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His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Nativity 2021

From the heights our Savior, Christ, the Dayspring of the East, is come to visit us. And behold! we, who once were in the shadow and the dark, have now found the truth. For from a holy Virgin, the Lord hath been born today.

—The Exaposteilarion of the Nativity of Christ

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Even today, the light of Christ comes to warm and brighten a world haunted by spiritual shadow and darkness. His birth is celebrated each year as a joyful reminder that God has not abandoned us. In the person of His Son, He visited us in our wounded human condition, and He visits us still. Like a spiritual Sun, He rises each day to enlighten our minds, warm our hearts, and energize our spirits. As we glorify His descent into our midst, may each of us find healing, guidance, and help, in the bright rays of His love.

With prayers and best wishes for a most joyous feast, I remain,

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a large, stylized cross symbol.

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

Don't Forget!

St George Orthodox Cathedral 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

to be held Sunday, February 6, 2022
following Liturgy

STEWARDSHIP

2021 PLEDGE STATUS

So far, 120 pledge cards for 2022 have been turned in for a total amount of \$479,715. The total pledges for 2021 received at this time last year were 123 in the amount of \$485,326. Please complete your 2021 pledges. If you need a pledge card, contact the office or pick up one at the bengarri. Thank you

2022 PLEDGE PAYMENTS

If you would like the convenience of not writing checks, you may have your pledge payments automatically withdrawn from your account on the 15th of each month. Contact Doren Rhoades in the office for more details.

MABROOK! BLESSINGS!

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Riley Elizabeth Presnell
Logan Joseph Tracy
Rebecca Stevens
12/24

MANY YEARS!

Join us - January 9th for Godparent's Dinner

immediately
following
Divine Liturgy

\$7 Adult
\$5 Children

Brunch
(egg casserole,
potatoes, yogurt
bar, homemade
cinnamon rolls)



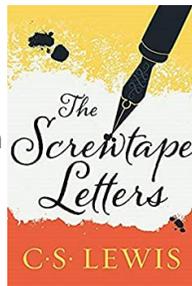
Women's Faith & Growth

Join us Thursday
January 13th, 7:15p

in the Youth Center

for an evening of fellowship & faith
Beth Buerge is leading discussion

Studying "The Screwtape Letters"
book by C.S. Lewis



JANUARY FASTING

The traditional fasting (from meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy products) is observed on Wednesdays and Fridays.



SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 15-18,
2022**

**DOWAMA
PARISH LIFE
CONFERENCE
WICHITA, KS**

Reservations: Hyatt Regency
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WICRW/G-GECA>

THEME: Unless you are converted and become like children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven
— Matt 18:3



Christ is born! Glorify Him! A most blessed and joyful Nativity season to each of you and your families. It's hard to believe 2022 is right around the corner!

YABOY, Teen SOYO, and OCF have all been busy with various outings, activities, and events throughout the past few months.

YABOY recently moved to 2 meetings per month. In addition to social outings to places like All Star Adventures, The Alley, and Exploration Place, YABOY has also been gathering at the Cathedral for discussion with Father Calinic. We recently went to Chicken N' Pickle where we got the chance to play lots of Pickleball and the opportunity to skate on the ice rink that is installed for the winter months. For many of our 4th-6th graders, it was their first time skating! We had a wonderful afternoon full of laughter, fellowship, and plenty of races on the ice.

Teen SOYO has had a busy last few months as well. SOYO traveled to Oklahoma City in October for our first diocese-wide event since January of 2020. It was great getting to see many of our Orthodox brothers and sisters, many of whom it had been nearly two years

since we had seen in person. Later in the month, many of the members of SOYO also lent a hand in running various stations and booths for the annual Fall Festival, which we were thrilled to have after not being able to in 2020. In November, SOYO traveled to Walter's Pumpkin Patch with St. Mary's SOYO and spent an evening together exploring corn mazes, jumping on inflatables, and enjoying all the venue had to offer. Like Fall Festival, the SOYO members also assisted in helping with the St. Nicholas Day Celebration. Finally, we wrapped up the semester with Christmas Caroling and the Lock-In at the Cathedral. In addition to caroling and sleeping over at the church, SOYO arose the next morning to help with the Christmas Food Basket Project. There are many exciting times that await Teen SOYO next semester including Winter Camp, the Ski Retreat, and much more!

OCF continues to meet on a weekly basis as well as incorporating monthly outings into the schedule. We have been blessed with Father Aaron Warwick as well as Father Calinic to lead us in various discussions throughout this past semester. We recently had our monthly outing at Café Maurice and enjoyed a wonderful time and delicious meal together. There are plans to have an outing over the Christmas Break at Chicken N Pickle, especially for all those who are back in town from school over the break. All those aged 18-25 are welcome to join us on Wednesday, January 5th from 7:30-10:00p for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

It's hard to believe 2021 has come to a close. As we move into 2022, I would like to thank you for all of your support of the Cathedral's youth ministries. It's because of all of you that we are so blessed to have incredible kids, teens, and young adults who will become (and already are) an incredible next generation of Orthodox Christians. May God bless each of you and your families. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Christ is Born!



