

The Saint George Chronicle

An occasional newsletter of Saint George Orthodox Church
Kearney, Nebraska



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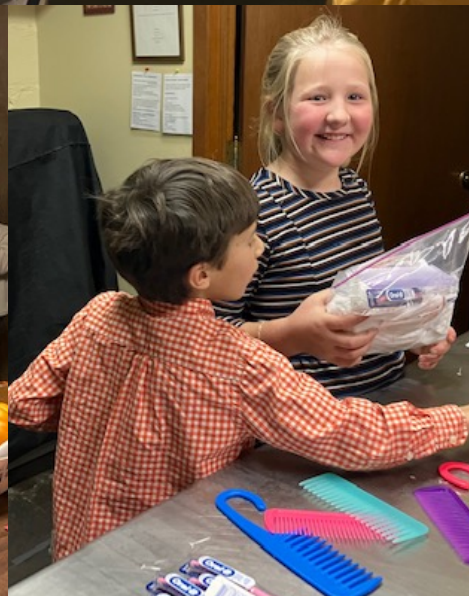
Nativity Service Schedule

Friday, December 22nd—Royal Hours 9:00 am; Vespers 5:15 pm
Saturday, December 23rd—9th Hour 4:45 pm; Vespers 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24th—Orthros 8:45 am; Liturgy 10:00 am

With the blessing of Metropolitan Saba, Christmas services on Sunday evening:

Great Vespers w/ Scripture Readings 7:00 pm
Festal Orthros 8:00 pm
Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great 9:30 pm with feast to follow

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION



On December 5th, we gathered together for Great Vespers for Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, a potluck meal, fellowship time, and almsgiving projects. After Vespers, children found their shoes filled with chocolate coins, oranges, and candy canes. Children also assembled hygiene kits for international families in need, stuffed socks with treats for local almsgiving, and wrapped gifts (purchased by our teens) to be distributed at Crossroads homeless shelter at Christmas. Christmas cards were also decorated and stickered! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped us celebrate and honor Saint Nicholas!

FALL BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER...

3rd—Tim Shada
 6th—Anna Cone
 7th—Brandon Cone, Nina Beim
 & Axel Williamson
 12th—Father Christopher
 & Kim Rehtus
 13th—Joseph Morris
 15th—Gabriella Morris
 19th—Rocky Steinbrink
 21st—Kathy Suleiman
 31st—Jacob Miller

NOVEMBER...

1st—Grayden Williams
 3rd—Matthew Jorgensen
 5th—Paxton McCracken
 10th—Adelaide Jaeger
 12th—Mike Maloley, Katrina
 Browne & Emmett Jaeger
 14th—Alexandra Wolf
 & Sarah Fothergill
 17th—Olivia Denny
 & Torri McCracken
 20th—Llewyn Miller
 24th—Kristy Korensky, Zane
 Williamson & Thatcher Guikema

DECEMBER...

3rd—Jared McCracken
 14th—Chris Browne & Zoe Wolf
 23rd—Gerald Rehtus
 26th—Rissa Guikema

FALL ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER...

15th—Zane & Amanda Williamson
 21st—Drew & Sarah Fothergill
 23rd—Josh & Amber Hartley

NOVEMBER...

7th—Tim & April Ingersoll

DECEMBER...

17th—Tim & Tracey Shada

25 YEARS AGO...A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Excerpts from the Saint George Chronicle, Vol. 7, No.1 Fall 1998:
 What is good about St. George? How can it be improved? Here are the answers.

John and Mary Maloley: *We both think St. George is well run. We love the service and enjoy the coffee hour after. (Sermons could be a little shorter!!)*

Victor and Beverly Shada: *What's good is the church family and the church structure. We would like to have some of our members back to the church that have left.*

Nimir and Margo Maloley: *We think what is good about our St. George Church is we have caring church families along with love and understanding.*

Mike and Margaret Shada: *The close relationships are good, and the willingness to come forward when needed. I would like to see people sit with visitors during coffee hour and make them feel welcome.*

James Wolf: *I like Sunday School because my mom is my teacher. I like the retreat and being an altar boy.*

Steve Wolf: *I like being an altar server, going to Sunday School, and having the retreat. I like drawing for the Creative Arts Festival each year.*

Sarah Wolf: *It's good to have Sunday School and the Creative Arts Festival.*

John Wolf: *What's good is the warm, friendly people. I would like to see everyone feel that they are an indispensable part of the parish and that their involvement in all aspects of parish life is crucial to the survival of St. George.*

Georgia Bakas: *Food days are good and the fellowship after Liturgy.*

Helen Patsios: *I have been in the Orthodox faith for many, many years. Venetia Peterson was my sponsor. I enjoy the great Orthodox family. God bless you all! Thanks to Father Phil and Lilija for your prayers many times over.*

Victoria Applegarth: *What's good about St. George is all of the many many wonderful people. I wish all the many people that have been baptized, chrismated and married in our Church within the past several years will be more active in helping in the many places that we need help.*

Tom McCauley: *I joined the Church late because before there was always so much fighting. I can't get to church now. Fix the church so that old people can go to church. If you lose the older ones, it's your own fault.*

