

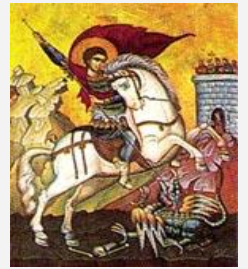


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Annunciation of the Theotokos- March 25



Six months after John the Forerunner's conception, the Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, a town of Galilee, unto Mary the Virgin, who had come forth from the Temple a mature maiden (see Nov. 21). According to the tradition handed down by the Fathers, she had been betrothed to Joseph four months. On coming to Joseph's house, the Archangel declared: "Rejoice, thou Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." After some consideration, and turmoil of soul, and fear because of this greeting, the Virgin, when she had finally obtained full assurance concerning God's unsearchable condescension and the ineffable dispensation that was to take place through her, and believing that all things are possible to the Most High, answered in humility: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And at this, the Holy Spirit came upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her all-blameless womb, and the Son and Word of God, Who existed before the ages, was conceived past speech and understanding, and became flesh in her immaculate body (Luke 1:26-38). Bearing in her womb the Uncontainable One, the blessed Virgin went with haste from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea, where Zacharias had his dwelling; for she desired to find Elizabeth her kinswoman and rejoice together with her, because, as she had learned from the Archangel, Elizabeth had conceived in her old age. Furthermore, she wished to tell her of the great things that the Mighty One had been well-pleased to bring to pass in her, and she greeted Elizabeth and drew nigh to her. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she felt her six-month-old babe, Saint John the Baptist, prophesied of the dawning of the spiritual Sun. Immediately, the aged Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and recognized her as the Mother of her Lord, and with a great voice blessed her and the Fruit that she held within herself. The Virgin also, moved by a supernatural rejoicing in the spirit, glorified her God and Savior, saying: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," and the rest, as the divine Luke hath recorded (1:39-55)

His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

V. Rev. Archimandrite Nektarios Cottros, Chancellor

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

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March 2025

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Dates & services subject to change

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>2nd Saturday of Souls</i> Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am <i>Sights & Sounds Practice 10am-12pm</i>
2 <i>Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Sunday</i> Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Oratorical Festival Philoptochos Meeting Vespers of Forgiveness 5:30-6:30pm	3 <i>Great Compline</i> 5:30-7:00pm Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes 5:30-7:30pm	4 <i>Sights & Sound Practice</i> 6:30-9pm	5 <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</i> 5:30-6:30pm Aristotle Academy Greek Adult Classes 6-8pm GOYA dance practice 6:30pm	6 Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes 5:30-7:30pm	7 <i>1st Salutations</i> 6:30-7:30pm <i>YAL Dinner after salutations</i>	8 <i>3rd Saturday of Souls</i> Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am <i>Sights & Sounds Practice 10am-12pm</i>
9 <i>Sunday Orthodox</i> Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am <i>Philoptochos Luncheon</i> Sunday School JOY/HOPE dance practice Vespers of Contraction 5:30-6:30pm	10 Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes 5:30-7:30pm <i>Pan Macedonian Dance Rehearsal 8pm</i>	11 Daughters of Penelope Meeting 6:30pm <i>Book reading club</i> 6:30pm <i>Sights & Sounds Practice 6:30-9pm</i>	12 <i>Bible study</i> GOYA 6pm/Adult 7pm Aristotle Academy Greek Adult Classes 6-8pm GOYA dance Practice 6:30pm	13 Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes 5:30-7:30pm	14 <i>2nd Salutations</i> 6:30-7:30pm	15 <i>Oratorical Festival @ Holy Trinity, Egg Harbor</i> <i>Sights & Sounds Practice 10am-12pm</i>
16 <i>Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</i> Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Sunday School JOY/HOPE dance practice Altar Boys Retreat @St.Sophia Jeffersonville	17 <i>Great Compline</i> 5:30-7:00pm Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes 5:30-7:30pm <i>Pan Macedonian Dance Rehearsal 8pm</i>	18 <i>Sights & Sounds Practice 6:30-9pm</i>	19 <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</i> 5:30-6:30pm GOYA dance practice 6:30pm AHEPA Meeting Aristotle Academy Greek Adult Classes	20 Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes 5:30-7:30pm	21 <i>3rd Salutations</i> 6:30-7:30pm	22 <i>Sights & Sounds @ Holy Trinity Egg Harbor, NJ</i>
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SACRAMENTAL REGISTRY



Baptism

On Sunday, February 23, 2025 Jonathan Walter Coursey was baptized.
Godparent-Theodoros Moutsopoulos



Funeral

On Tuesday, February 11, 2025 Parthena Turlitis, age 80.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2024 Emanuel M. Vasiliades, age 84.



