGeorgeNH

Instagram - saintgeorgreekchurchnh



Greek Dance Class for Adults
2018 -2019 Sunday Dates
6pm - 8pm

Dec. 2, 9
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

St. George Cathedral
650 Hanover St.
Manchester, NH 03103

All levels welcome
\$5 per session

Instructors
Irene Savas, Director
Boston Lykeion Ellinidon

Angela Bourassa
Performer of BLE Dance Troupe
Manchester Greek Dance Instructor

STEWARDSHIP 2018

Michael & Donna Aboshar
Mark & Elaine Adam
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William Aivalikles
Anastasia Ambargis
Alex Anagnost & Amy Cloutier
Diakaios & Demetria Anagnost
Stavros Anagnost
Alexander Apostol
Panagiota Arfanakis
Sally Argeriou
Stratos Argiras
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William & Cheryl Athanas
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Christos & Alexandra Babis
Christine Ballas
Toula Barber
Jaime & Ashley Moufarge Bardwell
Curtis & Erika Barnes
Agapi Baryiames
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Joan Bentas
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Jim & Stephanie Ferro
Robyn & Alexys Ficek
Franceen Ballas Flynn
Nancy Folis
Kristine Gagne
Matthew Gatsas
Michael Gatsas
Pauline Gatsas
Theodore & Cassandra Gatsas
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Alexander Georgeou
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Aphrodite Giotas
Ifigenia Giotas
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Sophia Koustas
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Johny & Katelyn Kuttab
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Alice Lylis

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

Service of Royal Hours of the Nativity
Friday, December 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Sunday before the Nativity
Sunday, December 23, 2018
Matins / Orthros at 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Vespertal Divine Liturgy of the Nativity
Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Christmas Day Morning
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.



“Your birth, O Christ our God, did shine upon the world and through the light of wisdom, illumined the universe; and to those who held the stars in worship, did through a star, learn to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness; and came to know You the light from on high.

Glory to You, O Lord.”

- Apolytikion of Christmas

May Christ’s blessings be upon you and your family this Christmas, may His Love and Peace be with you always, and may the light of that bright star which illumined the skies over Bethlehem, allowing the world to see the humble birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guide you always in your journey towards Salvation. May you have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and healthy New Year.

With my paternal love in our

Incarnate Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

+Very Rev. Father Agathonikos M. Wilson (Father Mike)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your address changes, please give the Cathedral Office a call at 622-9113 and let them know of the change.

FATHER’S OFFICE HOURS

Father’s Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Saturday By Appointment

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CALLED TO BE SAINTS . . .

STEPHEN, ARCHDEACON & FIRST MARTYR DECEMBER 27



Saint Stephen was a Jew, by race, and, as some say, a disciple of Gamaliel, the teacher of the Law mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. He was the first of the seven deacons whom the Apostles established in Jerusalem to care for the poor, and to distribute alms to them. Being a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, he performed great signs and wonders among the people. While disputing with the Jews concerning Jesus, and wisely refuting their every contradiction, so that no one was able to withstand the wisdom and the spirit whereby he spoke, he was slandered as a blasphemer and was dragged off to the Sanhedrin of the elders. There with boldness he proved from the divine Scriptures the coming of the Messiah, of Whom they had become the betrayers and murderers, and he reproved their faithless and hardheartedness. And finally, gazing into Heaven and beholding the divine glory, he said: "Lo, I see the Heavens opened and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." But when they heard this, they stopped up their ears, and with anger cast him out of the city and stoned him, while he was calling out and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then, imitating the long-suffering of the Master, he bent his knees and prayed in a loud voice for them that were stoning him, and he said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge," And saying this, he fell asleep, thus becoming the first among the Martyrs of the Church of Christ.

CALLED TO BE SAINTS . . .

IGNATIUS THE GOD-BEARER, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH DECEMBER 20



Saint Ignatius was a disciple of Saint John the Theologian, a successor of the Apostles, and he became the second Bishop of Antioch. He wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession, and preserving for us the teachings of the holy Apostles. Brought to Rome under Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be eaten, and so finished the course of martyrdom about the year 107. The remnants of his bones were carefully gathered by the faithful and brought to Antioch. He is called God-bearer, as one who bore God within himself and was aflame in heart with love for Him. Therefore, in his Epistle to the Romans, imploring their love not to attempt to deliver him from his longed-for martyrdom, he said, "I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God."

