

# Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

**Parish Office:** 107 Clinton Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 2 PM

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**Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes, Presiding Parish Priest**  
**Camille Kosloski, Parish Secretary**

***Sunday Services: Orthros: 9:00 AM; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM***  
***~ Week Day Liturgies as announced ~***

## Parish Council Exec. Committee

**Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes**  
*Presiding Parish Priest*

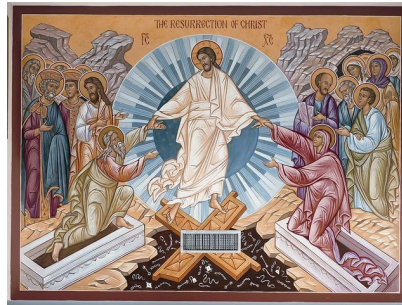
**Mrs. Athena Pagnotti**  
*President*

**Mrs. Lucy Brady**  
*Vice-President*

**Mrs. Alexandra Casey**  
*Treasurer*

**Mr. Brian Goodale**  
*Secretary*

# ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ



## Youth Advisors

**Mrs. Lucy Goodale**  
**Mrs. Paula Kingra**  
*Angels/Hope/Joy*

**Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morlock**  
*GOYA*

**Miss Georgia Tsakopiakos**  
*Youth Hellenic Dancers*

## Parish Ministry Leaders

**Ms. Olga Delorey**  
*Choir Director*  
*Philotochos Society President*

**Mrs. Athena Pagnotti**  
*Sunday School Coordinator*

**Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes**  
*Bible Study*  
*Spiritual Book Club*

**Mrs. Eliana Georgelos**  
**Mr. Paul Pagiotas**  
*Fellowship Group*  
*Co-Presidents*

*Parish Council Members: Lucy Brady, Alexandra Casey, Kyriako Contompasis,  
Anargyros (Ron) Dikas, Brian Goodale, Maria Dostis-Koliatsis, Dimitrios Koutsopoulos, and Athena Pagnotti*

## Sacraments, Services and Home Visitations

Holy Baptism · Holy Chrismation · Holy Confession

Holy Communion · Holy Unction · Holy Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office directly to schedule.

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week and Pascha will be here very soon, and during that time, we have many services to which all are welcome to attend. I do hope that you will bring yourselves and families to worship during this most spiritual season as we journey with Christ towards his selfless death and Glorious Resurrection, when we will all cry out with joy: "Christos Anesti!" But first I do have a couple of housekeeping points to make.

I do ask that everyone please make every effort to arrive on time for church services- not only for the Holy Week services, but all throughout the year. As we are there for worship and thanksgiving to God, it is necessary to be present at the beginning of each service. To stroll in late creates an atmosphere of casual worship- something not part of our Orthodox mindset. Not only does late arrival present a loose, relaxed feel, but it disrupts the worship of the others who are already present in church. Naturally, things occur when we might arrive a bit late once or twice. This is not a problem. What is problematic is when it becomes the norm. Would one go to work late? Would one show up late for a movie or a Broadway show? Probably not. God has given us everything, and He deserves that respect.

Second, we are always looking for Altar Servers. If you know of any young man who would like to serve, please contact me. The child is more than welcome to come up to the altar area with us and sit so he can observe what we do and see if it's right for him. I do not necessarily have any age requirements, because, as I have discovered over the years, some 6-year olds take their Altar duties as responsibly as do much older kids. So, if anyone wants to join our humble crew, please let me know.

**I am scheduling a mandatory Altar Server meeting on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10AM for current and prospective Servers.** The meeting will not go very long and there will be handouts to bring home and study.

Please continue to consult the bulletins, newsletters, and the website for information concerning our Holy Services and all other events at our parish.

