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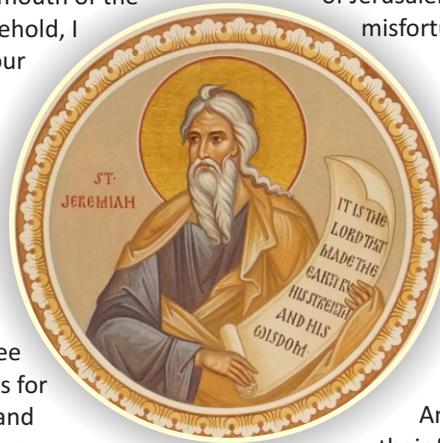
Holy Apostles Fast Begins
June 4 (lasts 25 days)

DOWAMA PLC - Santa Fe
June 13 - 16

Our Beloved Icons

The Holy Prophet Jeremiah, one of the four great Old Testament prophets, was son of the priest Helkiah from the city of Anathoth near Jerusalem, and he lived 600 years before the Birth of Christ, under the Israelite king Josiah and four of his successors. He was called to prophetic service at the age of fifteen, when the Lord revealed to him that even before his birth the Lord had chosen him to be a prophet. Jeremiah refused, citing his youth and lack of skill at speaking, but the Lord promised to be always with him and to watch over him. He touched the mouth of the chosen one and said, "Behold, I have put My words into your mouth. Behold, I have appointed you this day over nations and kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to rebuild, and to plant" (Jer. 1:9-10). From that time Jeremiah prophesied for twenty-three years, denouncing the Jews for abandoning the true God and worshipping idols, predicting sorrows and devastating wars. He stood by the gates of the city, and at the entrance to the Temple, everywhere where the people gathered, and he exhorted them with imprecations (cursing) and often with tears. The people, however, mocked and abused him, and they even tried to kill him. Depicting for the Jews their impending enslavement to the king of Babylon, Jeremiah first placed on his own neck a wooden, and then an iron yoke, and thus he went about among the people. Enraged at the dire predictions of the prophet, the Jewish elders

threw the Prophet Jeremiah into a pit filled with horrid, slimy creatures, where he almost died. Through the intercession of the God-fearing royal official Habdemelek, the prophet was pulled out of the pit, but he did not cease his prophecies, and for this he was carted off to prison. Under the Jewish king Zedekiah his prophecy was fulfilled. Nebuchadnezzar came, slaughtered many people, carried off a remnant into captivity, and Jerusalem was pillaged and destroyed. Nebuchadnezzar released the prophet from prison and permitted him to live where he wanted. The prophet remained at the ruins of Jerusalem and bewailed his nation's



*Sponsorship of the **Prophet Jeremiah** icon at St. George Kearney, was offered in memory of Faud Maloley by his family*

misfortune. According to Tradition, the Prophet Jeremiah took the Ark of the Covenant with the Tablets of the Law and hid it in one of the caves of Mount Nabath (Nebo), so that the Jews could no longer find it (2 Mac. 2). Afterwards, a new Ark of the Covenant was fashioned, but it lacked the glory of the first. Among the Jews remaining in their fatherland there soon arose internecine clashes: Hodoliah, Nebuchadnezzar's viceroy, was murdered. The Jews, fearing the wrath of Babylon, decided to flee into Egypt. The prophet Jeremiah disagreed with their intention, predicting that the punishment which they feared would befall them in Egypt. The Jews would not listen to the prophet, however, and taking him along by force, they went into Egypt and settled in the city of Tathnis. There the prophet lived for four years and was respected by the Egyptians, because by his prayers he killed crocodiles and other creatures infesting

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FEAR NOT LITTLE FLOCK

“To choose Orthodox Christianity here in North America is to immediately place oneself apart from the majority. I learned this firsthand the other night when I went to the local gathering of Christians at the pub known as Theology on Tap – an event where one could discuss theology and faith over a pint in a semi-organized fashion.

