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Theophany of Christ

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

by His Grace Bishop JOHN

As Orthodox Christians, we greet one another with this confident exclamation during the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. With this seasonal greeting we affirm that Jesus, who took on flesh and was born into our world, is indeed the Christ, and worthy of glorification.

This greeting is unlike other seasonal greetings about being merry (Christmas), glad (tidings), or happy (holidays). Not that I have any trouble with being merry, glad or even happy. I enjoy a spiked eggnog or a traditional Christmas shot of whiskey or arak as much as the next guy. But there is more to the preparation and celebration of Christmas than that. In this feast we celebrate our salvation through the good news of our Savior's advent. When we greet each other with the news of Christ's birth, we seize the opportunity to glorify the new born Savior. This greeting carries within it the promise of salvation, and the very meaning of life. We will not escape the secularization of this feast. We will not change the marketing of goods, the office parties and the exchange of gifts. We will not avoid the need to spend money we may not have, eat too much or party



ourselves silly. But with a little work to understand God's revealed truth, we can transcend and baptize the now secular images to bring us deeper meaning. I offer the following examples of what I mean:

Let every twinkling light on every bush and window remind us that Christ is the Light that brings us from darkness into light. Every light can bring us to him who

is Light, just like the star that guided the Magi. Every light can remind us of the Christ child who enlightens us with Divine truth. This is the truth that sets us free. He is our light and our resurrection, the light of truth that will guide us from the manger to the empty tomb. This season of Christ's birth is ultimately the season of salvation.

Let every sale in every department store remind us of how God

loves us more than the world can understand. The retailers draw us in with sales so that we will come and shop with them. How much more does Christ draw us close? Christ took on flesh to call us home to Him. He suffered at the hands of his own creation, humiliated and murdered. This is the epitome of love. Every retailer, every jingle, every commercial can remind us of God's own love for us.

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Let every seasonal party remind us of the Joy of Salvation. To save us Jesus voluntarily came to take on flesh and suffer in his body. His sacrifice and his gift are reasons to celebrate. When we celebrate, we can remember all that God accomplished for us. We can remember His nature of love and mercy.

Let every Santa on the street collecting money, or posing for photos with children, remind us of the gifts God has given us and the opportunities God gives us to share with others. Think too of the example of St. Nicholas who taught us to fast, share our resources and love God with fervor.

Let every gift we present to one another remind us of the gift of life that Christ is for us. Christ gives us life as we are born anew into Him. Remember also that the Eucharist is life-giving and is given in his name.

Let every snowman, made of ice or styrofoam, remind us of how cold the world can be and how we need the warmth of our Savior. The world needs your example, your love and your witness in order for it to be warmed by God's love.

Let every ribbon and bow on every package remind us how Christ has put Satan in bonds and freed us to love him and stay with Him. He who was born in a manger is He who could not die and defeated Satan in Hades.

Let every Christmas carol and seasonal song, remind us that we are called to praise God from the depths of our beings. Our soul wants to call out to Him who created us and who comes to us in this feast as a baby. Sing out, and let God hear your voice. Sing out and let others hear your testimony God has taken on flesh and dwelt with us as the prophets foretold. This is a time to sing out!

Perhaps you could add to my list and share your illustrations with our readers.

Take a few moments to write down some secular images that you think can be given new meaning and send them to The WORD. By reading them next year, others may find practical ways to use secular images to be less distracted, and to focus more on the real meaning of this Holy Season.

Christmas comes at the end of the secular calendar. It is for us more than the end of one year and the beginning of a new year, and now a new century. It is for us a call to rededicate ourselves as we make God our Lord, and call him our Savior. Rededicated to Christ, let us charge boldly into the next century. Let us not be ashamed to proclaim that Christ is Born! Glorify Him! He is our God and we are His people.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

SOURCE: antiochian.org

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE



"...George Bailey is faced with unjust criminal charges and, not knowing where to turn, ends up in a little roadside restaurant. He is unaware that most of the people in town are arduously praying for him.

In this scene, at the lowest point in George Bailey's life, Frank Capra was shooting a long shot of me slumped in despair.

