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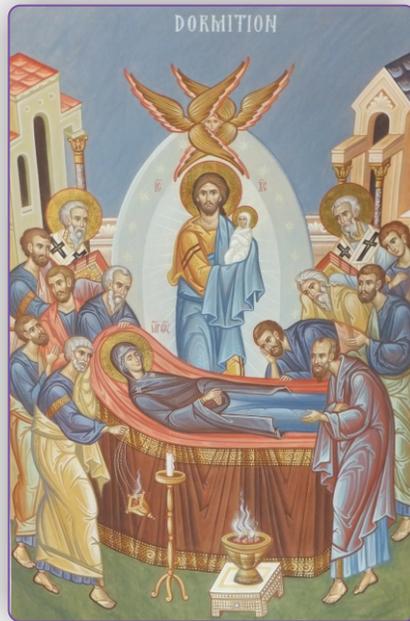
Our Beloved Icons

by Subdeacon John Wolf

This month's icon is the **Dormition of the Theotokos**.

The Dormition icon depicts the "Falling Asleep" of Mary (Dormition being a word from the French word "dormire" which means "to sleep"). This title word, right away, brings a new way to look at the death of believers. To believers and followers of Jesus Christ death

How could believers talk about Mary's "death" when they knew she was alive in heaven with Her Son? They could not. They knew that with her, as with all mankind, there was something else happening. And this "happening" is the thing depicted in the Dormition icon and this new "thing," this new "happening," is best described as a kind of "sleep" since there are no other adequate words. Hence, "Dormition"! This is why this event (and icon) is called "The Dormition of the Mother of God," because the word "death" simply does not apply.



The central figure is Christ, and He is holding Mary in His arms wrapped in swaddling clothes. This is an intentional reversal. In contrast to all of those icons that show Mary holding little baby Jesus, we now see Jesus holding little

Mary! With everything that is happening in the action packed, people-filled Dormition icon, one could easily miss this most significant detail of Jesus holding Mary. Everyone's attention is on the "sleeping" Mary. This is why this small detail could be missed. But it is perhaps the most important detail of the whole icon. A foundational and poignant mystery is revealed in this detail. It is the mystery that Jesus comes from Heaven to receive His mother's soul! Mary lies in state below the figure of Christ, surrounded by the Apostles. On the left, St. Peter is censing the body, while on the right St. Paul bows low to honor her. Two bishops

Sponsorship of the Dormition of the Theotokos icon at St. George Kearney, was offered by Anonymous Benefactors

has become something alien. It is such a different thing than it was before Christ's victory over it. It is so different that the old word "death" does not really work anymore. Believers, like Mary and the Apostles, experienced firsthand the power of Christ's resurrection and His destruction of death. This experience made it impossible to use that word, "death," in the same way any longer.

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are also present as evidenced by the crosses on their white robes. These are most generally James, the brother of the Lord, and Dionysius the Areopagite, who first recorded the story of the Dormition in the 2nd century AD.



Troparion of the Feast

In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life, you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls from death by your intercessions.

Kontakion of the Feast

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

Low-Hanging Fruit

By Fr. Christopher

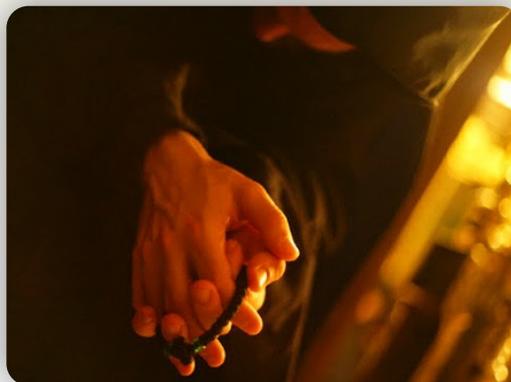
In the past six months, I have been very blessed to visit two different monastic communities. Last



October, I spent a week and a half at Holy Archangel Michael Monastery in Cañones, New Mexico. In December, and then again just a few weeks ago, I was able to visit another monastery under the protection of the Archangel Michael—Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete near Cameron, Missouri. Both monasteries are quite different. One is a brotherhood of monks living many miles from the nearest blacktop, nestled in an isolated desert canyon at an elevation of 7000 feet. The other is a double monastery, comprised of Hieromonk Alexii, another monk, and a male postulant who share 80 acres of

lush forest with a nearby monastic sisterhood dedicated to Saint Xenia of Petersburg. Though they, too, live a life of deep prayer, their monastery is located only five minutes off of the interstate.