Monthly Bulletin

Dear Parishioners, if you or someone you know wishes to receive the Monthly Bulletin by mail please contact the office at 610-459-0366

CHOIR NEWS

"I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Psalm 104:33.



As the liturgical year begins, the St. George choir will resume chanting the liturgy. All existing choir members, please be ready to sing starting at 9:30. While we have a wonderful core of church musicians, we are always looking for new singers, young and old, to join us on Sunday morning.

Please see myself or Mrs. Theodora Psitos for more information.

If you are not inclined to join us in the choir, we encourage you to sing with all your heart from the pews.

Yours in Christ,

Stephanie Kalogredis

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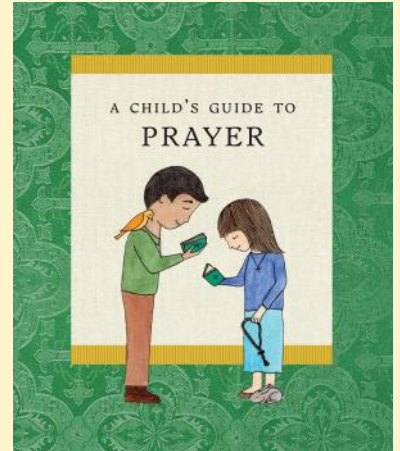
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THIS MONTH AT THE BOOKSTORE

Stop by and visit the **BOOKSTORE** to purchase these featured books and many other Religious books, gifts, handmade jewelry and other helpful resources that are now available for purchase. The bookstore is open Sunday's following Liturgy.

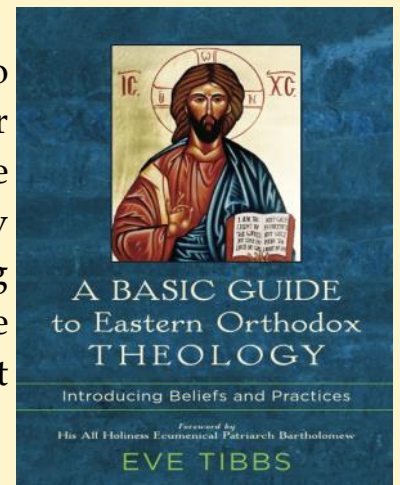
YOUTH BOOK: A Child's Guide to Prayer by Ancient Faith Publishing, illustrated by Tara Pappas

A Child's Guide to Prayer is a beautifully illustrated prayer book for Orthodox Christian children aged 5-10 who are just developing a habit of prayer. The selection includes morning and evening prayers, prayers during the day, at mealtimes, for family and friends, and prayers of and to the saints - along with psalms to pray and prayers that have to do with communion and confession. All the prayers were carefully selected by priests and youth workers to ensure their age-appropriateness. The 120-page guide also includes brief instructions on how to pray, why we pray, and a list of different ways to pray. The book concludes with several blank pages for personal prayer requests.



ADULT BOOK: A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices by Eve Tibbs (Author)

Eve Tibbs offers a comprehensive yet accessible introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Eastern Orthodox Church for Western readers. Tibbs has devoted her career to translating the Orthodox faith to an evangelical audience and has over twenty years of experience teaching this material to students. Assuming no prior knowledge of Orthodox theology, this survey covers the basic ideas of Eastern Orthodox Christianity from its origins at Pentecost to the present day.



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.

Church, for us Orthodox Christians, is the holiest of all places. It is the place where we come face-to-face with our Lord, thereby, demanding the utmost in respect and conduct. While in Church, WE DO NOT chew gum, candy, etc., and WE DO NOT cross our legs or move around and carry on a conversation, especially in the Narthex of our Church.

All of these activities tend to distract those around us and lead our soul away from the mystical experiences of the Divine Liturgy. Our movements about the Church, at their appointed times, should be done with the utmost respect for the place in which the Lord dwells.

WHEN ARE WE NOT TO ENTER THE NAVE of our CHURCH?

As we are entering God's Home, we must always keep in mind that during the following times, WE MUST NOT ENTER THE NAVE of our Church NOR COME TO THE FRONT of the Church to light a votive candle:

- *During the Small Entrance (when the procession with the Gospel takes place)*
- *During the EPISTLE Reading*
- *During the GOSPEL Reading*
- *When the priest is censuring and is facing the Congregation*
- *During the GREAT ENTRANCE (when the procession of the Holy Gifts takes place)*
- *When the priest is blessing the Congregation*
- *During the recitation of the Nicene Creed ("I believe...")*
- *During the Consecration of the Holy Gifts*
- *During the recitation of the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father...")*
- *During the Priest's sermon*



WHEN DO WE KNEEL ?