Wishing You a Blessed Remainder of Lent,  
Fr. Sean



*Father Sean leads March 19th services celebrating Sunday of the Holy Cross*

## **LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2017**

### **GREAT LENT**

- ❖ Monday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>: (**Great Lent Begins**) Compline @6PM
- ❖ Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: Presanctified Liturgy @10AM
- ❖ Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Salutations @6PM
- ❖ Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>: Presanctified Liturgy @6PM
- ❖ Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: Salutations @6PM
- ❖ Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>: Presanctified Liturgy @10AM
- ❖ Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: Salutations @6PM
- ❖ Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Presanctified Liturgy @6PM
- ❖ Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>: Great Vespers @6PM
- ❖ Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Divine Liturgy (**Annunciation**) @10AM
- ❖ Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Presanctified Liturgy @10AM
- ❖ Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Salutations (Akathist Hymn) @6PM
- ❖ Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Presanctified Liturgy @6PM
- ❖ Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Saturday of Lazarus- Divine Liturgy @10AM

### **HOLY WEEK**

- ❖ Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: **Palm Sunday**- Orthros/Divine Liturgy @9AM, Bridegroom Service @6PM
- ❖ Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Monday**- Bridegroom Service @6PM
- ❖ Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Tuesday**- Bridegroom Service @6PM
- ❖ Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Wednesday**- Service of Holy Unction @6PM
- ❖ Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Thursday**- Vespers Liturgy @10AM, Service of the 12 Gospels @6PM
- ❖ Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Friday**- Royal Hours @10AM, Apokathelosis @3PM, Lamentations @6PM
- ❖ Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Saturday**- Protoanastasis @10AM, Resurrection Service @11PM
- ❖ Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: **Great and Holy Pascha**- Agape Vespers @11AM

## *From the Parish Council ~*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are so very blessed to have such a vibrant community! Thanks to our parish ministry leaders, we have many events for you to celebrate in April. First and foremost is the pinnacle of our Lenten journey ~ Great Holy Week and Anastasi! Please consult the schedule of services in this issue of the bulletin.

Our AHEPA is once again hosting a community event ~ The Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon ~ on Sunday, April 9th (see flyer within). Please bring your entire family to Divine Liturgy and join us for lunch on this very special day. The Youth of our parish will gather after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, April 8th, celebrating the Saturday of Lazarus, and will prepare the Palms for the Palm Sunday Service. Thank you in advance to Toni Kananis for leading this effort.

Following Holy Week and Anastasi is the Celebration of the name day of our Church. Yes, Saint George's name day falls on a Sunday this year! Please join us for Vespers on Saturday, April 22nd at 5 PM. The Parish Council will host a special coffee hour on Sunday, April 23rd, following Divine Liturgy. Please bring your entire family and enjoy the festivities!

A note on Stewardship ~ The Council thanks everyone who heeded the call to submit your 2017 Stewardship Pledge by the beginning of Great Lent. As of this month, the parish is \$7,400.00 under-pledged compared to May 2016, and \$11,143 in contributions less-received than May 2016. If you have not yet made your Stewardship pledge for the year, please consider doing so at this time. The Church relies on your timely commitment to meet its monthly financial obligations. Thank you so much for your generosity and response to this plea. Please contact Lucy Brady for more information.

The 2017 Festival Committee held its first meeting of the year on March 21st, and we are in good shape so far, but volunteers are still needed for key roles. Please join us for the next planning meeting on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 in the Hellenic Center. All parishioners are invited to attend!

**Please notify Camille in the parish office ASAP if you have a 2017 High School Graduate who is a member of our parish.** Our High School Graduates are recognized each May and awarded *The Orthodox Study Bible* to commemorate their achievement.

Please save the date of Sunday, May 21st for the Spring General Assembly meeting.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the donors who contributed throughout our Paschal Lenten season. Your generosity and the beauty it affords is a testament of your love for the Church.

Kali Ananiasi!

