

# Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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

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

**Parish Telephone:** (518) 393-0742; **Fax:** (518) 393-4093

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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 ~***

## 42nd Annual Greek Festival ~ September 8th, 9th, and 10th

### Parish Council Exec. Committee

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

**Mrs. Lucy Brady**  
*President*

**Vacant**  
*Vice-President*

**Mrs. Alexandra Casey**  
*Treasurer*

**Mr. Brian Goodale**  
*Secretary*



### 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*  
*Philoptochos Society President*

**Vacant**  
*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.

August/September 2017



Dear Parishioners,

Life as a Christian can be very difficult. There are expectations placed upon us that people of other faiths, and those of no faith, don't ever have to worry about.

For example, consider the athlete. An athlete is an individual who is disciplined—someone of self-denial. Of course, I realize that these days, some athletes are not necessarily the best examples of discipline and self-denial, but there are certainly those who take their training quite seriously. An athlete must adhere to a strict regimen of training without permitting outside influences to interfere with that training. Naturally, there will be days when an athlete would rather forget about training and relax. But a true athlete will not do so. There will be indulgences and other pleasures that the athlete would rather focus on. But a true athlete will refuse them. The athlete who excels will not let anything interfere with the high standard he, or she, has set for his/her self.

We, too, as Christians, must also set high standards for ourselves. We must have even more discipline than the athlete. We must have more self-denial than the athlete. There are countless times throughout life when the easy way of doing things is the most attractive. There are many times in our lives when laziness gets the better of us and we relax our Christian values and standards. Because remember, the right thing to do is often the most difficult thing to do. And just as the athlete trains to make the body strong, Christians must train themselves also, to make their souls strong.

A quote from the Letter to Timothy states that the athlete who is crowned is one who competes according to the rules. Of course, as Christians, we have rules to follow as well. And there are many people in the world who dislike Christianity because there are rules to follow. These people accuse churches of trying to control their lives with these rules. We hear the term 'organized religion' being used by them. "I don't like organized religion", they say. "Organized religion is what's wrong with the world". They blame all kinds of unpleasantness on what they feel is an organized institution. However, they don't seem to mind an organized government with organized programs and organized public servants such as police and fire fighters, who are there to help them when they need it. They don't mind going to see the doctor, who is a part of an organized medical association. And they certainly don't mind complying with the rules of their organized workplace.

What is not understood by these people is that the rules that Christians adhere to have either been handed down from God or been divinely inspired. Yes, there are rules to follow, but they were not created to oppress us. They were given to us to teach us how God wants us to live. They were given to us so that we may be free from evil and temptation. It can be difficult to follow a Christian life. However, there is good news to be found in the Letter to Timothy which states that when an athlete has competed according to the rules, then he or she will be crowned. This means that, as Christians, we too shall be crowned when we have lived according to the rules. And while none of us can achieve perfection in this, what counts is that we do our best.

With Pastoral Love in Christ,  
-Fr. Sean

# Response to Racist Violence in Charlottesville, VA

Source: Goarch.org

Friday, August 18, 2017

## **The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America Response to Racist Violence in Charlottesville, VA**

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America stands with all people of good will in condemning the hateful violence and lamenting the loss of life that resulted from the shameful efforts to promote racial bigotry and white supremacist ideology in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Orthodox Church emphatically declares that it does not promote, protect or sanction participation in such reprehensible acts of hatred, racism, and discrimination, and proclaims that such beliefs and behaviors have no place in any community based in respect for the law and faith in a loving God.

The essence of the Christian Gospel and the spirit of the Orthodox Tradition are entirely and self-evidently incompatible with ideologies that declare the superiority of any race over another. Our God shows no partiality or favoritism (Deuteronomy 10:17, Romans 2:11). Our Lord Jesus Christ *broke down the dividing wall of hostility that had separated God from humans and humans from each other* (Ephesians 2:14). In Christ Jesus, the Church proclaims, there can be *neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, but all are one* (Galatians 3:28). Furthermore, we call on one another *to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather to expose them* (Ephesians 5:11). And what is darkness if not hatred? *The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness* (1 John 2:11)!

Furthermore, in 1872, Hierarchs from around the world assembled in Constantinople and denounced all forms of xenophobia and chauvinism (*phyletism*). They agreed that the promotion of racial or national supremacy and ethnic bias or dissension in the Church of Christ is to be censured as contrary to the sacred teachings of the Christian Gospel and the holy canons of the Church. It is formally condemned as heresy, the strongest category of false teaching.