In agony I raise my eyes and, following the script, plead, "God... God...dear Father in heaven, I'm not a praying man, but if you're up there and you can hear me, show me the way. I'm at the end of my rope. **Show me the way, God...**"

As I said those words, I felt the loneliness, the hopelessness of people who had nowhere to turn, and my eyes filled with tears. I broke down sobbing. This was not planned at all, but the power of that prayer, the realization that our Father in heaven is there to help the hopeless, had reduced me to tears."

— Jimmy Stewart, *Guideposts* 1977

NEW column for our newsletter!



SURROUNDED BY

A Great *Cloud. . .* of Witnesses

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [saints], let us lay aside every earthly care and ... run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith ..." (Heb. 12:1-2).

DO YOU have a favorite saint? There are so many to choose from! The Chronicle would like to invite you to share a special saint with your parish family.

Guidelines to include with your submission:

1. Name of your saint
2. Date of their feast day
3. A photo/icon of your saint
4. Share your personal reflection as to why the saint is a favorite to you.
6. Biographies are a nice way to learn about our saints, but please just highlight a few points as to why your saint is special to you.
7. If copying material, please include the source and if possible, a link.

Send your submissions to:
stgeorgechronicle@yahoo.com

*Thank
You!*

Saint Porphyrios, Feast Day: December 2

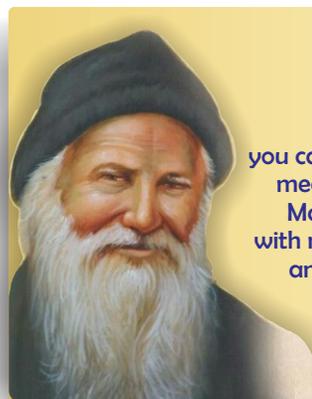
by Joanie Klein

St. Porphyrios the Kapsokalyvite (1906-1991) was an Athonite hieromonk known for his gifts of spiritual discernment. He was officially recognized as a saint by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in 2013, and his feast day is December 2nd. (*Orthodoxwiki.org*)

A few years ago, my journey back to Orthodoxy began. I didn't know it at the time, but I was truly "thirsting" for something more in my life. I remember it well. It was September, and my husband and I were preparing for our annual vacation to Estes Park. Getting away from our hectic internet business, I would usually indulge in purchasing a new book, with the sole purpose of escaping my present reality. At the computer, I mused haphazardly, "what do I feel like reading on this trip?" Typed in a few keywords in hopes of finding the latest "best seller", perhaps a love story or even a suspense thriller. You know the kind that keeps you up all night, totally ignoring your family or worse, your spouse! (Lord have mercy) God's providence is truly amazing and unbeknownst to me, my heart was ready to listen to Him. My fingers typed in the word "Orthodox" and guess who answered the call? Saint Porphyrios, and his book "**Wounded by Love.**"

The rest is history, and I could write a whole book on what a wonderful journey this has been! But, the editor has requested that we keep these short. I could be embarrassed to admit to you that on that day I didn't even know what a saint was, but I'm not. Instead, I let tears attempt to wash me clean knowing that someone like Saint Porphyrios showed me what a true love story, really is.

Saint Porphyrios is one of our new icons! He is located on the north wall, just above the chanters stand. I am grateful for His great cloud of Witnesses, especially this dear one who helped save my life.



A person can become
a saint anywhere...
At your work,
whatever it may be,
you can become a saint through
meekness, patience, and love.
Make a new start every day,
with new resolution, enthusiasm
and love, prayer and silence.
— St. Porphyrios



WE GET LETTERS . . .



Dear Father Christopher and Friends,

Christ is in our midst!

Thank you for hosting the pilgrimage for the 100th anniversary of Father Nicola's repose! What a wonderful event you offered to all of your family—both by blood and by Faith. We are deeply touched by your devotion to Father Nicola, preserving and sharing his story for current and future generations. The elegance of every event, the attention to every detail, the Faith embedded in every aspect of that weekend—we are abundantly grateful and we look forward to the next pilgrimage! May Father Nicola's memory be eternal.

