

St. George Greek Orthodox Church Sunday Bulletin

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Sunday, April 13th 2025-Palm Sunday **Κυριακή 13 Απριλιου 2025-Κυριακή τῶν Βαΐων**

Apolytikion : To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

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 (Hymn of the Season): n heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

Απολυτίκιον Αναστάσιμον: Τὴν κοινὴν Ανάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἠγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Απολυτίκιον Αγίου Γεωργίου: Απολυτίκιον Αγίου Γεωργίου: Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέροχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον Εορτῆς Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πάλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

***Please join us for the Annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon Fundraiser
today following services.***

***Παρακαλούμε τιμήστε μας με την παρουσία σας
στο Γεύμα Ψαριού της Κυριακής των Βαΐων***



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING.

Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους 4:4-9 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα



Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντί τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἢ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἤκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

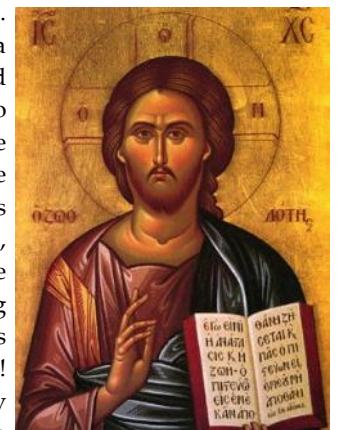
BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 12:1-18 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Πρὸ ἕξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἰς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβούσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὁσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἰς ἕκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτης ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστὶ, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βλαῖα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὄναριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστὶ γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἤκουσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποικέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

The Gospel According to John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - April 13

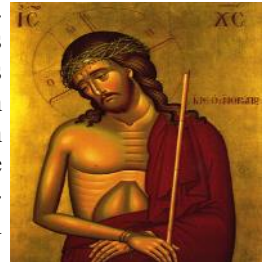


On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

Holy Monday - April 14

The holy Passion of our Saviour begins today, presenting Joseph the all-comely as a prefiguring of Christ. He was the eleventh son of Jacob, and his first son by Rachel; because he was so beloved of his father, his own brethren came to envy him and cast him into a pit. Later they sold him to foreigners for thirty pieces of silver, who later sold him again in Egypt. Because of his virtue, his master gave him much authority in governing his house; because he was fair of countenance, his master's wife sought to draw him into sin with her; because of his chastity, he refused her, and through her slanders was cast into prison. Finally, he was led forth again with great glory and was honoured as a king. He became lord over all Egypt and a provider of wheat for all the people. Through all this, he typifies in himself the betrayal, Passion, death, and glorification of our Lord Jesus Christ (see Gen., chapters 37, 39-41).

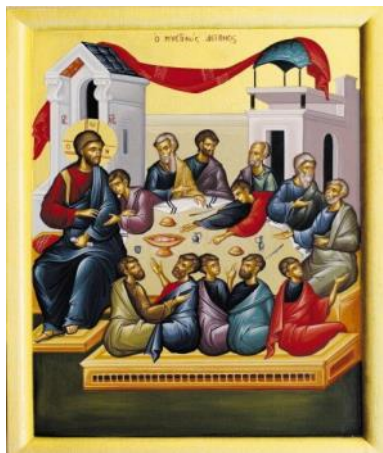


To the commemoration of Patriarch Joseph is added also the narration concerning the fig tree, which on this day was cursed and subsequently dried up because of its unfruitfulness. It portrayed the Jewish synagogue, which had not produced the fruit demanded of it, that is, obedience to God and faith in Him and which was stripped of all spiritual grace by means of the curse (Matt. 21:18-20).

Holy Tuesday - April 15

Today we bring to mind the parable of the ten virgins, which our Saviour related as He was coming to His Passion. This parable teaches us that the accomplishment of the great work of virginity should not make us careless in other matters, especially in almsgiving, wherewith the lamp of virginity is made radiant. Furthermore, it teaches us that we should not be remiss about the end of our life, but should be prepared for it at every moment, like the wise virgins, so that we may meet the Bridegroom, lest He come suddenly and the doors of the heavenly bridechamber be shut, and we also, like the foolish virgins, hear that dread sentence: "Amen, I say unto you, I know you not" (Matt. 25:1-13).