- **We do not kneel** on Sundays during the consecration of the Holy Gifts as Sundays are resurrectional in nature
- **We do kneel** on Weekday services except from Easter until the Pentecost
– However, for many decades in our Churches, the Faithful have had the pious tradition of kneeling, even if it has been technically and theologically wrong to do so
- After receiving Holy Communion, **we step away from the Chalice before doing our Cross**
- **We fast year-round on Wednesdays and Fridays**; Saturdays are not fasting days
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WHILE IN CHURCH, REMEMBER to...

- *Wear appropriate attire to enter God's House*
- *Silence your mobile devices*
- *Sit with your legs uncrossed*
- *Refrain from chewing gum, mints, or candy*
- *Remove lipstick when receiving Holy Communion or when venerating and kissing the icons*
- *Follow the direction of the Priest for standing & sitting*
- *Maintain quiet in the Sanctuary*
- *Refrain from greeting others while in the Church during and exiting from the Divine Liturgy - that is reserved for Fellowship Hour AFTER services*
- *Refrain from applauding*
- *Not to occupy the hallways or community center during the Divine Liturgy. Instead...*
- *Enter God's House formally with reverence and respect*



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.





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**

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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*



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2025

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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 the enclosed 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



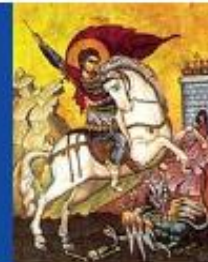
Lord our God, as you welcomed the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah and Abraham, the incense of Aaron and Zachariah, do welcome also, from the hands of us sinners, these offerings, so that in clear conscience we may always offer to you gifts and the resources of our labor, for your glorification, 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.



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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: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____
 **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.



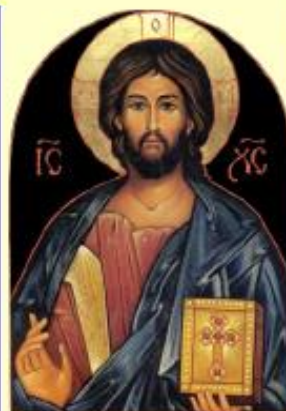
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MONTHLY (12 Payments)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
QUARTERLY (4 Payments)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$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.

Name: _____
 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: _____



**COME
AND
SEE**

STEWARDSHIP # _____



Music Dance Festival 2025

Congratulations to all our wonderful kids, instructors, and their families for their dedication to MDF 2025 and for sharing their enthusiasm for our first Metropolis of New Jersey Music and Dance Festival! This was a beautiful opportunity for our youth. We thank you for being part of it.





2025 St. George Greek Orthodox Church Stewards

THIS LIST WAS LAST UPDATED ON 2-27-2025

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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 PASCHA!</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 PASCHA! (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!

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.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREAT LENT AND HOLY WEEK FLOWER DONATIONS

Saturday of Lazarus Icon (April 12) \$175.00:

Icon of Palm Sunday (Sunday, April 13, AM Service) \$175.00:

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:

Icon of Last Supper to be used on Holy Wednesday & Holy Thursday \$175.00:

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

Large Crucifixion Wreath \$220.00: donated by Dora Hionis0

(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:

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:

March 14:

March 21:

March 28:

April 4: donated by Thomas & Soula Papatzikas

Sunday of Orthodoxy \$175.00 (March 9):

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas \$175.00 (March 16):

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):

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

Palms for Palm Sunday \$350.00 (April 13):

(6) Palm trees pots (around the Nave for Palm Sunday) \$30.00 each

Icon of Myrophores \$175 (April 19):

Icon of Ressurrection \$175 (April 19):

Icon of St. George for Name Day Procession (Wednesday, April 23) \$175.00:donated by Mike & Eleni Sitaras

Iconostasion Icon of St. George for Name Day (Wednesday, April 23) \$175.00:donated by 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:

Icon of Archangel Michael - Iconostasion \$175.00:

Icon of St. Nicholas - Iconostasion \$175.00:

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

Icon of Panagia - Iconostasion (Holy Friday) \$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:

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

Charchoals for the sensor (3 boxes-\$30 each) & **Cologne** (\$30) for the springler for Holy Friday Service



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

THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS!

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 _____

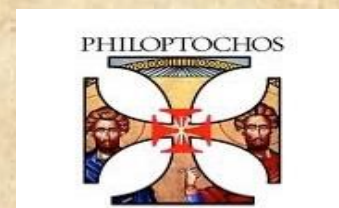
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PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

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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 2 Vicki Wilson & her family are sponsoring the coffee hour in memory Evangelia Zaharias & Alexandros Zaharias
- 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 of George Psihalinos.
- March 23 Sunday of the Holy Cross-Daffodils
- March 30
- April 6
- April 13 Palm Sunday Parish Council Luncheon
- April 20 Easter
- April 27

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.

