

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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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 ~

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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,

By the time you receive this note, we will be at the beginning of Great Lent- a major period of prayer and reflection for Orthodox Christians throughout the world. It is the period during which we note the subdued atmosphere in the tone of our services, the scriptural readings, and even in the vestments of the clergy. It is the period which ultimately turns from dark to bright when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Along with the increased prayer during Lent comes the practice of fasting. This is a spiritual practice that has been utilized and revered by the Church, and even indeed other faiths as well, for thousands of years. The idea of fasting is an important one for our faith. However, over the years, there have been many misconceptions and understandings about it.

First, the fast is not the same as it is during a non-Lenten week, where we fast on Wednesdays and Fridays, and during very early (12:01AM) on Sundays until we receive Holy Communion later that morning (note, we DO NOT fast on Saturdays during the majority of the year). The fast for Lent lasts every day of the period, save for the feast days of the Annunciation and Palm Sunday, when eating fish is allowed. Many people think that we are forgoing certain foods as a punishment. This is absolutely not true. It is a spiritual practice designed not for suffering, but to cleanse ourselves of material desires and to help us understand that we are in control of ourselves. It is in place for us to devote more of ourselves to prayer and to strengthen our resolve as we follow Christ during these next weeks.

Second, fasting is something that is meant to be adhered to for those without health issues. If you need to take food, medications, etc. because of health reasons, **please do so**. No one would want, or expect someone, to harm themselves or to feel ill because of a misunderstanding. Holy Communion is a spiritual medicine and is not something that is reserved for only those who are healthy enough to follow the fast strictly.

Third, fasting is not solely about what we can or cannot eat. The Great Fast is meant to be a time of spiritual reflection. We should be reading Scripture, praying more, and doing good deeds for others. Sometimes, we get so worried about what goes into our mouths that we forget about what is coming out of them. Gossip, negative words, and judging others are all things that need to be thrown out. Lent is the perfect time to make this a life-long goal for oneself.

Also, as some people do like to use the period of Lent to receive the Sacrament of Confession, please note that I will be available for this by appointment. As a priest in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, we are not all given the blessing by the bishop to be able to hear confessions. Once a priest reaches a level of spiritual maturity, he may be given the blessing at the bishop's discretion. I am pleased to share with you that I was elevated to the priestly rank of Pnevmatikos (Confessor) a number of years ago. I know that most of you don't know me very well yet, and may not feel comfortable in doing so, but please do feel free to speak to me if you wish to schedule an appointment. And please know that Confession is NOT required for you to receive Holy Communion, as it is in some of the Slavic Churches. We are all the Body of Christ, and with a bit of effort, fasting according to your physical needs, becoming more prayerful, and casting negative thoughts away, we can be more spiritually prepared to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord.

And please note that you may always ask me if you have any questions regarding anything about our Faith. That's what I'm here for, and it is my privilege to help you.

With Paternal Love in Christ,
Fr. Sean

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2017

GREAT LENT

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

HOLY WEEK

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

From the Parish Council ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let us begin this Great and Holy Lenten Season with gratitude and respect for all that God has given to us through the good works of our brothers and sisters. So much love, care and devotion is given to each of us at St. George through the work of our Priest, Choir, Chanters, Altar Servers, Ushers and many people “behind the scenes” who ensure our doors are open on time, hot coffee is ready for our comfort, and a greeting of “hello, it’s good to see you” awaits us as we walk through the door. We give our gratitude and respect to the parish employees, the council members and the various committee and ministry leaders who “set the tone” for how we receive and support one another. Let us remember one another in our prayers during this reflective period of Great Lent.

The Parish Council is continuing an effort, which began around this same time last year, that explores ways to secure funding from outside sources for the refurbishment of our buildings and grounds. A report will be given at the spring General Assembly this May. The focus of the council this year will be to develop a greater awareness of its spiritual ministry, and to cross-train its members to the business and facilities management duties of the parish.



You will see the council working more and more with select parishioners to effect the business of the parish. One example is the on-going relationship with Toly Svolos and Charlie Koines. Each was recognized at the Fall 2016 General Assembly meeting for their years of service to the Stewardship and Parking Lot Management (respectively).

