



# ST. GEORGE *Chronicle*

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**MAY 13**  
Ladies Tea, 2:00 pm, Parish Hall

**MAY 25**  
Ascension, 40 days after Pascha

**JUNE 4**  
Pentecost, 50 days after Pascha

**JUNE 7-10**  
**2017 DOWAMA PLC**  
in Spring, TX

**JUNE 12**  
Apostles Fast begins

**AUGUST 6**  
Transfiguration of Christ

**AUGUST 15**  
The Dormition of the Theotokos



### *Metropolitan Joseph's Paschal Greeting, 2017*

*All creatures have been filled with light, the heaven and the earth, and all that is below the earth. Let all creation, therefore, celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, in which it is strengthened.*  
Paschal Canon, Ode 3



Beloved in Christ,

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!**



Having struggled together through the Fast, we have arrived at the Tomb of Christ and joyfully find it transformed from a place of gloom into a source of brilliance that permeates all the regions "in heaven and on earth and under the earth". (Phil. 2:10).

In accord with His will, God has called us to be shepherds of His people in challenging times. It seems that, in so many corners of our contemporary world, the darkness is deepening and the reign of death is expanding. But as we now stand together before the empty Tomb, we receive a light "never overtaken by night" which dispels every shadow. We receive a new life that shatters the power of death. Darkness flees and death is slain! In this new light and life, we—and indeed all creation—are strengthened, confirmed in our zeal to proclaim glad tidings of the triumphant Resurrection, which has liberated the universe from the tyranny of corruption.

My brothers and concelebrants, as we partake of Christ in the "Kingdom's day, which setteth not," let us renew our bonds of faithfulness and unity in the Risen Christ, in whose High Priesthood we have been deemed worthy to share.

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

# WE GET LETTERS . . .



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**Happy Easter to all** and may God's blessings be with everybody. Enclosed please find a donation in memory of my mom Rose Abood who passed away during Holy Week, March 1988. She is missed by all our family. I and my family want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and may God bless you all and keep you in the best of health!



Dottie Bettar & family

**Dear Beloved Kearney Family,** How I wish I could be there to celebrate with Bishop Basil, Archpriest Christopher, and all the Parish Family. I'm enclosing a donation for the Saint George Building Fund in Father Christopher's honor. I am elated! Congratulations to all of you on this blessed elevation. With love in our Risen Christ, Judy Yacio



Also, a note of thanks: To everyone who has given loving memorial tribute to our mother Sadie Mary (Maloley) Malooley from the bottom of our hearts we thank you. We are grateful for your loving and kind words and for donations that have been given in her memory.

Sincerely,  
Alexis Turner  
Jeannie Leonard  
Karen Bechard



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## Birthdays

May 8  
Levi Hadley

May 9  
Margo Maloley

May 11  
Elizabeth Morris

May 22  
Varthie Eliakis

May 23  
John A. Maloley

May 27  
Georgia Bakas  
Collin Maloley

May 31  
Jackie Shada



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 14  
Levi and Amy Hadley

May 18  
Mike and Darlene Liakos

## *In Honor of*

Donation to **St. George Beautification Fund**, in honor of my godmother's birthday, Virginia Prodromides, from Joanie Klein.

Donation to the **Ladies Society** in honor of Margo Maloley birthday, by anonymous.

Donation to the **Building Fund** in honor of Georgia Bakas birthday, by anonymous.

Donation to the **Beautification Fund**, in honor of Mike and Darlene Liakos anniversary, by anonymous.

## Donations *Gratefully Received*

Donations to the **St. George Building Fund** from:  
The Monastery of the Holy Archangel Michael of Canones, New Mexico; Judy Yacio; Kim and Jeannie Leonard and anonymous donors.

Donations to the **Iconography Project** from Jeannie and Kim Leonard, Nicholas, Mary, and Adelaide Leonard, Angelena and Matt Panizzi, Christopher, Melissa, Harrison, and Grant Leonard, and Gabriel Leonard.

## *In Memory of*

Donation to **Saint George Church** in memory of Rose Abood from her daughter Dottie Bettar and family.

Donation to the **St. George Building Fund** in memory of grandparents, Don and Helen Patsios from Joanie & Mark Klein.

Donation to **St. George Chronicle** in memory of Kh. Liliya Vreeland's 5 year anniversary on May 27th from anonymous.

*May God bless you all for your generosity!*

5 year memorial, May 27, 2012



## Memory Eternal + Kh. Liliya Vreeland

### *From the Archives . . .*

#### FROM PSYCHOLOGY TO SPIRITUALITY

by Kh. Liliya Vreeland

Steadfastness is basically an Orthodox Christian virtue. If it were not, would our faith have survived in it's entirety the way it has for 2000 years? It has survived in the midst of all kinds of worldly changes, upheavals, and chaotic wars.