Holy Wednesday - April 16



Two women - say the more discerning interpreters of the Gospel - anointed the Lord with myrrh; the one, a long time before His Passion; the other, a few days before. One was a harlot and sinner; the other, chaste and virtuous. The Church commemorates this reverent act today. While mentioning herein the person of the harlot, it also mentions Judas' betrayal; for, according to the account in Matthew, both of these deeds took place two days before the Passover, on Wednesday.

That woman, then, anointed Jesus' head and feet with very precious myrrh, and wiped them with the tresses of her hair. The disciples, especially the avaricious Judas, were scandalized, supposedly because of the waste of the myrrh, which could be sold for a great price and given to the poor. The Lord Jesus reproveth them and told them not to trouble the woman. Indignant, Judas went to the high priests, who were gathered in the court of Caiaphas and were already taking counsel against Jesus. On agreeing with them to betray his Teacher for thirty pieces of silver, Judas sought from that time opportunity to betray Him (Matt. 26:14-16). Because the betrayal took place on Wednesday, we have received the tradition from Apostolic times to fast on Wednesday throughout the year.

Holy Thursday - April 17



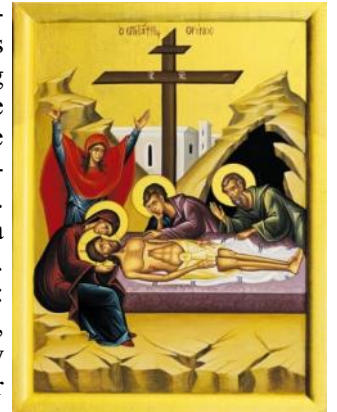
On the evening of this day, which was the eve of the feast of unleavened bread (that is, the Passover), our Redeemer supped with His twelve disciples in the city. He blessed the bread and the wine, and gave us the Mystery of the Divine Eucharist. He washed the feet of the disciples as an example of humility. He said openly that one of them was about to betray Him, and He pointed out the betrayer by revealing that it was he "that dippeth his hand with Me in the dish." And after Judas had straightway gone forth, Jesus gave the disciples His final and sublime instructions, which are contained in the first Gospel Reading of the Holy Passion (John 13:31-18:1 known as the Gospel of the Testament). After this the God-man went forth to the Mount of Olives, and there He began to be sorrowful and in anguish. He went off alone, and bending the knees He prayed fervently. From His great anguish, His sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground. As soon as He had completed that anguished prayer, lo, Judas came with a multitude of soldiers and a great crowd; on greeting the Teacher guile fully with a kiss, he betrayed Him.

The Lord Jesus was then apprehended and taken prisoner to the high priests Annas and Caiaphas. The disciples were scattered, but Peter, who was more fervent than the others, followed Him even into the court of the high priest, but in the end denied thrice that he was His disciple.

Then our divine Teacher was brought before the lawless Sanhedrin and was interrogated concerning His disciples and His teaching. The high priest adjured Him before God that He tell them whether He was truly the Christ. And having spoken the truth, He was judged guilty of death, supposedly as one who had blasphemed. Then they spat in His face, beat Him, smote Him with the palms of their hands, and mocked Him in every way, throughout the whole night until the morning.

Holy Friday - April 18

When Friday dawned, Christ was sent bound from Caiaphas to Pontius Pilate, who was then Governor of Judea. Pilate interrogated Him in many ways, and once and again acknowledged that He was innocent, but to please the Jews, he later passed the sentence of death against Him. After scourging the Lord of all as though He were a runaway slave, he surrendered Him to be crucified. Thus the Lord Jesus was handed over to the soldiers, was stripped of His garments, was clothed in a purple robe, was crowned with a wreath of thorns, had a reed placed in His hand as though it were a sceptre, was bowed before in mockery, was spat upon, and was buffeted in the face and on the head. Then they again clothed Him in His own garments, and bearing the cross, He came to Golgotha, a place of condemnation, and there, about the third hour, He was crucified between two thieves. Although both blasphemed Him at the first, the thief at His right hand repented, and said: "Remember me, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom," to which our Saviour answered, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." As He hung upon the Cross, He was blasphemed by those who were passing by, was mocked by the high priests, and by the soldiers was given vinegar to drink mixed with gall. About the ninth hour, He cried out with a loud voice, saying, "It is finished." And the Lamb of God "Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) expired on the day when the moon was full, and at the hour when, according to the Law, was slain the Passover lamb, which was established as a type of Him in the time of Moses.



