

St. George Greek Orthodox Church Sunday Bulletin

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Sunday, March 9th 2025 - Sunday of Orthodoxy **Κυριακή 9 Μαρτίου 2025 - Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας**



Apolitikion: When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

For the Feast: We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

For the Saints: The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, O only benevolent God.

Hymn of Saint George: "O Great among martyrs and trophy-bearing George, the liberator of captives and defender of the poor, the physician of the sick and the champion of kings; Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

Kontakion: O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Απολυτίκιον: Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφρασιν ἀποθροῖψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς: Τὴν ἄχραντον εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελεθῆν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὖς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

Τῶν Ἁγίων: Τὰς ἀλγηδόνας τῶν Ἁγίων, ἃς ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἔπαθον, δυσωπήθητι Κύριε, καὶ πάσας ἡμῶν τὰς ὀδύνας, ἴασαι φιλόφρονε δεόμεθα.

Ἁγίου Γεωργίου: Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρόσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον: Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλῃ ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Coffee Hour: Philoptochos Ladies have their Annual Orthodox Sunday Luncheon (\$20 per person)

Ὠρα του Καφε: Οι Κυρίες της Φιλοπτώχου ἔχουν τὸ Ετήσιο Μεσημεριανὸ Γεύμα τους για τὴν Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας (\$20 το άτομο)

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 9

Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am

5:30 - 6:30pm

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Vespers of Contrition

Friday, March 14

6:30 - 7:30pm

2nd Salutations

Λειτουργικὸν Πρόγραμμα

Κυριακή, 9 Μαρτίου

Ὁρθρος 8:30πμ/Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30πμ

5:30- 6:30 μμ

Κυριακή τῆς Ορθοδοξίας

Κατανυκτικὸς Ἑσπερινὸς τῆς Μετανοίας

Παρασκευή, 14 Μαρτίου

6:30- 7:30 μμ

Β' Χαιρετισμοί

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10



BRETHREN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 12:1-10 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

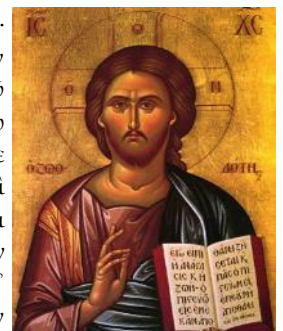
Ἀδελφοί, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, διὸ ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκειμένον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν, ὃς, ἀντὶ τῆς προκειμένης αὐτῷ χαρᾶς, ὑπέμεινεν σταυρὸν, αἰσχύνῃς καταφρονήσας, ἐν δεξιᾷ τε τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ κεκάθικεν. Ἀναλογίσασθε γὰρ τὸν τοιαύτην ὑπομεμενηκότα ὑπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν εἰς αὐτὸν ἀντιλογίαν, ἵνα μὴ κάμητε ταῖς ψυχαῖς ὑμῶν ἐκλυόμενοι. Οὐπω μέχρι αἵματος ἀντικατέστητε πρὸς τὴν ἁμαρτίαν ἀνταγωνιζόμενοι· καὶ ἐκλέλησθε τῆς παρακλήσεως, ἣτις ὑμῖν ὡς υἱοῖς διαλέγεται, Ἰέ μου, μὴ ὀλιγῶρει παιδείας κυρίου, μηδὲ ἐκλύου ὑπὸ αὐτοῦ ἐλεγχόμενος· ὃν γὰρ ἀγαπᾷ κύριος παιδεύει· μαστιγοῖ δὲ πάντα υἱὸν ὃν παραδέχεται. Εἰς παιδείαν ὑπομένετε, ὡς υἱοῖς ὑμῖν προσφέρεται ὁ θεός· τίς γὰρ ἐστὶν υἱὸς ὃν οὐ παιδεύει πατήρ; Εἰ δὲ χωρὶς ἐστε παιδείας, ἧς μέτοχοι γεγόνασιν πάντες, ἄρα νόθοι ἐστε καὶ οὐχ υἱοί. Εἶτα τοὺς μὲν τῆς σαρκὸς ἡμῶν πατέρας εἶχομεν παιδευτὰς, καὶ ἐνετρεπόμεθα· οὐ πολλῷ μᾶλλον ὑποταγησόμεθα τῷ πατρὶ τῶν πνευμάτων, καὶ ζήσομεν; Οἱ μὲν γὰρ πρὸς ὀλίγας ἡμέρας κατὰ τὸ δοκοῦν αὐτοῖς ἐπαίδεον· ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ συμφέρον, εἰς τὸ μεταλαβεῖν τῆς ἀγιότητος αὐτοῦ.