The uncomfortable part was that I was the only Orthodox Christian present; all the rest (62 in total!) were Roman Catholics. Add to this the awkward fact of my being a former Roman Catholic, and the feeling of being alone set in rather heavily. However, it gave me some real food for thought. We Orthodox in North America are beyond being a minority. We are alien not only to the secular world around us, but the world of other Christian confessions as well. Unlike Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, we still stand out in a stark manner: our priests, monks and nuns actually look like priests, monks and nuns; our churches seem like foreign worlds with their icons, candles and heavenly chant; everything about us as Orthodox Christians seems so otherworldly when compared to the culture that surrounds us. We stand out – and many of us who were punks, metalheads and goths know the feeling well.

“You are the light of the world,” (Matt. 5:14) says the Saviour. We are the “city that is set on a hill [that] cannot be hidden,” (Matt. 5:15) and we are called to let our “light so shine before men” (Matt. 5:16). Simply the fact that we are Orthodox alone shines light in itself, due to the fact that in the West, few have even heard of Orthodoxy and even fewer know anything about it.

This was proved by one of the questions at Theology on Tap, when a Roman Catholic spoke concerning the “Eastern Orthodox tendency to over-divinize Christ” (a question, I too in ignorance, once asked as a Roman Catholic). When I tell others I am Orthodox, the next question that usually comes up is “Are you Greek or Russian?”, or “You mean Orthodox Jew?”, almost without fail. As you can see, Orthodoxy is still largely a mystery in North American culture.

However, there is something wonderful about this. We have a pearl of great price in our faith, and we are called not to shut it up but to bring it to the world. As Blessed Fr. Seraphim Rose writes, “We must realize what a treasure we have, and make it active in us...This need not mean going door to door

like Jehovah’s Witnesses, or preaching in the streets. **The outward expression of our faith will come naturally once we have begun to go inward, finding out what this treasure is and letting ourselves be truly changed by it.**

“It is certainly easy for us in the West to pass over Orthodoxy as an actual way of life when we are discerning Christian truth and what confession to adhere ourselves to. The evangelical world often presents a “cheap grace”, a kind of path of ease with its notions of “getting saved” and “eternal security”. The Roman Catholic Church, despite our being the second largest Christian body in the world, still overpowers us with its size and influence – simply compare when Pope Francis says anything to when our Ecumenical Patriarch or one of the other Patriarchs speaks – the former garners headlines almost every time, the latter almost never.

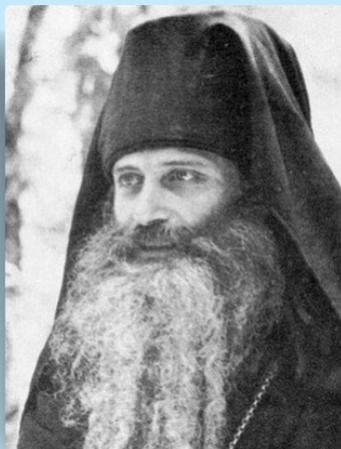
So if the searching soul in North America looks at the world of Christianity, it is often only two options that present themselves – Rome or Geneva, Catholic or Protestant of some kind. This is why I think that we Orthodox so

desperately need to make ourselves known and heard in the West, to show other Christians their past, to show others the Truth of our faith Who is Christ. As Blessed Fr. Seraphim Rose noted, this is not done by evangelical street-preaching and door-knocking, which more often than not only serves to irritate others and make them even more disinterested. Orthodoxy is not a message to be peddled as though it were simply a product for a sales pitch. It is life in Christ, and thus, it is through living this life authentically as Orthodox Christians that we can evangelize the world around us.

So, to any who are Orthodox and living in the West and feeling alone – fear not. You are part of a brave new frontier – you are on the front lines. **It is not a cause for despair, but a challenge to be embraced, a cause for joy that we can be a**

part of God’s plan for our lives to bring love and hope in Christ to others.

Our father among the saints, the illustrious missionary St. Herman of Alaska was once asked whether he felt lonely on Spruce Island – he answered, “No, I am not alone there! God is there, as God is everywhere.” Let this be a consolation to any of us who are a part of the little flock here in North America, and a reminder that **we are never alone.**”



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– Fr. Seraphim Rose

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“Come ye, take light from the Light, that is never overtaken by night. Come, glorify the Christ, risen from the dead.”

The Paschal Homily *by Saint John Chrysostom*

If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival.
If anyone is a wise servant, let him, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord.
If anyone has wearied himself in fasting, let him now receive his recompense.