Finally, such actions as we have witnessed in recent days, by self-proclaimed white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and various racists and fascists, betray the core human values of love and solidarity. In this, we pray wholeheartedly for the families of those who lost their lives or suffered in these tragic events. In like manner, we cannot condone any form of revenge or retaliation by any group or individual. Therefore, we fervently appeal to every person of good will, and especially the leaders of our great nation, to consider and adopt ways of reconciling differences in order to rise above any and all discrimination in our history, our present, and our future.

Original Article: <http://www.assemblyofbishops.org/news/2017/response-to-racist-violence-charlottesville-va>

## From the Parish Council ~

As you may already know, I have humbly accepted the position of President of the Council. It is a challenging endeavor, but with the support of the hardworking members of the Council, as well as the support of Father Sean, I have faith that I am able to do the best I can for the St. George Community.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for all of the hard work Athena Pagnotti has put forth during her time as President. She continues to serve on the Council and provide valuable input and guidance.

The main focus at this time of year is the planning and coordination of the festival. Preparing for this wonderful event is exciting yet can be quite overwhelming at times. The most important aspect of all the planning and labor is the love that drives everything we do. Success of the festival is not only measured by the financial gain, but more importantly, it's measured by the extent of the love that guides us, Love for God, Love for our beautiful Church, Love for our faith and Love for one another. As the Bible states, And now these three remain: faith, hope and love, But the greatest of these is love, (1 Corinthians 13;13).

May God bless you and your families as we enter the Ecclesiastical New Year.

In Christ,

Lucy Brady



# VOLUNTEER

## September 8, 9 and 10

### St. George Hellenic Center

## 42nd Annual Greek Festival

Contact the parish office with your availability and booth assignment.

We look forward to sharing this fun-filled annual event with you!

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017



Greetings from the Fellowship Group!

Here we are, almost to the end of August! Where did the summer go? We celebrated two major feast days of the Orthodox Church this month...the Transfiguration of Jesus on August 6th, and the Dormition (falling asleep) of the Theotokos on August 15th. Both feast days were celebrated with liturgies presided over by Fr. Sean.

Two more major feast days take place during the month of September...the Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8th, and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th. We hope you all pray with us during those holy days.

On August 8th, the Fellowship group enjoyed a wonderful adventure to Lake George. We attended a performance of Neil Simon's comedy, "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at the Lake George Dinner Theater. This hilarious show was preceded by a delicious lunch, which left everyone well satisfied and happy.

We will not be having a meeting during the month of September due to the festival. We encourage all our parishioners to not only support St. George by attending the festival on September 8,9 and 10, but also to volunteer to work in one or more of the many booths at the festival. We have a desperate need for workers in the kitchen and on the food/salad bar lines. Please see Eliana if you can help.

The Fellowship Group will be attending the Lake George Dinner theater again on Thursday October 12th for an entirely different show, a comedy entitled "The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby." Again, a scrumptious meal precedes the show. Tickets are \$56.42 pp and include your meal, the show, taxes and gratuity. Please see Eliana if you are interested in attending this show with us. Fellowship membership is not a requirement.

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 meeting with a prayer and a meal. A nominal fee of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members is charged to cover the cost of the food. Dues are \$25 annually. Please contact our treasurer, Kathy Koinis or either of our co-presidents, Paul Pagiotas or Eliana Georgelos, for more information.

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Goal: \$ 75,000.00

**Total amount pledged to date: \$ 70,980.00**

Total amount received to date: \$ 55,126.00

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

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 — \$1,499  
Seventeen (17) Stewards

Silver Level Stewards \$500 — \$999  
Twenty-two (22) Stewards

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or less  
Sixty (60) 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**