One striking thing about visiting both of these monasteries is a pervading sense of peace. The reverent church services coupled with the beauty of the surrounding nature create an atmosphere of quiet so different from our daily lives. But perhaps the greatest difference is the one that takes place inwardly. After a short time in the monastery, one becomes more watchful. The barrage of thoughts that constantly afflicts all of us—thoughts that normally come so fast that we often take little notice of them—slows down. One thought comes at a time.



Suddenly, we can see each thought's approach and recognize it for what it really is: an unnecessary, useless distraction. Then we can gently deflect it, choosing instead to pray, to strive for silence, to seek the Presence of the Living God.

To experience just a little of this is an exhausting blessing. Watchfulness is a gift that aids prayer, but it is a constant work and shows us just how enslaved we usually are to our thoughts, and just how frequently and inattentively we accept them. After experiencing just a little of this watchfulness during my monastery visits, I found myself wondering where this gift came from. To be sure, each time I returned to "normal life" after my brief pilgrimages, this inner watchfulness quickly disappeared. Where did it come from, I wondered. And how can it be preserved?

Is it merely an escape from frantic everyday life that brings this gift? Is it simply the time in the beauty of the mountains and woods that allows the soul to become more sensitive and attentive? No. First and foremost, as with

all good things, it is a gift from God. Secondly, it is a gift from the monks and nuns. Our Orthodox monastics devote their entire lives to Christ, seeking communion with Him through inner watchfulness and unceasing prayer. When we spend time around them, we enter just a little into their spiritual world. We breathe a sacred air sanctified by their struggles and at times are able to pluck some low-hanging spiritual fruit—fruit produced not by our own prayers, but by the ceaseless labors of the holy monks and nuns.

Why does God allow us to "steal" this blessed fruit? **To show us the Way.** To show us what a truly "normal" inner life—a Christian life of watchfulness in pursuit of Him—looks like. After such pilgrimages, we come back into the world with the sweet taste still in our mouths, with our eyes lifted

up to heaven searching for more fruit to pluck. Immersed back into the lives that we ourselves have made too noisy and too distracted, we search with much more difficulty. But in certain moments, we come to ourselves, and strain on our tiptoes to reach upward to take hold of a holy fruit just out of reach. As we barely brush it with the tips of our fingers, we remember with gratitude that our deepest yearning is to taste how good the Lord is!

All this to say: Go visit a monastery! Make a pilgrimage! Seek prayer! And, if you weren't able to attend our recent retreat or listen to the recordings, take a few hours to taste the fruit that Father Alexii labored for, and then brought to share with you free of charge! You can listen to his talks on our parish website under "Special Lectures."

www.saintgeorgekearney.com



KNOW YOUR ORTHODOXY

Great Lent and Holy Week - 2017

April 2nd - The Fifth Sunday of Lent recalls the memory of **St. Mary of Egypt**, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin can keep a person from God if the sinner truly repents. In addition, St. Mary tells us that it is never too late, either in life or in lent, to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to Him, even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

The week following the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt is called **Palm Week**. At Tuesday services of this week, the Church recalls that Jesus' friend Lazarus has died and that the Lord is going to raise him from the dead. On Friday evening, the eve of the celebration of the Resurrection of Lazarus the "Great and saving forty days" of Great Lent are formally brought to an end.

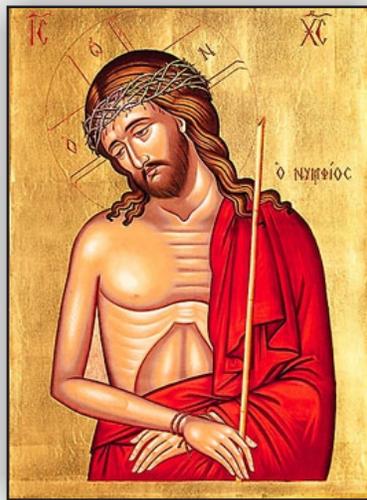
April 8th - **Lazarus Saturday** is a paschal celebration. It is the only time during the entire Church year that the resurrectional service of Sunday is celebrated on another day. At the Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, the Church glorifies Christ as "the Resurrection and the Life" who, by raising Lazarus, has confirmed the universal resurrection of mankind, even before His own suffering and death.

