

## Memorial Service (*Mnimosino*-calling to mind)

### How to Schedule a Memorial

Orthodox Christians most commonly offer individual memorials on the fortieth day following the death, at six-months, the first-year anniversary, the third-year anniversary, and Saturday of the Souls. The memorial recalls the deceased to God, the heavenly host, family and friends. At St. George, we respectfully request at least two week's notice of a planned memorial service. Contact the church office at (559)233-0397 to schedule memorials.

### How to Order Kollyva

The Christian message of everlasting life and hope is symbolically represented by the white mound of *kollyva* on a tray bearing a cross and the deceased's initials. The tray rests in front of the church during the Liturgy and Memorial Service. Following the service, it is mixed in the Hall and shared with the congregation during coffee hour. To order *kollyva*, contact The Monastery of the Holy Theotokos the Life Giving Spring at (559)338-3110. The nuns from the monastery will prepare and deliver your *kollyva* to St. George for the memorial.

Additional tributes on that day may include ordering/making the *prosforo*, providing flowers, and/or bringing refreshments for coffee hour, including *paximadia* and brandy. (see below)

### For Memorial Table in Church:

*Kollyva*

Flower Arrangement (optional)

### For Memorial Table in the Social Hall:

4-5 oz paper or plastic cups for the *Kollyva* (150)

Plastic spoons (150)

Napkins (150)

### Additional optional items:

*Paximadia* (10-12 dozen)

Brandy and/or ouzo (1 bottle of each)

Small plastic shot glasses (75-100)

Tablecloth (84" to cover memorial table)

Photo/s of your loved one

Flowers (the ones from the Church Memorial table may be used here)

In addition, the family may choose to host the coffee hour on the same day and offer additional refreshments. Please contact Pam Sopp at (209)986-5273 for more information on hosting a coffee hour.