With Love in Christ ~

Athena Pagnotti



2017			
Date	Feast Day	Description	Cost
Friday, March 3rd	1st Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Toni Kananis
Friday, March 10th	2nd Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Gladys Paravalos
Friday, March 17th	3rd Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Katherine Orfan
Friday, March 19th	Veneration of the Cross	Daffodil Tray	Olga Delorey
Friday, March 24th	4th Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Joanne Diamantis
Saturday, March 25th	Annunciation/Evangelismou	Flower Shelf for Panagia Icon	Joanne Dafniotis
Friday, March 31st	Akathist Hymn	Flower Frame for Icon	Ladies Philoptochos
Sunday, April 2nd	St. Mary of Egypt	Flower Frame for Icon	Helena Georgelas
Sunday, April 9th	Palm Sunday (a.m.)	Palms	Rena Counavelis
Sunday, April 9th	Palm Sunday (p.m.) Nymphios	Flower Frame for Icon	Helen Behiri
Wednesday, April 12th	Holy Wednesday	7 Candles, Oil, Flour, Q-tips, Cotton Balls	Ourania Sokaris
Thursday, April 13th	Holy Thursday	Flower Frame for Last Supper Icon	Mary Vassilakis
		Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	Elaine Euripidou & Athena Loukas
		Flower Frame for Crucifixion Icon	\$
		Flower cross on Easel	Toly Svolos
		3 Candles for Crucifix	Demetria Corsones
		12 Candles for Gospel Readings	Parish Council
		Eggs (1 case) (Large)	<b>Market Cost</b>
	Feast Day	Description	Cost
Friday, April 14th	Holy Friday	Epitaphio flowers , which includes the following: Cut Lilies, Carnations, Roses, Daphne, Laurel, Rose petals, etc.	\$ 1,350.00
		Cross of Flowers for Epitaphio	P. Nina Daratsos
		Rose or Orange Blossom Water (2)	<b>Donor purchase</b>
		White Full Size Sheet	<b>Donor purchase</b>
		Flower Frame for Apokathilosis Icon	Helen Behiri
		Red Roses (for Choir & Chanters)	\$ 60.00
		Flower petals (myrofores baskets)	Camille Kosloski
		Flower Frame for Extreme Humility	\$
Saturday, April 15th	Holy Saturday (a.m.)	Flower frame for Proti Anastasi Icon	F. Lapidus
	Holy Saturday (p.m.) (Anastasi)	Paschal Candle / Decorated	
		Resurrection Banner	\$ 200.00
		Potted Lilies (16 minimum)	13.00/each
		Potted Azaleas (4)	30.00/each
		Flower Frame for Anastasi Icon	Joanne Diamantis
		Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	John Behiri
		Flower shelf for Panagia Icon (Altar)	Panayiota Christou
	Feast Day	Description	Cost
Sunday, April 23rd	St. George	Flower Frame for St. George Icon (Stand)	P. Nina Daratsos
	St. George	Flower Shelf for St. George (Altar)	P. Nina Daratsos

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# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Goal: \$ 75,000.00

**Total amount pledged to date: \$ 53,275.00**

Total amount received to date: \$ 25,491.00

Platinum Level Stewards \$1,500 +  
Ten (10) Stewards

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 — \$1,499  
Eleven (11) Stewards

Silver Level Stewards \$500 — \$999  
Thirteen (13) Stewards

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or less  
Forty (40) Stewards

***Bold print denotes  
pledged members  
who are paid in full.***

*Thank you to all who  
have pledged thus far.  
There is still room on the  
list to add your name!  
Please submit and fulfill  
your pledge to St. George  
Greek Orthodox Church  
today.*

*To receive a pledge form,  
please contact the parish  
office at 393-0742, or ask  
any parish council  
member at church.*