Teen SOYO Pumpkin Patch



St. Nicholas Day Celebration



SOYO Christmas Food Baskets



SOYO Kick Ball





Medical Mercy Report



On Wednesday, December 8, 22 pallets of medical supplies, making for an overly full container, shipped from Wichita to Houston, TX, where they will be loaded into the container and shipped to Beirut, Lebanon on Monday, January 3. It is scheduled to arrive in Beirut, February 10.

The pallets of supplies will be distributed as follows:
 Lebanese Army Hospital :6 pallets of surgical gowns and personal protective equipment
 St George Hospital : 3 pallets of surgical gowns
 Red Cross : 13 pallets of medications and various supplies.



twelfth annual **EIGHTH DAY SYMPOSIUM**
 a mere christian gathering for the renewal of heart & mind
 ANNO DOMINI 2022, JANUARY 12-15 WICHITA, KS

SEX & LIES

Delusions of the Self in the 21st Century

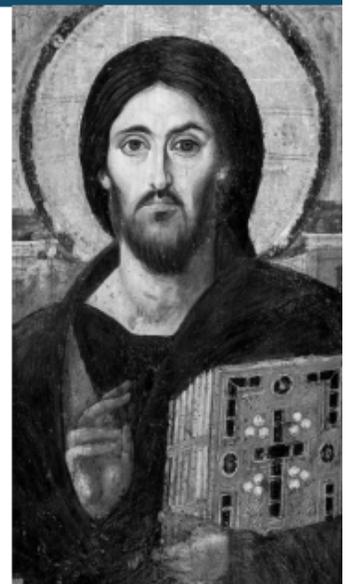
FEATURING: Rod Dreher, Jennifer Roback Morse, & Carl Trueman, plus Hans Boersma et al

PRE-SYMPOSIUM SEMINAR - Jan 12-13, 2022
 Lust & Lies in the Bible, Fathers, Liturgy, & Literature

SAVE THE DATE - June 1-4, 2022

Ad Fontes Academic Week: Returning to the Sources for Christian Unity
 Of What Weight Is Sin? Patristic Views of Sin

"I can think of no better antidote to cultural gloom and doom than to be in Wichita at this Symposium, among these good people, in this good place." ~Rod Dreher



INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
www.eighthdayinstitute.org OR 316.573.8413

Community Support

by Traci Spencer

we'd love to have you join us!

"for I was hungry and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me" — Matthew 25: 35-36

Completed Projects

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The Lord's Diner

On December 19th, St. George volunteers served the homeless at The Lord's Diner from 5:00- 7:30. St. George serves at The Lord's Diner every 3rd Sunday. Please contact Pat Milburn if you would like to serve!!

What's Coming Up?

Kansas Food Bank

St George Volunteers will be serving at the Kansas Food Bank on January 10th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please let Jane Evans know if you plan to serve.

New Community Chair and 2022 Agencies

We are excited to announce that Jenny Wall will be taking over as chair of Community Support for Traci Spencer as of January 2022. Traci will remain involved in service projects. Please let Jenny Wall or Debbi Elkouri know of any agencies that you would like St. George to serve in 2022!!

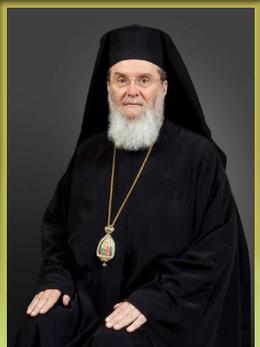
Next meeting will be held January 11th in the Conference Room

January 1, 2022

Honor Bishop Basil Support Diocesan Missions



Every year, we have the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of St. Basil the Great and honor our Bishop BASIL by donating to the Bishop BASIL Missions Endowment Fund. The Missions Endowment campaign started in 1975 and in 1992 when Bishop BASIL was consecrated the fund was established in his honor to augment financial support for our missionary efforts. We have the opportunity to use 80% of the endowment's returns to fund missions projects in our diocese.



Contribute by January 31, 2022

Time to Update

To: St. George Parish

In order to best keep in synch and in communication with **YOU** regarding notices, updates or anything relating to parish announcements, we ask that you please keep **US** up to date of any changes - as in a new home address, home/mobile phone numbers, or any email address edits.

Email: gina@stgeorgecathedral.net or call the Cathedral office - 636-4676.

Thank you.




May health and happiness follow you and yours during the year to come!

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