**Angela Aretakis**

**Shannon Arrington**

**Stephen & Vicki Arrington**

**John Behiri**

**Nicholas & Eleni Behiri**

**Susan Birbilis**

Lucy Brady & Family

**Sam & Deborah Bratsos**

**Ifigenia Brown**

**Arji Cakouros**

Alexandra & Patrick Casey & Family

**Palmyra Catravas**

**Andreas Christou**

**Ariana Christou**

**Euripides & Eleni Christou**

**Catherine Contompasis**

**Cathy Contompasis**

Charles Contompasis & Laurie Ives

**Emanuel & Mary Ellen Contompasis**

Joan Contompasis

**Demetra Corsones**

**George & Constantina Cotzas**

**Rena Counavelis**

Chris & Joanne Dafniotis

**Rev. Fr. Peter & Presbyteria Nina**

**Daratsos**

Olga Delorey

**Joanne Diamantis**

**Dorothy Dikas**

J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael Koliatsis

Marguerite Doulides

**Angela Economou**

Evan Euripidou

Michael & Elaine Euripidou

Morgan & Julie Gazetos  
**Helena Georgelas**  
Eliana Georgelos  
Panagiota Giakoumis  
**Peter & Janet Giakoumis & Family**  
**Steve & Alice Giakoumis**  
Brian and Lucy Goodale & Family  
Angela T. Grivas  
Dimitri & Nancy Grivas  
**Nicholas Hallas**  
**Robert Higley**  
**Tiffany Higley**  
**Angeliki Jones**  
**Thomas & Shannon Jones & Family**  
**Catherine Julius**  
**Marina Kakavelos**  
Peter & Dayna Kalil  
**Evangelia & Stavroula Kalogeras**  
Antonia Kananis & Family  
Steve & Fanny Karamanos  
**Nicole Kaya**  
**John and Charlene Kennedy**  
Polixeni Kingra & Family  
**Charles & Katheleen Koines**  
**Katina Kontakos**  
**Maria Kontakos**  
Steven & Barbara Kouray  
**Patricia Lambert**  
**Trifon & Zanetta Laskaris**  
Christine Legorius  
**Rosemary Legorius**  
William Manikas  
**Cathy Marco**  
Akrivi Markopoulos  
**Ann Markopoulos**  
**Athena Markopoulos**  
**Stephen & Mary Markopoulos**  
Phil & Norina McGowen  
**Anna Menagias**  
**Evangelos & Konstantina Nikolaidis**  
Katherine Orfan  
Paul & Joann Pagiotas  
Athena & Vito Pagnotti & Family  
**Peter & Penney Pagones**  
**Kostantinos & Debra Papanikos**  
**Nick & Gladys Paravalos**  
**Voula Paravalos**  
Gus and Maria Plakas  
Fannie Pontisakos  
Theodore & Angeliki Pontisakos & Family

Frank & Teresa Rossetti  
Elena Sikamiotis  
**Ourania Sokaris**  
Roubina Spyros & Family  
**Athanasios & Stavroula**  
**Stamoulis**  
**Maria Stamoulis**  
Van & Anita Stathis  
**Kaliopi Struffilino**  
**James Stevens**  
Olga Stryjski  
**Adam Svokos & Family**  
**George & Christie Svolos**  
**Themetria Svolos**  
**Angela Theodore**  
**Melissa Verrigini & Family**  
Dimitrios & Eugenia Vlahakis  
**Mark & Cait Wempe**  
**Brian & Megan Whipple**  
Mary Wilson  
**Peter H. Wilson**  
**Steve & Sophie Zanaros**  
**Anastasia Zoulas**  
**Peter & Mary Zoulas**



## STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone for your timely support.

**We are only \$4,020.00 away from our 2017 pledge goal.**

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



PHILOPTOCHOS



**MEETING NOTES.** There are no business meetings held during the months of June-July-August. Our schedule of meetings and activities will resume in September.

**CHAPTER ELECTIONS & OFFICERS.** We welcome Angeliki (Kiki) Jones as the newest member of our Board and congratulate Eliana Georgelos who will serve as Co-Vice President along with Co-Vice President & Advisor Gladys Paravalos.

At this time, we extend our heartfelt thanks to outgoing Board Member Presbyteria Nina Daratsos who has served as a Board Member and Officer of our chapter for many years. We extend our best wishes to Father Peter and Presbyteria Nina as they relocate to New York City after faithfully serving our St. George community for over 30 years. May God bless and keep you always.

**PICNIC THANK YOU.** We wish to thank everyone who attended our annual June picnic. Special thanks to the Co-Chairs Gladys Paravalos, Anna Ktenas, Eliana Georgelos and Olga Delorey and to everyone who donated food and dessert items, assisted with set-up, serving, and clean-up. If we list names we may forget someone – you know who you are and, more importantly, God knows who you are.