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Gingerbread House Family Fun Night Fri, Dec. 7th

All Family Fun Nights are from
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

STEWARDSHIP: THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST



Christmas Day, is the Feast Day that rejoices in the greatest gift offered to humankind - God humbles Himself and takes on flesh, it is the Incarnation of the Son of God, so that you and I may be saved. In commemoration of this day, we exchange gifts with one another.

Contemplating the icon of the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we realize the great love that God offers to His people through His Son. God loves us so much that He has sent His Son to show us a new way of life. The Birth of Christ is a celebration of joy, for we have been granted eternal life. The truth that God became man and entered into history is seen in the icon of the Nativity. Wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger is the Christ Child. All the details of the icon relate to the Lord's presence among us. The icon of the Nativity calls us to praise and glorify the Birth of Christ.

Orthodox Church Iconography and Hymnology teach us wonderful lessons about Orthodox Christian Stewardship. The following hymn, taken from the Vespers of the Nativity, invites us to recognize the offerings made in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We sing: "What shall we bring to You, O Christ, Who, for our sake, was born on earth as man? Every creature brings thanks to You: Angels their songs; the heavens a star; Wise Men gifts; Shepherds amazement; the earth a cave; the wilderness a manger; but we - the Virgin Mother."

All creation has acknowledged the Birth of the Redeemer of Humankind through the act of Stewardship. We, too, must then offer our time, our talents, and our treasure so that His Church may truly glorify Him and confess: Christ is Born!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS JANUARY 6, 2019

In 1970 if you pledged \$100.00 per year to our beloved Saint George Cathedral, that translates into \$1,000.00 in today's money. We all tend to forget that inflation has taken a great toll on our money. In 1970, you paid \$2,500.00 for a brand new automobile, which today would cost you \$25,000.00. The cost of everything has increased continually over the years.

We offer ourselves as Stewardship. Stewardship is our response to God's grace and moves us from grace to gratitude. Just as we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:14), we give because God first gave to us. The question of the psalmist, "What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits towards me?" (Psalm 116:2), is answered in every Divine Liturgy when the priest calls us to "offer ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God." This is the same thought that we ought to have when we make our stewardship offering to the Church as we do so with humility, appreciation, thanksgiving, joy, respect, and love.

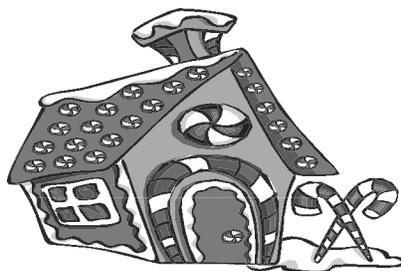
Your 2019 Stewardship packets will be mailed to you very soon. Please reflect upon and consider the gifts that you have received from God and give accordingly to your Church. Please fill out your 2019 Stewardship Form and return it to the Church on or before Sunday, January 6, 2019 – Stewardship Sunday.

At the end of the Divine Liturgy a special basket will be passed and you will place your 2019 Stewardship Form in this basket in a sealed envelope. All of the stewardship forms that have already been returned to the Church prior to this date will also be placed in this basket as well. Father will then take the basket to the Altar and offer a prayer over our stewardship pledges for the coming year.

SERVICES FOR THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

The service of Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Saint Nicholas Church, 1168 Bridge Street, Manchester. A light reception will follow in the church hall.

The Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas will be on Thursday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. also at the St. Nicholas Church.



St. George Gingerbread House Event Community Center / December 7th 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Please join us and decorate a gingerbread house with your family!
The gingerbread house will already be assembled!
We will also have nut free/peanut free Gingerbread houses available per request

***** Please RSVP in order to reserve a kit*****

****Gingerbread House Contests ****

Fun activities will be set up and some group games to be played!

We will watch a holiday classic and sing a few Christmas carols!