In His Love and with deepest gratitude,

Father F. Stephen Walinski, Khouriya Joan Sarah Walinski, Glen Nikolai Peterson, Maria Elizabeth Walinski-Peterson

Our Baby Congratulations



To proud parents **Steve & Danielle Wolf**, and to proud grandparents **John & Theo Wolf**, proud aunt and uncle, **Sarah & Drew Fothergill**, and to uncle **James**, on the birth of **Alexandra Marie** on November 14, 2018, 8 lbs. 2 oz.



**Alexandra
Marie
Wolf**



**MANY
YEARS**



Birthdays

December 3
Jared McCracken

December 14
Chris Browne

December 20
Matthew Brailita

December 23
Gerald Rehtus

December 31
Charlie Kremer

HAPPY 
Anniversary

December 17
Tim & Tracey Shada

**GOD GRANT YOU
MANY YEARS**

Have you moved? Did we miss your birthday in 2018?

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Thanks for another great year!

*Blessed Nativity
to you all!*

from the editor
THE CHRONICLE



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Donations to **St. George Orthodox Church**, in memory of *Josephine Awtry* from Wanda, Jim, and the Bandler family; Sally and Jim Meehan; and Joe and Linda Maloley

May God bless you all for your generosity!



12 Ways to Celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas

“Welcome to that bit between Christmas and New Years when you don’t know what day it is, who you are, or what you’re supposed to be doing.” This humorous saying from the internet frequently catches my eye. As a teacher, I find this to be pretty true sometimes. Sometimes I forget how to move throughout my day-to-day life when there’s not a bell ringing every 44 minutes signaling my next move! Thankfully, I’ve realized that if you start to pay attention to the feasts and traditions of the Church, there are plenty of solutions for this seemingly unstructured time of year.

Did you know that the Twelve Days of Christmas refer to the festive period linking together the Nativity of Christ and Theophany? Yep, that means, contrary to popular American belief, Christmas doesn’t have to be boxed away on December 26th!

So, what exactly is there to do during the Twelve Days of Christmas? When the presents have been opened and tossed aside, the family meal is finished, the post-meal naps are over, and the cabin-fever sets in? Well, as Orthodox Christians, we do what we do best: celebrate! Welcome to the Twelve Days of Christmas! When the culture around us is putting Christmas back in the box after a month of feasting, we begin celebrating the Feast!

Twelve Ways to Celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas:

- 1. Attend Nativity Services:** What’s the point of fasting for 40 days, decorating the house, putting up the lights, and singing Christmas carols if we don’t make it a priority to participate in the joyous feast of the Nativity? The feast of Christmas is known as “the celebration of the world’s salvation through the Son of God who became man for our sake that, through him, we might ourselves become divine, sons of God the Father by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit in us.” Let’s fill the church with our families!
- 2. Use the Nativity Greeting:** “Christ is Born! Glorify Him!” Celebrate the feast by greeting friends and family with the Nativity greeting each day from Dec. 25 to Jan 6.
- 3. Leave the tree up:** It’s tradition to leave the Christmas tree up until January 6 (Theophany).
- 4. New Year’s Services:** Celebrate the New Year and honor St. Basil by coming to services and enjoying Vasilopita, a bread filled with a sweet surprise.
- 5. Host a Nativity party:** Since the 40 days of fasting are over, enjoy the fast-free period that lasts from Nativity until Theophany! Go ahead and enjoy a hummus-free and dairy-filled Nativity feast.
- 6. Make Spiritual Resolutions:** In addition to the traditional New Year’s Resolutions, try adding in a few spiritual resolutions. Need ideas? Learn about a new saint, add an additional prayer to your prayer rule, make confession a priority, invite a friend to church, revisit your tithe amount, attend more weekday services, etc.
- 7. Give Thanks:** This time period is a wonderful time to reflect upon our blessings, and offer gratitude back to God for all He given us. Did you celebrate Christmas in a warm house, with family, friends, and more than enough food and presents? Glory to God!

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“Pure is the present night, in which the Pure One appeared, Who came to purify us! Let our hearing be pure, and the sight of our eyes chaste, and the feeling of the heart holy, and the speech of the mouth sincere!

The present night is the night of reconciliation; therefore, let no one be wrath against his brother and offend him!

This night gave peace to the whole world, and so, let no one threaten. This is the night of the Most Meek One; let no one be cruel!

This is the night of the Humble One; let no one be proud!

