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OCTOBER 21
Annual Fall Lebanese Breakfast

NOVEMBER 4
St. Raphael Feast Day

NOVEMBER 18
Ladies Fall Bake Sale

NOVEMBER 21
Presentation of the Theotokos

DECEMBER 6
St. Nicholas Day (games and activities
for children to follow church service)

Our Beloved Icons

Our third icon to be featured is that of **Prophet Elijah**, c. 875 B.C., whose feast day is celebrated on July 20.

Elijah was a prophet and a miracle worker who lived in the northern kingdom of Israel under the rule of Ahab, “who did evil before the Lord, more than all who were before him” (1 Kings 16:30). During this difficult and unjust time, the Lord God gave the people strength and encouragement through Elijah. Many miracles and signs were worked through him and prefigure those of which Jesus worked during His life.

By his prayers, the rain was stopped for several years, so that Israel could be humbled in a state of drought. Elijah followed God’s command, leaving the people to sojourn by the Brook Cherith, where he was miraculously fed, like the Israelites were, when they left

Egypt. He was sent to the house of the poor widow. And like the miracle of Jesus’ multiplying 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed the hungry crowd, Elijah in gratitude for her hospitality and faith, told her that her “bin of flour shall not be used up, and the jar of oil shall not run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth” (3 Kings 17:14). Elijah also, by the name of the Lord, restored the widow’s son to life—just as Jesus would later resurrect others from the dead.

Upon God’s promise of rain in Israel, he returned to Ahab and was made able to denounce the king. By publicly presenting signs from God—including a mingling of fire

and water, Elijah contested against the worshippers of the idol Baal. Many of the Israelites were brought back to true belief. This act illustrates the purifying power of Baptism.

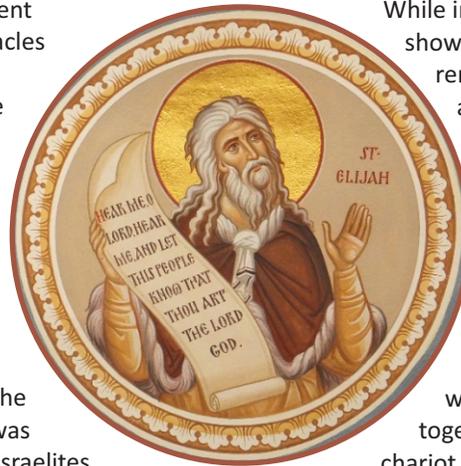
There was a time when Elijah feared for his life, and hid in the desert for forty days and was sustained by God on very little food. Similarly, before Jesus’ death and Resurrection, he also underwent a period of seclusion and fasting in the desert.

While in the desert, Elijah was shown signs by God that renewed his faith, and after Ahab had been killed, Elijah’s successor would be named Elisha. A devoted disciple, they spent much of their lives in the desert. (2 Kings 2:11-12) “As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, ‘My

father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!’ And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.”

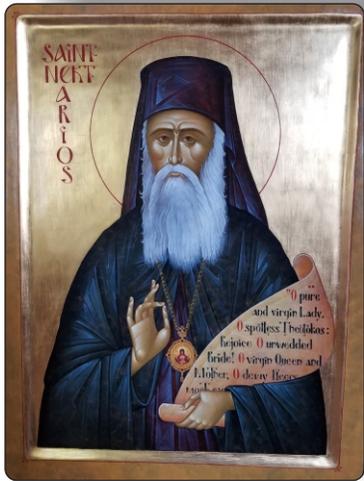
The Book of Malachi prophesies Elijah’s return “before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD”, making him a harbinger of the Messiah.

His banner reads, “Hear me, O Lord, Hear me, and let this people know that Thou art the Lord God.”



*Sponsorship of the **Prophet Elijah** icon at St. George Kearney, was offered in memory of E. K. & Mary Yanney by the Rocky Steinbrink Family*

NEW ICONS AT ST. GEORGE



Saint Nektarios
North Chanter Stand

Did you know? St. Nektarios established a monastery for nuns, named the Holy Trinity Monastery in Greece. He composed the lyrics and music of “O Virgin Pure” while he was on Mt. Athos.

Holy St. Nektarios, pray to God for us!