**Cost \$20.00 per family
Dinner and Beverages will be provided
Please bring a dessert to share.**

Please bring a bag or two of candy that can be shared and used for decorating

Please sign up below if you would like to join us and return the form
and payment to the St. George Cathedral office in an envelope labeled
GINGERBREAD EVENT.

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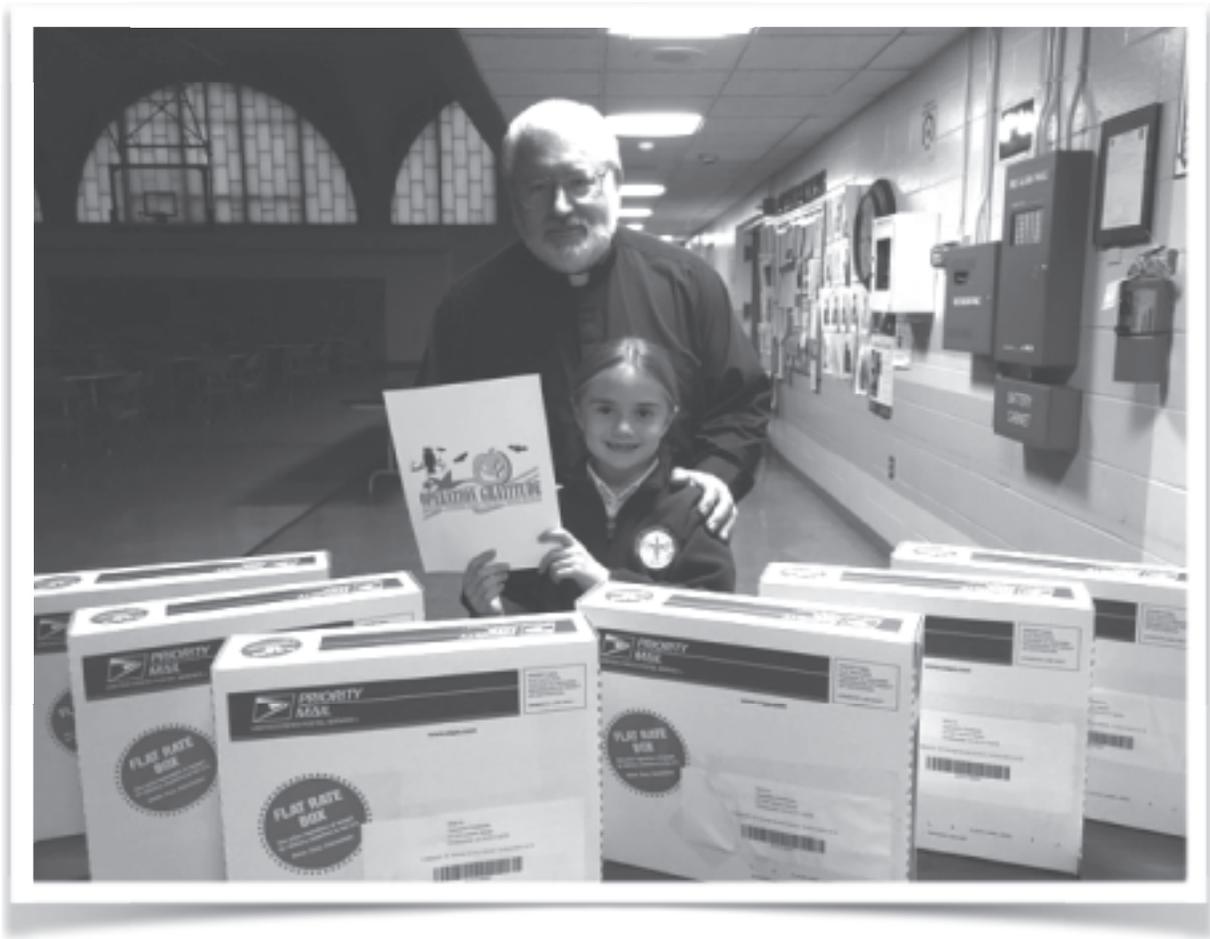
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**THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATED
IN OUR FIRST HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE!**