If anyone has labored from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let him keep the feast. If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; for he shall suffer no loss. If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation. If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first; he gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first. He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one he gives, and to the other he is gracious. He both honors the work and praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, receive your reward. O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the day! You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today! The table is rich-laden; feast royally, all of you! The calf is fatted; let no one go forth hungry!

Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness.
Let no one lament his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed.
Let no one mourn his transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave.
Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

He that was taken by death has annihilated it! He descended into hades and took hades captive! He embittered it when it tasted his flesh! And anticipating this Isaiah exclaimed, "Hades was embittered when it encountered thee in the lower regions." It was embittered, for it was abolished! It was embittered, for it was mocked! It was embittered, for it was purged! It was embittered, for it was despoiled! It was embittered, for it was bound in chains!

It took a body and, face to face, met God! It took earth and encountered heaven! It took what it saw but crumbled before what it had not seen! "O death, where is thy sting? O hades, where is thy victory?"

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!

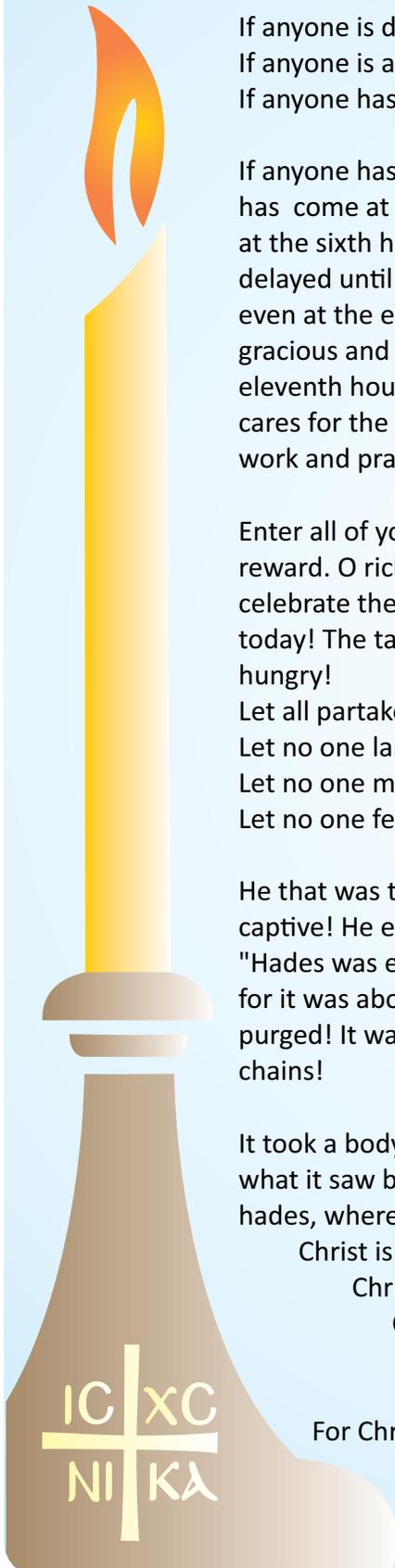
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life reigns!

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb!

For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the First-fruits of them that slept.

To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.



WE GET LETTERS . . .



Dear church family –

Thank you very much to the Denny Family, John & Theo, Drew & Sarah and Margo for the delicious meals provided to us while Tim was recovering from knee surgery. We really appreciated all the visits, cards, and prayers... everything helped in the recovery process! We are so blessed with such a wonderful church family!! God is good!

Tracey and Tim Shada

“Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve at the community meal. It was a joy to serve members of our community and learn more about the **Jubilee Center**. We hope to do this again in the future.”

Dear Outreach Ministry,
Thank you for the Holy Week services Ad in the Kearney Hub on Tuesday, March 27. It's beautiful! Glory to God...thank you for making this!
The Denny family *Thank You!*

Hello St. George Family,
Please accept this donation in honor of my brother and sister-in-law Mike and Ronda Maloley and their family. They are some of the most faithful, generous and loving people I know. Love them so much!
Love,
Michelle (Maloley) Day



KNOW YOUR CHURCH HISTORY

TRIVIA QUESTION

Where was Fr. Nicola Yanney born?

