



All Saints of North America Orthodox Church

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018

"Ours must be an Orthodoxy of the heart, not just of the mind" -



Clergy Etiquette: Forms of Address in the Church

Greeting Clergy in Person. When we address Deacons or Priests, we should use the title "Father." Bishops we should address as "Your Grace", Archbishops as "Your Eminence", and Metropolitans as "Your Beatitude" (Greeks reverse the latter two forms of address). Patriarchs are addressed as "Your All Holiness". When we approach an Orthodox Presbyter or Bishop (but not a Deacon), we make a bow, place our right hand over the left (palms upward), and say: "Bless, Father" (or "Bless, Your Grace," or "Bless, Your Eminence," etc.). The Priest or Bishop then answers, "May the Lord bless you," blesses us with the Sign of the Cross, and places his right hand in our hands. We kiss then his hand. **We should understand that when the Priest or Bishop blesses us, he forms his fingers to represent the Christogram "ICXC" a traditional abbreviation of the Greek words for "Jesus Christ".** Thus, the Priest's blessing is in the Name of Christ, as he emphasizes in his response to the believer's request for a blessing.

Since the priest holds the Holy Mysteries in his hands during the Divine Liturgy, we show respect to the Holy Eucharist when we kiss the hand of a priest, as well as respect for the apostolic office. In fact, Saint John Chrysostom once said that if one were to meet an Orthodox priest walking along with an Angel, that he should greet the priest first and kiss his hand, since that hand has touched the Body and Blood of our Lord. When we take leave of a Priest or Bishop, we should again ask for a blessing, just as we did when we first greeted him.

In the case of married clergy, the wife of a priest or deacon is also informally addressed with a title. Since the Mystery of Marriage binds a priest and his wife together as "one flesh," the wife shares in a sense her
(- Continued inside)



The Nativity of Christ

Dec 25th 2017 / Jan. 7, 2018

Where to find us

Church Address

397 Melvin Avenue at Woodward

Mailing Address

c/o 10 Princip Street
Hamilton, Ontario L8W 2M3

Parish Telephone

(905) 318-6436

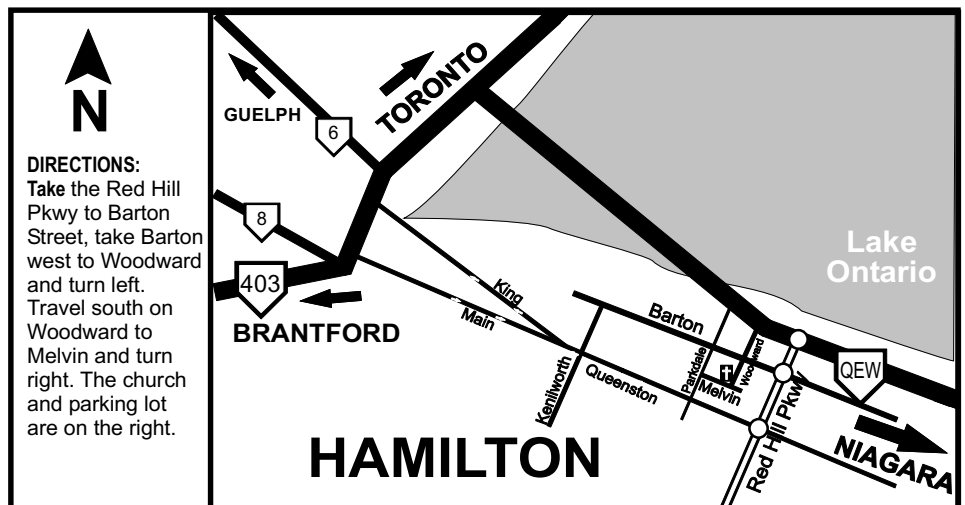
Parish Priest

Archpriest Geoffrey Korz
(905) 387-6907
korzg@hotmail.com

www.asna.ca























In this issue:

- Christmas Service Schedule
- Parish Annual Meeting
- House Blessing Schedule
- Spring 2018 Marriage Course