The Sixth Sunday after the beginning of Great Lent begins **Holy Week**. April 9th, **Palm Sunday** is the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the masses as the long-awaited Messiah. Thus, in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, He entered Jerusalem, "the City of the King", riding on the colt of an ass, (Zechariah 9:9; John 12:12). The crowds greeted him with branches in their hands and shouted praises: "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna to David's son!" This glorification drove the priests and the scribes to destroy Him and put Him to death.

Palm Sunday is one of the major feasts of the Church. It immediately follows those services of Lazarus Saturday. The Church building continues to be vested in resurrectional splendor, filled with hymns which continually repeat the "Hosanna" offered to Christ as the Messiah who comes in the name of God the Father for the salvation of the world.

In the Orthodox Church, the last week of Christ's life is officially called **Passion Week**. Each day is designated as "great and holy". There are special services each day

which are fulfilled in all churches. The services for Great and Holy Monday are celebrated on Palm Sunday evening; the Orthodox Church begins her day at sunset. Similarly, the remaining services of the week are sung "in anticipation on the eve of the day."



Each day of Holy Week, April 10-15 has its own particular theme. The theme of **Monday** is that of the sterile fig tree which yields no fruit and is condemned. **Tuesday** the accent is on the vigilance of the wise virgins who, unlike their foolish sisters, were ready when the Lord came to them.

Wednesday the focus is on the fallen woman who repents. Great emphasis is made in the liturgical services to compare the woman, a sinful harlot who has sinned — to Judas — a chosen apostle who is lost. The one gives her wealth to Christ and kisses His feet; the other betrays Christ for money with a kiss.

On Wednesday evening in Holy Week, the Matins (morning) service for **Great and Holy Thursday** is sung, commemorating the Last Supper and Christ's washing of the disciples' feet. Prior to that, the Sacrament of **Holy Unction** (Healing Oil) is ministered to the faithful in recognition of the "evening of repentance and confession."

On April 14th, **Good Friday** is celebrated the holy, saving, and awful Passion of Jesus Christ. Also celebrated is the confession and salvation of the penitent thief who was crucified with Christ. Participation in the prayers and historical development of events, as related in the Twelve Gospel passages read that night, provide the faithful with a vivid foundation for the great events yet to come. The procession with the Crucifix takes place around the Church after the fifth Gospel.

The **Royal Hours** are read Friday morning, followed by the **Un-nailing Services** in the afternoon to commemorate the Burial of Jesus. On Friday evening, the **Lamentation service**, consisting of psalms, hymns and readings, celebrates the entombment of the Divine Body of Christ; and also His descent into Hades, by which our race was recalled from corruption, and permitted to pass over into everlasting life.

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WE GET LETTERS . . .



"Thank you to all who organized the retreat with Fr. Alexii. Thank you, also, to Alexis Hadley and her friends who provided childcare for the kids. The entire experience was such a gift for us all."

The Denny Family



WE THANK YOU

Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Christopher and St. George, for the truly inspiring **Lenten Retreat** with Fr. Alexii. The Friday evening session on Almsgiving was a perfect segue into Prayer and Fasting. Many thanks to Sarah for having the insight to tape these sessions for future listening. These will be a valuable resource for future reflection.

To the 20/40 group and parish members that provided lenten food for breakfast, lunch, and a variety of yummy snacks and drinks, thank you! It was a joy to see guests from Lincoln, Omaha, and Kansas.

This retreat provided encouragement and inspiration to both Mark and I, as we journey through another lenten season. It is our hope that St. George will continue this retreat in the years to come.

ST. GEORGE Chronicle



Have an event or announcement you would like to share with your St. George parish family? Do you have a photo, article, cartoon, book review, or comment to be

considered for an upcoming newsletter? Perhaps you need to update your personal records (birthday, anniversary, contact info)? **We welcome your letters** and comments - help us to improve the Chronicle so we can better serve you, our readers.

Email us at:

stgeorgechronicle@yahoo.com

Thank you



BE ASHAMED
WHEN YOU SIN,
NOT WHEN YOU REPENT.

- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

"Give something however small to the one in need; for it is not small to the one who has nothing; neither is it small to God, if we have given what we **could**".

- Saint Gregory the Theologian



Birthdays

April 11

Victoria Salem

April 15

John Liakos
Arlene Patsios

April 16

John Morris

April 18

Nikos Theoharis

April 28

Luke Neamu

April 29

Nimir Maloley

GOD GRANT YOU
MANY YEARS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No April anniversaries

In Honor of

Donation to **St. George Church Building Fund**, in honor of Nick Shada birthday from anonymous donors.

Donation to **St. George Church Building Fund**, in honor of Nick Shada birthday from Joe and Linda Maloley.

