

Triumph of the True Faith

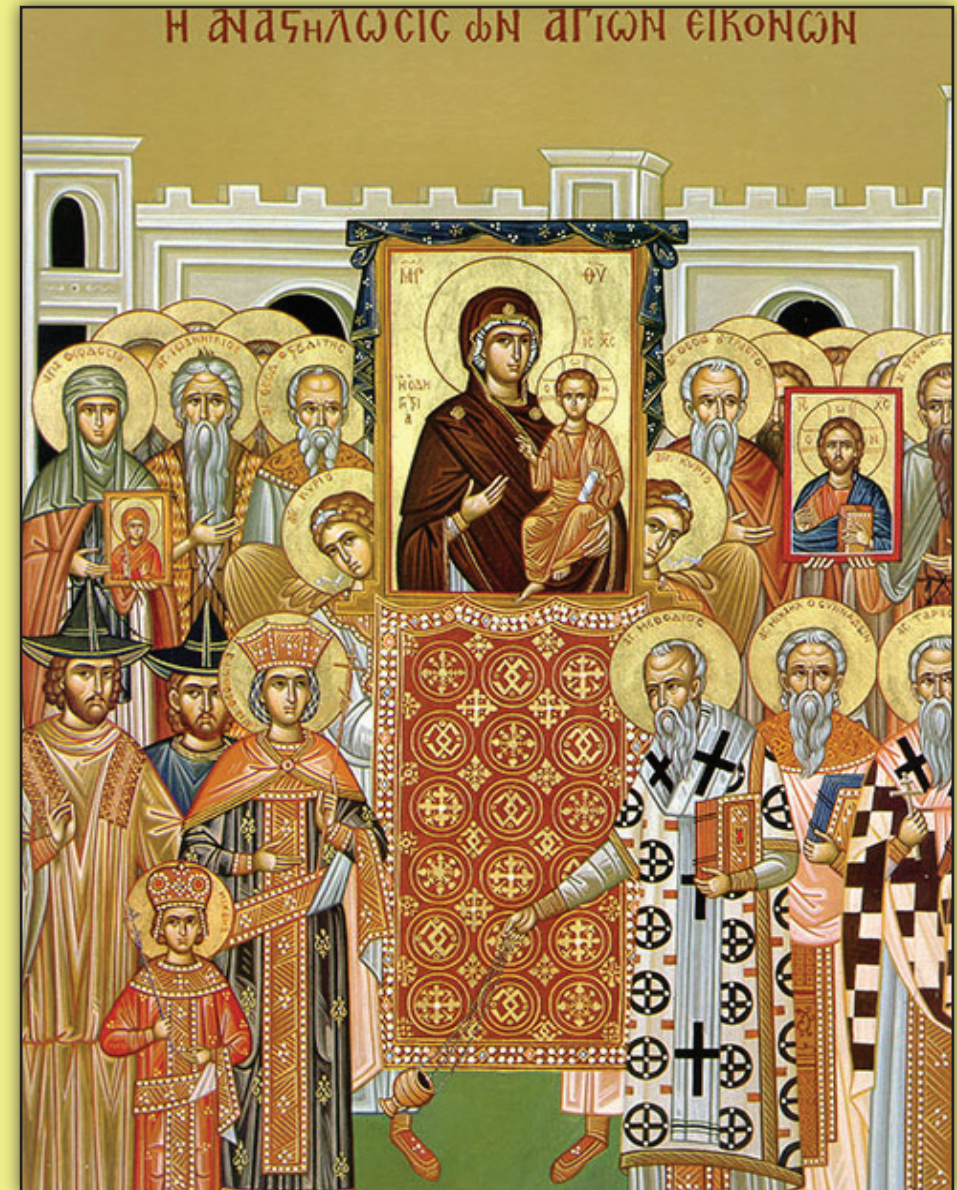
In one of the old churches of Istanbul, Turkey (formerly Constantinople), the local people had the habit of coming in and bowing to the back wall of the spacious church. No one knew why people did this, since the sanctuary was at the other end of the church. When the old church was renovated it was discovered that concealed beneath the centuries-old layers of drab plaster and paint was a beautiful icon of the Mother of God. Further investigation into the matter confirmed that the people had a local custom of revering the sacred icon - even after it had been covered over with plaster by the non-Christian people who had custody of the church for many years.