DIRECTIONS:

Take the Red Hill Pkwy to Barton Street, take Barton west to Woodward and turn left. Travel south on Woodward to Melvin and turn right. The church and parking lot are on the right.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2018</h1> <p><i>In which we commemorate the Nativity of Christ</i></p>						
	1 St Boniface Civil New Year 19	2 St John of Kronstadt  20	3 M Juliana Akathist to St John Maximovitch 6pm <i>for travelers and other needs</i> 21	4 GM Anastasia 22	5 St Nahum of Ochrid 23 Akathist 7pm St George's, Brantford	6 Eve of Nativity Vespers 5pm Potluck & Concert 6pm Compline 8pm <i>Confessions to follow</i> Strict Fast 24
7 Nativity Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 (Combined service at Hamilton parish) <i>Christmas Banquet to follow - Tickets in advance</i> 25	8 Synaxis of the Theotokos  <i>Fast Free</i> 26	9 St Stephen the Protomartyr  <i>Fast Free</i>  27	10 Marturs of Nicodemia Akathist to the Mother of God 6pm  <i>Fast Free</i>	11 Holy Innocents  <i>Fast Free</i>	12  <i>Fast Free</i> Akathist 7pm St George's, Brantford	13 St Melania Vespers 6pm <i>Confessions to follow</i> 31
14 Circumcision of the Lord; St Basil Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 Pr for Holy Innocents OCS   1 Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30	15 St Seraphim of Sarov  <i>Fast Free</i> 2	16  <i>Fast Free</i> <i>No Liturgy</i> 3	17 Akathist to St Seraphim of Sarov 6pm <i>for those afflicted by depression</i>  <i>Fast Free</i> 4	18 Eve of Theophany Compline 6pm Strict Fast 5	19 Theophany Liturgy 10:30am <i>House blessings - Brantford</i> 6 Water Blessing Service 7pm St George's, Bford	20 Synaxis of St John the Baptist <i>House blessings - Niagara</i> Vespers 6pm <i>Confessions to follow</i> 7
21 St George the Chozebite Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 Blessing of Waters at Lake Ontario; Lunch at Hutch's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30	22 St Aidan of Canterbury <i>House blessings - Hamilton</i> 9	23 St Gregory of Nyssa  <i>House blessings - Halton/Oakville</i> 10	24 St Theodosius the Great Akathist to St John the Baptist 6pm 11	25 Martyr Tatiana 12	26 St Hilary of Poitiers 13 Akathist 7pm St George's, Brantford 	27 St Sava St Nina of Georgia <i>House blessings - Toronto & Area</i> Vespers 6pm <i>No Confessions</i> 14
28 Publican & Pharisee Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 PARISH MEETING 15	29 Chains of the Apostle Peter 16	30 St Anthony the Great  17	31 St Athanasios the Great Akathist to Sts Joachim & Anna 6pm <i>for marriages and those hoping to be granted children</i> <i>Fast Free</i> 18	<p>Black background indicates service at St. George's, Brantford; All other entries are All Saints, Hamilton. Service times are approximate. Fasting Days are shaded grey. Dates are shown in civil dates (top) and Julian (Church) Calendar dates (bottom).</p> <p> - Wine & Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Milk & Cheese Allowed  Coffee Talk/Question Hour  - Domestic Chapel (Call for Details)  Charitable Works Collection  <i>Fast Free Period - Twelve Days of Christmas</i></p>		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2018</h1> <p><i>In which we begin the Fast of Great Lent</i></p>						