We also wish to thank the guests who were in attendance – our Philoptochos sisters from St. Sophia, Father Pat from St. Sophia, Father Dennis and Presbyteria Candace from St. Sophia, Father Manny from St. Basil, and the Thursday Morning Boys. The “Boys” provide invaluable support to the St. George Philoptochos by preparing the food we serve at the monthly Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. We could not do the work of this important ministry without their help.

Of course, we always look forward to having Gladys Paravalos serve as our “auctioneer” for the Pound Auction. Thank you, Gladys! It was a lot of fun and together we raised a nice donation to send to **IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities)**. Thank you to everyone who brought an auction item, bid on items and made donations to our Philoptochos.

**GREEK FESTIVAL.** We hope to see everyone at the **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. George Greek Festival** September 8-9-10, 2017. We need everyone’s help to make our festival a success. Please contact a member of the Parish Council to volunteer your services! Many hands make the task lighter. While the festival provides an opportunity for us to share our Orthodox faith and Greek culture with the greater community-at-large, the reality is that the proceeds from the annual festival keep the doors of our church open. Let us all come together to help each other and help our St. George Church.

**SALVATION ARMY SOUP KITCHEN.** On **Tuesday, May 23, 2017** our Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for **181 persons**. The meal was sponsored by **Kiki Jones In Memory of Beloved Husband Ed Jones**. May his memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Sean prior to the meal being served.

On **Tuesday, June 27, 2017** we prepared and served dinner for **148 persons**. The meal was sponsored by **Gladys Paravalos In Memory of Beloved Brother Vasilios Katsigiannis and Beloved Sister Elene Pimpas**. May their memories be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Sean prior to the meal being served.

The dinners for May-June consisted of Chicken Florentine with Pasta and Vegetables, Green Beans, Bread and Butter, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Juice and Coffee. Our heartfelt thanks to the following team members who helped prepare and/or serve the meals for May and June: **Kathy Koines (Chair), Charlie Koines, Mike Euripidou, Pete Kalil, Steve and Alice Giakoumis, Phil and Norina McGowen, Presbytera Nina Daratsos, Kiki Jones, Olga Delorey, Gladys Paravalos, Tina Twardzik, Dom Di-Cocco, Bill Manikas, and Father Sean Govostes.**

*“...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.** There will be no general membership meeting in August, although the Board of Directors will meet during the month to plan the agenda for 2017-2018. Our next business meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 21, 2017. Pizza and Salad Supper at 5:30 pm followed by business meeting at 6:30 pm.**

**Ladies Philoptochos Society Board of Directors 2017-2019**

**Officers:** Olga Delorey (President),

Gladys Paravalos, (Co-Vice President & Advisor), Eliana Georgelos (Co-Vice President)

Zanetta Laskaris (Treasurer), Kathy Koines (Assistant Treasurer)

Elaine Euripidou (Secretary), Cathy Contompasis (Assistant Secretary)

**Members:** Lucy Brady, Joanne Diamantis, Alice Giakoumis,

Angeliki Jones, 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.



## Festival 2017 ~ A Tribute to Our Volunteers ~ Thank You Everyone!

We began last March by gathering all together to lay-out the plans for the 42 Annual Greek Festival at St. George. Average attendance over the next 5 months/meetings to follow hovered around 22 with meeting attendance waning in vacation season, late July—August. But by that time, everyone had their bearings on their specific areas of responsibility for the production of the event. The first order of business for the committee was to reflect on their inventory and sales from the prior year, and make projections for needs this year. This year, the council approved the purchase of a chest freezer and an upright commercial grade freezer to alleviate the burden and worry of storage and safety. The parish is also acquiring a new steam table for use at the Souvlaki stand. We are certain that this will aid our Souvlaki volunteers in delivering a quicker service to our patrons, and will make their fast-paced labor a bit easier!



We began with Spanakopita preparation. The following week we made the Finikia. Dolmathes followed, and our lead pastry chefs gathered to make Koulourakia, Paximathia, Karidopita and Tsoureki.