Even lifeless creation mourned the death of the Master, and it trembled and was altered out of fear. Yet, even though the Maker of creation was already dead, they pierced Him in His immaculate side, and forthwith came there out Blood and Water. Finally, at about the setting of the sun, Joseph of Arimathea came with Nicodemus (both of them had been secret disciples of Jesus), and they took down the all-holy Body of the Teacher from the Cross and anointed it with aromatic spices, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. When they had buried Him in a new tomb, they rolled a great stone over its entrance.

Such are the dread and saving sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ commemorated today, and in remembrance of them, we have received the Apostolic commandment that a fast be observed every Friday.

Holy Saturday - April 19



On Saturday, the high priests and Pharisees gathered together before Pilate and asked him to have Jesus' tomb sealed until the third day; because, as those enemies of God said, "We suspect that His disciples will come and steal His buried body by night, and then proclaim to the people that His resurrection is true, as that deceiver Himself foretold while He was yet alive; and then the last deception shall be worse than the first." After they had said these things to Pilate and received his permission, they went and sealed the tomb, and assigned a watch for security, that is, guards from among the soldiers under the supervision of the high priests (Matt. 27:62-66). While commemorating the entombment of the holy Body of our Lord today, we also celebrate His dread descent with His soul, whereby He destroyed the gates and bars of Hades, and made His light to shine where only darkness had reigned (Job 3 8 : 17; Esaias 49:9; 1 Peter 3:18-20); death was put to death, Hades was stripped of all its captives, our first parents and all the righteous who died from the beginning of time ran to Him Whom they had awaited, and the holy angelic orders glorified God for the restoration of our fallen race.

Holy Week Schedule 2025

<u>April 12</u>	<u>Saturday of Lazarus</u> Orthros Divine Liturgy	<u>Σάββατον τοῦ Λαζάρου</u> Ορθρος Θεία Λειτουργία	8:30 am 9:30 am
<u>April 13</u>	<u>Palm Sunday</u> Orthros Divine Liturgy Bridegroom Service	<u>Κυριακή των Βαΐων</u> Ορθρος Θεία Λειτουργία Ακολουθία Νυμφίου	8:30 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm
<u>April 14</u>	<u>Holy Monday</u> Bridegroom Service	<u>Μεγάλη Δευτέρα</u> Ακολουθία Νυμφίου	7:00 pm
<u>April 15</u>	<u>Holy Tuesday</u> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Bridegroom Service	<u>Μεγάλη Τρίτη</u> Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία Ακολουθία Νυμφίου	8:30 am 7:00 pm
<u>April 16</u>	<u>Holy Wednesday</u> The Sacrament of Holy Unction Bridegroom Service	<u>Μεγάλη Τετάρτη</u> Αγιον Εὐχέλαιον Ακολουθία Νυμφίου	3:00 pm 7:00 pm
<u>April 17</u>	<u>Holy Thursday</u> Divine Liturgy Passion of Christ/Crucifixion	<u>Μεγάλη Πέμπτη</u> Θεία Λειτουργία Τὰ Ἅγια Πάθη	8:30 am 6:00 pm
<u>April 18</u>	<u>Holy and Great Friday</u> The Royal Hours Descent from Cross/ <i>Apokathelosis</i> Lamentations/Epitaphios Procession	<u>Ἁγία καὶ Μεγάλη Παρασκευή</u> Ακολουθία Μεγάλων Ὁρῶν Ἀποκαθήλωσις ὉἘπιτάφιος Θρήνος	8:30 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
<u>April 19</u>	<u>Holy Saturday</u> Vesperal Divine Liturgy Vigil of the Resurrection Resurrection Service/Liturgy	<u>Μέγα Σάββατον</u> Ἑσπερινός καὶ Θεία Λειτουργία Ὁρθρος Ἀναστάσεως Θεία Λειτουργία Ἀναστάσεως	9:30 am 11:00 pm 12 midnight
<u>April 20</u>	<u>THE GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA</u> Agape Service	<u>ΤΟ ΜΕΓΑ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ</u> Ἑσπερινός Ἀγάπης	11:00 am
	<u>The Feast of St. George</u>	<u>ΤΟΥ ΑΓ. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ</u>	
<u>Tuesday, April 22</u>	Vespers for St. George	Ἑσπερινός του Αγίου Γεωργίου	6:30pm
<u>Wednesday, April 23</u>	Orthros Divine Liturgy	Ὁρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία	9:00am 10:00am

We are blessed to have in our Church, His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey for the Feast Day of St. George !



