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November 22, 2026

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Θ΄Λουκᾶ΄ - 9th Sunday of Luke

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἐξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἡ προκήρυξις. Ἐν ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανῶς ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῇ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ ἐκπλήρωσις.

Κοντάκιον

Ὁ καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἣν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Apolytikion of the Feast

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Kontakion

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (Εφ. 4:1 7)

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς ἐγὼ ὁ δέσμιος ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἑνότητα τοῦ Πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. ἓν σῶμα καὶ ἓν Πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς Κύριος, μία πίστις, ἓν βάπτισμα· εἷς Θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἑνὶ δὲ ἑκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

EPISTLE READING (Eph. 4:1 7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (ΛΟΥΚ. 12:16 21)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθά μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχή, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτῃ τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχήν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἡτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν. Ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· Ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν, ἀκουέτω.

GOSPEL READING (LK. 12:16 21)

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

END-OF-YEAR STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

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As we enter the final weeks of the year, we are asking every parishioner to prayerfully consider making an end-of-year stewardship pledge or an additional contribution to help us fulfill our parish goal. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a meaningful difference. Together, we can reach our goal and ensure that our parish continues to thrive.

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We respectfully encourage you not to wait until the last days of December to make your commitment. Your timely generosity will help us plan responsibly and meet our financial obligations as we close out the year.

Thank you for your continued faith, dedication, and generosity. May God bless you and your family abundantly for your support of our beloved parish.

With sincere gratitude and prayers,

The Parish Council
On behalf of our Parish Community

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NOVEMBER 2026

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Nov 15 SUN	**8th Sunday of Luke** **Η′ Κυριακή του Λουκά** 7:30 a.m. Orthros/ 8:45 a.m. Liturgy **One Liturgy**
Nov 18 WED	**Evening Divine Liturgy** Θεία Λειτουργία **6:00 p.m.** **Discovering Orthodoxy Class**
Nov 21 SAT	**Entrance of the Theotokos** **Εισόδια της Θεοτόκου** 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy
Nov 22 SUN	**9th Sunday of Luke** **Θ′ Κυριακή του Λουκά** 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:15 a.m. Liturgy
Nov 25 WED	**St. Catherine the Great Martyr** **Αγ. Αικατερίνης** 8:30 a.m. Orthros / 9:30 a.m. Liturgy **7:00 p.m. Discovering Orthodoxy Class**
Nov 29 SUN	**13th Sunday of Luke** **ΙΓ' Κυριακή του Λουκᾶ** 8:00 a.m. Orthros/ 9:15 a.m. Liturgy
Nov 30 MON	**Holy Apostle Andrew** **Αγ. Απόστολου Ανδρέου** 8:30 a.m. Orthros / 9:30 a.m. Liturgy

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Welcome Our New Proistameno Father Theofanis Papantonis

With great joy and heartfelt excitement, we welcome Father Theofanis Papantonis back to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church!

Father Theofanis was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 2004 and faithfully served our parish until 2013. Most recently, he served at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Hicksville, New York. We are truly blessed to welcome him back to the parish where he previously served and to begin this new chapter together.



We also extend warm welcome to his wife, Presbytera Maria, and their three children, Christina, Alexandros, and Lefteri. We look forward to embracing the entire Papantonis family as part of our St. Nicholas family.

Following Father Theofanis' first Sunday Divine Liturgy back with us today, please join us in Sarantakos Hall for a light Lenten breakfast. Let us come together in faith, love, and fellowship to greet him and his family, welcome them home, and pray for God's blessings upon his ministry among us.

May God grant Father Theofanis many blessed years of service, health, and strength as he shepherds our parish!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