Our Festival Kitchen Chef oversees ordering



through the summer months, and food produc-

tion for the entire event. Kitchen Chef also works with our restaurant operators on entrée donations. Chef led a team in making/freezing the stuffed peppers earlier this month. An arduous and critical job, Chef will be working steadily from Labor Day till end of day Sun-



day. Note: like most of us, our festival chefs also hold full-time employment outside of this event. Their



devotion of time is a generous gift to the success of this event. Thank you!

The younger generation had a strong presence throughout the food preparation events this summer. Welcome aboard! We are so glad to have you with us!



**Thank you in advance to all of our restaurant families for dinner entrée donations/prep!**



Dimitri and Angela (above) learn the ropes!

Mr. Steve (below) blanches the fresh picked grape leaves for easy rolling and freezing.



Presbytera Nina (below) lends a helping and faithful hand to the preparations.



Balwant and Marina (below) ~ cousins and good friends work and visit on summer break.



Our pastry chefs roll three pans of Koulourakia to my one! But mine are pictured (left). I quickly found myself to be of better use in brushing the egg wash on, then doing dishes after! :)



## Behind the Scenes

Apart from the Festival Committee, your parish council, festival marketing and public relations and church employees Camille and Dave work steadily to insure timelines are followed and deadlines are met. The council is making decisions together, and resolves concerns as they present. So much time is devoted to insuring that sponsors, vendors and the like are managed in a timely and professional manner. For a volunteer organization where members juggle jobs and family, this is quite a fete. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who lead faithfully and with a glad heart! And a special Thank You to Camille for a watchful pair of eyes to insure deadlines are met and all is followed-thru!

***St. George Greek Festival  
Public Relations and  
Marketing Volunteers  
are the BEST!***



## Schenectady AHEPA Chapter #125 hosts fun filled evening River Cruise!



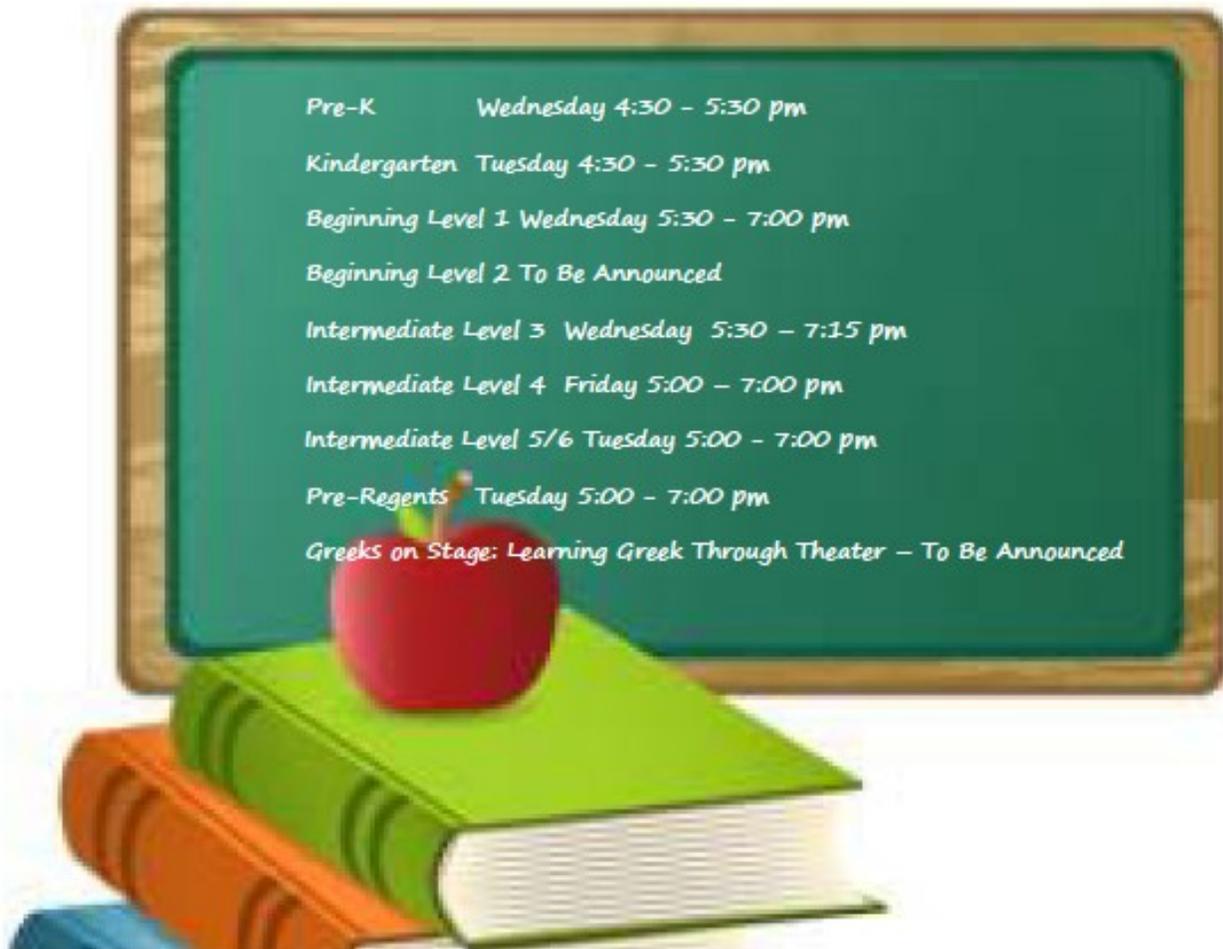
On Saturday, July 8, 2017 members of the recently re-activated Schenectady AHEPA 125 held their first annual Greek Night River Cruise on the Hudson River. The event had 100 attendees which included brothers from Albany AHEPA #140, Trojan AHEPA #306, and District Secretary Chris Pappis. Everyone enjoyed three hours of dining, music, and dancing. The spread of food was top notch thanks to the dedication, talents, and donations of several chapter members. The Schenectady AHEPA would like to extend an invite to AHEPANS throughout Upstate New York for all of our future events.