Now is the day of joy; let us not take revenge for offences! Now is the day of good will; let us not be harsh. On this day of tranquility, let us not become agitated by anger!

Today God came unto sinners; let not the righteous exalt himself over sinners!

Today the Most Rich One became poor for our sake; let the rich man invite the poor to his table!

Today we received a gift which we did not ask for; let us bestow alms to those who cry out to us and beg!

The present day has opened the door of heaven to our prayers; let us also open our door to those who ask of us forgiveness!

Today the Godhead placed upon Himself the seal of humanity, and humanity has been adorned with the seal of the Godhead!”

--by Saint Ephraim the Syrian



SOURCE: antiochian.org

MINISTRY UPDATES



UPDATE: Terah Maloley Shower was canceled, due to bad weather. You can bring your gifts/cards to church on Sunday, Dec. 9th, and the family will see that she gets them. thank you!

We have moved our elections to our January 6 meeting - so please let Ashley know who is ready to run for a one year office of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Annual dues of \$25.00 can be paid at the January meeting also.

Thank you to Kim Rehtus for volunteering to organize our 8th Annual Baklava fund-raiser again! Order and money deadline is Monday, Dec. 3rd. Please plan to help with the Baklava preparation and assembling coming up the first week of December. Sign up sheets are available downstairs. Look forward to seeing you at the Baklava assembly!

Women's BOOK STUDY



Join us if you can, we meet every other week, on Mondays, for an hour at 4:15 pm. Our December dates will be the 3rd and the 17th, location TBA.

MITTEN TREE

St. George will have our annual Mitten Tree again this year. Please consider purchasing items to be donated to the **Kearney Head Start** organization provides basic essentials for **families in need**. This year, in addition to **hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves**, they are requesting the following items: size 3T and 4T pants for boys and girls, **size 3T, 4T and 5T brief cut underwear for boys and girls** as well as 5T coats and sweat pants.

Thank you!



SCRAPBOOK



The Wolf Family grew by "two feet"



Welcome to the world, baby Alexandra!

Annual St. George **YOU'RE INVITED**



Sunday, Dec. 16

Our annual **St. George Talent Show** will be in the church basement, after coffee hour. This is open to talent of **ALL AGES** and a sign-up sheet will be located on a table downstairs. Please limit one individual performance and one group performance per person. If you haven't participated in the past, please consider joining in on the fun. If you have questions, please see John Morris or Amanda Denny. Hope to see you there!

MIDWEST ORTHODOX WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018

Reflections from the ladies of St. George . . .

In November, I was blessed to have the opportunity to attend my first Midwest Orthodox Women's Retreat. When I learned that Fr. Josiah Trenham was the scheduled speaker, I knew this retreat could not be missed, and I could hardly wait!

Seven of us loaded up into Kh. Anastasia's van and we headed for Topeka, Kansas! Beautiful sunshine, a little windy but blue skies all the way (coming back was a different story!). I wish you could have seen us. Big smiles, nervous giggles and genuine sisterly friendship that is truly a gift from God.

We arrived just in time to check-in and join the others for dinner. What a joy to have a lenten meal prepared for us AND we didn't have to clean up! We were greeted warmly by our hosts, and enjoyed more smiles and laughter as they invited us to participate in an "ice breaker" as a way to get to meet each other. Though it was my first retreat, a few faces were familiar as they had just attended our pilgrimage for Fr. Nicola. We were blessed to receive so many wonderful praises of how much they enjoyed the pilgrimage. We were also blessed to meet up with our dear friend, Linda Maloley.

The moment finally arrived. Fr. Josiah was introduced and graced us with his smile, a warm heart and his words. Those words. What a gift. I wish you could have seen him. The energy in the room changed instantly! Only a few minutes into his introduction, and I knew this retreat was going to be an unbelievable ride. I was captivated as he started to unpack for us, the marvelous works of our conscience, and it's importance to having a spiritually healthy soul and mind. After each session he allowed us plenty of time to ask questions. What a blessing this was! I witnessed such love and compassion for friends, family members, and spouses. Through their questions, I realized how much we were alike. Women of all ages, coming together with a common desire to grow in love, patience, and how to extend mercy to those around us.