Saint Romanos
South Chanter Stand

Did you know? St. Romanos prayed to the mother of God for the gift of chanting and she heard his prayers. He is credited for many of the liturgical hymns used in the Orthodox Church today.

Holy St. Romanos, pray to God for us!

Is Creation Good?

by the Very Rev. Fr. Christopher Morris

In light of the recent suffering caused by hurricanes, earthquakes, and other tragic natural disasters, what are we to make of the goodness of creation? The belief in the goodness of creation is fundamental to Christianity. In fact, the inherent goodness of creation is an integral part of our Orthodox confession of faith. Indeed, it is God Himself who in the first chapters of the book of Genesis calls creation “good.” In creating man—His very image and likeness—God goes so far as to call His creation “very good” (Genesis 1:30). This is highest praise indeed, coming from God Himself!

Yet the elemental chaos, the stories of grievous loss, and images of immeasurable tragedy that confront us almost daily stand in direct contrast to our belief in creation's goodness. For in order for creation to be good, it must be a reflection of the One True Good (“No one is good but One,



that is, God”—Mark 10:18). For creation to be not merely beautiful, but truly good, it must have not only a sense of order and harmony. It must also possess virtue. In order to be good in a Christian sense, creation must be just. Yet the callous destruction that nature regularly unleashes on us seems to make our pious notions collapse like a flimsy house of cards.

Is creation good? Perhaps more to the point, is God good? If the Creator calls creation good, and this so-called goodness is a reflection of God Himself, what are we to make of a God who allows such terrible things to happen? Human beings have attempted to answer these questions in different ways. I would like to briefly reflect on four answers. They are 1) Atheism, 2) Gnosticism, 3) Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, and finally 4) Orthodox Christianity.

Atheism

The first answer we will examine is Atheism. While Atheism is not our first thought when confronted with natural disasters, to an increasing number of people today, it is the obvious answer. Thus, Atheism demands our attention.

Surveying the seeming chaos of nature—both in our own world and across the visible universe—and the great and senseless suffering endured by so many, Atheism provides a cold but strangely comforting answer to our questions. Atheism states that neither God nor creation is good because there is no God.

In Atheism, there is no transcendent source of meaning, design, or morality. Rather, it teaches that the only order and

meaning that exist are merely products of our own imagination projected onto an indifferent universe. Atheism posits that neither is the universe inherently good, nor is there a God who loves

us. In Atheism, meaning and order are purely subjective notions imposed by man, who makes up stories to give form and shape to his life.

While Atheism may seem rather both cold and fickle to us—replacing universal objective truth with individualistic subjectivity (“my truth”)—more and more people today are embracing this answer. Atheism is comforting to some because it *seems* to make sense of the observable, chaotic data. Embracing an atheistic worldview leads one to either: 1) fall into existential despair and cynicism, or 2) rise up, face his or her own absolute mortality and the inevitable futility of all things, but nonetheless create a purely subjective belief system by which to live. This second path, in essence, makes one a “god,” though perhaps atheists themselves would not appreciate such a label.

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CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2017



Bronze Ribbon
Winner



Respecting God with my Five Senses

by Mariam Browne, Grade 2

I respect God by watching Father offer prayers.

I respect God by bowing and smelling the incense.

I respect God by kissing the icons.

I respect God by singing along.

I respect God by tasting His body and blood.

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Atheism strives to create meaning and morality without reference to any external source or superior being. The noblest of atheists courageously defend the fragility of human existence—especially in its most helpless forms, the unborn and the severely handicapped—at great personal sacrifice, even while believing that all are doomed to inevitable nothingness.

For this reason, we should not look down on those who embrace Atheism. In fact, there can be a great nobility and courage in those who arrive at this conclusion, yet who still seek to offer themselves in service of others, striving with all their might to alleviate suffering despite their disbelief in God or any transcendent meaning. Such a person, in fact, may embody the height of purely *human* virtue. While divine virtue greatly surpasses human virtue, we should laud virtue wherever it can be found. Our Atheist friends and neighbors may deny the existence of the Creator, but as Christians we clearly see His creativity and workmanship in their lives, made as they are in the very image of God.



Next, we will reflect on the answers provided by Gnosticism.