The Gospel According to John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:44-52 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὕρισκε Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολουθεῖ μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκε Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὕρηκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἐστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκὴν εἰδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἰδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μεῖζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεφώγῳτα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday of Orthodoxy - March 9



For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the

Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

Symeon the New Theologian - March 12

Saint Symeon became a monk of the Studite Monastery as a young man, under the guidance of the elder Symeon the Pious. Afterwards he struggled at the Monastery of Saint Mamas in Constantinople, of which he became abbot. After enduring many trials and afflictions in his life of piety, he reposed in 1022. Marvelling at the heights of prayer and holiness to which he attained, and the loftiness of the teachings of his life and writings, the church calls him "the New Theologian." Only to two others, John the Evangelist and Gregory, Patriarch of Constantinople, has the church given the name "Theologian." Saint Symeon reposed on March 12, but since this always falls in the Great Fast, his feast is kept today.



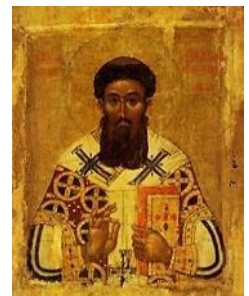
Benedict the Righteous of Nursia - March 14



This Saint, whose name means "blessed," was born in 480 in Nursia, a small town about seventy miles northeast of Rome. He struggled in asceticism from his youth in deserted regions, where his example drew many who desired to emulate him. Hence, he ascended Mount Cassino in Campania and built a monastery there. The Rule that he gave his monks, which was inspired by the writings of Saint John Cassian, Saint Basil the Great, and other Fathers, became a pattern for monasticism in the West; because of this, he is often called the first teacher of monks in the West. He reposed in 547.

Agapios the martyr & his Companions - March 15

The holy Martyrs contested for piety's sake during the reign of Diocletian (284-305), when Urban was Governor of Caesarea of Palestine. When Urban had commanded that together with a heathen festival, certain condemned Christians be publicly cast to wild beasts, Timolaus, a native of Pontus, Dionysius of Tripolis in Phoenicia, Romulus of Diospolis, Plesius (or Paisius) and Alexander from Egypt, and another Alexander from Gaza, tied their own hands and presented themselves to Urban when the exhibition was about to begin, professing their faith in Christ; they were immediately cast into prison. A few days later Agapios and Dionysius also presented themselves. All were beheaded together at Caesarea. Their martyrdom is recorded by Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book VIII, ch.3, called The Martyrs of Palestine).



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 9	after Service	Sunday of Othodoxy Philoptochos Annual Luncheon
Monday, March 10	5:30pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes
Tuesday, March 11	6-9pm	Sights & Sounds practice
Tuesday March 11	6:30pm	Daughters of Penelope Meeting
Tuesday March 11	6:30pm	Book Reading Club
Wednesday, March 12	6pm & 7pm	Bible Study GOYA/ADULT
Wednesday, March 12	6:30-9pm	GOYA Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 12	6-8 pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Adult Classes
Thursday, March 13	5:30-7:30pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes
Thursday, March 13	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday, March 14	7:30pm	Chion Society Dinner after Salutations
Saturday, March 15	10am-12pm	Sights & Sounds practice
Saturday, March 15		Oratorical festival @ Holy Trinity , Egg Harbor

Save the day

March 22 **Sights & Sounds @ Holy Trinity** Wilmington
May 2-4 **Saint George Spring Festival**

Community Shelter Outreach

Dear Parishioners



St. George has been providing a monthly meal for residents of Safe Harbor for over 20 years. However, due to the new climate of precaution, they cannot accept prepared/cooked – in advance meals unless they are restaurant prepared or catered by a licensed registered kitchen. Because this is not possible for most of our parishioners, we will need to discontinue providing our monthly offering.