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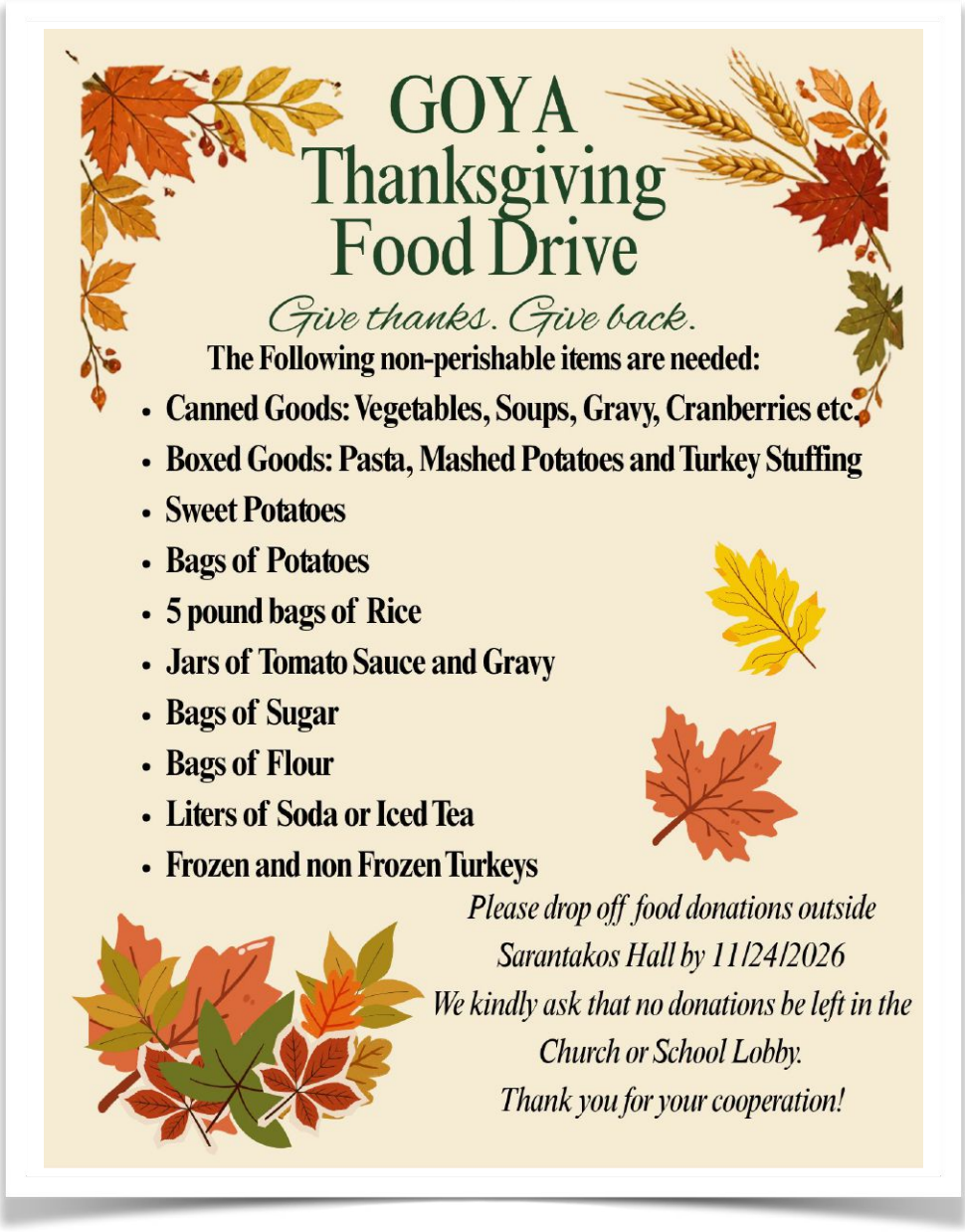
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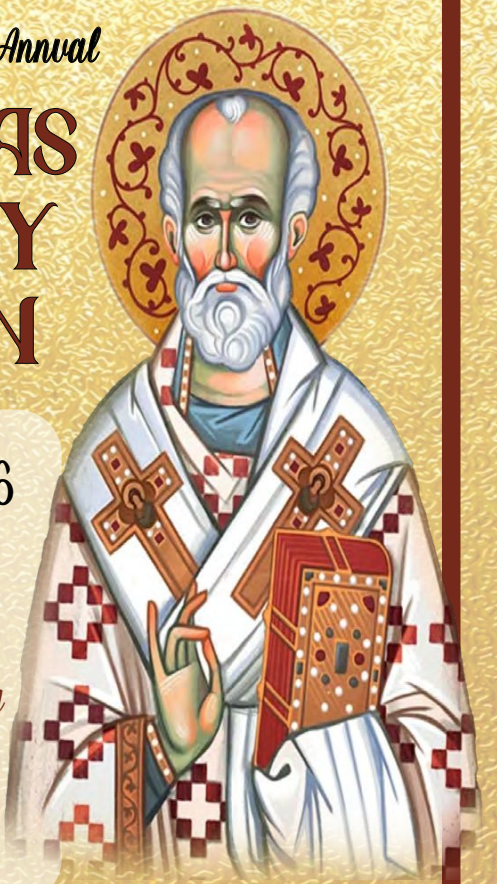
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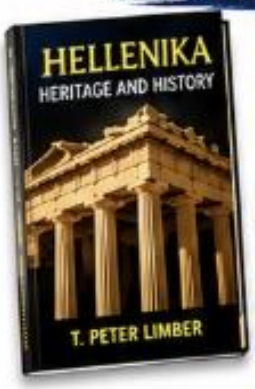
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KIDS BULLETIN PAGE