- A. Fi'eh al Koura in northern Lebanon
- B. Athens, Greece
- C. a small farm near Lexington, Nebraska
- D. Qilhat al-Koura in northern Lebanon

Answer: Fi'eh al Koura in northern Lebanon (A)

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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
Email us at: stgeorgechronicle@yahoo.com



Birthdays

April 1

Phil Maloley

April 11

Victoria Salem

April 15

Arlene Patsios

April 16

John Morris

April 18

Nikos Theoharis

April 24

Clay Maloley

Claire Maloley

April 28

Luke Neamu

April 29

Nimir Maloley - #90



Birthdays

The Chronicle missed these March Birthdays - so sorry!

March 8

Gracelynn McCracken

March 17

Amber Hartley

March 19

Mariam Browne

In Memory of

Donations given to **St. George Church**, in memory of *Nick Abood* from: Jenny Bergt; Carmen, Armida, and Delores Davis; Cathy Blomquist.

Donations

Gratefully Received

Donation to **St. George Chronicle** by anonymous donor

Donation to **St. George Orthodox Church** from Gus and Christina Katrouzos

In Honor of

The family of *Nimir Maloley* made a donation to **St. George Church**, in honor of his **90th Birthday!** Many Years Nimir!

Donation to **St. George Orthodox Church** in honor of Mike and Ronda Maloley, and their family from Michelle (Maloley) Day



May God bless you all for your generosity!



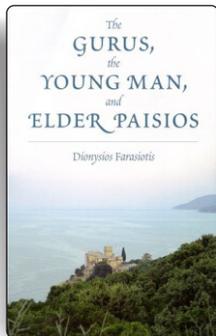
What a joy to serve at the community meal in partnership with the Kearney Jubilee Center. This meal was held at **Kearney Manor** on Monday, March 26th. Many thanks to the volunteers that organized the event, those that shopped, cooked, and prepared the meal as well as those that attended the meal by serving. Our guests enjoyed home-made Chicken Parmesan with pasta, Garlic Bread, Salad and Brownies. We had some left overs that allowed some guests to take home extra servings. They were very happy!

Many thanks to the St. George parish family for your free-will offering at our recent **Pancake Luncheon**. Your funds helped us purchase the items needed to prepare this meal. We enjoyed being able to give to the community in this way!



Women's BOOK STUDY

The **Women's Book Study** will meet on Monday, **April 9th**, and the **23rd** from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, at the Denny home. We have started a new book! **The Gurus, the Young Man, and Elder Paisios**, by Dionysios Farasiotis, (\$17.00 Amazon Prime.) Come join us as we discuss this fascinating story of how the life of Saint Paisios, inspired the author in his search and journey to a life of Holy Orthodoxy.



During March the Outreach Ministry began placing articles on evangelism in the Chronicle, placed an invitational ad describing Holy Week services in the Hub (Mar. 27), invited Fr. Andrew Steven Damick to deliver a workshop during his Spring visit to Kearney (his decision is pending). Ashley M and Joanie K joined the Ministry, which also includes Fr. Christopher, Chris B, Scott F, Levi H and John M. Thank you Ashley and Joanie! If you are interested in serving on this ministry, tell any member, we welcome your talents and ideas.

S.A.F.E. Center Raffle



The Ladies Book Study group donated a Baby/Mom backpack—Diaper Bag for the 14th Annual **"Purses for a Purpose"** Charity Event Raffle that will be held on April 6, 2018.

A thank you to all of the ladies who donated items for the raffle. May the recipient be blessed with our love, as she welcomes her little one into the world.



We began our March meeting with special guest Christy Burton, director of the local **Royal Family Kids Camp**. We presented her with our donation from the breakfast and she shared how valuable this donation is to their organization. There are many costs and lots of training needed to maintain a successful camp.

Exciting news! The ladies have purchased two sets of robes, to be made for our St. George altar servers. A dark set and a light set. What a joy it will be to have these for our pilgrimage to honor the memory of Fr. Nicola in October. We thank you ladies, for all of your hard work and thank God for His many blessings and opportunities to raise funds that can be spent in this way. We are excited to add to the beauty of our worship and capitalize on the many senses that we use, as we serve the Lord during Liturgy and the many services at St. George.

