



# ST. GEORGE *Chronicle*

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## SAVE THE DATES

**MONDAY, JULY 9**  
7:00 Parish Council Meeting

**SUNDAY, JULY 29**  
St. Timon Sunday

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6**  
Transfiguration of Christ

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15**  
Dormition of the Theotokos

**SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, Fri. & Sat.**  
St. George Fall Garage Sale

The **Holy Prophet Ezekiel** lived in the sixth century before the birth of Christ. He was born in the city of Sarir, and descended from the tribe of Levi; he was a priest and the son of the priest Buzi. Ezekiel was led off to Babylon when he was twenty-five years old together with King Jechoniah II and many other Jews during the second invasion of Jerusalem by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnessar.

The Prophet Ezekiel lived in captivity by the River Chebar. When he was thirty years old, he had a vision of the future of the Hebrew nation and of all mankind. The prophet beheld a shining cloud, with fire flashing continually, and in the midst of the fire, gleaming bronze.

He also saw four living creatures in the shape of men, but with four faces (Ez. 1:6). Each had the face of a man in front, the face of a lion on the right, the face of an ox on the left, and the face of an eagle at the back (Ez. 1:10). There was a wheel on the earth beside each creature, and the rim of each wheel was full of eyes.

Over the heads of the creatures there seemed to be a firmament, shining like crystal. Above the firmament was the likeness of a throne, like glittering sapphire in appearance. Above this throne was the likeness of a human form, and around Him was a rainbow (Ez. 1:4-28).

According to the explanation of the Fathers of the Church, the human likeness upon the sapphire throne prefigures the Incarnation of the Son of God from the Most Holy Virgin Mary,

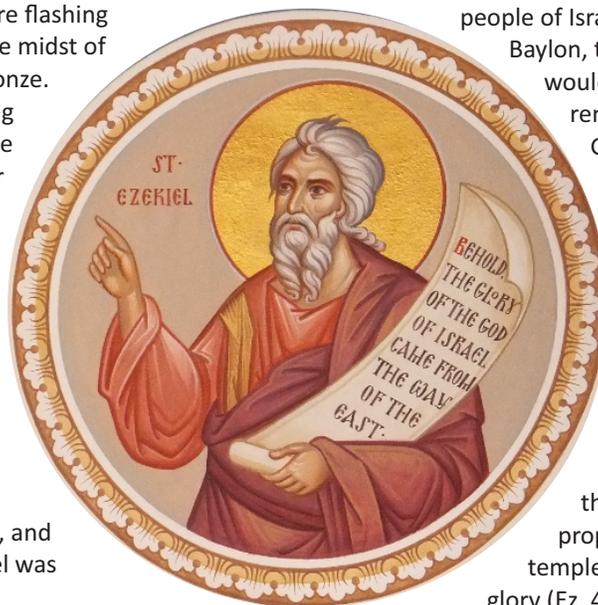
who is the living Throne of God. The four creatures are symbols of the four Evangelists: a man (St Matthew), a lion (St Mark), an ox (St Luke), and an eagle (St John); the wheel with the many eyes is meant to suggest the sharing of light with all the nations of the earth. During this vision the holy prophet fell down upon the ground out of fear, but the voice of God commanded him to get up. He was told that the Lord was sending him to preach to the nation of Israel. This was the beginning of Ezekiel's prophetic service.

The Prophet Ezekiel announces to the people of Israel, held captive in Baylon, the tribulations it would face for not remaining faithful to God. The prophet also proclaimed a better time for his fellow-countrymen, and he predicted their return from Babylon, and the restoration of the Jerusalem Temple.

There are two significant elements in the vision of the prophet: the vision of the temple of the Lord, full of glory (Ez. 44:1-10); and the bones in the valley, to which the Spirit of God gave new life (Ez. 37:1-14). The vision of the temple was a mysterious

prefiguring of the race of man freed from the working of the Enemy and the building up of the Church of Christ through the redemptive act of the Son of God, incarnate of the Most Holy Theotokos. Ezekiel's description of the shut gate of the sanctuary, through which the Lord God would enter (Ez. 44: 2), is a prophecy of the Virgin giving birth to Christ, yet

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*Sponsorship of the **Prophet Ezekiel** icon at St. George Kearney, was offered by the Nick Abood Family*

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remaining a virgin. The vision of the dry bones prefigured the universal resurrection of the dead, and the new eternal life bestowed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The holy Prophet Ezekiel received from the Lord the gift of wonderworking. He, like the Prophet Moses, divided the waters of the river Chebar, and the Hebrews crossed to the opposite shore, escaping the pursuing Chaldeans. During a time of famine the prophet asked God for an increase of food for the hungry.

