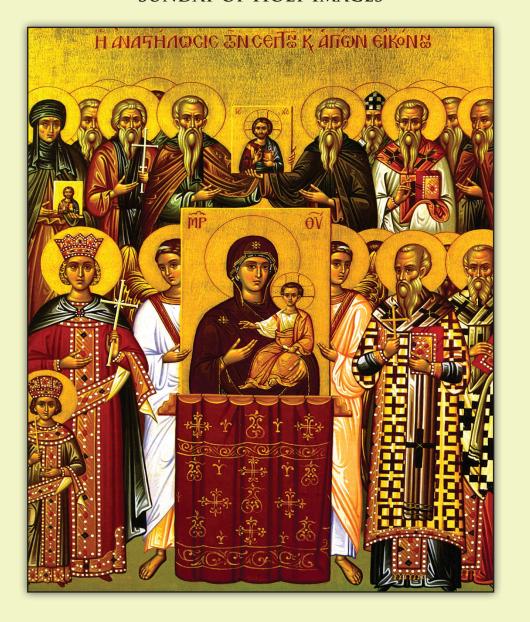
On the Holy Images

In former times God, who is without form or body, could never be depicted. But now when God is seen in the flesh conversing with men, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake, who willed to take His abode in matter; who worked out my salvation through matter. Never will I cease honoring the matter which wrought my salvation! I honor it, but not as God. How could God be born out of things which have no existence in themselves? God's body is God because it is joined to His person by a union which shall never pass away. The divine nature remains the same; the flesh created in time is quickened by a reason endowed soul. Because of this I salute all remaining matter with reverence, because God has filled it with His grace and power. Through it my salvation has come to me. Was not the thrice-happy and thrice blessed wood of the Cross matter? What of the life bearing rock, the holy and life-giving tomb, the fountain of our resurrection, was it not matter? Is not the ink in the most holy Gospel-book matter? Is not the life-giving altar made of matter? From it we receive the bread of life! Are not gold and silver matter? From them we make crosses, patens, chalices! And over and above all these things, is not the Body and Blood of our Lord matter? Either do away with the honor and veneration these things deserve, or accept the tradition of the Church and the veneration of images.

St. John of Damascus

For more information on Eastern spirituality, visit www.ecpubs.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF HOLY IMAGES



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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:00 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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February 26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent – Orthodoxy Sunday

This Sunday: Epistle Hebrews11:24-26 Gospel John 1:43-51 Next Sunday: Epistle Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3 Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday 2/26 Parastas:+Popa and Alecusan Family by Denny and Carol

Popa

Monday 2/27 No Liturgy Tuesday 2/28 No Liturgy

Wednesday 3/1 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday 3/2 No Liturgy

Friday 3/3 12:00pm Presanctified Liturgy Saturday 3/4 9:00am: Liturgy of the Dead

Sunday 3/5 10:00am Divine Liturgy: 2nd Sunday of Lent – Gregory

Palamas

Church Bulletin donated in February by Mircea Cristea in loving memory of parents, +Metodia and +Mary Cristea along with +John and +Stella Lazar.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner.

All are invited to coffee hour in the Large Hall donated by Denny and Carol Popa in loving memory of the Popa and Alecusan Family. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: February 19, 2023

Sunday envelopes	\$912.00		
+Gerald Donahue by Emil Alecusan	\$25.00		
Virginia Rogers in celebration of 91st birthday	\$91.00		
Candles	\$73.00		
Total	\$1,101.00		

Memorial Donation

+Gheorghe Marginean by Neculae and Marcela Greavu \$20.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
In loving memory of daughter +Trisha Schock	Del and Sandy
In memory of loved ones	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
Deacon Michael Schultz	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
H/S Erin Caley	Dave and Debbie Murari
+Frank and +Mary Getz	Dave and Debbie Murari
H/S Lil Lupsor - Happy Birthday!	Dave and Debbie Murari
+Gerald Donahue and All Family Members	Chuck Roska Family
H/S Donahue-Roska Family, Aunt Alice Loop,	Chuck Roska Family
Sheila Diotale, Mary Cornea, Liviu and	
Georgeta Barcutian	
Special Intention	Mihai and Elena Florea
In memory of loved ones	Mihai and Elena Florea
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea

+Margaret Rowles Walsh Family
+Craig McElroy Walsh Family
Safe travels for Bishop, Fr. Iuliu and Deacon Walsh Family
Viorel

+John Dragos, husband Suzie Dragos +Gerald Donahue Suzie Dragos H/S all Family Suzie Dragos

+Parents and Family

+Gerald Donahue

+Frank and +Mary Getz

Danny and Cyndi Ardelean

Danny and Cyndi Ardelean

Danny and Cyndi Ardelean

+Mihalteanu and Saru Family

H/S Georgeta and Liviu Barcutian

Special Intention: Mihalteanu Family

Ileana and Romulus Mihalteanu

Ileana and Romulus Mihalteanu

+Frank Getz Lisa Getz-Cammel +Mary Getz Lisa Getz-Cammel

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Special Announcement:

Prayer requests: Tiffany McCormmick, Mary Franchini, Joe Oprean, Vicky Dash (Doug Babb's sister), Tim Shocksnider, Timothy John, Troy Kilpatrick, Sadie Dexter, Neil Weakland, Edward Sutek, Lanette Fliger, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Suzie Dragos, Bob and Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Always in our prayers: Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian(6573 Walnut Crt;

Hudson, OH 44236), Mary Cornea (Cleveland), Esther Dershaw (Sprenger Health Care Rose Lane Nursing and Rehabilitation), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Sr. Agnes Scalero (St. Joseph Center), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida)

Altar Candelabrum for February 2023 is donated by Denny and Carol Popa in memory of +George Alecusan, 20 years and +Eugene Popa, 1 year.

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for February 2023 is donated **by Mircea Cristea**.

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for February 2023 is donated **by Mitch and Sue Barnes in memory of Beverly Barnes**.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for February 2023 is donated by Dr. and Mrs. Romeo Craciun for the health and salvation of Georgeta Barcutian.

<u>Prescura for 2023:</u> Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ana Heim, Grete Heatherly, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements:

Operation Rice Bowl: FIRST WEEK OF LENT

A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN - During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Most Holy Trinity Church in Chesterland, Ohio (Fr. George Wendt) rectory is in need of the following items: queen mattress set, queen mattress pad, queen blanket, vacuum, Swiffer for wood floors, canisters, spices, kitchen timer, wine opener, area rug for bedroom, step stool, desk, desk chair, bookcase, den clock. If you can help, please contact P-sa. Patricia Wendt at 740-856-9134. Thank you for your kind consideration!

There are a set of three books for parents that came into the office: **Connected, Confident and Equipped.** They are resources to help parents raise holy children. See Ann in the office if you would like them.

Have you or your relationship ever been hurt by pornography? There are a few resources to help with it: https://www.covenanteyes.com/.

Let Ann know if you would be interested in participating **an adult** religious education class led by Fr. Ovi, along with best day and time.

Parish events:

Homecoming Prep Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 5:00pm in the small hall.

At Fish Fries, we will serve take-out and sit down on Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Invite everyone! See the Atrium door for the list to see how you can help! Fliers are on the Nathex table to share.

Romanasul Dancers will practice the Sundays of February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 16. Contact Kathy Walsh for details.

The **Ladies Auxiliary** are selling **lilies** to decorate the church for Easter. The cost is \$11. Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Please put your name and intention on the envelope. Put your envelope in the offering basket behind the last pew in the church. Thank you for your support.

Word of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ©

Pastor George and his wife, Sally brought their new bundle of joy home to the parsonage. Days went by with Sally watching every move baby Georgie made while George Sr. busied himself with heavy global and theological thoughts. Naturally the care began to take its toll on Sally, causing her husband to gallantly announce:

George: "I know you are having a lot of trouble with Georgie, dear, but keep in mind, 'the hand that rocks the cradle is the hands that rules the world." Sally: "How about taking over the world for a few hours while I go shopping?"

Wisdom of the Saints by Matthew Kelly

We must show love for those who do evil to us and pray for them. Nothing is dearer or more pleasing to God than this. *St. Bridget of Sweden*

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!!

Anthony Wolters – February 26th
Jack Wolters – February 27th
Aurelia Lupsor – February 29th

Advertising Opportunity – business card size:

outside businesses - \$50 per month or \$450 per year cathedral businesses - \$20 per month or \$150 per year This is a good opportunity to know the talent in our parish and to grow your business!





Kate Sima: kate@brightwisecandles.com



Brightwise Candles



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