Thus, we have decided to continue to support the Safe Harbor mission by collecting monetary donations and/or grocery store gift cards. As we receive the donations, they will be forward to Safe Harbor to continue our commitment to help those facing food insecurity.

If you are interested in donating, please make checks payable to Safe Harbor or bring Grocery store gift cards to our church office. I will make sure that they are forward to the proper Safe Harbor coordinator.

Very Special thanks in March to Niko Stephanides for his very generous supermarket gift card donations to Safe Harbor. What a wonderful way to begin our Lenten Season of love and giving.

Please remember, if you have already obtained a civil divorce, you must also receive an Ecclesiastical Divorce from the Church

This brief process is confidentially handled by the parish priest. You must complete this process in order to be in good standing with the Church, meaning that you may not partake in the Sacramental life of the Church, (example: being a sponsor at a wedding or baptism, receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Holy Unction, serving on the Parish Council, voting at Parish Assemblies and entering into another marriage).

Please consider your personal situation and be in good standing with the Church. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Zissis directly.

Pastoral Visits - A Request to All Parishioners:

If you desire a pastoral visit in case of a hospitalization, or for someone who is homebound, in a nursing facility, or in prison, please have an immediate family member notify the Church office 610.459.0366 or if it is an emergency you can contact Fr. Zissis at 617.990.4390 so that a visit can be arranged.

If you need prayers for Health, Healing or any other Concerns please contact Father Zissis for spiritual advise and to arrange the appropriate services or sacraments, according to our Holy Orthodox Church.

Prospora Liturgy of Preparation, Proskimidia, Service of Prothesis. Offering Prospora and names at the Liturgy.

Take the prospora to church with a list of names for the priest to mention during the Divine Liturgy. Put the first names of the living in one column of your note (including those who have baked the bread, and others you want remembered) and the names of any deceased in another column.

PROSPHORA/ARTOCLASIA

If you wish to donate the **Prospora** for a special feast day or your name day, they are available for purchase at **\$10.00 each**.

Artoclasia is available for purchase to celebrate a name day or special occasion from the Philoptochos Society, **5 loaves for \$50**.

Prospora & Holy Communion Wine for Memorial

are available for purchase for **\$50**.

For all **Memorial services and Artoclasia**, we kindly ask that you also supply **wine and oil for the Altar**.

Please contact the church office or any Philoptochos member for your orders.



The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: A Journey of Spiritual Renewal

Q: What is the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts?

A: The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is a solemn and mystical service celebrated on certain weekdays of Great Lent, particularly Wednesdays and Fridays. Unlike the Divine Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom or St. Basil, this service does not include the consecration of the Eucharist. Instead, the Holy Gifts were already sanctified (presanctified) at the previous Sunday's Divine Liturgy. This allows the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the middle of the week as spiritual nourishment during the Lenten fast. This service emphasizes the deep reverence, humility, and repentance that characterize our journey toward Pascha (Easter). It is a time of quiet reflection, when the faithful approach Christ with a contrite heart, seeking His grace and strength.

Q: Why is it called the 'Presanctified' Liturgy?

A: The term "Presanctified" refers to the fact that the Body and Blood of Christ used in this service were already consecrated at a prior Divine Liturgy. The Church, in her wisdom, limits the celebration of a full Eucharistic liturgy on weekdays during Lent, as the Divine Liturgy is inherently a joyous and celebratory event, which contrasts with the somber and penitential nature of the Lenten season. However, understanding the need for the faithful to receive the strength of Christ's presence, the Church offers this liturgy as a means of continuing our spiritual ascent toward Pascha.

Q: What is the spiritual significance of the Presanctified Liturgy?

A: This liturgy calls us into a state of watchfulness and inner purification. The journey of Great Lent is one of repentance (metanoia)—a turning away from sin and toward God. The solemnity of the service, marked by low lighting, prostrations, and quiet chanting, immerses us in the reality that we are exiles from paradise, longing to be reunited with God.

Just as the Israelites were sustained by manna in the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land, the faithful are spiritually sustained by the Eucharist during the Presanctified Liturgy. It is a reminder that our ultimate fulfillment is in Christ alone, and that this life is a pilgrimage toward His Kingdom.