# Open House and Registration Saint Sophia Afternoon Greek School

440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY 12208



Pre-K Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Kindergarten Tuesday 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Beginning Level 1 Wednesday 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Beginning Level 2 To Be Announced  
Intermediate Level 3 Wednesday 5:30 - 7:15 pm  
Intermediate Level 4 Friday 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Intermediate Level 5/6 Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Pre-Regents Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Greeks on Stage: Learning Greek Through Theater - To Be Announced

Sunday, September 10, 2017

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Visit us at <http://www.stsophiagreekschool.org>

or contact Demetra Vann -

Hellenic Education Chair at [demetravann@gmail.com](mailto:demetravann@gmail.com)

or Rev. Fr. Patric Legato at [padrelegs25@gmail.com](mailto:padrelegs25@gmail.com)

## Saint George Hellenic Dance Troupe



Miss Georgia

A Note from Miss Georgia ~

I would like to thank you all for supporting the dance troupe, especially AHEPA Schenectady Chapter #125, and everyone who donated money in order for us to purchase new costumes!!!

The kids would also want to thank the Glens Falls community for inviting us again this year to dance at their festival!

I personally want to thank all the parents for all their help! Honestly can't thank you enough!

The dance troupe will be having a fundraiser in the next month! Your support is appreciated!

~ Georgia.