<p>Service times are approximate. Fasting Days are shaded grey. Dates are shown in civil dates (top date) and Julian (Church) Calendar dates (bottom date). Black background indicates service at St. George's, Brantford; All other entries are for All Saints, Hamilton.</p> <p> - Wine & Oil Allowed - Domestic Chapel (Call for Details) Fish Allowed Milk & Cheese Allowed Coffee Talk/Question Hour Charitable Works Collection </p>				<p>1 St Macarius the Great</p> <p>19</p>	<p>2 St Euthemius the Great</p> <p><i>Fast free</i> 20</p> <p>Akathist 7pm St George's, Brantford</p>	<p>3 St Maximos the Confessor</p> <p>Vespers 6pm <i>Confessions to follow</i></p> <p>21</p>
<p>4 Prodigal Son</p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 <i>OCS to follow</i></p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30</p>	<p>5 HMar Clement</p> <p>23</p>	<p>6 St Xenia of Petersburg</p> <p></p> <p>24</p>	<p>7 St Gregory the Theologian</p> <p>Akathist to St Xenia 6pm <i>for those seeking a job, a home, or a spouse</i></p> <p>25</p>	<p>8 St Xenophon</p> <p>26</p>	<p>9 Relics of St John Chrysostom</p> <p>27</p> <p>Akathist 7pm St George's, Brantford</p>	<p>10 St Ephraim the Syrian</p> <p>Vespers 6pm <i>Confessions to follow</i></p> <p>28</p>
<p>11 Meatfare</p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 <i>OCS to follow</i></p> <p> 29</p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30</p>	<p>12 Three Hierarchs</p> <p> 30</p>	<p>13 Holy Unmercenaries</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p> 31</p>	<p>14 M Tryphon</p> <p>Vespers 6pm</p> <p> 1</p>	<p>15 Meeting of the Lord</p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30</p> <p> 2</p>	<p>16 Sts Symeon & Anna</p> <p> 3</p> <p>Akathist 7pm St George's, Brantford</p>	<p>17 St Isidore of Pelusium</p> <p>Vespers 6pm <i>Confessions to follow</i></p> <p> 4</p>
<p>18 Cheesefare </p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 <i>Forgiveness</i> <i>Vespers to follow</i></p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 <i>Forgiveness</i> <i>Vespers to follow</i></p>	<p>19 St Photios</p> <p>6</p>	<p>20 St Parthenius</p> <p></p> <p>7</p>	<p>21 St Theodore</p> <p>Akathist to St Mary of Egypt 6pm <i>for assaults of the flesh in body and appetites</i></p> <p>8</p>	<p>22 M Nicephorus</p> <p>9</p>	<p>23 HMar Charalambos</p> <p>10</p> <p>Akathist 7pm St George's, Brantford </p>	<p>24 St Blaise</p> <p>Vespers 6pm <i>Confessions to follow</i></p> <p>11</p>
<p>25 Sunday of Orthodoxy</p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30 <i>OCS to follow</i></p> <p>Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers 6pm TBA</p> <p>Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30</p>	<p>26 St Martin the Merciful</p> <p>GREAT LENT BEGINS</p> <p>Canon 6pm <i>(Monday to Thursday this week)</i></p> <p>13</p>	<p>27 St Raphael of Brooklyn</p> <p>Canon 6pm</p> <p>14</p>	<p>28 St Onesimus</p> <p>Canon 6pm</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Black background indicates service at St. George's, Brantford; All other entries are All Saints, Hamilton. Service times are approximate. Fasting Days are shaded grey. Dates are shown in civil dates (top) and Julian (Church) Calendar dates (bottom).</p> <p> - Wine & Oil Allowed Fish Allowed Milk & Cheese Allowed - Domestic Chapel (Call for Details) Coffee Talk/Question Hour Charitable Works Collection <i>Fast Free Period</i> - Twelve Days of Christmas </p>		