Q: Why does the service feel different from the Divine Liturgy?

A: The Presanctified Liturgy is a fusion of Vespers and Holy Communion, rather than a full Eucharistic celebration. It begins in darkness, with the reading of Old Testament lessons, especially from Genesis, Exodus, and Proverbs, which reflect on themes of repentance, divine providence, and wisdom. A deeply moving moment occurs when the Holy Gifts are brought out in a silent, candlelit procession, symbolizing Christ, the Light of the World, coming into our midst. The faithful prostrate themselves as the Gifts pass by, acknowledging the profound mystery of Christ's presence among us.

Q: Why does the priest cover his head with the aer?

A: During the Lord's Prayer, the priest covers his head with the aer (the large cloth used in the liturgy). This is an ancient act of humility, signifying that even the celebrant, who stands before God on behalf of the people, is unworthy of the mysteries he is handling. It also reflects the deep reverence with which we must approach the Holy Eucharist, recognizing it as the very Body and Blood of Christ, given for our salvation.

Q: How should I prepare for the Presanctified Liturgy?

A: Since this liturgy includes the reception of Holy Communion, the faithful are encouraged to:

1. Fast from at least noon (or, if possible, from the morning) in preparation for the Eucharist.
2. Approach with a spirit of repentance—confessing sins, seeking God's mercy, and making peace with others.
3. Arrive early and participate prayerfully and attentively, allowing the stillness of the service to penetrate the heart.

Q: What does this liturgy teach us about Lent?

A: The Presanctified Liturgy is a spiritual oasis in the desert of Great Lent. It teaches us:

- Patience and endurance—reminding us that our spiritual life requires constant nourishment.
- The sacredness of time—as we withdraw from daily distractions to encounter Christ.
- Humility and reverence—calling us to recognize our dependence on God's grace.

Most importantly, it teaches us that Lent is not simply about giving up food—it is about becoming spiritually hungry for God.

Q: Why should I attend the Presanctified Liturgy?

A: Attending this service is a powerful way to deepen your Lenten experience. It is an opportunity to:


- Receive Holy Communion midweek for strength in fasting and prayer.
- Enter a state of quiet reflection and renewal.
- Experience the ancient and mystical beauty of Orthodox worship.

The Church invites us to come, lay aside all earthly cares, and enter the mystery of Christ's presence, preparing our souls for the joy of the Resurrection.

"The Presanctified Liturgy is a gift of the Church, an oasis of grace during our Lenten struggle. It reminds us that, in our weakness, Christ is our strength. As we bow in prostration before His Holy Presence, may we also bow our hearts in true repentance, so that when Pascha comes, we may rise with Him in the fullness of His light and love."

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 23rd FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 2nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHAI!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHAI (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



ALTAR SERVER RETREAT

Led by His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 2 P.M.

**St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
900 S Trooper Road, Jeffersonville, PA 19403**

[REGISTER HERE!](#)





THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

*His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
cordially invites you to the*

*Hellenic College and
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Benefit Luncheon*



St. George Greek Orthodox Church

1200 Klockner Road, Trenton (Hamilton), New Jersey, 08619

March 29,
2025

11:00am

\$125
per ticket



Scan or Click for Ticket and
Sponsorship Information

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Orthodox Christian Stewardship Program

Dear Parishioners,

With our church, we often imagine only what is humanly possible, but if we do our part in faith, God will lovingly return to us much more than we could ever imagine. This is the true meaning of "Your own from Your own." We will see our church, not as it is, but as it could be, with our humble gifts multiplied by God's generosity and love.

We ask you to support these worthy ministries with your pledge.

Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, "What are the dues?" but "How can I thank God for my many blessings?" We see our church, not as it is, but as it could be. We offer our treasure and ourselves sacrificially, so that, as members of the Body of Christ, we may reach our full potential in Him.

Before completing your Commitment Card and Information Form, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. We ask kindly you to support these worthy ministries of our Parish with your pledge. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of your commitment and an expression of thanks for the many blessings in your life.