At the conclusion on Saturday afternoon, we were wiped out. Totally spent. We said our goodbyes, snapped a few precious photos and promised to each other, God willing, we would return. I think most of us were dreading the drive home because of the overall fatigue that settled in, but our loving God took care of that! We stepped outside to a blustery, full blown blizzard. Nothing like icy cold to wake us up and bring us to our senses!

All eyes were on the road. We secretly offered prayers, begging for safe arrivals home. I'll spare you the details. But after several long hours, moving at a snail's pace, we arrived Lincoln and stopped to have a meal together. As if the blizzard wasn't enough, He made sure we knew of His presence. This time He came to us in the sweet gift of laughter. Kinda like those redneck jokes, "you must be from Nebraska, if you've ever hit a speed bump and . . . didn't know it was there" (covered in snow). Laughter erupted. Really loud laughter! It spread like wildfire, inside our vehicle. I wish you could have heard us – the kind of laughter that comes from "bottled up, nervous tension" and He just begged us **to let it all go**. And boy did we! Glory to God for All things! – Joanie 



The retreat is an excellent opportunity to deepen our friendships at St. George itself, and to make more connections in the diocese at large. Every year I am welcomed warmly by friends from around the diocese, no matter how long it has been since the last retreat I attended. But the greater benefit from the retreat is hearing the wisdom of new speakers each year. It is good to dig into a particular topic so intensely. The fervor that each speaker brings to his topic spreads to all of us who listen and brings new insight and encouragement to our own spiritual struggles.

I am very thankful to the Ladies Society for their support to help all of us attend. – Kh. Anastasia 



Having attended the Ladies Retreat for a number of years, I have come to depend on it as a kind of springboard for the Advent fast. Taking a few hours away from my daily routine to connect with other Orthodox women of all ages, learn from those experienced in the faith, and focus on what is most needful helps inspire and energize me for the challenges of the days ahead. Plus, it's a refresher for my rusty Kansas-geography! I would encourage all women to make an effort to attend at least once and see what benefits you experience. – Kim 

I always feel like the Women's Retreat is a two-for-one experience! The road trip to and from the retreat is a wonderful time spent with the other ladies from St. George. This year's retreat explored the conscience, and I learned how important it is to dedicate time at the end of the day in silence listening to my conscience. If we judge ourselves now and hold ourselves accountable, we will not be judged later. If we can pray without a guilty conscience, we can be assured our prayer is pleasing to God and whatever we ask for in prayer will be obtained. – Sarah 

These lectures are available at patristicnectar.org entitled: The Voice in My Head: Reflections on the Conscience, Fr. Josiah Trenham.
https://patristicnectar.org/bookstore_170111_1.html

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me . . .

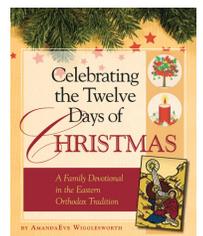
Celebrating the 12 days of Christmas

After forty days of fasting and preparing for Christmas, we now begin the season of feasting. We begin celebrating on Christmas Day, and for twelve more days until the Feast of Theophany. It was believed during the religious wars, in sixteenth-century England, this song was used in order to teach children their Christian faith in a secretive way. Each of the 12 days reminds us of God and His many gifts around us.