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 21, 2024 10:30am-1:30pm

Pick-up Date: Sunday, April 28 2024(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



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



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE LAODICE #246



Dear St. George Community,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our Sister, Parthena (Bertha) Tourlitis. Bertha had been a member of the Daughters since 1979. We are keeping her family in our thoughts and prayers. May her memory be eternal.

The Daughters held their monthly meeting on February 18th. We are planning an outing to the Swarthmore Players Club to see a play that our own Theodora (Teddi) Psitos is directing. We are also planning an end of year activity (to be determined) to celebrate the accomplishments of the chapter this year.

The Daughters of Penelope are proud to continue their philanthropic work and are always looking for new and transfer members to join our chapter. If you are interested in joining the Daughters of Penelope please see any of our officers or members. The regular monthly meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the church board room. The remaining dates for our meetings are: 3/11/25, 4/8/25, and 5/13/25.

Wishing you all a blessed Lenten season.

Yours in Christ,
Elaine Zanikos
President



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.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

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DRAKE & MARIA BEHRAKIS



10:00 AM
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GREEK ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL

1:00 PM
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& BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN PARKWAY

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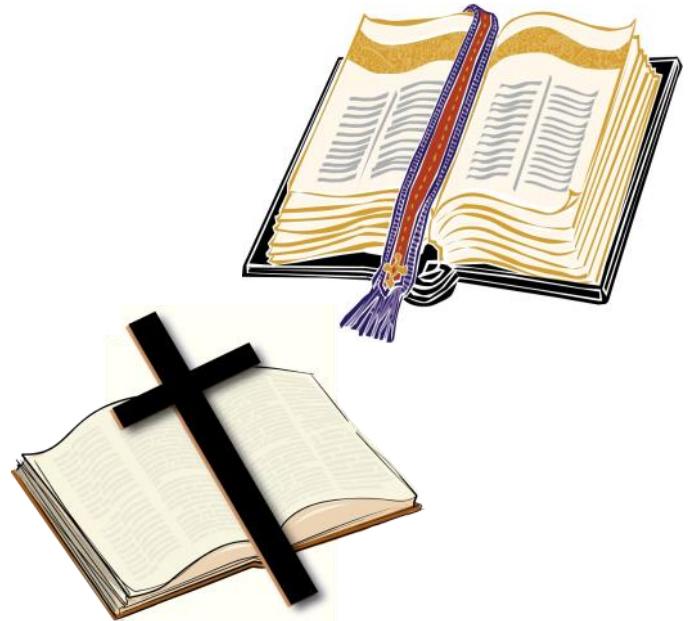
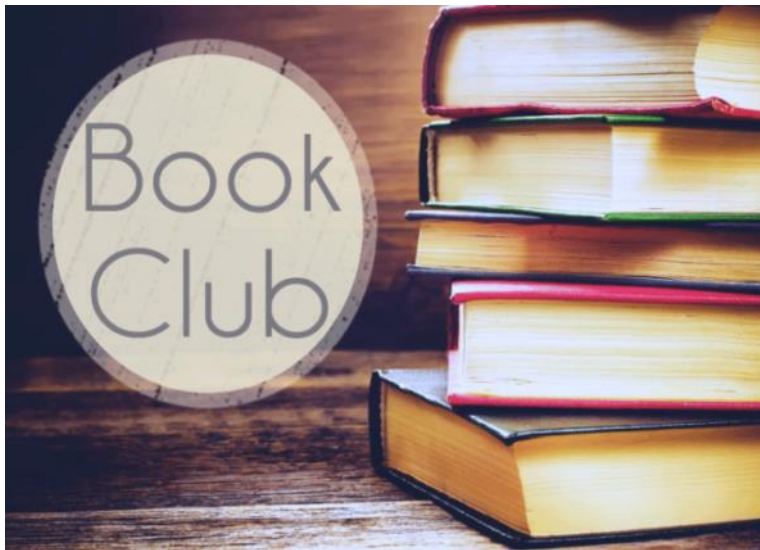
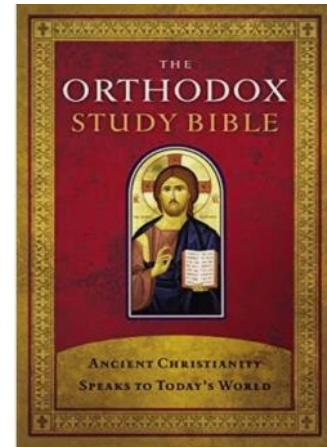
Saint George's Bible Study

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
Tuesday, March 11th & 25th at 6:30 pm.

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Reading Club Leaders
Thomas & Sophia Restas

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