Perhaps it is that the radiance of the Holy Images of Christ, His Blessed Mother and all

the saints cannot lay concealed even under layers of plaster and centuries of persecution! On this day the Church celebrates the restoration of icons (first instituted in 842 AD) and the end of the Iconoclastic Heresy which raged for many years in the early church.

Once blessed, an icon becomes a sacred object and a meeting place between God and man. Each icon is a "window into Heaven" and a reflection of the radiant light that emanates from God. Therefore, when we pray before an icon of Christ it is as though we are standing before the Lord Himself. The same can be said of the holy images of all the saints. Let us remember, too, that we are also living icons of Christ and our light must shine upon others!

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF HOLY IMAGES



Icon of the Commemoration of the Restoration of Holy Images

ST. GEORGE ROMANIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

EPARCHY OF ST. GEORGE IN CANTON

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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March 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent – Orthodoxy Sunday

This Sunday: Epistle Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Gospel John 1:43-51

Next Sunday: Epistle Hebrews 1:10-14, 2:1-3

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

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| Monday 3/7 | No Liturgy |
| Tuesday 3/8 | No Liturgy |
| Wednesday 3/9 | 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy |
| Thursday 3/10 | No Liturgy |
| Friday 3/11 | 12:00pm Presanctified Liturgy |
| Saturday 3/12 | 9:00am Divine Liturgy – Saturday of the Dead |
| Sunday 3/13 | 10:00am Divine Liturgy – Sunday of Gregory Palamas |

Church Bulletin donated in March 2022 by Amparo Adkins.

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.

Coffee hour is provided by Mircea Cristea in loving memory of parents, +Metodia and +Mary Cristea and Family. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: February 27, 2022

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| Sunday envelopes | \$1,918.00 |
| +John Dragos by Aurel and Angie Bosca | \$20.00 |
| Candles | <u>\$94.00</u> |
| Total | \$2,032.00 |

Online Donations: <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/donate> \$00.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

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| In memory of all Zagan Family Members | The Zagan Family |
| +All family members and angel +Trisha | Del and Sandy |
| H/S All family members | Del and Sandy |
| +Theresa Orlando | Tony Orlando |
| +Parents and Family | Danny and Cyndi Ardelean |
| H/S Amparo Adkins | Danny and Cyndi Ardelean |
| Special Intention: Ukraine, Romania, Moldova | Danny and Cyndi Ardelean |
| Happy birthday, Cyndi! | Danny Ardelean |
| +Eugene Popa | Danny and Cyndi Ardelean |
| H/S Cindy Ardelean | Ana and William Galida |
| Special Intention | Jaime Parker |
| +John, husband | Suzie Dragos |
| +Deceased Family | Suzie Dragos |
| H/S All Family | Suzie Dragos |
| H/S Johnny Lazar | Suzie Dragos |

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| +Parents, All Family Members and Eugene Popa | Chuck Roska Family |
| H/S Jerry Donahue, Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale, Irene Pontones, Amparo Adkins and Popa Family | Chuck Roska Family |
| H/S Andrea Nicole | Maria Marcu |
| H/S Betty Chotlos | Mircea Cristea |
| +Metodia and +Mary Cristea | Mircea Cristea |
| +John and +Stella Lazar | Mircea Cristea |
| +John Dragos | Mircea Cristea |
| +George Alecusan (19 years) | Denny and Carol Popa and Family |
| +Eugene Popa | Denny and Carol Popa and Family |
| Prayers for the Ukrainian People | Tim and Deb Reichel |
| +Hugo Ramirez, cousin and Theresa Orlando | Amparo Adkins |
| H/S Every parishioner, priest and me | Amparo Adkins |
| To be able to sell my house soon | Amparo Adkins |
| Special Intention: Aurelia Lupsor | Mark Botean |
| +Eugene Popa | Mark Botean |