Well done, Good and Faithful Servant!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Zissis Lappas

Offering Prayer



Lord our God, as you welcomed the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah and Abraham, the incense of Aaron and Zachariah, do welcome also, from the hands of us sinners, these offerings, so that in clear conscience we may always offer to you gifts and the resources of our labor, for your glorification, for the alleviation of sufferings and hunger, for the ministry to your people, by the grace, mercy and philanthropy of your only begotten Son with whom You are blessed from ages to ages. Amen.

Προσευχή Προσφοράς

Κύριε Θεέ, όπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δεχθείς από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να Σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας για την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξιλασμό του λαού Σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Ending: March 7, 2025

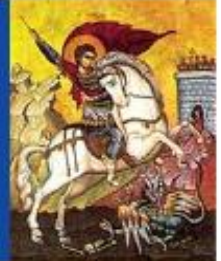


<u>YEAR</u>	<u># FAMILIES</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>FAMILY AVG.</u>
2025	123	\$ 73,748	600
2024	127	\$ 79,219	624
	(4)	\$ (5,471)	(24)

*** Our daily expense to sustain St. George is \$1,500**



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GATHER MY PEOPLE TO MY HOME • COME AND SEE
2025 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ's work at St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Media, PA for 2025

A total annual amount of: \$800 \$1,000 **\$1,500 \$2,000 \$3,000 \$5,000 Other _____
 \$ _____ weekly \$ _____ monthly \$ _____ quarterly \$ _____ semi-annually \$ _____ annually

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

**The family average contribution needed to fund St. George's operating budget is \$1,500.

Please plan to give in proportion to your God-given income and family circumstances.

Date Submitted: _____

2025 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM • PAYMENT OPTIONS

Stewardship payments can be made by the following methods:

- Automatic Payments using Bill Pay from your bank.
(Preferred Option)
Use steward number as the account number
- Electronic payments via Square or Venmo
Link available on www.StGeorgeMedia.Org
- Check mailed to St. George Office
- Stewardship Envelopes Dropped off in Church Service Basket
(Check or Cash)

Venmo Link

<http://www.venmo.com/StGeorgeMedia>



Square Link

<https://stgeorgemediapa.square.site/>

Please note: The first \$300 of your stewardship contribution goes to support the ministries of the Archdiocese and the Metropolis. All additional contributions stay within our local parish ministries.



PLEDGE AMOUNT

MONTHLY <i>(12 Payments)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
QUARTERLY <i>(4 Payments)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$750	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
OTHER FREQUENCY	Number of payments _____			\$ _____ Amount per payment		

I wish to contribute to St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Media, PA utilizing one of the options on this commitment form for supporting the 2025 Christian Stewardship Program.

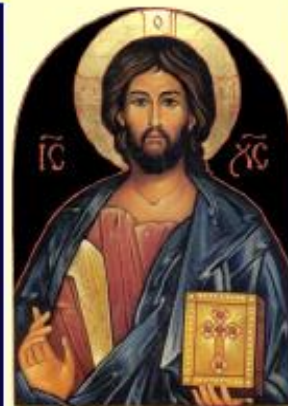
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Billing Address: _____

By signing below I am committing to pledge and submit my commitment to St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Media PA

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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SEE**

STEWARDSHIP # _____

2025 EASTER FLOWER FUND

The Philoptochos Society will be accepting donations and providing all the flowers for the Great Lent and Easter Services. Donations and/or contributions will be accepted. Please call the church office @ 610.459.0366, if you would like to donate for the stated arrangements for a specific service or date.

Saturday of Lazarus Icon (April 12) \$175.00:donated by Dina Bottos

Icon of Palm Sunday (Sunday, April 13, AM Service) \$175.00: donated by Lazaros & Eleni Christou

Icon of Christ (Palm Sunday, Holy Mon. & Holy Tues Evenings) \$175.00: donated by Lena, Lazo & Leni Christou

(2)Candelabra Flower Arrangements \$220.00 each: both donated by Andrea Perakis

Icon of Last Supper to be used on Holy Wednesday & Holy Thursday \$175.00:donated by Adamidis family in memory of the departed members of Calombaris family

Resurrection Candle \$300.00:donated by Angelica Politarhos -Santora in memory of John 'Spanky' Santora

