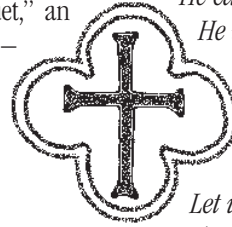


as Sub-Deacon Constantin Aurel Ardeleanu, a native son of the Merrillville parish, shares of his experience growing up in the faith and how it equipped him to handle the joys and sorrows of life. Saturday evening will feature a sumptuous Pig Roast and Dance at the estate of the Morgavan family, a short drive from the church. We will then conclude the weekend on Sunday, celebrating a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and enjoying a Festive Banquet together.

All the information for the Conference information is available at www.roea.org/upcomingevent.html.

BOOK STUDY THIS WEEK

We continue our study this Wednesday of “The Heavenly Banquet,” an in-depth look at the content – and more importantly, the meaning – of our central worship service, the Divine Liturgy. We will discuss memorials, and “Litany of the Catechumens.” All are invited and encouraged to attend, and be edified in the discussion of the fullness of our Orthodox Faith.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS STILL NEEDED

Coffee hour hosts are needed for June 11, July 23, and December 31. (Note in particular the June date, which is quickly approaching.) Please consider volunteering (remember, it doesn't have to be a big meal), and sign up on the list on the church hall bulletin board.

NOTES FOR THE PASCHAL SEASON

Here are a few friendly reminders for how pious Orthodox keep the 40-day Feast of Pascha:

- All prayers and services (public and private) begin with “Christ is risen...” rather than “Heavenly King” (this prayer will not be used again until Pentecost).
- Fish is allowed (as well as wine and oil) on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the festal period.
- There should be no kneeling, at church or at home, during the festal period (the Greek term “anastasis,” translated as “resurrection” in English, literally means “stand up”).
- It is appropriate to greet one another, in any communication, with “Christ is risen! Truly he is risen!” Let us not grow tired of proclaiming this wonder to one another.

May God increase our joy and our hope in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Truly he is risen!

ON DEATH AND RESURRECTION IN CHRIST

St Gregory the Theologian, Easter Orations

Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him.

Yesterday I died with Him; today I am made alive with Him.

Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him.

Yesterday I died with Him; today I am made alive with Him.

Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I am raised up with Him.

Let us offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for us . . . ourselves, the possession most precious to God and most proper.

Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us.

Let us become Divine for His sake, since for us He became Man.

He assumed the worse that He might give us the better.

He became poor that by His poverty we might become rich.

He accepted the form of a servant that we might win back our freedom.

He came down that we might be lifted up.

He was tempted that through Him we might conquer.

He was dishonored that He might glorify us.

He died that He might save us.

He ascended that He might draw to Himself us, who were thrown down through the fall of sin.

Let us give all, offer all, to Him who gave Himself a Ransom and Reconciliation for us.

We needed an incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live.

We were put to death together with Him that we might be cleansed.

We rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him.

We were glorified with Him because we rose again with Him.

A few drops of Blood recreate the whole of creation!

<https://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/doctrine-scripture/the-symbol-of-faith/resurrection>

FATHER, GIVE US A PROFITABLE WORD...

When the shadow of cursedness began to fall on technology.

God was the reason of true faith and good behavior and of the knowledge of technology among people.

While people continually felt God above them, before them, and around them, in the same way air and light is felt, they attributed and dedicated all their technological works and handiwork to Him, their Lord and Creator.

When the feeling of God's presence became dulled and spiritual vision darkened, that is when pride entered into tradesmen and technologists, and they started to give glory exclusively to themselves for their buildings, handiwork and intellectual works, and began to misuse their work that is when the shadow of cursedness began to fall on technology.

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich, *From the Complete Works of Bishop Nikolai*

The knowledge of the Cross is concealed in the sufferings of the Cross.

St. Isaac the Syrian

He who really keeps account of his actions considers as lost every day in which he does not mourn, whatever good he may have done in it.

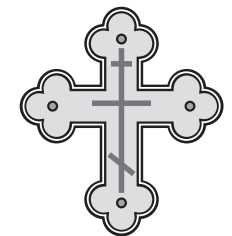
St. John of the Ladder

SS. Constantine and Elena Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



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PARISH LIFE

CHRIST IS RISEN!

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN (TONE 4, MATINS GOSPEL7)

8:40 am Sunday Matins

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY MAY 17:

6:15 pm Daily Vespers

7:00 pm "Heavenly Banquet" Study resumes

SATURDAY MAY 20:

5:00 pm Mystery of Confession (by appointment please)

6:00 pm Great Vespers with Litia (followed by confessions)

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH:

Victor Cosgarea, Denise Halman, Jay Hanko, Jan Isham, Zachary Waltz and Margaret Wey.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Next Sunday's readings (5th of Pascha: the Blind Man/Patronal Feast): Acts 16:16-34, Acts 26:1-5, 12-20; John 9:1-38, 10:1-9.