Special thanks to all of you that helped with the cleaning day at church on March 18 - everything looks terrific!

We have decided to change the **St. George Basket of Love** to every other month. The Ladies Society will collect items, to be given to a local community organization that assists people and families in need. They will provide a "Wish List" from the organization and the parish family is invited to participate, if they can, by placing donated items into our **Basket of Love**, located in our parish hall. Our first basket will go to the S.A.F.E. Center.

Thank you to all who donated items - our love is overflowing!! Our April/May basket will go to the **HELP CARE CLINIC** in

Kearney. Read more about this valuable organization on page 9.

We are asking for your ideas and suggestions regarding the church breakfast by filling out a short survey. Your input is important if we would like to grow this event. If you have not filled out a survey, please see Joanie. Thank you!



Katrina: First off fellowship with the other ladies from St. George was really awe-inspiring! Fr. Alexii discussed the 4 big worries: time, money, children, and house. Father said that with all these things, give the Lord your first fruits (give Him your best). The "time one" especially spoke to me! With time, give the Lord your first minutes of the day in prayer and meditation on Scriptures. The rest of your time will then be sanctified. The Lord wants to meet with you before you start your day. In that way He will fill you up and you will be able to help others throughout your day!

Amy: I enjoyed how welcoming the monastery is, and I thought Father's talks were excellent. Stillness in the midst of busyness is a worthwhile topic at any time of year, but it was especially meaningful during Lent. I also really enjoyed our conversations on the journey to and from the monastery - ladies from St. George make carpooling so interesting!

Sarah: It's hard to pick just one favorite moment! The car rides to retreats are always such a gift; I love opportunities to get to know my fellow St. George friends even more. Fr. Alexii taught us the importance of reading Scripture, especially in the morning, so that we may share Christ's words with others and encourage them. We can participate in Christ through His word

to refresh our weary souls and those around us. If we honor God with our time in prayer and Scripture reading and memorization, He will no doubt sanctify the rest of our time. Father also reminded us that life in this world was always meant to be a partnership with God, and when we are faced with problems, we should see them as opportunities to bring

God back into the picture. Instead of worrying and being anxious, we should pray and remember Paul's words to the Philippians, "*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*"

Kh. Anastasia: Any time spent at St. Michael's Skete is wonderful, but the added benefit of the retreat was especially helpful to me this Lent. Fr. Alexii spoke about using the Jesus Prayer throughout the day to bring our work before God and ask His blessing on it. He reminded us that every time we scrub a pot or serve a meal or even provide a cup of water,

it can become a holy and sanctifying work, if we will ask God's blessing upon it, both for ourselves and for the people we serve. I was very thankful for the teaching of how we can experience God's presence in every aspect of life.

As always, it was a joy to receive the hospitality of the monastic community and to pray with them in the quiet reverence of the services.

Women's Lenten Retreat



Hosted by Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete in Weatherby, Missouri. March 16, 17, 2018

Pilgrimage for the 100th Anniversary of Father Nicola Yanney's Repose



Join us on
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2018**

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Orthodox Church
Kearney, Nebraska

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Blessing BASKETS



Donation Board



OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING

This Lent, our parish was able to donate 20 Easter baskets to local families in need. Our Ladies Society donated a ham for each basket and our parishioners generously donated food and household necessity items. Items were placed in baskets, totes, and laundry hampers. We would like to thank Monica from the Jubilee Center for selecting families. Thank you to all who donated items, and special thanks to the Ladies for donating the ham, Tracey for shopping for the ham, and Mark, Drew, and Amanda for their help with basket pick-up and deliveries. It was wonderful to greet the families at the church and invite them in to select their baskets. Please pray for all families in need and for ways that we can continue to serve our community.

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those parts. When Jeremiah prophesied that the King of Babylon would invade Egypt and annihilate the Jews living there, the Jews murdered him. In that very same year the saint's prophecy was fulfilled. There is a tradition that 250 years later, Alexander the Great transported the relics of the holy Prophet Jeremiah to Alexandria.