Another example is the Lenten Vespers Service and Community Supper that took place on February 27th. Thank you to Eliana Georgelas, Olga Delorey, Charlie and Kathy Koines, Phil and Norina McGowen, Presbytera Nina Daratsos, and to all parishioners who brought their delicious covered dishes to share.



We are in great need of parishioners who will devote their time and talent to creating and sustaining a quality religious education program for our youth. Father Sean is actively working to identify and train parishioners for this very important ministry. If you would like more information, please contact Father Sean directly.

Anthology Studio will once again provide floral services for our Paschal season. Please see the list on the opposite page if you wish to donate for a specific event and contact Camille in the parish office to reserve your selection. Donations for the Epitaphios will be received weekly following Sunday church services.

In closing, if you haven’t already done so, I would ask you to submit your pledge of stewardship to St. George Greek Orthodox Church at this time. It is important that we have you listed on the 2017 roll to be considered *a member in good standing* of the parish. You may download the Stewardship form from the website, speak with a church Usher or contact Stewardship chairperson, Lucy Brady at 542-4391 for more information.

With Love in Christ ~

Athena Pagnotti

Kali Sarakosti



2017				
Date	Feast Day	Description	Cost	
Friday, March 3rd	1st Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Toni Kananis	LENTEN LIST
Friday, March 10th	2nd Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Gladys Paravalos	
Friday, March 17th	3rd Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	\$ 60.00	
Friday, March 19th	Veneration of the Cross	Daffodil Tray	\$ 110.00	
Friday, March 24th	4th Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	\$ 60.00	
Saturday, March 25th	Annunciation/Evangelismou	Flower Shelf for Panagia Icon	Joanne Dafniotis	
Friday, March 31st	Akathist Hymn	Flower Frame for Icon	\$ 60.00	
Sunday, April 2nd	St. Mary of Egypt	Flower Frame for Icon	\$ 60.00	
Sunday, April 9th	Palm Sunday (a.m.)	Palms	\$ 45.00	
Sunday, April 9th	Palm Sunday (p.m.) Nymphios	Flower Frame for Icon	\$ 70.00	
Wednesday, April 12th	Holy Wednesday	7 Candles, Oil, Flour, Q-tips, Cotton Balls	\$ 25.00	
Thursday, April 13th	Holy Thursday	Flower Frame for Last Supper Icon	\$ 75.00	
		Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	\$ 200.00	
		Flower Frame for Crucifixion Icon	\$	
		Flower cross on Easel	\$ 150.00	
		3 Candles for Crucifix	\$ 15.00	
		12 Candles for Gospel Readings	Parish Council	
		Eggs (1 case) (Large)	Market Cost	
	Feast Day	Description	Cost	LENTEN LIST
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	\$ 50.00	
		Rose or Orange Blossom Water (2)	Donor purchase	
		White Full Size Sheet	Donor purchase	
		Flower Frame for Aokathilosis Icon	\$ 75.00	
		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	\$ 70.00	
	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	\$ 70.00	
		Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	\$ 75.00	
		Flower shelf for Panagia Icon (Altar)	\$ 75.00	
	Feast Day	Description	Cost	
Sunday, April 23rd	St. George	Flower Frame for St. George Icon (Stand)	\$ 70.00	
	St. George	Flower Shelf for St. George (Altar)	\$ 75.00	

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Total amount pledged to date: \$ 36,155.00

Total amount received to date: \$ 13,037.00

Platinum Level Stewards \$1,500 +
Eight (8) Stewards

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 — \$1,499
Nine (9) Stewards

Silver Level Stewards \$500 — \$999
Eight (8) Stewards

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or less
Twenty-seven (27) 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