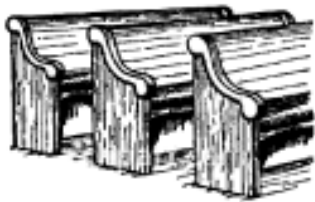
The Fifteenth Annual
Orthodox Spirituality Series
Genesis, Creation & Early Man
The Teaching of the Saints on Our Origins and Early History

With Featured Speaker
Hieromonk Damascene
Abbot, St. Herman Monastery, Plaine, California
Author, Missionary, Speaker

Saturday, March 17th, 2018
St. Stephen's Anglican Parish Hall
625 Comcession St, Hamilton ON

For more information
log on to our website
www.osna.ca

Special thanks to all who continue to support our Sunday potluck lunches by bringing food to share. May God bless you for your contribution to strengthening our church!



Interested in a
CHURCH PEW
for your home,
office, or cottage?

St. George's, Brantford is offering five (5) of the unutilized pews (nine feet long) remaining after the church renovation. These are available for purchase at \$300 each on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Michael Duboy at (519) 209-3013. for details and arrangements.

Our Parish Community

MEALS Ministry

provides meals for people during recovery from surgery, to new parents, and to others in short term need. If you or someone you know is in this situation, please contact our Meals Ministry Co-ordinator Bethany Reid at (905) 309-6968 or bmaggs@yahoo.com



Nativity Services



**Eve of Nativity,
Saturday, January 6, 2018
Vespers 5pm – Potluck 6pm
Christmas Eve Concert
Great Compline 8pm**

Musicians, singers, and poets - both children and adults - are invited to be part of the Christmas Eve Concert following dinner

**Sunday, January 7th, 2018
Hours 10:00am, Liturgy 10:30am**
Christmas Lunch to follow (reserve ahead)

PRAYING FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY - You can email korzg@hotmail.com for any needs requested. Please pray daily for each member of the parish, and for the departed.

QUESTION HOUR will take place following the potluck luncheon on Sunday, January 14th, .and Sunday, February 11th. All who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Orthodox Christian faith are invited to attend.

A COFFEE TALK will take place at **St GEORGE's, Brantford**, following the Friday Akathist on Friday, January 26th, and Friday, January 23rd. These sessions are especially intended for inquirers and catechumens, but are open to all faithful who wish to deepen their understanding of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTIONS supporting those in need will be taken up on Sunday, January 14th, .and Sunday, February 11th. Funds collected go directly toward meeting requests for assistance with groceries from those inside and outside the parish. If you know someone in need who may be too shy to make this known, please tell the priest, and help will be made available.

WE WISH MANY BLESSED YEARS to Dcna. Judy C. (Namesday - Sunday before Nativity), Joshua C. (Jan 10th Birthday), Samantha (Justina) P. (January 14th Birthday), Vasoulla N., and Vicki R. (Jan 1/14 Namesdays), John L. (January 15th Birthday, Deacon Aleksandar M. (January 15th Birthday), Bethany (Juliana) R. And Juliana C. (January 2/15 Namesday), Sophia H. (January 17th Birthday), Anthony & Anthony O. (January 17/30th Namesday), Father Mark L. (Jan 19/Feb 1 Namesday - St Mark of Ephesus), John D., John L. Father John F. (January 7/20 Namesday), Sophia K. (January 21st Birthday), Tatiana D. (January 12/25 Namesday, Irene F. (January 29th Birthday), Maria D. (January 31st Namesday), Angelica C. (February 9 Birthday), Julie L. (February 25 Birthday), George K. (February 27 Birthday).

NOW AT DESERT WISDOM BOOKS



Knots by Anna

HAND MADE PRAYER ROPES

AKATHISTS: The Prayerful Hymns of Christ's Church for Souls in Need

AN AKATHIST will be offered EACH WEDNESDAY at 6pm for the needs of the faithful, families, and friends. The original Akathist Hymn was composed by St Romanos the Melodist, for the purpose of asking the prayers of the **Mother of God**, and it continues to be the most commonly used akathist to this day.

The saints offer up their prayers for the needs of the world. In praying the Akathist, we ask them to intercede with God for our particular needs. **Saint John Maximovitch** is known for his prayers for travellers and missionaries, **St Seraphim of Sarov** for his prayers for those suffering from a variety of problems, including addictions, **St Mary of Egypt** for those enduring sexual passions, **St Nectarios of Aegina** for those suffering from cancer and other conditions, **St Xenia of Petersburg** for those seeking a home, a job, or a spouse, and for **Sts Joachim and Anna**, ancestors of the Lord, for the health and wellbeing of marriages.

While there are many situations in which we seek help for ourselves, or seek to offer help to other people, perhaps the most effective thing any faithful person can do, is to first and foremost ask for the mercies of God and the prayers of His saints.