The Prophet Jeremiah wrote his Book of Prophecies and also the Book of Lamentations about the desolation of Jerusalem and the Exile. The times in which he lived and prophesied are described in 4/2 Kings (Ch. 23-25) and in the Second Book of Chronicles (36:12) and in 2 Maccabees (Ch. 2).

In the Gospel of Matthew it is said that the betrayal of Judas was foretold by the Prophet Jeremiah, "And they took thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom the sons of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me" (Mt. 27:9-10). Perhaps Jeremiah 32:6-15 is meant.

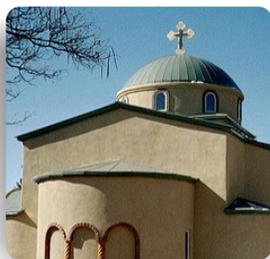
Even after his death, the Prophet Jeremiah was regarded as a wonderworker. Dust from his tomb was believed to cure snake-bites, and many Christians pray to him for this purpose.

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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND PLC 2018 Santa Fe, NM

**2018 DOWAMA
Parish Life Conference
June 13 – 16, 2018 (Wed-Sat)**

**Hosts:
Holy Trinity
Orthodox
Church**



**El Dorado
Hotel & Spa**

308 W. San Francisco
Hotel Reservation Deadline:
May 14, 2018

For more information: [PLC Santa Fe](#)

**Ladies - The Ladies Society has offered to pay your registration fee to attend this year's PLC - see Ashley for questions.*

"JOE EVANGELIST"

by Fr. Jon Braun, pastor of St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church, San Diego, CA

To be an evangelist all you need is to be able to talk – or to write. It's simply a matter of sharing your Christian Faith.

It's really not difficult to share good news. Most of us can hardly wait to tell people about the good things that happen in our lives. That's all we are asked to do in being a Christian witness. When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes upon us and, as Christ said, "You shall be witnesses to me..." (Acts 1:8). If everything were going right, we would have to tell some people to tone it down!

Let's be very clear about one thing: you are to witness to Christ, not to the structure of the Orthodox Church. Christ is center, the focus. If we witness to the Orthodox Church, you will disappoint many of the people who come. The Church is not perfect; only Christ is. The Church is important, but it is nothing without Christ.

There are at least two important things you need to know and do to be an evangelist for Christ.

Number one, you need to tell what God has done in your life and what He means to you. Most of us don't have personal experiences of demonstrative miracles, but those things aren't necessary, and there are greater things. In the sacraments (or the mysteries, as we prefer to call them) we experience the greatest miracles possible! Don't hesitate

to talk about the sacraments and what they mean to you.

One night, when I was a young Protestant minister, I was teaching a group how important it is to receive Christ and have a personal relationship with Him. Afterward, a young woman, who identified herself as a Roman Catholic approached me. I asked her if she was a Christian and if she had ever received Jesus Christ into her life. Without flinching she replied, "I receive Christ into my life every Sunday when I go to communion." I suddenly was at a loss for words because she was so bold in her confidence! Here I was, a very aggressive young evangelical minister stumped because this young woman unhesitatingly knew what she experienced in the sacraments.

Should someone ask, "When were you saved?" you respond, "When I was baptized!" After all, that is what both

Christ and St. Peter the Apostle said (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). If one asks if you have received the Holy Spirit, say yes with boldness and confidence in your Chrismation when you received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit." There is great power in

**Be ye fishers of men -
you catch them . . .
and He'll clean them.**



telling of God's work in the sacraments.

Summing it up, what does "Joe Evangelist" mean? It's not that you become preachers, as it were, to all your friends. It is far simpler. It's that you tell how Christ has touched you and how you experience Him and know Him in your Church. **It's easy to share good news.**

SOURCE:www.antiochian.org

Let us remember love for the poor, that this love might save us from greed, when the sin of greed shall come to meet us. Let us acquire peace with all, the humble and the great, that this might guard us against hate, when it shall come to meet us. Let us acquire patience before all and in all things, that this might guard us against carelessness, when it shall come to meet us. Let us love all of our brothers and sisters, without hating anyone or repaying anyone any ill done against us; for this shall guard us against envy, when this demon too shall come to meet us. – St. Isaac the Syrian