## ***2017 St. George GOC Members Pledged to Date***

Rev. Fr. Sean & Pamela Govostes & Family

**Paul & Tiara Antonovich**

**Susan Birbilis**

Lucy Brady & Family

**Ifigenia Brown**

**Arji Cakouros**

Alexandra & Patrick Casey & Family

Palmyra Catravas

**Andreas Christou**

**Ariana Christou**

**Euripides & Eleni Christou**

**Catherine Contompasis**

**Emanuel & MaryEllen Contompasis**

**Demetra Corsones**

Rena Counavelis

Chris & Joanne Dafniotis

Olga Delorey

**Joanne Diamantis**

J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael Koliatsis

Marguerite Doulides

Evan Euripidou

Michael & Elaine Euripidou

Eliana Georgelos

**Helena Georgelas**

Panagiota Giakoumis

Brian and Lucy Goodale & Family

Angela T. Grivas

Dimitri Grivas & Family

**Nicholas Hallas**

Angeliki Jones

**Thomas & Shannon Jones & Family**

**Catherine Julius**

**Marina Kakavelos**

Peter & Dayna Kalil

Antonia Kananis & Family

Steve & Fanny Karamanos

**John and Charlene Kennedy**

Polixeni Kingra & Family  
Charles & Kathelleen Koines  
**Maria Kontakos**  
Steven & Barbara Kouray  
**Patricia Lambert**  
Trifon & Zanetta Laskaris  
William Manikas  
Cathy Marco  
**Ann Markopoulos**  
**Athena Markopoulos**  
Phil & Norina McGowen  
Katherine Orfan  
Paul & Joann Pagiotas  
Athena & Vito Pagnotti & Family  
**Peter & Penney Pagonis**  
**Kostantinos & Debra Papanikos**  
**Nick & Gladys Paravalos**  
Gus and Maria Plakas  
Fannie Pontisakos  
Theodore & Angeliki Pontisakos & Family  
Frank & Teresa Rossetti  
Elena Sikamiotis  
**Ourania Sokaris**  
Roubina Spyros & Family  
**James Stevens**  
**Adam Svokos & Family**  
**George & Christie S. Svolos**  
Themetria Svolos  
**Angela Theodore**  
**Mark & Cait Wempe**  
**Brian & Megan Whipple**  
Mary Wilson  
Peter H. Wilson  
**Anastasia Zoulas**  
**Peter & Mary Zoulas**



## STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for helping us to plan for the 2017 year by submitting your pledge form. If you have not already submitted your form, please do so at your earliest convenience. It will help us to stay within our budget and get all the Church bills paid.

Your pledge is not just about what you can do for the Church. It's about what your responsibility is based on the gifts given to you by God.

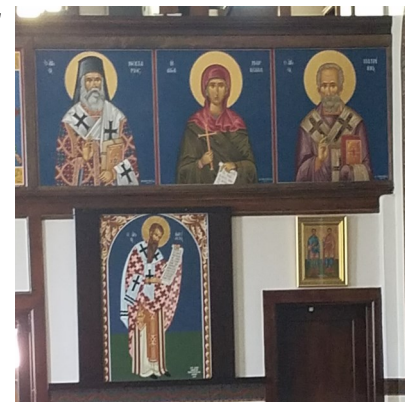
In Christ,  
Lucy Brady



# *New Icons Donated and Installed In Church*



During the past two years, a few parishioners commissioned several new icons for our Church, from Panagia Parigoritissa Greek Orthodox Monastery in Montreal, Canada. Thanks to Kyriako (Charles) Contompasis, the installation of the most recent commissions have been completed. We are grateful that Kyriako and his crew were able to complete this effort in time for the celebration of The Sunday of Orthodoxy on March 5th ~ a date where we commemorate the liberation and return of Icons to the Orthodox Church. Thank you to Michael Euripidou who installed the first series of icons when we began this effort two years ago. Because of the light from the South facing windows in the church, it is difficult to get a photograph that does the beautiful artwork justice. So, please, take some time to visit the church when services are not taking place, and look closely at the beautiful art of our faith.



## **Saint Demetrios Icon -**

Donated by Rena V. Counavelis, Steve Gouvis, and Peter Vasilakos. In memory of Jimmy Gouvis