Ezekiel was condemned to execution because he denounced a certain Hebrew prince for idolatry. Bound to wild horses, he was torn to pieces. Pious Hebrews gathered up the torn body of the prophet and buried it upon Maur Field, in the tomb of Sim and Arthaxad, forefathers of Abraham, not far from Baghdad. The prophecy of Ezekiel is found in the book named for him, and is included in the Old Testament.

St Demetrius of Rostov (October 28 and September 21) explains to believers the following concepts in the book of the Prophet Ezekiel: if a righteous man turns from righteousness to sin, he shall die for his sin, and his righteousness will not be remembered. If a sinner repents, and keeps God's commandments, he will not die. His former sins will not be held against him, because now he follows the path of righteousness (Ez. 3:20; 18:21-24).

### Troparion & Kontakion

The memory of Your prophet Ezekiel, / We celebrate today, O Lord. / By his prayers, we beseech You, / O Christ God, save our souls!

### PLC IN SANTA FE - 2018



**BIBLE BOWL - SANTA FE, NM 2018**

Gabriella had an opportunity to be an alternate, for this Dallas, TX (Sts. Constantine & Helen Orthodox Church) pre-teen team, and they won first place! Way to Go team!!

## MINISTRY UPDATE



In preparation for the pilgrimage in October, there will be a couple of upcoming work days, and we could use your help to "clean up" the church grounds. Plans are underway

to paint the St. Raphael House and garage. We have a generous benefactor who will donate new shrubs, bushes and flowers for all of the church properties and we will need volunteers to help plant these. STAY TUNED for more information. Work days will probably be in July or August with planting in September.



We have chosen the community non-profit, "Micah's House" as our 3rd Qrt. **Basket of Love** recipient. A wish list is available in the parish hall, next to the Love Basket. The Chronicle will also publish this list in the August issue.

"Micah's House is located in Lexington, and exists to bring to homeless youth and their families faith-based opportunities that reduce poverty, reverse at-risk behaviors, restore wholeness and redeem potential for a bright and hopeful future."



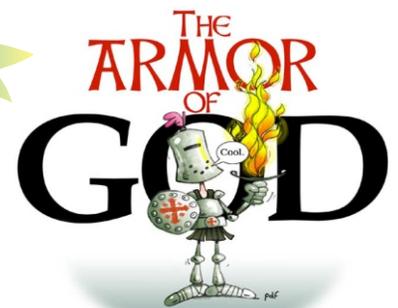
Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly.



**BASKET of Love**

ST. GEORGE VBS

2018



When: July 17-20 (Tues. - Fri.)

Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

\* ages 3 and up are Welcome

\*\*Sign-up sheets in parish hall for volunteer opportunities to help with food and craft donations.

Please register ASAP - click link below

[St. George - Armor of God](#)



# WE GET LETTERS . . .



Dear St. George Chronicle,  
Your monthly newsletter is just wonderful!

Love and Thank you,  
*Josie Awtry & Wanda Maloley  
Scottsbluff, NE*

Hello Church family,  
We have returned from the PLC in Santa Fe and Fr. Phillip sends this greeting, "Hello to my dear friends of St. George and my love to you all!" and "YES! we just love getting the Chronicle, and sitting down to read it, thank you, thank you."  
*Mark & Joanie Klein*

*Thank You!*

Dear St. George Sunday School Teachers, your dedication to teaching Sunday school, and all of the many things you do, does not go unnoticed. Please use this donation for supplies or where your greatest needs are.