“LOVE IS PATIENT” by Joanie Klein

We were wiped out. We had just returned home from spending several, very long and difficult days, in Colorado, at their huge University Hospital in Aurora. Our 33-year old son had been vacationing in Estes Park when he developed an acute pain in his abdomen. Tests revealed a large mass obstructing his colon. Very quickly they were making arrangements to transport him to the Denver hospital, perform more tests and make preparations for surgery. Everything happened so quickly but when you're waiting on test results and numerous meetings with physicians, the hours passed slowly. Mark and I realized early on, we could not have endured these days without the love and prayers from our parish family and friends. We knew that any comfort and strength to endure was only possible through God's grace, via these prayers by our loved ones. And once again, He did not fail us.

With the first diagnosis of cancer, I couldn't help but think of one of our dear parishioners at home, and her immediate struggle with battling this horrible disease. I wondered, had our prayers been enough?

Did she really know how much her parish family loved her, missed her and seeing her smile? The next morning we were blessed with sunshine! Despite the numerous things we needed to do, I insisted that it was a perfect day to make the drive to go visit her. Our parish family had taken time

to fill out an array of Valentine cards the week before, and we had hoped they would cheer her up. In a separate package was several very “special”, hand-made valentines, created by our Sunday school kids. As I was putting these together, one of them had dropped to the floor. My eyes caught a glimpse of the little foam hearts that had been so carefully glued to the card. They were overflowing, out of the hands of a simple drawn “stick” person. I read the words at the top of the card, **“Love is Patient”**. Though the card was created with our parishioner in mind, I wiped a tear from my eye as I knew immediately, these words were a blessing for me too. How could this young person know that these three simple words could be the “anchor” needed to steady our ships, as we weather the storms in life? A simple hand-made card with a profound meaning, and so fitting for both of our situations. *Vassilios Papavassiliou* on “Meditations for Great Lent” offers to us: **“The third virtue mentioned in the prayer of St. Ephrem**

the Syrian, is patience. Patience should not be understood, as it often is, solely in terms of waiting for something to happen--waiting for the bus or in a queue, for our exam results or whatever else. The Greek word for patience is *hypomoni*, which means “endurance.”

The first form of patience--the ability to wait something out--is also an admirable form of patience, because it sees value in the waiting and not just the reward of what is expected. It is the patient man who will turn waiting for the bus into an opportunity for prayer, while the impatient man will get frustrated and bored.

But patience also means endurance. The greatest form of patience, and its greatest test, is patience in the face of suffering--the ability to endure wrongs and afflictions patiently. It is rooted in humility, for the humble man does not consider himself worthy of more than he receives. Patience understands that the here and now is not the be-all and end-all. That is why the humble man is patient with people. **He knows that the person before him is not the whole being, not the finished article**--just as a good teacher is patient with his pupils because he sees their potential, and

knows that their knowledge or abilities will grow in time and with patience and effort. Patience is a truly divine virtue. God Himself is patient, because He sees all ends and knows the outcome of all things. The more we trust in God, the more patient we become.”



A few days after our son's surgery, we had a visit from the first team of doctors who originally had told us that the tumor was cancer. I was touched by their sincerity in offering their heartfelt apology for making an error in their diagnosis and “putting us” through such anxiety. Our son very quickly reassured them that all was fine. One smile on his face and we could “feel the mood” in the room change from nervous tension to calm. We rejoiced with gratitude that it wasn't cancer. They knew, just as we had already witnessed, this story was going to have a good ending. Was there really a reason to doubt? They're thinking its because it wasn't cancer. Deep down we knew, it was the prayers and well-wishes that had been floating endlessly to Colorado, from home. By trusting in His mercy and the love from all of those prayers, we realized just how blessed we were with the strength necessary to endure this hardship. Difficult? Yes. But, not impossible when – love is patient. Glory to God!



Orthodox isn't a name you
call yourself . . . it's a life you live.





About Us

HelpCare™ Clinic is being established to meet the proven need for a safety net clinic in Kearney, Nebraska to serve the uninsured in Buffalo and Kearney counties. HelpCare™ will be a nonprofit 501c3 free clinic where individuals are cared for by paid and unpaid staff concerned about the health and wellbeing of our community and those that live and work here.