**Saint Sophia Icon -** Donated by Steve Gouvis and Peter Vasilakos. In memory of Sofia V. Gouvis

**Saint Catherine Icon -** Donated by Catherine E. Contompasis and Rena V. Counavelis

**Holy Napkin (Mandyliion) -** Donated by Tom Jones and Kiki Jones

**Saint Nektarios Icon -** Donated by Art Georgelas in memory of Cathy Georgelas

**Saint Markella Icon -** Donated by Katherine Orfan

**Saint Patrick Icon -** Donated by Anna Ktenas and family in memory of Jimmy Ktenas

**Saint Romanos Icon -** Donated by Kiki Jones in memory of Ed Jones

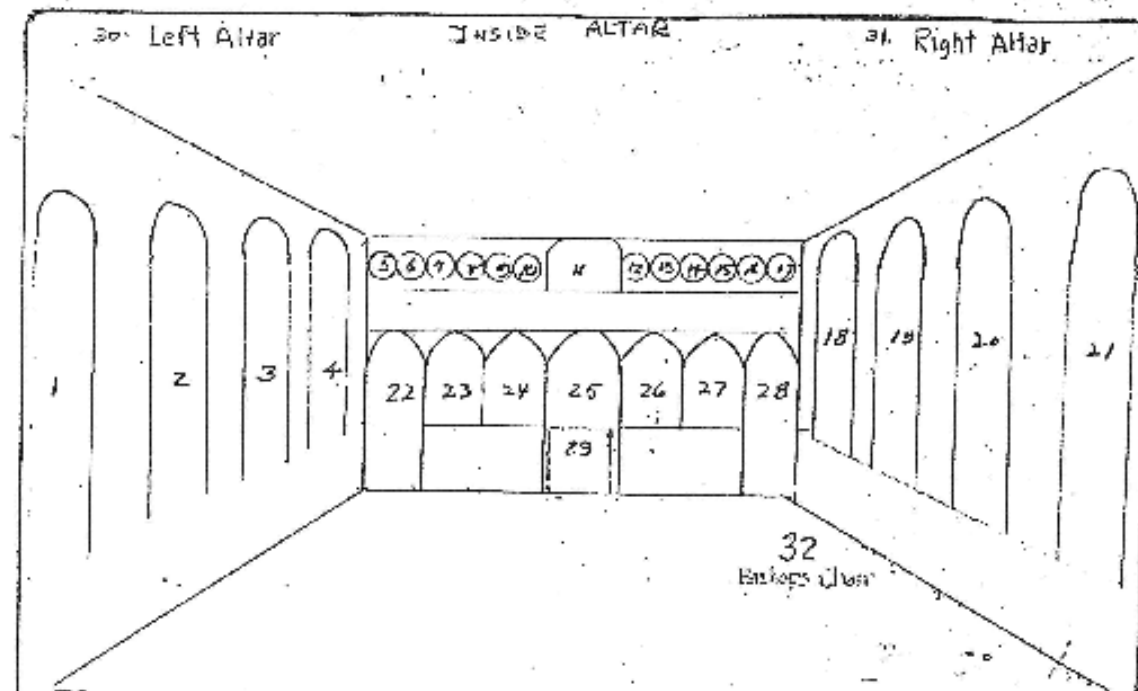
**Saint Vasilios Icon -** Donated by Tom Baskous and family in memory of Bertha Baskous

**Installations and Wood Framing -** Donated by Kyriako (Charles) Contompasis

We would also like to acknowledge the gracious efforts of Andonia (Toni) Kananis and Presbyteria Nina Daratsos, who travelled to Montreal before Christmas of last year to retrieve the icons and deliver them safely to St. George. Thanks also to Gladys Paravalos and Dimitri (Jim) Vlahakis, for insuring the safe return of the packing blankets back to the Monastery. May God continue to bless those who love the beauty of the Church!

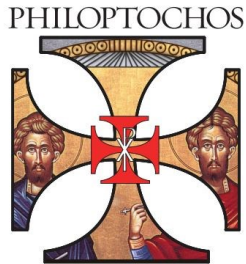
*Article contributed by: Dimitri Koutsopoulos, Council Member*