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Kristin Roska and Baby Gage, Amy Crown, Suzie Dragos, Maria Marcu, Amparo Adkins, Lance Downey, Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Sick and/or homebound: Mary Cornea (Home), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville), Doris Rotar (home in Florida) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for March 2022 is donated by **Most Rev. John Michael Botean and Mark Botean in loving memory of mother, +Amelia.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for March 2022 is donated by **Mircea Cristea in loving memory of +John and +Stella Lazar.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for March 2022 is donated by **the Sons and Daughters of +Mary Marku in memory of her birthday.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for March 2022 is donated by **Carol and Denny Popa and Family in loving memory of +Ana Popa, mother and grandmother.**

Prescura for 2022: Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements

“For a synodal Church (journeying together)”. Please pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit for us to understand what He wants for us as individuals and a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. Prayer cards are on the table in the narthex. Talk with someone in the Chancery if you would like to be part of this important celebration in the Church. Look on the inside cover of the back of the calendar for more information.

Keep the **Roska Family** in your support and prayers. **Kristin's** water broke at 24 weeks of pregnancy with **Baby Gage**. The plan right now is to keep her hospitalized and pregnant for 10 more weeks.

+Eugene Popa passed away on February 26 at 97 years of age. His funeral was held on March 5. God rest his soul in peace! Please keep the Popa family in your prayers as they mourn his loss.

THE PILLARS OF LENT -As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

In the letter that we received from Cardinal Lucian Muresan, we are called to pray and fast for peace in the **Ukraine**. We have been asked to take up a **special collection** for the people in Ukraine on March 13. Put your donation in a green envelope from the narthex table and mark "Ukraine" with your name. Your generosity will help the people experiencing hardship in this country torn by war.

The next **Saturday of the Deceased Liturgy** will be on March 12 at 9am. Please see the envelope on the Narthex table to update your list of loved ones who have passed away. You are welcome to come pray for your deceased loved ones.

Parish events:

Fr. Ovi will do an **educational time about the Church**. The next one will be on Monday, March 7 from 6:30pm to 7:15pm with the topic: Presanctified Liturgy. Plan to attend!

Curbside Fish Fry will be hosted at St. George Cathedral on Friday, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. You can order and prepay online at <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/> or call the office at 330-492-8413. For guaranteed food, place your order by noon on Friday. Parishioners

are encouraged to order and pay through Ann in the office to save online fees. Thank you for your consideration!

Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling **Lilies** to decorate the church. The cost is \$10. Envelopes are available on the narthex table. Return your envelope to Kathy Walsh. Thank you!

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

After graphically telling the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was brutally beaten, robbed, and left for dead, Mrs. Martin asked her Sunday school class, "If you saw a person lying beside the road all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful Maggie broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

Do Something Beautiful for God by Mother Theresa

God is joy. Joy is prayer. Joy is a sign of generosity. When you are full of joy, you move faster and you want to go about doing good to everyone. Joy is a sign of union with God - of God's presence.

Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!!*

Jeff Bikis – March 9th
Jaime Parker - March 11th

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For a synodal Church
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| | Philip Wynn's Hieromartyrs of | Holy Father | Jeff Bikis' birthday 40 Martyrs of Abstinence | Codratus and his | Jaime Lynn Parker Abstinence Ven. Father | Ven. Theophan the | 2nd Sunday in Lent - Translation of the Daylight Saving Time |
| 9am | | | | | | Divine Liturgy: Saturday of the Dead 9am - 10am | |
| 10am | | | Walsh women committee meeting Cathedral Small Hall 9:30am - 12:30pm | | | | Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am |
| 11am | | | | | | | Parastas: Muntean and Grindean |
| 12pm | | | | | Presanctified Liturgy 12pm - 1pm | | Coffee: St. George Cathedral |
| 1pm | | | | | | | |
| 2pm | | | | | | | |
| 3pm | | | | | | | |
| 4pm | | | | | | | |
| 5pm | | | | | Fish Fry Large hall 4:30pm - 6:30pm | | |
| 6pm | | | | | | | |
| 7pm | Church Education led by Fr. Ovi 6:30pm - 7:15pm | | Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm - 7:30pm | | | | |

Stewardship

In the Gospel reading from Matthew wherein Jesus was preaching to 5,000 people and dusk was starting to set in, supper was long overdue, stomachs were starting to growl, and all there was to eat were two fish and five loaves of bread. The disciples were aware of the predicament. They said to Jesus, in effect, “This is a sticky situation, and we can’t do anything about it anyway. Let’s take what we have gathered and go away and eat!”

By nature there is some of that mentality in all of us. Whenever God places us in a situation that challenges us to use our time and talent, and to invest some of ourselves in finding a solution to someone’s problem or need, our first response is to remove ourselves from the problem.

Matthew, the one who wrote the account of the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, was an eyewitness to the event. Can you imagine the joyful satisfaction ... the uplift in faith Matthew

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experienced when he was able to write, “But everyone ate, and there was more than enough. They gathered twelve baskets full of leftovers!”

Do you think there could be any symbolic significance to the fact that there were twelve baskets full? One for each disciple? Enough to satisfy their needs for days to come? And all because they

trusted God and had the joy and satisfaction that comes with being a partner with Jesus? A partner in his ministry of love and service.

For that matter, some of the most tired,



worn out at times, almost burnt out disciples at every church have become that way because they have a difficult time saying “no” when our Lord calls them to join hands with him in using their time and talent to serve their church. Tired? Yes! Weary? Yes! But then, you should be let in on a little secret: You should see their “baskets”! 

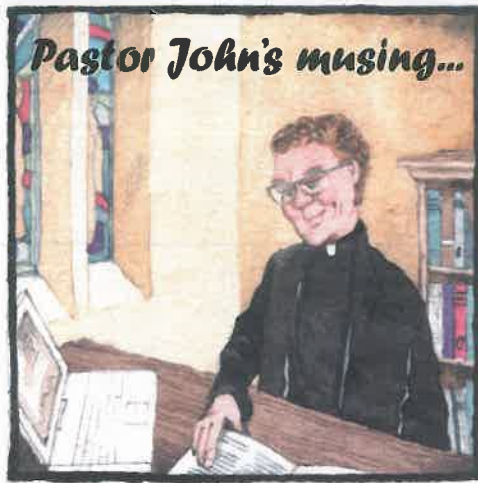


Invite others to work with you. A text from the Letter to the Hebrews is always relevant: “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, ... but encouraging one another.”

Hebrews 10:24



Pastor John's musing...



*“You shall open your hands wide to your brother, and to your needy in the land.” (Deut. 15:11)
In addition to faith, add brotherly kindness, love, self-control, knowledge and goodness to create a recipe for stewardship.*

There are many cases listed in the Bible where giving is discussed. We need to be able to talk spiritually about giving. Jesus watched at the treasury to see how people gave. He wasn't checking amounts; he was studying people.

A woman broke an alabaster box of ointment and poured it on Christ. Christ commended the deed to others present. He said this gift would be forever a memorial to her (Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9).

When Cain and Abel brought of-



“That isn't the kind of pledge I'm interested in, Mr. Fleming, and you know it!”

ferings, their gifts were approved, disapproved, and recorded for us (Genesis 4:1-5).

When Israelites gave for the tabernacle, their gifts were noted (Exodus 35:4-29).