Thank you,  
*Josie Awtry  
Scottsbluff, NE*



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## Birthdays

**July 5**

Linda Maloley

**July 9**

Delaney Denny

**July 11**

Joanie Klein

**July 15**

Sidonya Fulton

**July 18**

Amanda Williamson  
Drew Fothergill  
Cora Theesen

**July 20**

Beverly Shada

**July 22**

Dione Steinbrink  
Tasia Theoharis

**July 30**

Jenny Bergt  
Virginia Suleiman



**July 10**

John & Theodora Wolf

**July 12**

Phillip & Ashley Maloley

**July 29**

Darren & Cora Theesen

## Donations

*Gratefully Received*

Donation to the **St. George Chronicle newsletter** from Anonymous donor.

Donations to the **St. George Church and St. George Sunday School** from Josie Awtry.

Donation to the **St. George Chronicle newsletter** from Wanda Maloley and Josie Awtry.

*In Honor of*

Donation to **Chronicle newsletter**, in honor of *Mark Klein* and *Mennen Suleiman*, from anonymous donor.

Donation to **St. George Church**, in honor of *Victoria Salem* and Mother's Day, from Mary Schroeder.

*May God bless you all  
for your generosity!*



## THE SAINT NICHOLAS MATCH CHALLENGE

The fund-raising ministry of St. George has begun a "challenge" to pay off the mortgage at the parish house. The parish hall has been decorated with a Donation Envelope Display Board, Donation box, Icon of St. Nicholas, Thermometer to show our progress, and drawings of our proposed Parish Hall. Once we pay off the mortgage we can begin our capital campaign for a new hall. PICK UP AN ENVELOPE TODAY and let's "burn the mortgage" together!



## GOAL



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Year-to-date for 2018

## \$ FINANCIAL REPORT

As of **June 30** ... We have received  
\$44,173 of the \$91,410 we have  
budgeted for pledges.

As of **June 30** ... We have received  
\$9,680 of the \$20,000 we have  
budgeted for trays and candles.

*Thank you for your faithful stewardship*

### FASTING DISCIPLINE - JULY

The Traditional fasting discipline of  
the Orthodox Church is observed on  
all Wednesdays and Fridays of this  
month. We fast from meat, poultry,  
eggs, fish, dairy products, wine, and  
olive oil.

**The Dormition Fast** begins  
Wednesday, August 1st and lasts  
through Tuesday, August 14th, the  
eve of the great fast of the Dormition  
of the Most Holy Theotokos. During  
this fast we observe the  
traditional fasting discipline  
Monday through Friday,  
with katalysis for wine, and  
olive oil on Saturday & Sunday.



### MINISTRY UPDATE



As an expression of hospitality towards  
our neighbors who live around the church,  
the Outreach Ministry has decided to  
sponsor an **Ice Cream Social** in early  
September. All members of the parish are  
invited, to act as hosts, and to meet  
neighbors who attend. We hope to serve  
mostly homemade ice cream, so if you  
have equipment and a recipe please sign  
up on the list that will soon appear. Also,  
Levi Hadley will be  
organizing a group  
to visit the  
neighborhood  
and leave  
invitations shortly  
before the event.



**PLEASE JOIN US!**



*Fr. Nicola Yanney was the first  
priest ordained by St. Raphael  
of Brooklyn.*

*Fr. Nicola was assigned to  
be the pastor at St. George  
Orthodox Church in Kearney,  
Nebraska, and was  
simultaneously  
given a large missionary  
territory to administer,  
resulting in regular visits  
to over 100 communities in  
14 different states.*



### *Pilgrimage for the 100th Anniversary of the Repose of Father Nicola Yanney*

**October 26 - 28, 2018**

St. George Orthodox Church  
Kearney, Nebraska

★ **ALL EVENTS ARE FREE BUT  
PLEASE R.S.V.P.**



★ Help us plan meals and  
adequate meeting space by  
registering today - Thank you!  
INFO & REGISTRATION AT:

★ [www.saintgeorgekearney.com](http://www.saintgeorgekearney.com)

### LODGING INFORMATION

A block of rooms  
has been reserved at:  
Holiday Inn Kearney  
110 South 2nd Ave.  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-5971  
MAKE YOUR  
ROOM  
RESERVATIONS  
TODAY  
\$104.95 nightly rate  
if booked by  
9/15/18 and  
mention  
St. George event.

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