1. 4. Ἁγία Ρωξάνη - NO NAME	18. Ἁγία Τροάδου - οἰκιστὴς Σαβῆλ Μανώλης (Nick Galanis)
2. Ὁ Ἅγιος Πέτρος ἐκ χειρὸς αἰῶνος (A. Jordan)	19. Ὁ Ἅγιος Ἀθανάσιος - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Βασιλείου
3. CHRIST CARRYING THE CROSS - NO NAME	20. ASCENSION - NO NAME
4. Ὁ Ἅγιος Μιχαὴλ - NO NAME	21. Ἁγία Σοφία - NO NAME
5. Τὸ Πνεῦμα τῶν Ὁσίων - Παναγιώτης Γουλιέλμος (Peter Pappas)	22. Ἀρχαγ. Μιχαὴλ - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (George Mankas)
6. Ὁ Ἅγιος Γεώργιος τῶν Βρετανῶν - Ἀγίασμα - Παναγιώτης Γουλιέλμος (Alex. Kanas)	23. Ὁ Ἅγιος Γεώργιος - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Christ Carantakos)
7. Ἁ Γεώργιος τῶν Χριστῶν - Ἀγίασμα - Ἀγ. Κωνσταντῖνος (Avt. Stathis)	24. Μηνία Ὁσίων - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Meropi Poulides)
8. Ἁ Χριστὸς τῶν Χριστῶν - Ἀγίασμα - Ἀγ. Ζαχαρίας (John Mankas)	25. Δοξὴ Ἁγίων - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Christ Angelos)
9. Ἁ Βασιλῆας τῶν Χριστῶν - Ἀγίασμα - Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (K. P. Contompasis)	26. Στ. Χριστὸς - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (John Kanas)
10. Ἁ Βασίλειος - Ἀγίασμα - Κοσμάτος Κοσμάτου (Peter Mathews)	27. Ἀγ. Τυμῶνας - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (John Karamanos)
11. THE LAST SUPPER - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Panagiotis Baskos)	28. Ἀρχαγ. Γεώργιος - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Alexander Baskos)
12. Ὁ Μύκητας - Ἀγίασμα - Παναγιώτης Γουλιέλμος (D. Vasilio)	29. Ἁγία Τροάδα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (John Kefalakes)
13. Ἁ Ἀναστάσιος - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Steve Caperonis)	30. Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Jesse Patricaris)
14. Ἁ Ἰωάννης τῶν Βυζαντινῶν - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Nikoletta Mankas)	31. Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης
15. Ἁ Ἀρχαγ. - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (Nick Stamatakis)	32. Bishops chair - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (George Holly)
16. Ἁ Τροάδα - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης	
17. Ἁ Κυρία τῶν Βρετανῶν - Ἀγίασμα - οἰκιστὴς Ἰωάννης Μανώλης (N. H. H. Orphanides)	

INTERIOR PLAN SHOWING ICON LOCATIONS AND NAMES OF DONORS  
ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
107 CLEVELAND ST. SCHENECTADY, N.Y.



**MEETING NOTES.** At the March 2017 monthly meeting, the membership approved the following donations:

**Orthodox Christian Mission Center (National Commitment)**

**Support a Mission Priest (National Commitment)**

**Hellenic College/Holy Cross (National Commitment)**

**Hellenic Cultural Center (DAD Commitment)**

**St. George Greek Orthodox Church (donation toward Easter Flowers)**

**Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry**

**CHAPTER ELECTIONS.** Election of the Philoptochos Board of Directors for 2017-2019 will take place at the May monthly meeting on **Thursday, May 18, 2017**. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in being considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors, please contact Olga Delorey, Chapter President, and your name will be forwarded to the Elections Committee. As stated in the by-laws, all nominees must meet the requirements for full membership and *“must be a member in good standing with the Parish and Philoptochos Chapter for a period of at least one (1) year prior to the election and must have attended a minimum of four (4) meetings of the Philoptochos Chapter in the previous year. The member must be present at the election meeting unless reasonable cause for such absence is provided.”*

**DAD LENTEN RETREAT.** On Saturday, March 11, 2017, Eliana Georgelos and Olga Delorey attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Direct Archdiocesan District Lenten Retreat at the Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral in New York City. The Retreat Master was Very Rev. Dr. Nathanael Symeonides who spoke on the topic of “Humility”. Following the presentation, attendees were assigned to small groups to discuss their philanthropic efforts. Each year, the DAD Executive Board selects a philanthropic effort and invites the participation of all chapters in the district. This year’s cause was HOPE Project which was founded by the sisters of All Saints Greek Orthodox Monastery in Calverton, NY. This program provides housing, education, occupation, healthcare and mental health services to women who are survivors of human trafficking. DAD provided custom designed duffle bags with the goal of filling 100 bags containing personal care items and basic clothing. Our St. George Chapter purchased and donated the contents of two (2) complete duffle bags!

**SOUP KITCHEN.** On **Tuesday, February 28, 2017** our Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for **129 persons** at the **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**. The Soup Kitchen was sponsored by **Mike and Elaine Euripidou In Loving Memory of their Parents**. May their memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Sean. The dinner consisted of Hunter Style Chicken Stew with Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Bread & Butter, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Juice and Coffee. Our heartfelt thanks to the following team members who helped prepare and/or serve the meal on this day: **Kathy Koines (Chair), Charlie Koines, Mike Euripidou & Elaine Euripidou, Jimmy Michael, Pete Kalil, Steve & Alice Giakoumis, Presbytera Nina Daratsos, Phil & Norina McGowen, Olga Delorey, Tina Twardzik, Bill Manikas and Father Sean Govostes.**