Mike Maloley and family: *St. George is a wonderful place to raise our family in a Christian environment. We feel as though our church is one big family. The closeness we feel to our parish is remarkable and says a lot for the members of St. George. We thank God for the opportunity to be a part of St. George. Communication is a very important part of our lives. Sometimes communication could be better for all of us.*

John and Leenda LiaKos: *Our services are the most beautiful and fulfilling. Wish we could be there more often. We would like to see more of the younger group developed.*

Father Philip: *What is good about St. George is that it is uncompromising in its holding on to the fulness of the Apostolic Christian faith. In an age of great confusion concerning Truth and ultimate reality, St. George refuses to dilute the teachings of authentic historical Christianity. Of course, I would like to see more involvement by all our members.*

Kh. Lilija Vreeland: *The best thing about St. George is that it is here. How could we converts have found Orthodoxy if it had not been for St. George. The best improvement one can have is a deepening of faith. That would be the best improvement St. George could have—a deepening of faith among all its members. Such faith put into action would solve any and all problems there are.*

CHURCH HALL FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

Current balance in our building account: \$74,474.36

Current amount pledged over 5 years for the church hall project: \$384,000.

Many thanks to those who have donated and pledged!



St. George Parish Hall Fundraising Campaign

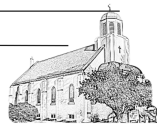
Preserving our heritage, building our future



- With a gift of: _____ 5 years is the maximum length of pledge
- I/We Pledge: _____ Over _____ Years. 5 years is the maximum length of pledge
- Send Reminders: _____ Monthly _____ Annually
- Check Payable to St. George Orthodox Church Building Fund
- Give online at Kearney Area Community Foundation or by scanning the QR Code

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

- This gift is in honor of memory of: _____
- Please subscribe us to the St. George Chronicle
- Please make this gift anonymous



How can I help with the church hall project?

Most importantly, PRAY!!!

Donate electronically [via this link](#).

Donate by scanning this QR code



Thank You for helping this dream become a reality!!!

Fundraising Plan

SPONSORSHIP GIVING LEVEL

To be determined. Please talk with Father Christopher about sponsorship level donations.

\$50,000 GIVING LEVEL

\$10,000 per year for 5 years
 \$833 per month for 5 years

\$37,500 GIVING LEVEL

\$7,500 per year for 5 years
 \$625 per month for 5 years

\$25,000 GIVING LEVEL

\$5,000 per year for 5 years
 \$417 per month for 5 years

\$15,000 GIVING LEVEL

\$3,000 per year for 5 years
 \$250 per month for 5 years

\$6,000 GIVING LEVEL

\$1,200 per year for 5 years
 \$100 per month for 5 years

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Donations gratefully received from...

- *Dorothy Bettar to the Building Fund in memory of Rocky and Terry Bettar
- *Judy Yacio to the Building Fund in memory of Sam & Selma Shada and children
- *Cory Bergt to the Building Fund
- *Charese Yanney to the Memorial Fund
- *Wayne Yanney to the Memorial Fund
- *Bobbie and Jim Abood in honor of Jenny Bergt & Dorothy Bettar (our new brass candle sticks)
- *George and Sharon Maloley to the Endowment Fund
- *John Turek to the Building Fund in memory of Peter, Helen, and John Paul
- *Virginia Suleiman to the Ladies Society
- *Edward Hebron to the Building Fund in memory of Nick Shada
- *Lori Jacobsen to the Building Fund
- *Edward and Natalia Larkey to the Building Fund
- *Janet Bendler and family to the Endowment Fund
- *Jenny Bergt to the Building Fund

Thank you for hosting the Abood family and thanks for the great luncheon! I appreciate all the support you have provided to my mom and her siblings.

In Christ,
Cory Bergt

I'm praying diligently that the building fund project is realized sooner rather than later. Goodness, did Saint George teams leave any trophies for other DOWAMA parishes?! As always, the Creative Arts and Essay contests are very special to me as I coordinated the essay categories several years so long ago. May God watch over my beloved at Saint George!

With love in the Risen Christ,
Judy Yacio

Congratulations to the Jaeger and Kremer families on the baptisms of Moses Kremer and Morwenna Jaeger on December 6th!

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Photos: Teen Youth Group craft night (left)

Six of our ladies attended a women's retreat in Council Grove, Kansas (lower left)

Our Junior and Teen youth groups visited Helgoth's Pumpkin Patch (below)



ICONOGRAPHY UPDATE



Alexander Cherny—one of the iconographers working with Dmitry Shkolnik—has just finished completing the canvases for “The Last Judgment.” This is the last stage in our parish iconography project. The scene above, composed of multiple canvases, will be installed on the west wall in the balcony. There is no installation date yet. Since the invasion of Ukraine, Alexander and his family fled Russia and are now living and working in Tblisi, Georgia, so Dmitry will travel there to bring the canvases to the U.S., then schedule to visit Kearney for the installation. We will keep everyone posted! Thank you to all our donors and benefactors. The iconography has truly transformed our beloved Saint George!