Date	Who we Honor	Words we Sing	Symbol	What it represents
Dec. 26	Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos	On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	A Partridge in a Pear Tree	"true love" is God, Partridge is Christ, and the tree of life
Dec. 27	St. Stephen The Protomartyr	On second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Two Turtle Doves	Two reminds us Christ is both God and man. And the two covenants: Old and New Testament
Dec. 28	The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia	On third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Three French Hens	The number 3 reminds us of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
Dec. 29	The Holy Innocents (slaughtered by King Herod)	On fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Four Calling Birds	The number 4 represents the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
Dec. 30	The Virgin-Martyr Anysia	On fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Five Golden Rings	The number 5 reminds us of the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy
Dec. 31	St. Melania of Rome	On sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Six Geese a-laying	The number 6 reminds us of the six days of creation
Jan. 1	Circumcision of Christ St. Basil and his mother St. Emilia	On seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Seven Swans a-swimming	The number 7 reminds us of the seventh day of creation, when God rested. 7 is considered to be a number of wholeness and perfection, and the number of God
Jan. 2	St. Seraphim of Sarov	On eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Eight maids a-milking	The number 8 reminds us of the 8 people saved in the ark AND the Beatitudes
Jan. 3	The Prophet Malachi (Last Old Testament Prophet)	On ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Nine ladies dancing	The number 9 reminds us that Christ died the ninth hour (3:00 pm) and the nine fruits of the holy spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22)
Jan. 4	The Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles and St. Mark (first apostle to write a Gospel) and St. Luke (apostle to paint first icon of Theotokos)	On tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Ten lords a-leaping	The number 10 reminds us of the Ten Commandments
Jan. 5	The Eve of Theophany (Strict Fast Day-Blessing of the Waters at Vespers)	On eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Eleven pipers piping	The number 11 reminds us of the eleven faithful disciples of the Lord
Jan. 6	The Theophany or Epiphany of our Lord	On twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	Twelve drummers drumming	The number 12 reminds us of the twelve apostles, and twelve great feasts of the church calendar year



For more fun facts, and craft ideas, on how you and your family can celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, look for this family devotional book, published by Conciliar Press and available on Ancient Faith. [Family Devotional Book](#)



by Amanda Eve Wigglesworth

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8. Participating in Almsgiving: It's easy to get caught up in the spirit of materialism during the holidays. But toys and new gadgets only give us a temporary feeling of satisfaction. The joy of sacrificial giving is long-lasting! Donate some household items, prepare a meal for the homeless, donate to a monastery or charity, find ways for your family to give to those in need, etc.

9. Choose a theme for celebrating the 12 days: Research 12 new saints, write 12 thank-you notes, go to coffee with 12 friends, memorize 12 bible verses, donate 12 items to a local charity, etc. Try a new theme every year!

10. Keep Singing: "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!" Christmas carols are a fun and joyful way to celebrate the Nativity. Go caroling or sing at home with family...yes, even into January!



11. Pay it Forward: If you were given presents, a warm meal, or another gift that made you feel loved and valued, pay it forward to someone else. Try an anonymous random act of kindness! Pay for a stranger's drink, leave money at the laundromat, give a gift card to someone in the grocery store check-out line, etc. Spread some kindness and cheer to those around you!

12. Celebrate Theophany: The Feast of Theophany on January 6th is the culmination of the Twelve Days of Christmas. This Great Feast commemorates Christ's baptism by John the Forerunner in the River Jordan, and the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry. The Great Blessing of Water is performed on this day, and the holy water is blessed and is used to bless the homes of the faithful.

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OUR FASTING DISCIPLINE DURING DECEMBER

The Nativity Fast began on Wednesday, November 15th and continues through Sunday, December 24th. This Fast is divided into two periods: The first is **November 15th through December 19th** when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with katalysis for wine and olive oil (some also permit fish) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine, and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays.

The second is the period of the Forefeast, **December 20th through 24th**, when the traditional fasting discipline is observed Monday through Friday, with katalysis for wine and olive oil on Saturday and Sunday.



Eat Less, Talk Less, Pray More, & Give More

ST. GEORGE

Year-to-date for 2018

\$ FINANCIAL REPORT

As of **NOV. 26** ... We have received \$69,916 of the \$91,410 we have budgeted for pledges.

As of **NOV. 26** ... We have received \$20,634 of the \$20,000 we have budgeted for trays and candles.

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



*Ladies Society 8th Annual
Holiday Gift Giving*

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order deadline:
Mon. Dec. 3rd



PICK-UP ORDERS
Sat. Dec. 15th
9:00-10:00 A.M.

Our Sympathy

To the Maloley families (Nimir, John, Joe, Victoria Salem, and Wanda Maloley) on the loss of their sister-in-law **Lorraine M. Maloley**, on November 25, 2018



MAY HER
MEMORY
BE
ETERNAL

Our Sympathy

TO THE FAMILY OF:

Wanda Maloley, of Scottsbluff, on the loss of her daughter, **Josephine E. Awtry**, on November 13, 2018. Her loss extends to our St. George Maloley families (Nimir, John, Joe, and Victoria Salem).



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