**FOOD PANTRY.** We continue to collect items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the Hellenic Center. Suggested items are canned goods (soups, beans, vegetables, fruit, tuna), dried pasta and rice, dried soup mix, pasta sauce, and cereal. We will deliver all food donations on a monthly basis on the same day we prepare and serve the Soup Kitchen meal. May God bless you for your generosity in remembering to help those who are in need. You have our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

*“...for I was hungry and you gave me food ...  
...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My bretheren, you did it to Me”  
Matthew 25: 35-40*

**NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm.**

**Ladies Philoptochos Society Board of Directors 2015-2017**

**Officers:** Olga Delorey (President), Gladys Paravalos (Vice President & Advisor)  
Zanetta Laskaris (Treasurer), Kathy Koines (Assistant Treasurer)  
Elaine Euripidou (Secretary), Cathy Contompasis (Assistant Secretary)

**Members:** Lucy Brady, Presbytera Nina Daratsos, Joanne Diamantis, Eliana Georgelos  
Alice Giakoumis, Aleka Menagias, Elena Sikamiotis

**SPECIAL COFFEE HOURS** may be arranged by contacting Coffee Hour Chair Lucy Brady (346-4722). A voluntary donation to the Ladies Philoptochos Society in addition to the expenses would be greatly appreciated.



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS FOR APRIL 2017

Greetings from the Fellowship group to all St. George parishioners! Kalo Pascha!

With the coming of April, we find ourselves in the midst of Great Lent as we prepare for Holy Pascha. Beautiful church services are held several times a week, giving us the opportunity for further prayer and personal renewal. Palm Sunday, falling on April 9th, begins Holy Week. On this day, we commemorate the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem where he was honored with palms and hymns of praise. We receive palm crosses at the end of liturgy as a symbol of this day. Following church services, our Ahepa chapter will sponsor a fish dinner, proceeds from which go to our church. We encourage all parishioners to attend.

Holy Week culminates in Holy Pascha, the most significant day in the life of our church. On this day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please join us on April 16th to commemorate this feast of feasts and shout out "Christ is risen" (Christos Anesti) and respond "Truly He is risen" (Alithos Anesti)!



Our April Fellowship meeting would have taken place on April 13th, However, we are cancelling that meeting since the 13th falls on Holy Thursday. Our next meeting, therefore, will take place on Thursday, May 11th. Rather than meeting at the Hellenic Center as we usually do, we will be gathering for lunch at 11:30 AM at Pinhead Susan's on the corner of Broadway and Liberty Street. Following lunch, many of our members had expressed an interest in visiting the new River's Casino off Erie Blvd. Those who wish to do so can try their luck at the table games or slot machines. It is recommended that upon your arrival, you register for a "Rush Rewards" benefit card. Good luck to all who visit the casino!



As always, we continuously encourage newcomers to join our Fellowship group. Unless there is a special occasion when we travel or meet at a restaurant, our meetings take place at the Hellenic Center on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 AM. We always begin our meetings with a meal. A nominal fee of \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members is charged to cover the cost of the food. Dues are \$25.00 annually. Please contact our treasurer, Kathy Koines, or either of our co-presidents, Paul Pagiotas or Eliana Georgelos, for more information.



**Miss Georgia Tsakopiakos**  
will begin a program of  
**Greek Dance Lessons for Children and Adults**  
on Monday evenings following  
the Celebration of Anastasi.

**Program Orientation**  
will be held on  
**Wednesday, April 26th at 6 PM.**

**For the latest news on the dance program activities, please make  
sure Miss Georgia has your email and contact information!**

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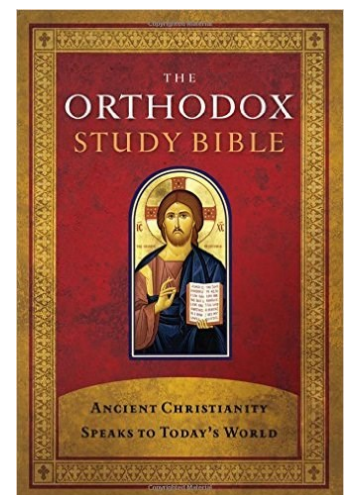
## Please join us for a weekend of celebrations honoring the **Name Day of Saint George**

- ◆ Vespers ~ Saturday, April 22nd at 5 PM
- ◆ Divine Liturgy ~ **Sunday, April 23rd**  
9 AM Orthros/10 AM Divine Liturgy
- ◆ The Parish Council will host a *special coffee hour* following Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Please join us and bring the whole family!

