



Pascha (Easter), the Nativity of Jesus Christ (Christmas), the Theophany of our Lord and Savior (Christ's Baptism),

Pentecost (the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles)... *these are just a few of our Religious Feast Days!*

As Christians, these special dates give us an opportunity to express how grateful we are to God that He loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son so that we could be saved. (John 3:16)

Through our religious commemorations, *we acknowledge and express how grateful we are to our Risen Lord Jesus Christ...* that He would sacrifice Himself and lay down His own life for us.



Orthodox Christians go to church as part of these celebrations.

Every parish in our Orthodox world has a special day called its Name Day! *That day is when its namesake is remembered.*



Wednesday, May 9th is our parish Name Day... we gather in worship to remember our parish's Patron Saint, St. Christopher the Martyr.

For our birthdays and anniversaries, we invite our family and friends to join us for a meal. We give presents in honor of the one being remembered. We do this because we love one another. Our gifts don't have to be expensive... they can be homemade or even expressed with a greeting card. If we can't afford presents, we can simply share how much that person means to us and how much we love and appreciate them in our lives.



Rather than bring “presents” for our Name Day on Wednesday, I invite you and your family to offer your “presence” at our church services, and then afterwards to share food and fellowship at our parish community dinner (bring lenten foods to share).

Great Vespers begin at 5:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy is at 6:15 p.m.

Community Dinner is at 7:15 p.m.



Χρονια Πολλα
for our Name Day!

Faithfully yours,

+Fr. George