## Rehearsal Schedule

Young Children: Mondays, 6 — 6:30 PM

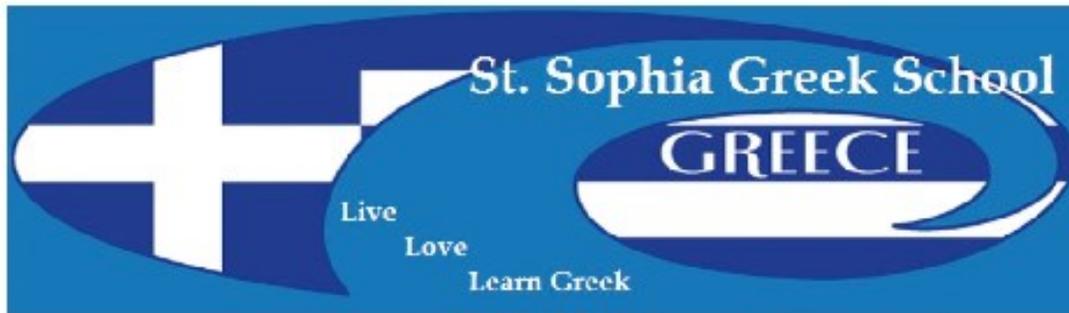
Teens: Mondays, 6:30 — 8:30 PM

Adults: Tuesdays, 6 PM — 8 PM



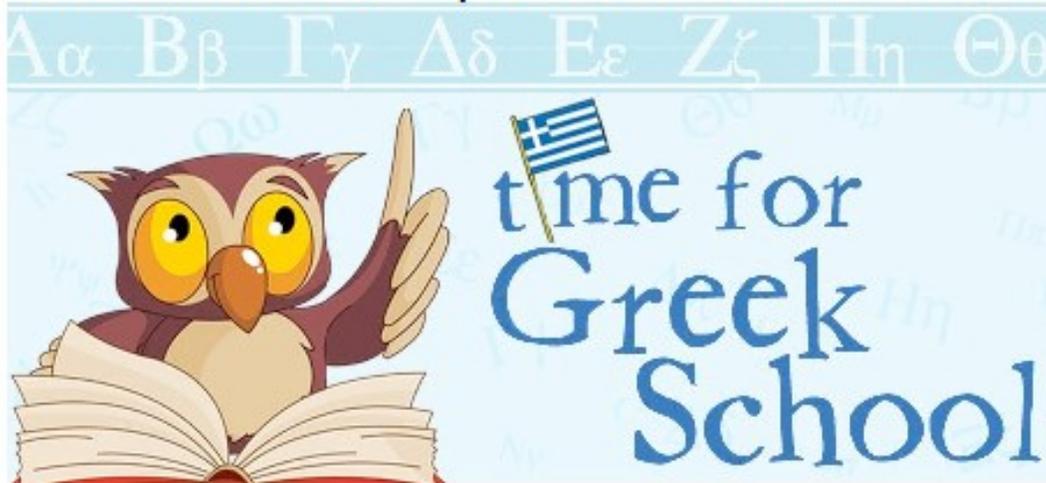
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Where: St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY.  
Times: 5:30 pm Beginners, 6:30 pm Intermediate, 7:30 pm Advanced; Thursdays.  
Classes begin September 14, 2017 and run through May 3, 2017.  
Cost: Registration is \$200. Textbook is \$50. Optional workbook is \$20.  
Contact Teacher: [george@stsophiagreekschool.org](mailto:george@stsophiagreekschool.org) tel: (518) 289-5637.

**OPEN HOUSE: September 10, 2017 @ noon**



Registration is open to the public!

**It's Greek To Me!!!**  
*30 Adult Greek Language Lessons*  
*In a fun filled learning atmosphere*



## Community News & Events

The first Sunday of every month, **Fr. Sean will present 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!

The **Saint George Hellenic Dance Program** holds classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Please see the schedule within this bulletin for dates/times.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will meet on **Thursday, September 21, 2017.** Pizza and Salad Supper at 5:30 pm followed by Monthly Business Meeting at 6:30 pm.

The **Fellowship Group** will not meet in September due to the 42nd Annual Greek Festival. Please see Eliana to volunteer!

Jan Gallas will sponsor the **Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, September 26, 2017,** *in loving memory of her Husband John Gallas. May his memory be eternal!*

Many thanks to a **Secret Angel** who weeded and mulched the landscape beds in front of the Hellenic Center and planted fall foliage in our planters. I guess she wanted us to look our best for Festival season. God bless you, and thank you!

Thank you to the **Friends of St. George** for the framing of the St. George Icon in the church foyer, the donation of a new closet for our altar vestments, and for the beeswax candles for the pangari. We thank you for your generosity and care of our parish.



**Please note** that monthly reports, news and announcements should be emailed to Father Sean for inclusion in the monthly bulletin at [Fr.Govostes@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.Govostes@gmail.com). All information must be received by the 15th of each month.

Please see the flyers included within this issue for information on the **Greek Language School** for both Children and Adults. They will be happy to take your registration by phone, as the open house conflicts with our festival date.

**Congratulations to Nick Georgelas, 2017 Graduate** from Paul Smith's College studying, Natural Resources Management and Policy, B.S.

**Mini Raffle Tickets:** Please return the ticket stubs and ticket sale money to the Parish Office, or give your envelope marked with YOUR NAME, directly to any parish council member. If you were unable to sell all of your tickets, please return them to the parish office. Thanks everyone for your support!



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

**Team C:** 8/27, 9/24, 10/22

**Team D:** 9/3, 10/1, 10/29

**Team A:** 9/10, 10/8

**Team B:** 9/17, 10/15



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

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