6 Reasons Why Tithing is Good for an Orthodox Parish

by the Very Rev. Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick

The following is taken from an article written by Orthodox priest Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick. We have divided the article into six parts and this is part one. Stay tuned for the rest of the article in upcoming Chronicles.

Tithing is good for the Orthodox Christian and therefore good for the Orthodox parish. So why don't more Orthodox Christians tithe?

We know the usual reasons: We're not used to it. Back in the old country the government paid for the church. The parish was founded on the "dues" model. Tithing is "Protestant."

Orthodox people are stingy. We just don't have it in our culture. Those things are all true in one way or another, but I don't think those are the real reasons that we do not tithe very much as Orthodox Christians. There are some who do, of course, but it's not very many of us. So what is the reason why we're so terrible at tithing?

I believe that it is because we don't know why we tithe.

And because we don't know why, we don't do it. And when we don't do it, then we come up with the various reasons given above as the cause of our non-tithing. But those aren't the real reasons. It's because we don't know why we should tithe.

Now, the reasons I am going to list below are not all equally important. Indeed, if I had to answer the question, "Why should I tithe?" I would answer only with #1. That's the real reason. #2 - #6 are essentially useful effects of tithing that should help us to focus on the real reason, #1.

So here are six of my reasons. #1 is the most important and really the point of all of it.

1. Tithing enables us to be saved.

As Christians, we want to be saved. We want to be healed. We want to "go to heaven" rather than to hell when we die (setting aside for the moment all the details). We want to become like Christ. Tithing doesn't purchase all that for us, but tithing is a powerful way that we give of ourselves, that we turn over what we have to God so that we are opened to receive His healing and blessing.

It's a basic principle of Christian spiritual life that we cannot receive God's blessing if we are holding back on Him. Why? We can't be filled with God if we remain full of ourselves. Tithing helps us to empty ourselves.

Don't get me wrong—giving money is not the only way that we work out our salvation and become open to receiving blessings. But whatever we have, we have to give to God. And if we have money, then we have to give money. If we don't have money, then of course we don't have to give it. But we have to give what we have, whatever it is, and with the way our culture is so grasping and possessive about money, it really is one of the best things for us to give if we can. Money is one of the places where we spiritually hurt the most! So we need to pay attention to that wound.

**Next month we will share part two:
"Tithing Shows That We're Serious."**

If we don't
teach our
Children to
follow Christ,
the World
will teach them
not to.

Birthdays

October 1
LeeAnn Eliakis

October 3
Tim Shada

October 12
Fr. Christopher
Kim Rehtus

October 13
Joseph Morris

October 15
Albert Dimitrie Neamu
Gabriella Morris

October 19
Rocky Steinbrink

October 25
Dora Brailita

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 3
Chris & Katrina Browne

October 4
Varthie & LeeAnn Eliakis

October 21
Drew & Sarah Fothergill
Nick & Kay Abood

October 23
Josh & Amber Hartley

October 28
Dr. William & Kathy Suleiman

**GOD GRANT YOU
MANY YEARS**

Christian Giving

by Sarah Fothergill

Have you ever thought about the reality of the apostles response to Christ's command, "Go, sell your possessions and give the money to the poor and follow Me"? The apostles literally did this! Imagine receiving this call today: "Go, sell your iPhone, cut up your credit cards, and follow Me!" Would we be able to answer this call today? Christ has called many



people throughout the ages to give up everything and follow Him. Today, many monks and nuns still respond to this call and move to monastic communities. Many of these people are young adults! On a college trip to Greece in 2005, I met a young nun who had taken her own spring break trip to Greece a few years prior, and spent some time volunteering at a monastic community. When she returned home to the United States, she almost immediately packed her bags and headed back to Greece--for good this time. Young men and women are continually called from their secular lives to live a life of total dedication to God. Those of us who have not received that monastic call are still called to give to God and the Church, but in different ways. And, not only are we called to give, but we are called to be cheerful givers, right? St. Paul tells us, *"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7). What does cheerful giving look like? Many of us know what it means to give our time and talents to the church, but we can't forget our financial gifts as well. Why does it sometimes seem so hard to respond to this call? Why is it sometimes easier to give cheerfully at the mall and to other organizations seeking our attention first, while the church often receives our leftovers or a small portion? I believe it's partly because we live in a