## Bible Study

Please join us the **1st and 3rd Mondays** of each month at **11:00 am OR 6:00 pm** in the HC large classroom.

Orthodox Study Bibles are available for use, courtesy of the *Stephen and Mary Markopoulos Family*.





# Community News & Events

## ΧΟΙΓΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΓΓΗ!

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is **collecting non-perishable food items** to help fill the shelves at the food pantry. Items will be delivered monthly to the Salvation Army when the Soup Kitchen team prepares and serves the meal. A collection box has been placed in the Hellenic Center.

Congratulations to **Nicole Georgelas and Osman Kaya** who were married on March 10, 2017. Mr. & Mrs. Kaya wed on their Papou's Birthday with their family and friends by their side and in their hearts.

**Please see the full schedule of Holy Week Services at the beginning of this issue.**

Beginning **Sunday, April 2nd**, and continuing the first Sunday of every month, **Fr. Sean will be presenting a Children's Sermon for all of our parish children.** Please pass the news on and bring your children and godchildren and have them sit in the first few pews, as Father will be speaking directly to them. Please arrive to church on time! If you come after the Gospel reading, the children will miss the lesson of the day!

Join us for **Bible Study** with Fr. Sean in the Hellenic Center large classroom, **at 11 AM and 6 PM.** Bible Study will be regularly held the **1st and 3rd Mondays** of each month.

The **Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy and Children's Breakfast will be held April 8th.** We will prepare the Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy that day.



**AHEPA Chapter # 125** will host the annual **Palm Sunday Luncheon on April 9th** (see flyer on back page). We look forward to seeing you there!

For information on becoming a member of **AHEPA**, please contact Phil Menagias at 857-2669.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will hold its next business meeting on **Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 pm.**

**Saint George Name day celebrations** will begin with Vespers on **Saturday, April 22nd** at 5 PM. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 23rd** followed by a *special coffee hour* in honor of this occasion. Please join us!

Eliana Georgelos will sponsor the **Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, April 25th** *in memory of her beloved husband, Greg Georgelos, and her beloved mother Loula (Argyro) D'Jimas. May their memory be eternal!*

The **2017 Greek Festival Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 PM** in the Hellenic Center. Everyone is welcome to participate!

The **Saint George Hellenic Dance Program** will hold its **Program Orientation on Wednesday, April 26th at 6 PM.**

The **Fellowship Group** will meet **Thursday, May 11th at 11:30 am**, at Pinhead Susan's. Please see Eliana Georgelos or Paul Pagiotas for more information. There will be **no April meeting** due to the Lenten service schedule.

**Altar Server's Meeting with Father Sean, May 6th. Look for more details in the May issue.**

### Church Usher Schedule:

**Team B: 4/02**

**Team C: 4/09**

**Team D: 4/16**

**Team A: 4/23**

**Team B: 4/30**



**Team A:** Charlie Koines (Captain), Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen, Bill Manikas, Pete Kalil.

**Team B:** Alexandra Casey (Captain), Lainie Christou, Brian Goodale, Dimitrios Koutsopoulos, Scott Morlock.

**Team C:** Lucy Brady (Captain), Athena Pagnotti, Panagiota Giakoumis, Frank Rossetti, Van Stathis.

**Team D:** Gladys Paravalos (Captain), Steve Giakoumis, Steve Markopoulos, Antonia Kananis, Morgan Gazetos.

# Palm Sunday Luncheon

*Sunday, April 9th @ 12 pm*  
**Saint George Hellenic Center**



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The cut-off date is April 15th  
for news & events submissions for the May 2017 issue.

Please make efforts to plan accordingly for the next issue of our bulletin. Submit all entries in person to Fr. Sean Govostes, or via email to Fr.Govostes@gmail.com.