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**NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

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'DISCIPLES FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS N ANTIOCH.' ACTS 11:26

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CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME; HIEROMARTYR PETER, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA; HERMOGENES, BISHOP OF AGRIGENTUM; MARTYRS PHILOUMENOS AND CHRISTOPHER; MARTYR ALEXANDER OF CORINTH

**WELCOME!**

We welcome all of our visitors who are praying with us today. We are eager to share with you our spiritual treasures, and invite you to join us for coffee-hour in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you are a first-time visitor, please take a few minutes to sign our Guest Registry book and complete the white VISITORS INFORMATION CARD which may be found in the Narthex, and return it to an usher. As a friendly reminder, **only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and recent Confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion. However all may come forward at end of Liturgy and receive blessed Holy Bread.** We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to St. Elias. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Elias.

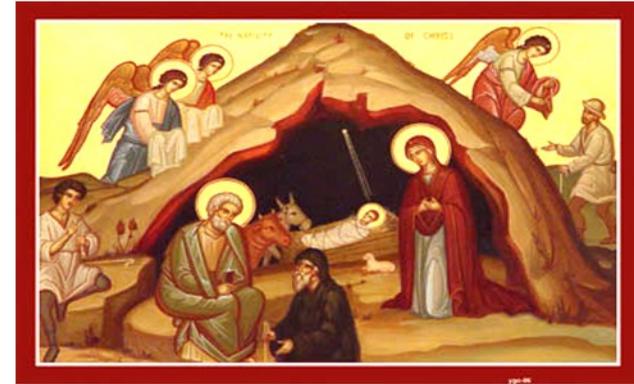
أهلاً بكم!

نرحب بجميع زوارنا الذين يصلون معنا اليوم ونحرص على مشاركتكم في كنوزنا الروحية، وندعوكم للانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة معنا في قاعة الكنيسة بعد القداس الإلهي. إذا كانت هذه أول زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجل الزوار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مرشدي الكنيسة. وكتذكير ودي، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القداس لاستلام الخبز المقدس المبارك. ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار الياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب الياس مباشرة.

**WORSHIPPING THE ALL-HOLY GOD**

**Isaiah 57:15**

For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite."



October, 2019

**Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

**With the Blessings of our Pastor the Very Reverend Fr. Elias Nasr we are preparing for the wonderful mystery of the Son of God entering into our world as an infant who was to become Christ our Savior.**

**This gives us the opportunity to participate in our annual parish Christmas card. If you would like to join in this event we ask you to fill out the form below as you would like your name to appear on the card and return with your donation.**

**"All proceeds from your tax deductible donations will go toward the General Operating Fund."**

**DEADLINE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019**

**Name to appear on the Christmas card (please print)**

**My Donation is: \$**

**Please attach your check made payable to St. Elias Church and indicate Christmas card in the memo section.**

**Mail the form and check in the enclosed envelope to:**

**St. Elias Orthodox Church  
4988 Onondaga Road  
Syracuse, NY 13215**



**Thank you for your donation  
and participation.**

As you decorate your houses for Christmas  
Join us to decorate the house of God for the  
advent season.



**Saturday  
December 7th  
Starting at 10:30 AM  
Come join us for an  
hour, 2 hours, or  
until we are done.**

**We need all parishioners to help decorate the church, narthex,  
fellowship hall, doors and outside.  
on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Remember, many hands make light work!**

#### **PRAYER ON ENTERING THE CHURCH**

I WILL COME INTO THY HOUSE IN THE MULTITUDE OF THY MERCY: AND IN THY FEAR I WILL WORSHIP TOWARD THY HOLY TEMPLE. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

#### **CHURCH ETIQUETTE**

**O Lord, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.**

When you enter the church, please remember that the church is a place of worship. Please do not disturb others as they worship God. **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES.**

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## **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

### **AFTER-FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS**

#### **THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَبِّحٌ جَدًّا، فِي مَدِينَةِ إِيهَنَّا عَلَى جَبَلٍ قُدْسِهِ. فِيكَ قَبِلَتْ الْمَفَاخِرُ يَا مَدِينَةَ اللَّهِ.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِي، يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. (**Refrain**)

اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي قُصُورِهَا بِأَنَّهُ نَصِيرُهَا. مِثْلَمَا سَمِعْنَا، كَذَلِكَ رَأَيْنَا فِي مَدِينَةِ رَبِّ الْقُوَاتِ، فِي مَدِينَةِ إِيهَنَّا. (اللازمة)

Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

المَجْدُ ... الآن ... (اللازمة)

#### **THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

الْعَلِيِّ قُدْسٌ مَسْكَنُهُ. الْحَمْدُ وَالْبَهَاءُ قُدَامَهُ. الْقِدَاسَةُ وَالْجَلَالُ فِي مَقْدِسِهِ.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنُ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، إِذْ تُرْتَلُّ لَكَ. هَلْلُوِيَا.

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in thereat. (**Refrain**)

هَذَا هُوَ بَابُ الرَّبِّ، وَمِنْهُ يَدْخُلُ الصَّالِحُونَ. (اللازمة)

Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. (**Refrain**)

مِنْ قِدَاسَةِ هَيْكَلِكَ، أَنْتَ عَجِيبٌ فِي عَدَانَتِكَ. (اللازمة)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

المَجْدُ ... الآن... يا كلمة الله الإبن الوحيد ...

### **THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

أَغْنِيَاءُ الشُّعُوبِ يَبْتَهِلُونَ إِلَيْكَ. ابْنَةُ الْمَلِكِ كُلُّهَا بَهَاءً فِي خَدْرِهَا. مُكْتَسِبِيَةٌ بِالْبَيْسَةِ حَوَاشِيهَا مُذَهَّبَةٌ. فِي إِثْرِهَا الْعِدَارَى صَوَّاجِبُهَا يُؤْتَى بِهِنَّ إِلَيْكَ.

### **APOLYTIKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR**

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

#### **Entrance Hymn:**

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia

هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَزْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنِ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

#### **After the Little Entrance:**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إِنَّ الْقُوَّاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَدْرِكَ الْمُؤَقَّرِ، وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرْيَمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ طَالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَيِّبَتْ الْجَحِيمَ وَلَمْ تُجْرَبْ مِنْهَا، وَصَادَقَتْ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحاً الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

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اليَوْمَ الْعِذْرَاءُ الَّتِي هِيَ مُقَدِّمَةٌ مَسْرَّةً لِلَّهِ، وَابْتِدَاءً الْكَرَازَةَ بِخَلَّاصِ الْبَشَرِ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي هَيْكَلِ اللَّهِ عَلَانِيَةً، وَسَبَقَتْ مُبَشِّرَةً الْجَمِيعَ بِالْمَسِيحِ. فَلْنَهْتَفِ نَحْوَهَا بِصَوْتِ عَظِيمِ قَائِلِينَ: إِفْرَجِي يَا كَمَالَ تَدْبِيرِ الْخَالِقِ.

### **TROPARION OF THE PATRON SAINT OF THE CHURCH TONE 4:**

O Angelic of body the founder and corner stone of the prophets, the second forerunner of the advent of Christ, O Elias, venerable and glorious, thou didst send grace from heaven to thy disciple Elisha to dispel diseases and to purify lepers wherefore he abounds with



Each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Orthodox faithful across the US thank God for the privilege of serving the least of our brethren through IOCC. The Assembly of Bishops has named it *A Day of Sharing*. On this day, we consider IOCC's global work and the ways you sustain it.



**IOCC SUNDAY: A DAY OF SHARING**

November 24, 2019 | [ioccc.org/DayofSharing](http://ioccc.org/DayofSharing)



World Food Day 2019  
 Fighting Hunger Together  
 Canned Food Drive,  
 October-December  
 38 million people in North America  
 need our help!



In conjunction with World Food Day 2019, Teen SOYO has started their annual coat drive for the needy. Donations for winter jackets, coats, gloves, hats and mittens would be greatly appreciated.