The Entrance of the Theotokos

This feast day, called the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, is when we remember something amazing that happened when Mary was a little girl, maybe around three years old! Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, loved her very much, and they had promised God that if they had a child, they would dedicate her to serving Him. They took Mary to the Temple in Jerusalem, which was the holy church of that time. When they arrived, the High Priest, Zacharias, met them. In a miraculous way, Mary walked right up the steps of the Temple all by herself! Instead of just staying in a part of the Temple, Zacharias led her into the Holy of Holies. This was the most sacred and special room in the whole Temple—only the High Priest was allowed to enter, and only once a year! By letting Mary go in, it showed that she was being set apart for a truly unique role in God's plan. Mary stayed in the Temple grounds, growing up and learning, being prepared by God to become the mother of Jesus Christ, our Savior!

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This feast reminds us that Mary gave her whole life to God from a very young age, and that even the youngest people are very important

Anna
Fulfill
Joy
Offering
Son
Theotokos
Vow

Angels	Cheerful
Entrance	Glad
Joachim	Maiden
Mary	Promise
Sing	Spirit
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Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 3:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Welcome Breakfast for Fr. Theofanis Papantonis
With great joy, we invite our parish community to welcome our new Proistameno, Fr. Theofanis Papantonis, along with Presbytera Maria and family. Please join us as we greet our new spiritual father and his family following the Divine Liturgy in Sarantakos Hall.

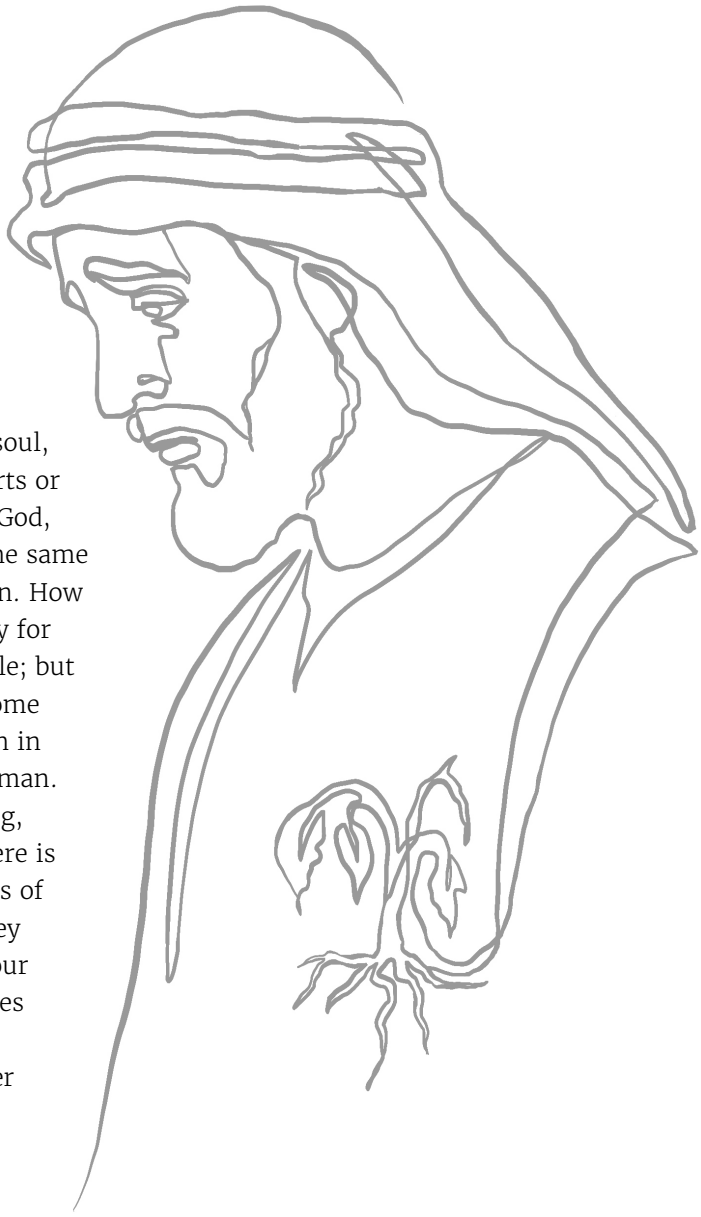
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REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING | *Luke 12:16-21*