Donation to **St. George Church Building Fund**, in honor of Tony & Bessie Shada birthdays from Tim & Tracey Shada.

May God bless you all for your generosity!

Donations

Gratefully Received

Donation to the **Chronicle newsletter** from anonymous donors.

Donation to the **St. George Prayer Ministry for the Reposed** from Margaret Morris.

In Memory of

Donations to **St. George Church**, in memory of Sadie Malooley from Wanda Maloley and Josie Awtry.

Donation to **St. George Church Building Fund** in memory of Sadie Malooley from anonymous.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's a busy time for our students as their activities and lessons focus on scripture readings and Great Lent. They are excited to participate in the upcoming "Lazarus Saturday Carnival" on April 8th. **This Family Fun and Fellowship** will be after liturgy on Saturday. It's Free! Invite a friend to worship with us on Saturday.



We will offer Lazarakia Bread, Lenten Snacks, and refreshments. Kids will have craft projects and play carnival games outside. They will collect stickers on their game card and turn this in for a free Gift. Plan now to attend a fun-filled afternoon at St. George, as we celebrate **Lazarus Saturday** together! Any questions see Amanda Denny or Sarah Fothergill. We hope to see you and your families on April 8th.



PASCHA IS APRIL 16

St George BOOKSTORE

Still time to plan for your Pascha gift giving needs. Books, cards, icons, incense and jewelry. Thank you for supporting your St. George Bookstore.



ST. GEORGE YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to our youth group for providing child care during the Lenten Retreat with Fr. Alexii. **We appreciate your help!**

The youth also decided to send a donation to help Fr. Alexii's monastery. Thank you for your generosity.



ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH THE 20+40 GROUP

Thank you to those that helped prepare a meal for the Crossroads Rescue Mission on March 26. The creamy chicken noodle soup, salads, bread, and desserts were delivered that evening to be enjoyed by the guests for an upcoming lunch. Stay informed of future events by visiting our **facebook** page for announcements. If you are interested in hosting an evening of fellowship with the 20/40 group, please contact Levi or Sarah for more information. Thank you! ***

ST. HELENA Ladies Society

Our **2nd Annual Ladies Tea** is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th. Mark your calendars and invite a friend. It will be a wonderful afternoon together!



A reminder that the **Parish Life Conference** is being held in Spring, Texas, **June 7-10**. It is such a wonderful time for your whole family. I encourage all of you to attend if you can. (see **page 7 for more details.**) We do have scholarships available to help with expenses. Please see Ashley or Fr. Christopher about this option. Our next meeting will be Pot Luck Sunday, April 2nd. Please join us!

Women's BOOK STUDY

The **Women's Book Study** will meet on Monday, **April 10th**, and the **24th**, from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at the Denny home. We have started a new book, **Spiritual Counsels V: Passions and Virtues - Collected teachings of Elder Paisios**, and we're off to a great start! *"The struggle against the passions is a perpetually sweet martyrdom of observing the commandments for the love of Christ."* Come join us as we journey through Lent together, and with the help of these **wonderful spiritual teachings** from a beloved Saint.

ST. GEORGE BULLETIN BOARD

St. George Ladies Society

Join us for Tea



** Invite a Friend **

(ladies 18 or older)

Saturday, May 13th

2:00 pm

Parish Hall

*** You're Invited ***
Platte River Singers

Spring Concert

featuring Nebraska Folk Music

May 14th at 7:00 pm

Kearney High School

Auditorium

2702 West 11th St.

Kearney, Nebraska



*Choir includes St. George parishioners:
 James Wolf and Sarah Fothergill*

Gracelynn
 McCracken



Clara
 Ramsey



THE PASCHAL GREETING



The Paschal greeting is a custom among Orthodox Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "Christ is Risen!". The response is "Truly, He is risen!" (or "Indeed, He is risen!"). This greeting is used during liturgical services and informally at other times, starting with the feast of Pascha and lasting until Ascension – the period known as the Paschal season or Paschaltide.



Hey Mom & Dad, Bring the Kids!

Lazarus Saturday

Family Fellowship Carnival
 at St. George Church

Saturday, April 8th

- Following Morning Liturgy -

- * Lazarakia Bread
- * Popcorn/Snack Bar
- * Strawberry Slushies
- * Crafts
- * Outdoor Games
- * Kids earn stickers to receive a free gift!



Come Join The Fun!

"I'm just trying to say that as health comes from the bitter medicine, so too does the salvation of souls come from bitter experiences."