IOCC SUNDAY: A DAY OF SHARING

Thanksgiving Prayer for Those in Need

O Heavenly King, Comforter,  
 who grants all blessings, we thank You  
 for Your abundant grace and mercies.

Help us to be good stewards of Your  
 treasury through the ministry of IOCC.

Help us to strip ourselves of our earthly  
 adornment, so that the poor may be  
 sufficiently clothed and fed.

And, by so loving our neighbor,  
 adorn us with the everlasting pearls  
 of virtue instead.

Where there is suffering,  
 help us to bring Your mercy;  
 where there is despair, Your hope.

Where there is war, allow us to present You  
 who are the Prince of Peace;  
 where there is pain,  
 You who are the Comforter;  
 where there is hatred, You who are Love;  
 where there is death and destruction;  
 You who are the Resurrection and Life.

Daily guide our work in and through IOCC  
 so that we may do all things,  
 in every place and at all times,  
 for Your glory.

healing to all those who honor him.

أيها الملاك بالجسم قاعدة الأنبياء وركنهم، السابق الثاني لحضور المسيح، إلياس المجيد الموقر، لقد أرسلت  
 النعمة من العلى لأليشع ليطرده الأسقام ويطهر البرص، لذلك يُفيض الأشفية بمكرميه دائماً"

**KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR**

**(\*\*Thou Who wast raised up\*\*)**

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

اليوم الهيكل الذي للمخلص، الكلي النقاء، العذراء الخدر ذو الثمن الجزيل، وهي الكنز الطاهر لمجد الإله،  
 إذ تدخل بيت الرب، تدخل نعمة الروح الإلهي معها. فلنسبحها ملائكة الله، لأنها المظلة السماوية.

**Today's Reader : Ronda Akl**

**Priest: Let us attend.**

**Reader: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
 To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.**

**Priest: Wisdom**

**Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)**  
 (For the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)

**Priest: Let us attend.**

**Reader:** Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وبارك ميراثك  
 إليك يا ربُّ اصْرُخْ، إلهي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ أَفَسُسَ (2:4-10)

يا إخوة، إِنَّ اللهَ لَكُونَهُ غَنِيًّا بِالرَّحْمَةِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ كَثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا حِينَ كُنَّا أَمْوَاتًا بِالزَّلَّاتِ، أَحْيَانَا مَعَ  
 الْمَسِيحِ. (فَأَنْتُمْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ) وَأَقَامَنَا مَعَهُ، وَأَجَلَسْنَا مَعَهُ فِي السَّمَاوِيَّاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِيُظْهِرَ فِي  
 الدَّهْرِ الْمُسْتَقْبَلَةِ فَرْطَ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ بِاللُّطْفِ بِنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ فَأَنْتُمْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ.  
 وَذَلِكَ لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّمَا هُوَ عَطِيَّةٌ مِنَ اللهِ وَلَيْسَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ لِئَلَّا يَفْتَخَرَ أَحَدٌ لِأَنَّا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، مَخْلُوقِينَ فِي  
 الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِنَسَلِكَ فِيهَا.

**Priest: Peace be to you Reader.**

**PLEASE STAND!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Next Sunday's Reader: Fayaz Abu-Manneh**

**Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)**

(For the Thirteenth Sunday of Luke)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّمْئِيدِ الطَّاهِرِ

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ إِنْسَانٌ مُجَرَّبًا لَهُ وَقَائِلًا: "أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ لِأَرِثَ الْحَيَاةَ

الْأَبَدِيَّةَ؟" فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لِمَاذَا تَدْعُونِي صَالِحًا؟ وَمَا صَالِحٌ إِلَّا وَاحِدٌ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ إِنَّكَ تَعْرِفُ الْوَصَايَا: لَا تَزْنِ. لَا

تَقْتُلُ. لَا تَسْرِقُ. لَا تَشْهَدُ بِالزُّوْرِ. أَكْرِمُ أَبَاكَ وَأُمَّكَ" فَقَالَ: "كُلُّ هَذَا قَدْ حَفِظْتُهُ مِنْذُ صِبَايَ" فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ يَسُوعُ