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

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 13 following service **Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon**
(Bakaliaro Lunch-\$20 per person)
Sunday, April 13 following service **Philoptochos Easter bread pick up**
Friday, April 18 after morning service **JOY/HOPE Assembly Luminaries**
Sunday, April 20 2:30am **Resurrectional Meal**

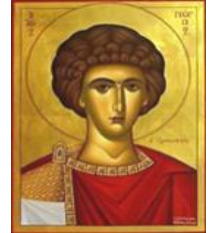
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***following service St. George Feast Day Luncheon**

Save the day

Sunday, April 27 following service **JOY/HOPE Easter Egg Hunt**
Sunday, May 18 following service **AHEPA DAY**
(AHEPA Scholarship Awards Ceremony)



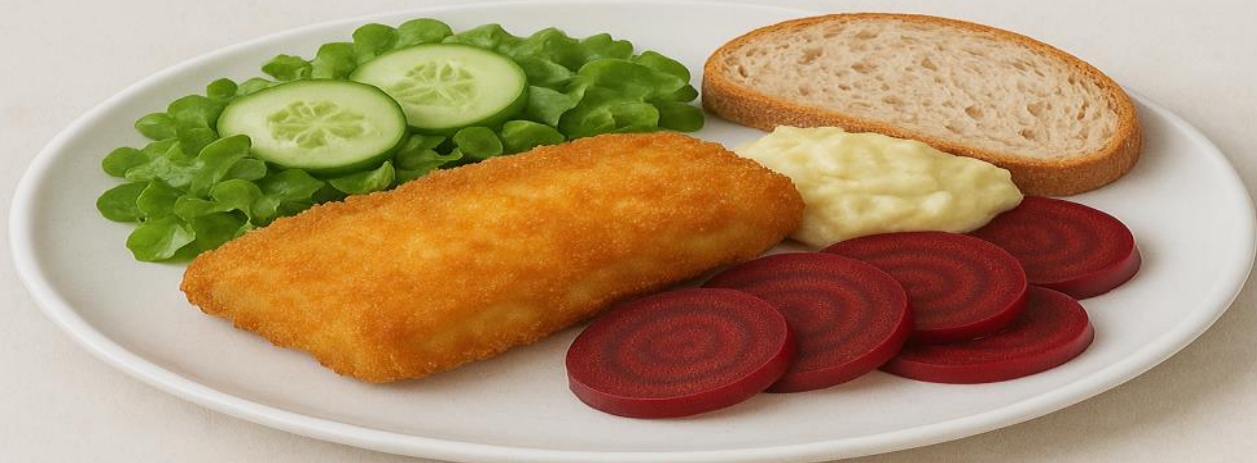
*** Aristotle Academy Easter Holidays: Friday April 11-Wednesday April 23**



PALM SUNDAY BAKALIARO LUNCH



**AFTER DIVINE LITURGY
SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH**



\$20 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: COD FISH, BEETS, SALAD AND SKORDALIA

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.

PROSPORA /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.



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

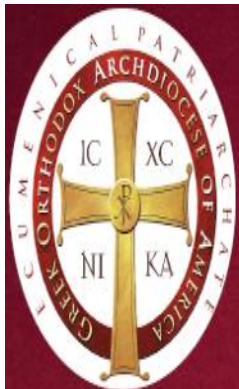
This brief process is confidentially handled by the parish priest. You must complete this process in order to be in good standing with the Church, meaning that you may not partake in the Sacramental life of the Church, (example: being a sponsor at a wedding or baptism, receiving the Sacrament of Holy 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.



Trisagion service was held at Lawn Croft Cemetery, on Saturday, April 5th, in loving memory of **Presvytera Eleni Devedjakis**. (50years).

May her memory be Eternal !



Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey

Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey



Orthros and
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
for the Feast Day of
St. George the Great Martyr

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:00 A.M.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

30 E Forge Road

Media, PA 19063



The Orthodox Christian respects and loves the clergy. Knowing that the clergy are servants of God and man, devoting their life for the salvation of Christ's flock. The Orthodox Christian expresses his gratitude and respect to them on every occasion. The Holy Apostle Paul writes: "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God, consider the outcome of their life and imitate their faith; Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings. Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give an account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you" (Hebrews 13:7-9, 13, 17).