*from St. Paisios
 of Mount Athos,
 Spiritual Councils IV:
 Family Life*

Day without evening

To the Orthodox, the celebration of Pascha reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is not merely an historical re-enactment of the event of Christ's Resurrection. It is a way to experience the new creation of the world, a taste of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God.

This new day is conveyed to the faithful in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day.

Kearney Area Animal Shelter

Mon - Fri 1:00 - 5:00
Sat 10:00 - 4:00
Sun Noon - 4:00

3205 West Hwy. 30 - Kearney, NE 237-7387



Hello St. George Parish Family,
Have any **old sheets, linens, towels, blankets** that you discovered during your spring cleaning? The St. Helena's Ladies Society have learned that our local **Animal Shelter** in Kearney is in need of these items. They are used for bedding purposes and great aids for our 4-legged friends who have had surgery and recovering.



We also learned that empty **Peanut Butter jars** make for a fun treat! Save these for donations to the animal shelter. **The Ladies Society will provide a tote for your donations**, in the parish hall and will volunteer to deliver these items as needed.

What a wonderful way to recycle your old or used towels, blankets and bedding. **THANK YOU!**



2017 DOWAMA PLC PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

SPRING, TEXAS

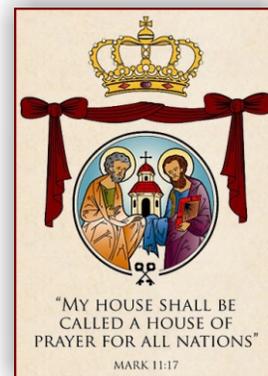
June 7 - 10

The 2017 Diocese of Wichita Parish Life Conference will be hosted by St. Anthony the Great Antiochian Orthodox Church in Spring, Texas. Dates are Wednesday to Saturday, June 7-10, 2017.

Website is:

www.antiochianevents.com/wichita.html

and registration is open.



Early Bird Registration now (**SAVE \$\$\$**) Until May 15th. For several years, one of our faithful from St. George has attended and this is what she had to say: *"We get a chance to renew our faith with the various services, social gatherings and for sure the **Hierarchial Divine Liturgy** on Saturday morning . . . all the priests from our diocese **serve with Bishop Basil**. I can't explain what an **incredible experience** this is to take part in a liturgy with an amazing choir and over 400 other Orthodox faithful".*

FUN * FAITH * FELLOWSHIP

IMPORTANT APRIL DATES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



- April 2 - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
- April 8 - Saturday of Holy Lazarus
- April 9 - Palm Sunday
- April 14 - Holy (Good) Friday
- April 16 - Holy Pascha



"Honoring our Past, Building our Future"



BUILDING FUND

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX
CHURCH - KEARNEY, NE

Because of your generosity in giving, we have \$18,865 left to go, and we will complete Phase I of the Building Fund! **Our parish goal is to have this paid off by July.**

Thank You!

Glory to God for your gifts and pledges!

(GREAT LENT & HOLY WEEK *continued from page 3*)

On **Easter Sunday** (Saturday midnight) the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated. The people leave the Church in procession, and come to stand in front of the closed doors of the Church. At this point the Resurrection is announced with the gospel reading about the empty tomb (Mark 16, 1-8) which refers to the Angel's statement: "He is risen; He is not here."



The people, breathless with anticipation, wait for the priest to begin the hymn of the Resurrection "Christ is Risen from the dead; trampling down Death by His death; and bestowing life upon those in the tombs." From this moment the entire service takes on a joyous atmosphere. At

the end of the Liturgy the festive sermon of St. John Chrysostom is read, calling upon the people to:

"Take part in this fair and radiant festival. Let no one be fearful of death," he continues, "for the death of the Savior has set us free."



"death of the Savior has set us free"

In most parishes, the glorious and joyful Resurrection Liturgy is followed by a breakfast celebration and fellowship: a **breaking of the Fast**.

On Sunday afternoon, the **Vespers of Love (Agape Vespers)** are celebrated. All sing the hymn "Christ is Risen From the Dead." The people greet one another joyously, saying "Christ is Risen," a Paschal (Easter) salutation, to which the response is "Truly He is Risen." The Gospel according to John, proclaiming the Good News of the Resurrection, is read in many languages. The week following Pascha is known as "Bright Week" during which all the doors in the Church remain open to signify the empty tomb and the whole week is one of rejoicing, feasting and Christian joy.

excerpt taken from an article by *Maureen Massiwer Gurghigian*, published in **The Word**, March 1993

CREATIVE ARTS FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH



Praying the same prayers,
They're all the same religion,
Making the same cross.