ذَلِكَ، قَالَ لَهُ: "وَاحِدَةٌ تَعُوزُكَ بَعْدُ. بَعْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ وَوَرِّعْهُ عَلَى الْمَسَاكِينِ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ، وَتَعَالَ

اِتَّبِعْنِي" فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ ذَلِكَ، حَزَنَ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ غَنِيًّا جِدًّا فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ قَدْ حَزَنَ، قَالَ: "مَا أَعَسَرَ عَلَى ذَوِي الْأَمْوَالِ

أَنْ يَدْخُلُوا مَلَكَوتَ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ لَأَسْهَلُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ الْجَمَلُ فِي نَفْثِ الْإِبْرَةِ مِنْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ غَنِيٌّ مَلَكَوتَ اللَّهِ" فَقَالَ

السَّامِعُونَ: "فَمَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ إِذْنًا أَنْ يَخْلُصَ؟" فَقَالَ: "مَا لَا يُسْتَطَاعُ عِنْدَ النَّاسِ، مُسْتَطَاعٌ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ."

**Megalynarion:**

It is truly meet ...

**Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)**

Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by the Khairallah family**, for spiritual and physical well being of the Khairallah, Akl, Mtano and Nemah families. **Also being offered in loving memory of** Najat, Mona, Izdihar. May their memories be eternal.
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially, Violette Humsi, Salwa Makhlouf, Joseph Jacobs, Evelyn Gabriel, Nabeeha Mahshie.

- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD SPONSORS:** Dec. 1st Reema & Nassib Habayeb and Annette & Nabil Habayeb- sponsoring Barbara; Dec. 8th, Khairallah and Mtanos families; Dec. 15th, Nada Tadros; Dec. 22nd, St. Ignatius, Dec. 24th OPEN; Dec. 29th, 1 year memorial for Sami Tawil.
- **THE COFFEE SPONSOR CHART FOR 2019** is posted in the Narthex. Please take the time to check the dates and sign up for a Sunday.
- **For Announcements, Oblations and Trisagions for the Bulletin**, the deadline is Tuesday evening. Please send your emails to church: [steliasny@aol.com](mailto:steliasny@aol.com) and to Sheila: [sahmaz@twcny.rr.com](mailto:sahmaz@twcny.rr.com)
- **Please keep your church pledges up-to-date.** We thank all those who have increased their offering. May God reward you with abundance.
- **St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church** invites you to be a part of our directory so everyone will know your name. Help us strengthen our Community! We will be putting together a photo directory. See Dona for sign up and details.
- **Sunday School will be having a recital on December 22nd following liturgy.** Please remain in church and support your Sunday School children.
- **Gifts for Christmas** - With the season of festivities and preparation for Christmas, please keep in mind that we have gift items that will inspire all who receive them, i.e.: prayer ropes, icons, books, etc. All are worthy gifts.
- **Congatualions to the Parish Council**, and to those members who agreed to continue servicing on the council. We had a successful and productive meeting.

### SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday	12/1	Burbara- sponsored by the Habayeb family
Saturday	12/7	Decorating the Church for Christmas @ 10:30 AM
Tuesday	12/10	Ladies Ornament Exchange @ 6:30- Drumlins
Wednesday	12/18	Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sunday	12/22	Sunday School Recital Following Liturgy



**The ladies are collecting toy donations for the Golisano Children's Hospital in conjunction with the Ornament Exchange.**

There are guidelines and boxes in the church hall for your donations. Donations will be accepted through December 8th. Thank you for your support! For more information go to [upstate.edu](http://upstate.edu) and click on Holiday Giving.

**THE NATIVITY FAST** began on Friday, November 15th and is divided into two periods: The 1st period is November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but with katalysis for wine and oil on Tuesday and Thursday (some also permit fish on Tuesday and Thursday during this 1st period) and for fish, wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday. The 2nd period is December 20th through the 24th (the period of the Forefeast) when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed Monday through Friday, but with katalysis for wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**