Exactly what the woman gave to Elijah is recounted for us (1 Kings 17:8-16).

Scripture mentions approvingly Asa's gifts to the house of the Lord (1 Kings 15:14-15).

Giving was public under David (1 Chronicles 22, 28, 29).


They set Joash's chest outside the gate of the house of the Lord. People dropped money into it there. Nothing secret about that (2 Chronicles 24:8-10)!

The early Christians “brought ... and laid ... at the apostles' feet” (Acts 4:34-35). Nothing private about that either. Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead for hypocrisy, not for giving in public (Acts 4:34 - 5:11).

Paul certainly wasn't secretive about his collection for the saints at Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8, 9; 1 Corinthians 16:1, 21). Nor did he keep still about what the Philippians gave to him (Phillipians 4).

We believe the matter boils down to motive in giving. Is it for show or for witness?

Our giving needs to reflect that God keeps on giving to us. “Give as you have been given.” Our love for the Lord should make our giving joyful. God is never outdone in generosity.

Our stewardship is tested by our sharing the blessing God gives us. 

The Good Steward

A family counselor's favorite bit of advice is, "Love is a four letter word spelled T-I-M-E." She maintains that the best way to prove your love for anyone is to spend time with them ... and for them.

The greatest of all commandments is this: "Love the Lord your God." That too involves our time.

God loved us first, the Bible records. It is good for us to remember that God proved his love by giving us his time ... time to share our sorrows, time to teach, time to pay the supreme sacrifice, time for everything we needed. As always, God gave in generous measure.

How sad then, for us to give so little time in return. We, of course, are the

losers! Someone has quipped: "We are now stuck with a sixty minute God."

It would be another matter if we didn't much need God's company, or if this world of ours didn't require more loving acts of Christian service. Everywhere empty hearts and broken lives beg silently for some help. The sixty minute God can hardly begin to deal with all these problems, but the real God can do it.

Spend some time where it counts. Spend some time in God's presence to have your own empty heart filled, and spend some time in God's service filling the needs of people. ☩



Steward of the Month

The Good Neighbor

Submitted by: Jennifer, Palm Desert, CA

We had just moved into our new home in California after living in Maine all of our lives. My husband has an amazing new job here, and the schools are excellent for our three children. Although the desert creates breathtaking, picturesque sunsets, and the weather is always beautiful, our new house wasn't really "home" to me yet. My husband Peter suggested that I join a women's group through our new church. I wasn't really interested because at worship, I seemed to be the youngest person there by many years. I found myself wondering how I would ever make friends again.

One afternoon I noticed my neighbor, Henrietta, picking the oranges off of the tree in my front yard. I went outside to introduce myself. After a few minutes Henrietta and I went into her house for some coffee. She sat with me and listened to me explain how homesick I was for Maine.

Very gently she put it in her own words that I'm like a kid in a new school; all I needed was to make one good friend, and everything else would fall into place. I went with Henrietta to worship on Saturday, it was a contemporary service with guitars, and drums, and singers, nothing like I had ever seen before. I looked around,

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"Steward of the Month" is an exciting way to recognize exemplary stewards. If you are aware of someone who has exemplified Christian stewardship, please tell us about it at stewardofthemonth.com. Once a month, one submission will be chosen to be published in *Stewardship*. In addition, if your story is chosen, \$100 will be given to the church or organization of your choice.

"Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have."

1 Timothy 6:18

May Timothy's letter move us to better see how we are using all that the Lord has entrusted to us; our income, our talents. This sense of stewardship will help us grow in faith and concern one for another.



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and it was all families our age. The kids made lots of friends during the fellowship hour; the pastor introduced himself when he saw Peter and me with Henrietta. “More sheep for the flock?” he said to Henrietta “You are a one woman welcoming committee! It turns out our neighbor seeks out the new families in our congregation and introduces them to people in our church community ... she is a recruiter for God! ☩



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