All cultures and types,
They're all the same religion,
Walking toward the church.

They're all Orthodox,
They're all the same religion,
Worshipping our God.

by Grace Maloley, Grade 7

Church

I pray in church.
I sing in church.
I do the cross in church.
We eat in church.
Then we leave from church.

by Olivia Denny, Grade 1

Respecting God with my Five Senses

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.

by Mariam Browne, Grade 2

Altar

Holy God
Our Father

Holy Unction

St. George Church
Epistle

Orthodox
Family

Praying
Repentance
Alleluia

Fr. Yanney

Holy Elders

Resurrection

by Juliana Morris, Grade 4

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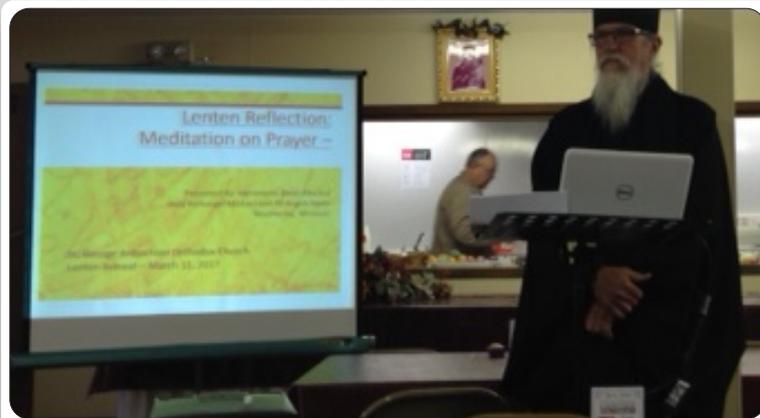
MAKING MEMORIES



What a joy to see these two at our Lenten Retreat!



Look at these happy faces! Thank you Alexis and friends that watched over our kids so we could enjoy our Lenten Retreat with Fr. Alexii



Lenten Retreat with Fr. Alexii
"Ascetics All! Prayer, Fasting, Alms"



A Joyful Gathering of the Faithful

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS NICK!



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Stewardship: The Joy of Giving Freely

Stewardship is a practice that can help shape our world and ourselves in such a way that we can experience God's grace, love and communion in the present, and to protect and grow God's gifts.



Year-to-date for 2017

\$ FINANCIAL REPORT

As of **March 31** ... We have received \$21,322 of the \$88,969 we have budgeted for pledges.

As of **March 31** ... We have received \$5,821 of the \$20,000 we have budgeted for trays and candles.

Thank you!

APRIL FASTING

Just as there are times for feasting, there are also times set aside for fasting. **We are in the season of Great Lent** and we

continue to fast from meat, cheese, dairy, eggs, wine and oil.

In April, through the Friday before Lazarus Saturday (April 8), olive oil and wine are permitted only on the weekend before. Holy Friday, April 14, is a day of **Strict Fast**.

Holy Pascha is April 16, followed by **Bright Week**, and we feast during this week, no fasting through April 23rd.

The traditional fasting from flesh meats, dairy products can be observed on Wednesday and Friday after Bright Week, although Antiochian custom allows for freedom from fasting for the entire 40 days following Pascha.



You're Invited

TO AN
HONORARY BANQUET
FOR
FR. CHRISTOPHER MORRIS



To be elevated to the dignity of Archpriest
on the feast day of St. George,
April 23, 2017

The Parish of **St. George Orthodox Church** of Kearney, Nebraska welcomes a pastoral visit from our beloved Father and Chief Pastor His Grace Bishop BASIL, for the elevation of our Pastor Fr. Christopher Morris, to the dignity of Archpriest on Sunday, April 23, 2017. A honorary banquet will be held Saturday evening, at the **Ramada Inn**, located at 301 2nd Avenue, in Kearney.

Please join us for 9th Hour & Vespers at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 22nd. Banquet to follow at 7:00 p.m. Sunday morning, April 23rd, we will begin with Orthros and His Grace Bishop BASIL will serve a **Hierarchical Liturgy**.

A block of rooms with discounted rate, has been reserved until April 8th. (reservations 308-237-3141). Please send R.S.V.P. (number of adults & children) by Wed. April 8th to: stgeorgechronicle@yahoo.com or call Mark at 308-293-5090.

Thank you.

Tickets for the banquet are FREE with donations being accepted to the **St. George Building Fund**.