Fr. George Parsenios (HCHC '96)

"The fool says, 'There is no God'"



Our soul is spiritual and it requires spiritual food to thrive. Too many of us starve our souls into silent lethargy, behaving like the rich man in today's Gospel reading. The rich man amassed great piles of wealth and then said, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry." When he supplied nothing but earthly food to his spiritual soul, the rich man discounted any reality beyond physical comforts or fleshly pleasures. He might have stated that he believed in God, but in his heart he said, "There is no God." Are we doing the same thing? Consider how we approach the raising of our children. How much care do we put into their spiritual formation? We pray for them with great anxiety when they face some earthly trouble; but how often do we display this same anxiety for them to become strong Orthodox Christians? Our mouths might profess faith in God, but in our hearts we might behave much like the rich man. God addresses the man as a "fool" in today's Gospel reading, because the Psalms tell us, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). Let us, therefore, shift the focus of our lives. Instead of denying our souls the spiritual food they require, let us deny our stomachs through fasting, so that our souls might have the spiritual calm and discipline that comes from ascetical effort. And let us deny our eyes and ears the endless streams of entertainment we fill them with, in order to feed our souls with the calm that comes from silence. And let us thus love the Lord our God with all our heart and all our soul and all our mind.

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FROM THE ORIGINAL GREEK: Kenôsis (Κένωσις)

What does "Self-emptying" mean?

Fr. George Parsenios (HCHC '96)



One of the most important words for describing the Incarnation of Christ appears in Philippians 2:6, where St. Paul says that, when Jesus took on the form of a slave by becoming human flesh and dying on a cross, he "emptied himself," where "empty" is the Greek verb ***κενόω*** (***kenô***). The Incarnation, thus, is referred to by theologians as Christ's divine "self-emptying" or his ***κένωσις*** (***kenôsis***). This does not mean, of course, that Christ ceased to be God when he became human. The same Christ who took on human flesh can also identify himself by saying "I Am," the very phrase that God uses for his name when speaking to Moses from the burning bush (Ex. 3:14). But Christ does empty himself by dying on the cross in an act of ultimate humility. The notion of kenôsis operates in a slightly different sense elsewhere in the Bible, especially in the letters of St. Paul, where he urges people to preach the Gospel with integrity, lest they empty the Gospel of its power (1 Cor 1:17). Likewise, St. Paul says that Christian faith is emptied of its power if we still attempt to follow the Law of Moses (Rom 4:14).

THIS WEEK'S LOOK AT CHURCH HISTORY

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Defending Religious Freedom

The Order of Saint Andrew, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, was established in 1966 with the blessing of Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras. During the Sunday of Orthodoxy Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York, Archbishop Iakovos conferred patriarchal ***offikia*** (offices) on thirty laymen. Pierre DeMets of Chicago, who advocated for the Order's founding, became its first Grand Commander.

An ***archon*** (***ἄρχων***) is literally "one who holds office." In ancient Greece, archons were chief magistrates; the Roman Empire governed through titled offikia. During the Christianization of the Empire, the Church adopted these titles and conferred them on individuals for religious responsibilities and promoting the faith. ***Offikia*** kept after the fall of Constantinople in 1453 were largely titles of duty.

Today, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew personally chooses the ***offikion*** bestowed on each Archon, at times reflecting a person's work. An Archon is expected to support the Church's ministries actively.

The Order of Saint Andrew's legacy is rich, helping recover some of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's confiscated properties and championing religious freedom through advocacy and international conferences. Established in 1986, the Order's Athenagoras Human Rights Award has honored defenders of human rights such as Mother Teresa, Elie Wiesel, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, President Jimmy Carter, and Yulia Navalnaya. In 2024, the Holy Eparchial Synod established Archon Sunday, honoring the Order on or near Saint Andrew's feast, November 30.

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It's Thanksgiving Every Sunday

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From the article " Giving Thanks: Eucharistic Stewardship" Read the article here: https://bit.ly/4C2AD6M or scan the QR code.

The Holy Eucharist is called Holy Communion because it unites us as the Body of Christ. The word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word ***eucharistia*** (***εὐχαριστία***) for thanksgiving. When we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, we are giving thanks. The Eucharist—Holy Communion—is the focus of parish life. Through the Eucharist we are transformed from a human community into the Body of Christ.