Saturday, May 20

4:15 pm Church School

Sunday, May 21 – Ss. Constantine & Elena

8:30 am Festal Matins

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm Patronal Picnic Feast

Thursday, May 25 – Ascension Day

8:00 am Divine Liturgy (with the Academy)

6:30 pm Hagia Sophia Academy "Nox Palmati" (Night of Palms)

Friday–Sunday, May 26–28

ROEA Family Life Conference, Merrillville, Indiana
(see announcement below)

Saturday, May 27

10:00 am Memorial Day Weekend Divine Liturgy

(Oak Park Cemetery; see announcement below)

Saturday, June 3

10:00 am Soul Saturday/Ordination of Joseph Olas (St. George Church)

PATRONAL FEAST – OUR "SECOND PASCHA" (MAY 21)

The annual celebration of our honoured patrons Ss. Constantine and Elena falls on Sunday this year – and it's only one week away! We will celebrate Great Vespers with Litia on Saturday evening at 6 pm, and Festal Matins at 8:30 am on Sunday before the Divine Liturgy at 10.



We hope to feast together outside with a festal pitch-in picnic and grill-out in the back yard of St. Nicholas House, weather permitting. Tawnya Provenzano has posted the sign up sheet online at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4baea92da13-patronal. Lots of slots are left to fill, so don't delay to add your name and a dish to bring.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Please note on our calendar ("Looking Ahead") two memorial Liturgies that are planned in the next few weeks. The first is our now-annual Memorial Day weekend Saturday Liturgy, held out of doors at the shrine in the Orthodox section of the Oak Lawn Cemetery in Fishers (9700 Allisonville Road), at 10 am.

The other event is the Soul Saturday prior to the Sunday of Pentecost. We have observed this day in our parish for many years; however, this year poses a departure of sorts, in that we will be joining the St. George community to celebrate the ordination of Sbdn. Joseph Olas to the diaconate (see next announcement). All of our faithful are encouraged to attend this Liturgy and Memorial Service at St. George this year. We are welcome to bring our koliva and memorial lists to be joined to theirs. Divine Liturgy begins at 10 am on Saturday, June 3.

JOSEPH OLAS ORDINATION

Sbdn. Joseph Olas, a long-time friend of the Indianapolis Orthodox community, and literal "son" of St. George parish (Sbdn. Joseph's father was priest of St. George prior to Fr. Nabil), will be ordained to the diaconate by His Grace Bp. Basil (Essey) of Wichita on Saturday, June 3rd, during the celebration of the Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy. Fr. David and many others of our parish consider Sbdn. Joseph a good friend, and are eager to concelebrate at his ordination. Orthos is at 9 am and Divine Liturgy is at 10 am, followed by the General Memorial for the Departed. There will also be a Liturgy served on Monday June 5 at 10 am, the Day of the Holy Spirit (following Pentecost Sunday). Many years, Joseph!

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK OFFERING

"We Pray" by Daniel G. Opperwall with illustrations by Jelena and Marko Grbic is a new offering from Ancient Faith Publishing. Written in expressive verse, "We Pray" invites children and their parents to explore some of the unique aspects of Orthodox Christian prayer life. Through reflections on topics like icons, the Jesus Prayer, and the liturgy, children are invited to see the beauty in our way of praying and understand better the purpose of Orthodox prayer. We are offering the opportunity, through our bookstore, to make one order for as many copies as are desired. Please see the sign up sheet on the book kiosk counter in the hall, and let Brian Pletcher know if you are interested in ordering a copy.

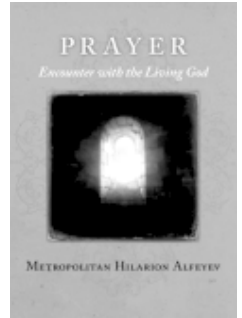
FEATURED IN OUR BOOKSTORE

"PRAYER: EXPERIENCE WITH THE LIVING GOD"

by Met. Hilarion Alfeyev

In this deceptively simple set of talks, Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev explains with grace and clarity the Orthodox understanding of prayer. Beginning with the conception of prayer as creating a space of encounter with God, we are guided through the Orthodox ethos of prayer and its irreplaceable role in our Christian lives.

With his usual lucidity, Metropolitan Hilarion reminds us of what lies at the very heart of prayer to the Living God. This is a simple and short but profound book that is sure to challenge and inspire your prayer life.



SAINT JOHN'S SUMMER CAMP – SIGN UP!

This year's St. John Camp will be held Sunday, July 16th – Saturday, July 22nd, 2017 at Camp Rivervale in Mitchell, IN. This wonderful experience is for youth going into 4th grade through college freshman in the fall. There will be fellowship, prayer, teachings, singing, games, a climbing wall and zip-line, refreshing pool and water slide, many outdoor sports and activities, and a talent/no-talent show - all in beautiful Southern Indiana! Standard registration ends July 2nd; space is limited – don't wait! If you are in need of financial assistance please speak to your parish priest. Scholarships may also be available through St. John's Camp Program's Scholarship Fund. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! It will be a week filled with wonder and one you won't soon forget - don't miss it for the world! Questions? Contact Jon Beecham, director@saintjohnscamp.org. Go to www.saintjohnscamp.org/events/sc2017 for more details and to register!

2017 ROEA FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel, we warmly invite you to the 2017 Family Life Conference. The conference will be held over Memorial Day weekend, May 26–28, 2017, in Merrillville, Indiana and is graciously hosted by the Descent of the Holy Spirit parish. This is the fifth year that we will be gathering as a Church family. Our theme this year is "Our Auxiliaries: A Tradition of Faith and Service." Come and discuss the work of these worthy organizations.

In addition to the annual meetings of the Episcopate Auxiliaries, the conference includes activities for the entire family. The planning committee has prepared a program that includes workshops for adults, activities for youngsters, a rich array of worship services for all as well as opportunities for everyone to socialize with our family and friends. Join us on Friday Evening