MARRIAGE COURSE

*for Engaged & Married Couples
in the Orthodox Church*

Fridays April 13th & 20th, 7-9pm
Saturdays April 14th & 21st, 3-5:30pm

All Saints of North America Orthodox Church - 317 Mohin at Woodward, Hamilton ON

To register, contact Father Geoffrey Korz
at korzg@hotmail.com or (905) 318-6436



HOUSE BLESSING

The blessing of homes following the Feast of Theophany (January 6/19) will take place on the following dates, by appointment:

Friday, January 19th -- Brantford
Saturday, January 20th -- Niagara
Monday, January 22nd -- Hamilton
Thursday, January 23rd -- Halton/Oakville
Saturday, January 27th -- Toronto & Area

Please contact the priest in advance to arrange for your home to be placed on the schedule:
(905) 318-6436 or korzgz@hotmail.com

THE BLESSING OF LAKE ONTARIO

THE BLESSING OF LAKE ONTARIO will take place immediately following Liturgy on **Sunday, January 21st**. The service will be followed by lunch at Hamilton's famous Hutch's Restaurant at the waterfront.

The PARISH ANNUAL MEETING will take place following Liturgy & Potluck on Sunday, January 28th, 2018

Items will include:

Installation of Parish Executive – State of the Parish Report
Financial & Givings Report – Update on St. George's Brantford
Parish Ministry Reports – Orthodox Spirituality Series Planning

**PLEASE ARRANGE IN ADVANCE to attend
this important annual meeting, to help build**

(Continued from front cover)

Since the Mystery of Marriage binds a Priest and his wife together as "one flesh," the wife shares in a sense her husband's Priesthood. The various titles used by the national Churches are listed below. The Greek titles, since they have English correspondents, are perhaps the easiest to use in the West:

- Greek: Presbytera (Pres—vee—té—ra)
- Russian: Matushka (Má—toosh—ka)
- Serbian: Papadiya (Pa—pá—dee—ya)
- Ukrainian: Dobrodika (Do—BRO—di—ka),
Panimatushka (Pa—nee—má—toosh—ka), or
Panimatka (Pa—nee—mát—ka)

The wife of a Deacon is called "Diakonissa" in Greek. The Slavic Churches commonly use the same title for the wife of a Deacon as they do for the wife of a Priest. In any case, the wife of a Priest should normally be addressed with both her title and her name in informal situations (e.g., "Presbytera Mary," "Diakonissa Sophia," etc.).

Greeting Clergy on the Telephone. Whenever speaking with Orthodox clergy on the telephone, you should always begin your conversation by asking for a blessing: One should end the conversation by asking for a blessing again.

Addressing Clergy in Writing. When we write to a clergyman (and, by custom, monastics), we should open our letter with the greeting, "Bless, Father." At the end of the letter, it is customary to close with the following line: "Kissing your right hand....", although in many cases, people will simply end with, "Yours in Christ..." and their name.

It is not appropriate to invoke a blessing on a clergyman, as many do with the words, "May God bless you." Not only does this show a certain spiritual arrogance before the clergy, but laymen do not have the Grace of the Priesthood which we recognize as giving the grace to bless someone or something (this is the same reason we invite a priest to bless our home or vehicle). Even a Priest properly introduces his letters with the words, "The blessing of the Lord" or "May God bless you," rather than offering his own blessing. Needless to say, clergy should always ask a blessing from an ecclesiastical superior, and not bestow one.

Formal Address. Deacons in the Orthodox Church are addressed as "The Reverend Deacon, or as "The Reverend Hierodeacon" if they are monastics. If a Deacon holds the honor of Archdeacon or Protodeacon, he is addressed as "The Reverend Archdeacon / Protodeacon". Deacons must be addressed, as we noted above, as "Father Deacon". Orthodox Priests are addressed as "The Reverend Father," or if they are Hieromonks (monks who are also Priests), they are addressed as "The Reverend Hieromonk."

TO BE CONTINUED