In his book on the Eucharist, Fr. Alexander Schmemann explains that in the early Church, the Eucharistic sacrifice was offered by all the members of the church. Each person coming to the gathering of the Church brought everything they could spare for the needs of the Church. This is the Church that we as Orthodox Christians claim to be.

We read in Acts 2: "Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved."

People often say, "I don't get anything out of liturgy"? The truth is that we don't come to church to get something, but to give ourselves to God. What we get in return is the presence of Jesus within us. As we come to know Jesus this way, we are drawn into the communion of the Church.

Through Holy Communion, we carry the fire of God's love within us. When we understand the true meaning of the Holy Eucharist, we bridge the gap between liturgy and life, between the love of Jesus on the cross and our daily lives, between our beautiful theology and practical stewardship. As Eucharistic Orthodox Christians, we see the world as God's gift. We offer the world back to God in thanksgiving with the words, "Thine own of Thine own we offer to Thee…."

FAITH IN ACTION

At the end of each day this week, thank God for His presence in your life.

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Just For Kids!
(...and the young at heart)

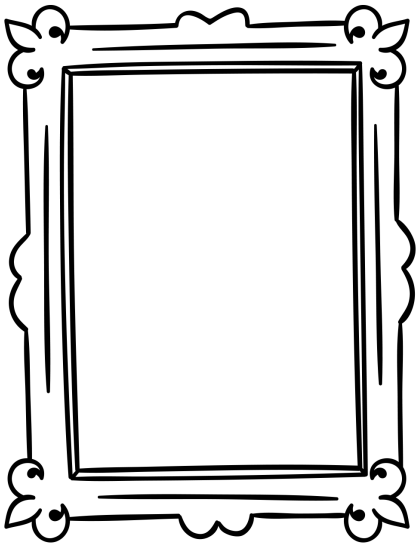
DRAWING SHEET

Thanksgiving

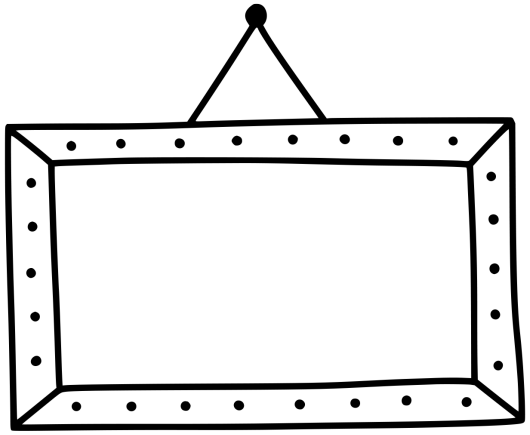
Thanksgiving is a special time to remember all the blessings God has given us and to thank Him. In the Orthodox Church, giving thanks is an important part of our faith! In fact, the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." Every day, we can thank God for our family, friends, food, home, and His great love for us.

When we are thankful, we remember that everything we have comes from God. We can thank Him through prayer, by helping others, and by sharing with those in need. Even on difficult days, a thankful heart helps us grow closer to God. Use the frames below to draw some things you are thankful for. **Feel free to use our prompts or make some of your own!**

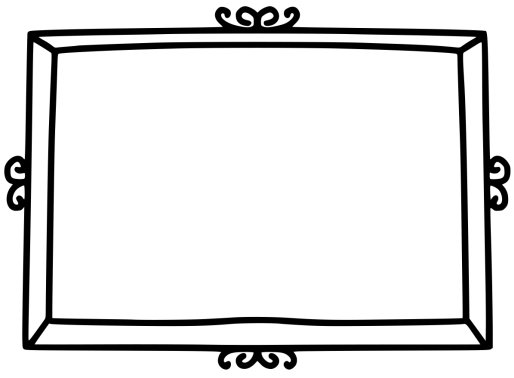
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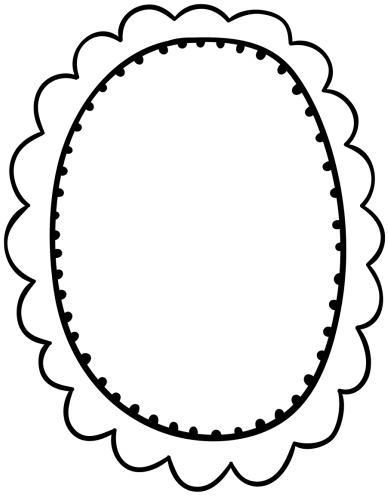
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