Large Crucifixion Wreath \$220.00: donated by Dora Hionis

(2) Small Crucifixion Wreaths \$90.00 each:

(2) Flowers at the Feet of Crucifixion \$190.00 each: both donated by Dora Hionis

Rose Petals for Myrrhbearers Holy Friday \$70.00:donated by Eve Kanellopoulos

Bay Leaves (Holy Saturday) \$350.00: donated by Phil & Elena Voutsakis, Vasili & Soula Kappatos, Anastasia Panayiotou and Eleni Christou

25 Gardenias \$20.00 each: donated by Penelope Politarhos Barnes in memory of Angelo & Bette Politarhos

Icon for the Salutations to the Theotokos & Akathist Hymn (all 5 Friday's):

March 7: donated by Angie Politarhos-Santora

March 14: donated by YAL

March 21:

March 28:

April 4: donated by Thomas & Soula Papatzikas

Sunday of Orthodoxy \$175.00 (March 9):donated by George & Stavroula Lambardakis in memory of Konstantinos Katsirmas.

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas \$175.00 (March 16): donated by Harry & Linda Pappas

Sunday of the Holy Cross Daffodils \$350.00 (March 23):

Icon of the Holy Cross \$175.00 (March 23):

Icon of the Annunciation \$175.00 (March 25):donated by Evans & Angie Christou

Sunday of St. John Climacos \$175.00 (March 23): donated by Adamidis family in memory of the departed members of Adamidis & Morakis Family

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt \$175.00 (April 6): donated by Drew & Diane Nayman

Palms for Palm Sunday \$350.00 (April 13): donated by Jerry & Effie Hionis and Family

(6) Palm trees pots (around the Nave for Palm Sunday) \$30.00 each : all donated by Faithful Pious Family

Icon of Myrophores \$175 (May 4):donated by Philoptochos Ladies

Icon of Ressurrection \$175 (April 19):donated by Angelo & Spiridoula Nicolaou

Icon of St. George for Name Day Procession (Wednesday, April 23) \$175.00:donated by Margarita Lambardakis in memory of Nikolaos Lambardakis

Iconostasion Icon of St. George for Name Day (Wednesday, April 23) \$175.00:donated Eleni Sitaras In loving memory of " Presvytera Eleni Devedjakis " (50 years)

Fresh Easter Eggs & silk bags (30 dozens): donated by Phil & Georgia Hanos

Easter Flower Decoration for Iconostasion Icons

Icon of St. Katherine – Iconostasion \$175.00:donated by Angelo & Spiridoula Nikolaou

Icon of Archangel Michael - Iconostasion \$175.00: donated by Andrea perakis

Icon of St. Nicholas - Iconostasion \$175.00:donated by Nick & Mary Skoutelas in loving memory of all their departed loved ones

Icon of St. George – Iconostasion \$175.00: donated by George & Maria Kaffes

Icon of Panagia - Iconostasion \$175.00:donated by Dionisi & Eleni Nikolis

Icon of Last Supper - Iconostasion \$325.00:donated by Dora Hionis

Icon of Christ - Iconostasion \$175.00:donated by Sakis & Margaret Arsenlis

Icon of St. John Baptist - Iconostasion \$175.00:donated by Mike & Eleni Sitaras in memory of all their departed loved ones

Icon of St. Nektarios – Iconostasion \$175.00: donated by Mike & Eleni Sitaras in memory of all their departed loved ones

Icon of Archangel Gabriel –Iconostasion \$175.00: donated by Gerald & Robin Napiecek

Icon of St. Demetrios– Iconostasion \$175.00: donated by Demetrios & Anthoula Psihalinos

Charchoals for the sensor (3 boxes-\$30 each): donated by Constantine, Nathanael & Christopher Bourogiannis

Cologne (\$30) for the springler for Holy Friday Service: donated by Faithful Pious Parishioner

THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS!

*** AVAILABLE FOR DONATIONS

2 Small Crucifixion Wreaths \$90.00 each

Icon for the Salutations to the Theotokos March 21

Icon for the Salutations to the Theotokos March 28

Sunday of the Holy Cross Daffodils \$350.00 (March 23)

Icon of the Holy Cross \$175.00 (March 23)

To help defray the cost of decorating the Epitaphio please send cash or check to the Church for "Epitaphios Flowers".