culture that tries to convince us that we won't be satisfied until we accumulate more "stuff." We are also told to take care of ourselves first. Our culture tells us to buy, buy, buy, and then buy some more. The next tablet, bigger data plan, the "act now before it's too late" advertisements, the "buy 3, get 3 free" deals. We accumulate all of these things and then



what? Have you noticed what happens? We are not satisfied. We start

researching how to "de-clutter" our lives! The minimalist movement arrives! Sell all your bargains and you'll feel happier and have more time to do what you love! We read blogs that encourage us to throw away 30 items in 30 days! Talk about mixed messages! If all of our time, money, and energy goes into snatching up these deals, or finding happiness in materialistic goods, where does God fit in? Close your eyes and imagine a world where, instead of filling the parking lots and standing in line at Target and Best Buy for three hours on Black Friday, we spent that time in church giving thanks for the overabundance of blessings we've already received. Imagine the Black Friday "deals" being more than just a new wardrobe, electronic device, or vase on the counter. What if that money became a meal for the needy, a new church library, an icon, or a scholarship for a teen to attend a camp or workshop? **This idea of giving our first fruits back to God really goes against the media our culture throws at us.** So, where do we begin to perhaps prioritize our giving or spending habits? If we aren't consistently tithing, how can we grow to develop this frame of mind?



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MINISTRY UPDATES



NEW LOOK! The St. George Bookstore has been updated. Items in the Parish Hall (basement downstairs) are **For Sale**. Come see what's new! We have Jewelry, Icons, Books, Incense, T-shirts, Books, License Plate holders, Books, Prayer Ropes, and Gift Certificates. Did I say BOOKS? Come shop with us. Your purchase allows the bookstore to be stocked with new inventory. Thank you.

Books and DVD's for **check-out** have been moved to the upstairs of the **St. Raphael House** (old Parish House, next to St. George). You may visit after Liturgy or by appt. with Levi or Fr Christopher.



The 20/40 group would like to thank Mike and Ronda Maloley for hosting us in September. Thank you for being such gracious hosts. Yummy soups and other foods warmed us up as we enjoyed fellowship at Johnson Lake. It was wonderful to catch up with everyone again! After dinner we enjoyed a discussion with Fr. Christopher as he shared some timely words about the recent hurricanes and natural disasters. It was interesting to learn about the Orthodox teaching about creation and the different responses to natural disasters.

Our next fellowship evening will be Oct. 15 at the Fothergill home.



Thank you to everyone who helped with our open house!



We hope the parish enjoyed touring *St. Raphael House* and learning more about our Sunday School classrooms. **We love our new spaces for learning!**

It was fun to show off the remodeled rooms and the kids loved hearing the comments about their **Creative Arts Festival** entries. The teachers would like to thank Mike and Darlene Liakos for their help in painting the rooms, as well as Mark Klein and the Building and Grounds Ministry for their roles in preparing the new space.

Thank You



Junior Youth Group *at St. George*

Calling all kids in grades 4-7. The Junior Youth Group will meet once a month on Wednesdays for worship and fellowship! In August we met for Vespers and played Minute-to-Win-It games in the parish hall. In September we had fun making crafts together. Our next meeting date is October 18th. Please see Sarah for more information. Thanks!



The teens met for ice cream in August and plan to meet on Sunday evenings during the school year. We will begin a Bible study this semester and excited to share this time together learning.



Book Study is back to its fall schedule. We meet every other week, on Mondays, at 4:00 pm. In October we will meet on the 9th and the 23rd, at the Denny home.

We are still enjoying St. Paisios' book on "Passions and Virtues". Come join us for helpful advice from this holy elder and saint.

WE GET LETTERS . . .



Dear Church family,

Mark and I would like to thank each of you who donated items for the Garage Sale. Big thanks especially for the **hard work** in setting up tables, unpacking boxes and getting ready for the sale. And again for those who worked to take down displays, clean up, and for the trips to deliver left over items for donation to Goodwill and Salvation Army.