Our Mission

To improve the health and wellbeing of uninsured residents of Buffalo and Kearney Counties by providing medical and behavioral healthcare in a compassionate and respectful environment.

Our Vision

To provide the uninsured residents of Buffalo and Kearney Counties with access to family centered holistic healthcare, so they can be empowered and engaged in their community.

WISH LIST

HelpCARE CLINIC

Office Supplies

- Reams of Copy paper
- “Ziploc” Gallon Bags
- Manilla Envelopes
- Bottled Water
- Snacks for our volunteers (Nature Valley Granola Bars)

Clinical Supplies

- Clorox Disinfectant Wipes
- Kleenex Tissue
- Cotton Balls
- Aerosol Disinfectants
- Hand Sanitizer

Over-the-Counter Medications

Allergy Relief

1. Steroid Nasal Sprays: Flonase (fluticasone propionate) Nasacort (triamcinolone acetoneide)
2. Oral Allergy Medications: Zyrtec, Allergan, Claritin

Gastrointestinal Relief

1. Prilosec (omeprazole)
2. Nexium (esomeprazole)
3. Zantac (ranitidine)

Pain relief

1. Aleve (naproxen)

**Please remember all items must be brand new, in original packaging. These items are used weekly and in great need.*

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP



Well done, my good and faithful servant

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou art the good steward, who redeemed Adam and Eve of their failed stewardship by offering Thyself for the life of the world. Thou didst teach us in the feeding of the multitudes that whatever we give to God is returned to us multiplied. Thou didst praise those good and faithful servants in the parable of the talents who returned to the Master their gifts. **So help us to learn the joy of stewardship, remembering that everything we have comes from Thee and belongs to Thee.** We know, Lord, that we often live in fear of the future and insecurity. Help us to remember the lilies of the field and so to trust in Thy providence. Grant to us a cheerful and generous spirit. Enkindle in the hearts of all Thy people a zealous love for Thee. For Thou art the Good Steward, and to Thee we give thanks, praise and glory, together with Thy Father who is from everlasting and Thine all holy good and life-giving Spirit now and ever and onto the ages of ages. Amen.



Our Next – BASKET of Love

The Ladies Society has chosen the **HelpCAREClinic** of Kearney, as the April/May recipient of the St. George “Basket of Love.” Please join us for this fun way to give to those in our community, in need of medical care but have no health insurance. Donate your items by placing them in the basket located in the parish hall. Wish Lists are available. *Thank you!*



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Year-to-date for 2018

 **FINANCIAL
REPORT**

As of **March 29** ... We have received
\$23,145 of the \$91,410 we have
budgeted for pledges.

As of **March 29** ... We have received
\$4,484 of the \$20,000 we have
budgeted for trays and candles.

Thank you!

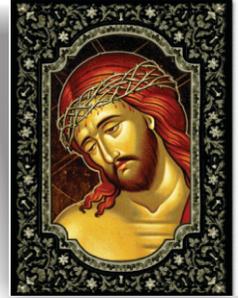


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APRIL FASTING

THE FORTY-DAY FAST comes to a close on Friday, March 30th. The weekend of March 31st and April 1st, when we observe both **Lazarus Saturday** (katalysis for wine and olive oil) and **Palm Sunday** (katalysis for fish, wine and olive oil), offers the faithful a brief respite before the 'black fast' of Great and Holy Week which commences with the divine services on Palm Sunday evening. Holy Friday, April 6, is a day of Strict Fast. **Holy Pascha** is April 8, followed by **Bright Week**, and we feast during this week. The traditional fasting from flesh meats and 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.



*Remember
your
church
family
in your
daily
prayers.*

ST. GEORGE

Dear Members, Friends and Benefactors of St. George,

Plan now to help us celebrate our beloved Father Nicola by attending the memorial weekend in honor of the anniversary of his 100th repose. Your registration is necessary to provide adequate meeting space, seating and food for these events. Let's make this pilgrimage together.

Thank you,
The Planning Committee of
St. George

To register visit us at: www.saintgeorgekearney.com



“ TELL YOUR STORY ”

- Archbishop Michael



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