**THE CANDY WILL BE PART OF CARE PACKAGES FOR
TROOPS, VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS.**



**FATHER WILSON AND ALEXA BEVAN WITH SOME OF THE MANY
BOXES OF CANDY WE SENT TO OPERATION GRATITUDE
NOVEMBER 2018**

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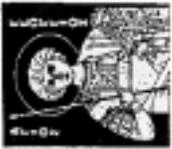


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December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Sun. Sch. 10 am. 40-Day Mem. For Hercules Nagios & Coffee Hr. Greek Dance Class 6-8 pm in CC.	3. Pre-Sch. 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7	4. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. 7th/8th Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	5. Bible Study 11 am at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm CC. Vespers at St. Nicholas 7 pm. Boy Scouts Mtg. 7 pm in CC.	6. Div. Lit. at St. Nicholas 10 am. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex. 5th/6th Boys BB 6 pm-7:30 pm in CC	7. Gingerbread House Family Night 6-9 pm in CC. No Basketball	8. ARC Christmas Party 4-10 pm in CC.
9. Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. No Coffee Hour	10. Pre-Sch. 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. HS BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	11. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. 7th/8th Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	12. Bible Study 11 a.m. at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. Boy Scouts 7 pm. in	13. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex. 5th/6th Boys BB 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in CC HS BB 7:30 pm -9 pm	14.	15.
16. Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sun. Sch. Christmas	17. Pre-Sch. 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. HS BB 7:30-9 pm in	18. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. 7th/8th Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	19. No Bible Study. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. Boy Scouts 7 pm in CC.	20. No Orthodox Life Class. 5th/6th Boys BB 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in CC HS BB 7:30 pm -9 pm in	21. Royal Hours of Christmas 10 am.	22.
23. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am.	24. Holiday (Office Closed) Vesperal Divine Liturgy Christmas Eve 7 pm.	25. Merry Christmas Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. (Office Closed)	26. No Bible Study Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. Boy Scouts Mtg. 7 pm in CC.	27. No Orthodox Life Class. HS BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	28.	29.
30. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am.						



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January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6. <u>Stewardship Sunday</u> Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10 a.m. & Oath Taking of both Boards.	7. Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7-8:30 pm in CC.	1. Happy New Year! (Office Closed) Feast of St. Basil Divine Liturgy 10 am	2. No Bible Study. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. Boy Scout Mtg. 7 pm in CC.	3. No Orthodox Life Class 5th/6th Boys BB 6- 7:30 pm in CC. HS Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	4.	5. Basketball Clinic 9 am-10:30 am in CC. Great Vespers for Epiphany 6 pm.
13. <u>Tentatively Vasilopita</u> <u>Sunday</u> Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday School 10 am. Greek Dance Class 6-8 pm	14. Pre-School 4:30- 5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Class 6 - 7:30 pm in CC.	8. 5th/6th Boys BB 6- 7:30 pm in CC. 7th/8th Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	9. Bible Study 11 am at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. DOP Mtg. 6:30 pm at	10. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. HS Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	11.	12. Basketball Clinic 9 am-10:30 am in CC.
20. <u>Orthros 9 a.m. Div.</u> <u>Lit. 10 a.m.</u> Sun School 10 am. Greek Dance Class 6-8 pm in CC.	21. No Pre-School No Adult Greek Class 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7- 8:30 pm in CC.	15. 5th/6th Boys BB 6- 7:30 pm in CC. 7th/8th Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	16. Bible Study 11 am at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	17. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. HS Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	18. Basketball Family Night 6-8 pm in CC.	19. Basketball Clinic 9 am-10:30 am in CC.
27. <u>Godparent Sunday</u> Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. Sunday School 10 am. Greek Dance Class 6-8 pm in CC.	28. Pre-School 4:30- 5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6- 7:30 pm. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7- 8:30 pm in CC.	22. 5th/6th Boys BB 6- 7:30 pm in CC. 7th/8th Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	23. Bible Study 11 am at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	24. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. HS Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	25.	26. No Basketball Clin- ic
		29. Cadillac Set-up. No Basketball	30. Feast of the Three Hierarchs Div. Lit 10 am. No Bible Study No Cub Scout Mtg. Cadil- lac Set-up in CC.	31. No Basketball. Cadillac Set-up in CC. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex.		