2025 ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY EASTER CARD

Great Lent is here, so it's that time of year again to think of submitting your names for the
Annual St. George Community Easter Card.

The minimum suggested donation is **\$30.00** per family, although larger offerings in support of your church and its ministries are also appreciated. This card is mailed to the entire St. George Community. In these days when printing and postage costs are making personal cards more and more expensive, you can include your greetings to the whole community and support your church at the same time!

Please complete the form below and submit it with your check, made payable to "St. George Greek Orthodox Church". Please write "Easter Card Donation" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

Donation must accompany form. We wish you and your family *Kali Anastasi, a Blessed Resurrection.*

(Donation Minimum \$30.00)

Name as listed on card: _____

Name of person submitting this form: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ email address: _____

Amount Paid: Cash:\$ _____ Check\$ _____ Check#: _____

Please mail to: St George Greek Orthodox Church, 30 East Forge Rd., Media, PA 19063

Please submit no later than April 6, 2025. **Donation must accompany form.** Thank you.



2025 EASTER FLOWER LILIES



This year you may donate towards the **Easter Flower Lilies** "*in memory of*" or "*in honor of*" your loved one(s). The Lilies will adorn our blessed St. George Church during the Holy Week and Easter. Following their bloom, they will be planted outdoors in the Church Gardens, where they will flower annually.

Also the names of the "in Memory of" will be read during the Holy Friday Services. "In honor of" names will be read during the Resurrection Service.

If you wish to donate towards The Easter Flower Lilies, please complete the following form and submit to the Church.

Please submit no later than April 6, 2025. **Donation must accompany form.** Thank you.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Name of person submitting this form: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ email address: _____

Number of Lilies: _____ @ \$25.00 each _____

Amount Paid: Cash:\$ _____ Check\$ _____ Check#: _____

Philoptochos Society -- Ai Miroforoi
Easter Bread & Spanakopita Order Form - 2025

SOLD TO: _____ PAID _____ (Check/Cash)

TELEPHONE: _____ AMOUNT DUE: _____

Firm Due Date for Orders: _____ TAKEN _____

Sunday, April 5th, 2025 10:30am-1:30pm

Pick-up Date: Sunday, April 13 2025 (Palm Sunday)

Checks Payable to: *Philoptochos Society*

ITEM	COST	Quantity	Total
Round loaves, Nine (9)-inch with Red Egg	\$15		
Round loaves— Ten (10)-inch with Red Egg	\$17		
Long Braided Loaves	\$15		
Spanakopita - Large (Frozen)	\$55		
TOTAL			

Return this form to: Mrs. Angie Santora or call 610-656-2942 OR Mrs. Diane Nayman or call 610-574-0382

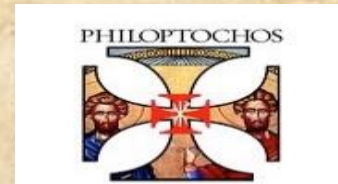




PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

Ai Miroforoi

St. George Greek Orthodox Church



Greetings from the Ladies of Philoptochos

Each Sunday after Liturgy, there is Coffee Hour. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The Philoptochos ladies will be setting up donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy. There will be a 3 month schedule for anyone interested in sponsoring Coffee Hour. If you are interested, please let the office know.

March 9 Sunday of Orthodoxy - Philoptochos Luncheon (no memorials)

March 16 Roula Nikolaides –Bateman and her family are sponsoring the coffee hour in memory of Hrisi ‘Soula’ Nikolaides.
Maria Nazarides and her family are sponsoring the coffee hour in memory of Theodoros Nazarides.
Dimitri Psihalinos & his family are sponsoring the coffee hour in memory George Psihalinos.

March 23 Sunday of the Holy Cross-Daffodils

March 30 Vasiliades family is sponsoring the coffee hour in memory of Emanouel M. Vasiliades.

April 6

April 13 Palm Sunday Parish Council Luncheon

April 20 Easter

April 27 Markos Tsakiris is sponsoring the coffee hour in honor of St. Mark's Feast day

Coffee Hour Clean up

Every Sunday after church, the congregation is offered Coffee hour with some sort of desserts and many times luncheons. We ask everyone to kindly assist in the cleanup of the hall by everyone disposing of their trash before leaving the Hall.