Steadfastness is not only a virtue of good Orthodox folk--even of saints--it is also above all a characteristic of God Himself. When we steadfastly pray, "Lord, have mercy," we are praying for God's **steadfast love**. That's what **mercy** is. And God is forever merciful. It is we humans who are changeable in our response to Him. Sometimes we are open to God's love, and at other times the devil succeeds in varying degrees to close us off from God.

Steadfastness is the unchanging, the steady, the stable, the loyal, the constant and consistent in our attitude. The world may at times offer lip service to the constant and the persistent, but we know what

the world prefers. Instead of working diligently, steadfastly toward a goal, the world prefers instant results--instant winners, instant success. Instead of preparing one's self to be worthy of a loved one's response, the world prefers instant gratification.

And we know how the world suffers unnecessarily from addictions and deviance and various crimes because it refuses to accept steadfastness as a virtue.

Even many so-called Christians would rather split when differences arise than steadfastly work for a solution to problems. So it is with human relationships. We see it in the divorce rates and in the friendships that die when people disagree.

And people will disagree--andsometimes in very disagreeable ways (that's our fallen nature). But if we are truly Orthodox, we will continue in a steadfast love toward people in spite of differences. We will not abandon them. Nor will we allow ourselves to be submerged by their differences. We will continue in a steadfast love toward them as God continues in His steadfast love. **His eternal mercy toward us.**

With love and prayers, *Lilija*

# ST. GEORGE BULLETIN BOARD

Thank you to the Building & Grounds Committee for the beautiful lawns, trees, shrubs, and flowers at St. George as we prepare for spring and the feast day of St. George.  
And to Theo, who does such a wonderful job cleaning our church. Oh Lord, we love the beauty of thy house!



St. George Ladies Society  
*Join us for Tea*



*\* Invite a Friend \**  
(ladies 18 or older)

Saturday, May 13th  
2:00 pm – Parish Hall

*Happy Mother's Day*  
May 14<sup>th</sup>

*Hail! Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, O Virgin Theotokos: Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne the Saviour of our souls.*

**\* You're Invited \***

**Platte River Singers**  
*Spring Concert*



featuring  
Nebraska  
Folk Music

May 14th  
at 4:00 pm **NEW TIME!**

Kearney High School  
Auditorium  
2702 West 11th St.  
Kearney, Nebraska



*Choir includes St. George parishioners:  
James Wolf and Sarah Fothergill*



**The S.A.F.E Center Fundraiser**

The Ladies Book Study group made a donation to the S.A.F.E. Center's "**Purses for a Purpose Auction**" by donating a new diaper bag full of baby essentials for mom and a newborn. What a fun and very useful "purse"!

Ladies Gathering  
from Holdrege PEO

*Welcome*  
to St. George



**Wed. April 19th** - Visitors from a Holdrege PEO chapter received a tour of the church and a presentation of our beautiful Iconography by Fr. Christopher Morris. Members of the St. Helena's Ladies Society offered refreshments and home baked ethnic desserts. Many thanks to Theo and Margaret for the beautiful table decorations and being gracious stewards to represent St. George!

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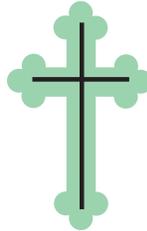
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## OUR MAY FASTING

The traditional fasting from flesh meats, dairy products can be observed on Wednesdays and Fridays, although Antiochian custom allows for freedom from fasting for the entire 40 days following Pascha.

There is no fasting on the leavetaking of Pascha, May 24th.

**Ascension** is Thursday, May 25th and is a non-fasting day as well.



Where there are no labors, there are stagnation and the extinction of the sparks of life [despondency].

--St. Theophan the Recluse

*Kindling the Divine Spark p.98*

Year-to-date for 2017  
St. George Orthodox Church

## \$ FINANCIAL REPORT

As of **APRIL 20th...** We have received \$24,396 of the \$88,969 we have budgeted for pledges.

As of **APRIL 20th...** We have received \$7,115 of the \$20,000 we have budgeted for trays and candles.

Thank you!

Glory to God for all that you give.



## *Christ is Risen!*

The Chronicle has received so many wonderful photos from Great Lent activities and Pascha - thank you!

We apologize for the small newsletter this month but stay tuned for June - it will be full of fun photos, highlights and fun stuff for summer!

“Indeed He is Risen!”

## WE GET LETTERS con't ...

### *Thank You!*

To Fr. Christopher and my parish family, **Christ is Risen!** Thank you for your many prayers, for my dear friend Jackie who fell over a year ago, and suffered a very bad break in her arm. After a long road of dr. apts. surgeries and recovery, her bone is finally healing and it appears now, she will get to keep her arm. We are both very grateful for your prayers.  
In Christ, Joanie

Many thanks to the creative and energetic people who organized the **Lazarus Saturday Carnival**. The games, the treats and craft projects were special and so much fun. Our granddaughter Schylar was so excited to show us her prayer candle she made, in her bedroom! May this carnival become a tradition at St. George.

In Christ, Gramps and YiaYia

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