Free-Will Offering works - your donations became somebody else's treasures and they gave generously. We had a young boy, probably about 9 years old, come shop with his mother on Saturday morning. When he found out that we were raising money for a new parish hall and all items were a "free-will donation", he inquired with his mother what this actually meant, on their drive home. He was so inspired that he cleaned out his bedroom, filling up a couple of boxes with "left over toys and stuff", and asked his mother to drive him back to the church. He graciously handed his "free-will offerings" to Father, for St. George to sell. We were all touched by his kindness and **joy in giving**.

Glory to God for His blessings and all that He does for St. George!
Mark and Joanie

Thank You!



God's voice fills you with peace, leads you, reassures you, enlightens you, encourages you, comforts you, calms you and convicts you.

Satan's voice rushes you, pushes you, frightens you, confuses you, discourages you, worries you, obsesses you and corrects you.

Through prayer, stillness and ascetic life and the guidance of a spiritual father, you will learn to discern the voices inside you. Prudence and obedience is needed always.



"But if a man and a woman marry in order to be companions on the journey through earth to heaven, then their union will bring great joy to themselves and to others."

– St. John Chrysostom

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Giving to the Church should be something much more than an occasional donation to a fundraiser or a response to someone saying "we just need a few more donations to make this project happen!" Our giving should be a sign of our love for God and our trust in Him; that he will take our offering and turn it into a ministry far greater than we could establish on our own. Tithing, a biblical principle that, just like prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is not optional, means giving ten percent of our wealth to God. Some families are blessed to give more than ten percent. Some need to start out smaller and work their way up to ten percent. I remember when I received word that the "Bank of Mom and Dad" was no longer accepting me as a customer. I had to make choices about my money and how it would be saved and spent. As I have transitioned from a



child of this very parish, to a young adult, I have been blessed to serve in various ways that allow me to see the "behind the scenes" workings of our parish. I found out that the parish council does not own a money tree. The church does not have an endless supply of money available to pay bills and make plans for the future. The church is alive, in part, because of the generosity and commitment of the faithful parishioners. But, we cannot afford to sit back and say "let someone else give" or "my contribution won't really matter in the long run." If this is how we are going to approach giving, by taking a back seat and assuming others will and should give more, then we are going to need a paper-shredder for our plans and dreams. A church does not magically grow and stay alive.

Our tithes do not go into people's pockets. They are used to build the

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Sunday School - Classroom Patron Saints

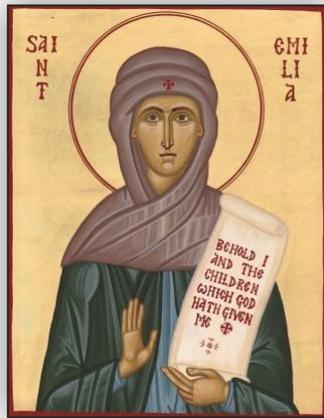
This year our teachers chose patron saints for each classroom. Icons of these remarkable saints, will hang in each classroom.



St. Xenia of Petersburg

The patron saint for the youngest class (age 3 through 1st grade) is **St. Xenia of Petersburg**. St. Xenia of Petersburg became a widow at the age of twenty-six. St. Xenia grieved for the loss of her husband, and especially because he died without Holy Confession or Communion. Once her earthly happiness ended, she did not look for it again. From that time forward, St. Xenia followed the difficult path of foolishness for the sake of Christ. We chose her as our patron saint because of her special love for children. Mothers rejoiced when she would stand and pray over a baby's crib, or kiss a child. They believed that the blessed one's kiss would bring that child good fortune.

The patron saint for grades 2-4 is **St. Emmelia**. Our class was first introduced to her life during the 2016 Creative Arts Festival lessons when we learned about her many children who are recognized as saints (Sts. Basil the Great, Macrina, Peter of Sebaste, and Gregory of Nyssa), as well as her husband (St. Basil the Elder) and mother-in-law (Saint Macrina the Elder). She taught her children to pray and devote their lives to the service of the Church and that is inspiring to those of us who are teachers.



St. Emmelia

It is our prayer that the time our students spend in Sunday School class learning about the Gospel this year will help equip them to lead a life of prayer and service.