Everyone's help in maintaining the cleanliness of our Hall is Appreciated!

We the Philoptochos thank you for your Assistance .

DONATION REQUEST

Donation of small water bottles and small juice boxes are needed for coffee hour. If you would like to donate either of these items please drop them off at St. George or bring them on a Sunday. Thank you.

Just a friendly reminder that when you are receiving holy communion and / or kissing an icon, please not wear any type of lip product.
Thank you.



ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH
DURING COFFEE HOUR

**SHRIMP
RICE
VEGGIES
SALAD
DESSERT**

\$20
CASH AND CHECK ONLY



JOY & HOPE NEWSLETTER

MARCH
2025



February Fun

KOLIVA LESSON



MDF DANCE COMPETITION



Updates

Congratulations to our JOY & HOPE children for participating in MDF and getting 3rd place in the Primary group! They did an amazing job!!

Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY (AFTER CHURCH)

JOY & HOPE Dance Practice

MARCH 3RD (5:30PM)

Kathara Deftera (Clean Monday)
Kite Flying in Church Parking Lot.

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!!

Sign up to receive email updates

HOPE

Ages 4-2nd grade



JOY

GRADES 3RD-6TH



Seeking Coordinator(s) for Moms, Pops & Tots Ministry

The Moms, Pops & Tots Ministry at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Media, PA, is looking for dedicated coordinators to help lead this special program!

This ministry provides a loving and faith-filled environment for parents, grandparents, and caregivers with children ages 40 days to 4 years old. It is a wonderful opportunity for little ones to play, explore, and begin their spiritual journey while their families build lasting friendships and support one another.

As a coordinator, you will help organize gatherings, plan simple activities, and create a welcoming space for our young families. No prior experience is needed—just a warm heart and a willingness to serve!

If you feel called to help shape this beautiful ministry, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Fr. Zissis at frzissis@stgeorgemedia.org for more information or to express your interest.

We appreciate your support in growing this vibrant community for our little ones and their families!



Saint George's Bible Study

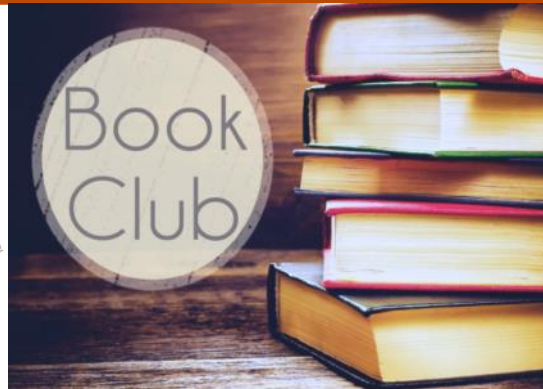
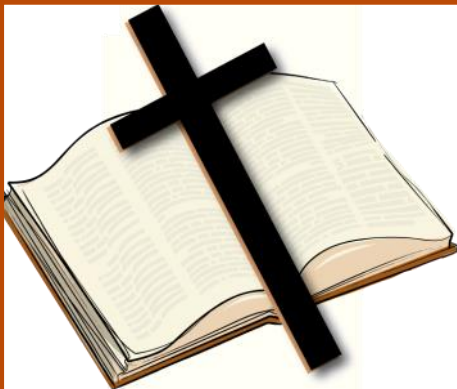
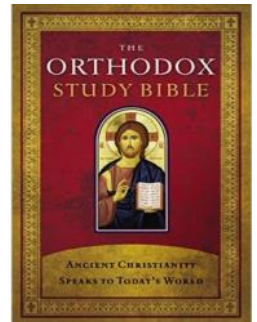
Next Session is on Wednesday, March 12th

GOYA Bible Study: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Adult Bible Study: 7:00pm-8:00pm

For more information contact

Mikael Maras at 610-639-1202



You are all welcome to join our Book Reading Club,
on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm.

The mission of our reading club is to share a good book and encourage each other in our Christian journey, deepen our faith and friendships.

Reading Club Leaders
Thomas & Sophia Restas

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