No one should slander, disrespect, criticize, lie, or attempt to discredit and undermine the sacred mission of his ministry. Instead, the Orthodox Christian should make every effort to share and support his ministry. All who are in responsible positions i.e., members of the parish council, heads of the various parish ministries, committee chairmen, employees of the parish, etc. within the parish must always seek his ap-

proval or blessing before making any decision or taking any action. As the head of the parish, he is totally responsible to God and the Metropolitan of all that takes place within his parish. Orthodox Christians that understand their Christian faith trust and cooperate with their priest and do not challenge his Office and his every decision.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1 Timothy 5:17

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

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

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*

2025 EASTER FLOWER FUND

Saturday of Lazarus Icon (April 12) \$175.00: **donated by Dina Bottos**
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(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**
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March 21: **donated by Faithful Pious Family**
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April 4: **donated by Thomas & Soula Papatzikas**
Sunday of Orthodoxy \$175.00 (March 9): **donated by George & Stavroula Lambardakis in memory of Konstantinos Katsirmas.**
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Sunday of the Holy Cross Daffodils \$350.00 (March 23): **donated by Pete & Penny Zografakis and Family**
Icon of the Holy Cross \$175.00 (March 23): **donated by Steve & Olga Kanteliotis**
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**
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Icon of Myrophores \$175 (May 4): **donated by Philoptochos Ladies**
Icon of Ressurrection \$175 (April 19): **donated by Angelo & Spiridoula Nicolaou**
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Fresh Easter Eggs & silk bags (30 dozens): **donated by Phil & Georgia Hanos**
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**WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF
OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR
DONATIONS FOR
2025 EASTER FLOWER FUND!**



**WE WANT TO THANK
MRS VICKIE
MARAGOUKAKIS FOR
HER BEAUTIFUL FLOWER DESIGNS
OF THE ICONS AND
ARRANGEMENTS THAT
SHE CREATES FOR
ST. GEORGE CHURCH !**

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.

Introducing the St. George Senior Fellowship!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new ministry dedicated to the seniors of our parish! The St. George Senior Fellowship is a ministry designed to foster spiritual growth, fellowship, and support for our beloved senior members ages 60 and older (or 55+ if interested).

Our Mission:

To provide a space for our seniors to connect, grow in faith, and engage with our church family through regular gatherings, educational discussions, and social events.

What to Expect:

- Monthly gatherings with coffee and fellowship
- Spiritual talks and Bible studies
- Outings and social events
- Support for homebound parishioners
- Opportunities for mentorship and service

“Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.”

– Proverbs 16:31

More details will be shared soon! Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.



Senior Fellowship

They shall still bring forth
fruit in old age; they shall
be fat and flourishing;
Psalm 92:14

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.





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.

- April 13 Palm Sunday Luncheon
- April 20 Easter
- April 27 Markos Tsakiris & his Family are sponsoring the coffee hour in honor of St. Mark's Feast day.
- May 4 Myrrh-Bearing Women-Artoclasia
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 18 AHEPA - Artoclasia
AHEPA is sponsoring the coffee hour in honor of AHEPA Sunday and all members of AHEPA Chapter #79.
(AHEPA Scholarship Awards Ceremony)
- May 25

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.

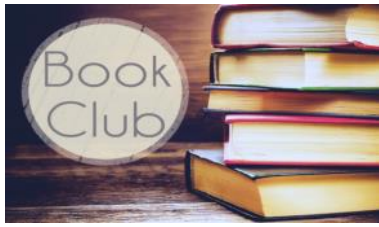
Everyone's help in maintaining the cleanliness of our Hall is Appreciated!

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.

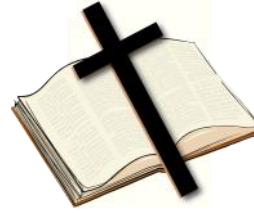
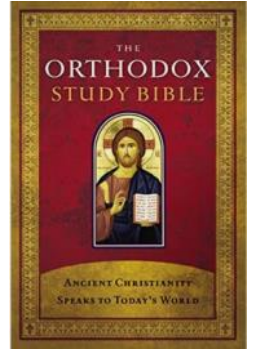
Just a friendly reminder that when you are receiving holy communion and / or kissing an icon, please not wear any type of lip product. Thank you.



You are all welcome to join our Book Reading Club, on **Tuesday, April 8 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

Saint George's Bible Study

Next Session is on Wednesday, April 9
GOYA Bible Study: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Adult Bible Study: 7:00pm-8:00pm
 For more information contact
Mikael Maras at 610-639-1202



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JOY & HOPE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



March Fun

KATHARA DEFTERA



Updates

We will continue JOY/HOPE dance practices after Easter. A practice schedule will be shared via email.

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 (12PM-1PM)

PALM MAKING LESSON

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 (AFTER MORNING SERVICES)

ASSEMBLE LUMINARIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 (AFTER CHURCH)

EASTER EGG HUNT

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!





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