St. Nektarios

The patron saint for grades 5-7 is **St. Nektarios**. St. Nektarios was born on October 1, 1846, in Selymbria in Thrace to a poor family. In 1866 he left to the island of Chios to take a teaching post. He then became a monk at the age of thirty. In 1904 at the request of several nuns, he established a monastery for them on the island of Aegina. The monastery was named Holy Trinity Monastery.

In December of 1908, at the age of 62, St. Nektarios retired to the Holy Trinity Convent on Aegina, where he lived out the rest of his life as a monk. He wrote, published, preached, and heard confessions from those who came from near and far to seek out his spiritual guidance.

St. Nektarios died on the evening of November 8, 1920, at the age of 74, following hospitalization for prostate cancer. The funeral of St. Nektarios was attended by multitudes of people.

Many people regarded St. Nektarios as a saint during his lifetime because of his prayerful life, his humility, his purity and other virtues, and his writings, as well as the miracles he performed. St. Nektarios also had the gift of seeing into the future. Official recognition of Nektarios as a saint took place on April 20, 1961.

We chose St. Nektarios as the patron for the middle school class because he cared deeply about the education of the youth, and tended to the needs of his students with great humility and love. He is a saint of our times who understands what it is like to be slandered and unjustly condemned, so he is a ready help to anyone who seeks his help in times of trouble or temptation.



Three Holy Hierarchs

The patron saints for the teen class are the **Three Holy Hierarchs** (St. Basil the Great, St. John Chrysostom, and St. Gregory the Theologian). These saints were chosen because they were among the greatest teachers in the Church. They tried to lead people to worship God and were later called luminaries of the Church. These three saints were great thinkers who loved God and tried to share His message to all people.



We all look forward to learning more about our patron saints and asking for their intercessions as we learn more about God and our faith.

Holy Saints, pray to God for us!



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Church. Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick, an Orthodox priest and author of the blog *Roads from Emmaus* says, **“God takes what we give, blesses it, and then returns it to us for our sanctification. When we give our money, God turns it into ministry.”** Think about all the times we have visited other parishes or even hear about things our local churches are doing in Kearney. We like to say, “Wouldn’t it be nice if...” or “I wish we had that...”. With increased, serious giving, we wouldn’t have to make those statements anymore!



Our parish council has a vision for our parish - to become a financially and spiritually healthy parish. I’m learning that the two are very related. We are blessed to have strong Sunday school programs, adult education opportunities, and many weekly worship opportunities available in our parish. These are all ways we can grow spiritually as a parish. But, have you

ever thought about how tithing can also be a part of our growth? And not just financially. Fr. Andrew tells us, “It’s a basic principle of Christian spiritual life that we cannot receive God’s blessing if we are holding back on Him. Why? **We can’t be filled with God if we remain full of ourselves.** Tithing helps us to empty ourselves.” He says that tithing basically means serious giving to God. How do we know if we are serious? Christ says **“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”** Fr. Andrew goes on to say, “Well, to start with, if you’re spending more on cable TV or other forms of entertainment every month than you’re giving to the Church, it’s a safe guess that you’re not being serious

about giving.”

There’s never a better time to give to the Lord. He desires our entire heart, not just a piece of it. And what better time to start? How many times have I “waited” until a “better” time of my life was happening before I felt I was ready to do something? We should tithe because we love God. And we know that everything is a gift from Him and belongs to Him. I remember Fr. Alexii (during his retreat at St. George) told us, “To whom much is given, much is expected. St. George is over 100 years old...and is so blessed. Let’s give back in a serious way...to those who fought the good fight before us, and let’s give in an effort to help the future of St. George.” That’s what it’s really about. If we aren’t tithing now, we need to pray about it. As we grow deeper in our faith, we should feel a desire to give the first and best we have to the work of the Church. ***



ST. GEORGE SCRAPBOOK

Glory to God for all things!



Sunday, September 24, 2017

A GREAT DAY OF CELEBRATION – After Liturgy, the parish family made a procession around the newly-purchased property on the corner of 1521 Ave G. Fr. Christopher blessed the property that will someday become a parking lot for our new Parish Hall. We stopped at the **St. Raphael House**, and offered the Troparion to St. Raphael. Teachers and Students hosted coffee hour by providing drinks and home-made cookies. We toured the newly remodeled classrooms at the **Sunday School Open House** and enjoyed fun and fellowship. Thank you St. George and benefactors!



Wednesday’s Junior Youth Group

BAKE SALE
at Fall
GARAGE SALE
offered by the
Youth at
St. George



ST. GEORGE BULLETIN BOARD



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Online Shopping Rewards Program

What is it? A free Antiochian Orthodox online shopping rewards program connecting you to your favorite retailers, as well as the ability to order from the Gift Card Mall which includes vendors such as Visa, American Express, Target, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, itunes, restaurants, department stores, and many more.

Why join? Program creates an automatic monetary contribution back to the church which will help fund your individual parish and contribute to the clergy retirement fund.

This program is free. You earn every time you click through the Archdiocese Rewards Program site, app, or browser extension, and shop. The amount you earn is shown for each store.

Go to the website (click this link) <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram> and create an account. Choose your diocese and choose your parish, put in your email and a password for your account. Install the "Support Button" on your Chrome, Safari or Firefox Browser and you're all set! **Shop. Save. and Earn. It's that easy!**

Here is an easy "HOW TO" video - <https://vimeo.com/193822498>

Shop, Save, and Earn



SHOP
Shop and save at thousands of retailers



SAVE
Find deals and exclusive discounts from your favorite brands and stores



EARN
Earn on everyday purchases. It adds up fast!



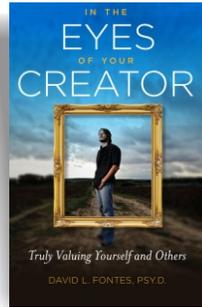
MIDWEST ORTHODOX WOMEN'S RETREAT

Nov. 10-11, 2017

Your hosts:

Antiochian Women of St. George Cathedral

With speaker Fr. David Fontes



Fr. David will be presenting on his book, *In the Eyes of your Creator*, which explores the difference between the secular sense of self-esteem and the Church's teaching on how valuable we are as a child of God.

Hope you'll join us!

We will stay at **The Cottage House** in Council Grove, KS. Cost: \$90 plus lodging. (This includes conference, Fri. dinner, Sat. breakfast and lunch at the Hays House.) If interested, please sign up in the parish hall so we can begin making travel arrangements. For more information, please see Sarah Fothergill or Kim Rehtus.



TELL YOUR STORY

- Archbishop Michael



ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Annual Fall
LEBANESE Breakfast

Invite
A Friend!



Saturday, October 21
7:00 am - 11:00 am

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OUR FASTING DISCIPLINE DURING OCTOBER

The Traditional fasting of the Orthodox
Church are observed: abstain from: meat,
cheese, dairy, eggs, wine and oil on
Wednesdays and Fridays.



Just as there are times for feasting, there are also times set aside for fasting. As Orthodox Christians, we don't view our spirituality as something that does not concern our bodies, but as something that is made possible through and within the body. Therefore, the purpose of our fasting is spiritual, and our fasting is a means of restoring the balance between soul and body, a means of bringing the flesh under the control and will of the mind and spirit. Fasting is a means of putting our Faith into practice.

The Chronicle would like to hear from you. Tell us your story. How did you find the Orthodox faith? St. George? Are you a cradle Orthodox or a convert to the faith? We would like to know what makes St. George or your Orthodox faith special to you. Please send your letter to the editor at: stgeorgechronicle@yahoo.com

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Year-to-date for 2017

\$ FINANCIAL REPORT

As of **Sept. 29** ... We have received \$56,912 of the \$88,969 we have budgeted for pledges.

As of **Sept. 29** ... We have received \$16,383 of the \$20,000 we have budgeted for trays and candles.



*Thank you for your continued
stewardship to St. George*

DO NOT WORSHIP TOOLS

Fasts and vigils, the study of Scripture, renouncing possessions and everything worldly are not in themselves perfection, as we have said; they are its tools. For perfection is not to be found in them; it is acquired through them. It is useless, therefore, to boast of our fasting, vigils, poverty, and reading of Scripture when we have not achieved the love of God and our fellow men. Whoever has achieved love has God within himself and his intellect is always with God.

— St. John Cassian



“And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” Acts 11:26