Lucy Brady & Family

Alexandra & Patrick Casey & Family

Palmyra Catravas

Andreas Christou

Ariana Christou

Euripides & Eleni Christou

Catherine Contompasis

Emanuel & MaryEllen Contompasis

Rena Counavelis

Chris & Joanne Dafniotis

Olga Delorey

J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael
Koliatsis

Joanne Diamantis

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

Peter & Dayna Kalil

Antonia Kananis & Family

Steve & Fanny Karamanos

John and Charlene Kennedy

Polixeni Kingra & Family

Charles & Katheleen Koines

Maria Kontakos

Steven & Barbara Kouray

William Manikas

Cathy Marco

Katherine Orfan

Paul & Joann Pagiotas
Athena Pagnotti & Family
Peter & Penney Pagones
Kostantinos & Debra Papanikos
Gus and Maria Plakas
Frank & Teresa Rossetti
Elena Sikamiotis
Ourania Sokaris
Roubina Spyros & Family
James Stevens
George & Christie S. Svolos
Themetria Svolos
Mary Wilson
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



Stewardship Pledge Form

Name _____

Envelope No. _____

After prayerful consideration, and in gratitude for God's blessings, I/we are prepared to offer a pledge to our parish for 2017, to continue the work of His One Holy Apostolic Church:

2017 Stewardship Pledge _____

Other (please specify) _____ **Annually** ___ **Quarterly** ___ **Monthly** ___ **Weekly** ___

Please leave comments below on how the Church can be of special assistance to you.

Thank you for your support of St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

Name _____

Stewardship of Time and Talents

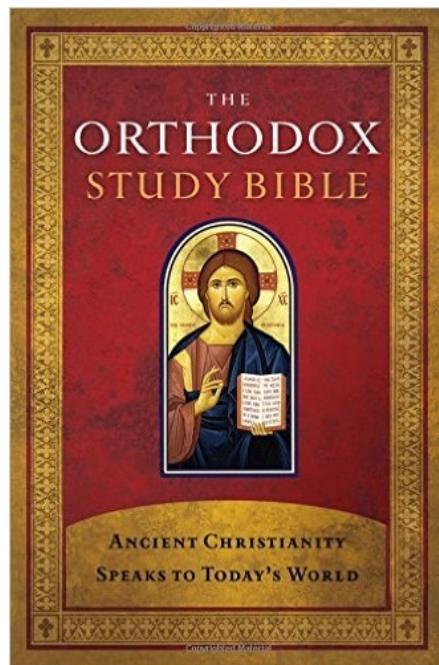
Category	Member	Spouse	Child	Child	Child	Child
Altar Server						
Book Club/Bible Study						
Bereavement Supporter						
Choir/Chanter						
Church Usher						
Church Monthly Bulletin						
Epistle Reader						
Fellowship Group						
Festival Volunteer						
Dance Group						
Fund Raising and Special Events						
Philoptochos Society						
Parish Council						
Soup Kitchen Volunteer						
Oratorical Festival						
Sunday School						
"Thursday Morning Boys"						
Youth Group						

Stewardship contributions can be made on-line through www.saintgeorgegoc.com

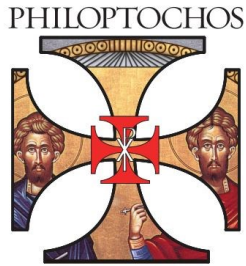


Bible Study

Please join us the **1st and 3rd Mondays** of each month beginning Monday, March 6th at **6:00 pm in the Church.**



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



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

National Philoptochos Autism Assistance Fund

National Philoptochos for St. Photios Shrine

Northeast Parent & Child Society

HOPE Project NY (DAD Philoptochos and All Saints Monastery)

Bethesda House

DAD LENTEN RETREAT. On Saturday, March 11, 2017, the Direct Archdiocesan District Philoptochos will sponsor a Lenten Retreat at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. This event is open to all Philoptochos members. The Retreat Master will be Very Rev. Dr. Nathanael Symeonides who will speak on the topic of “Humility”. If you are interested in attending, please contact Olga Delorey (383-4737 or odelorey@nycap.rr.com).

MEMBERSHIP. If you haven’t already done so, please remember to pay your annual stewardship! Annual dues are \$30.00. The per capita assessment for each chapter is \$15.00 to National Philoptochos and \$8.00 to Direct Archdiocesan District. The remaining amount of \$7.00 goes to our St. George Chapter. Any additional gift to the chapter, along with your annual dues, is always welcome.

HUG A HEART PILLOW PROGRAM. In recognition of February “Heart Month” our Ladies Philoptochos began a new undertaking – Hug A Heart Pillows. Every February, the Capital District YMCA asks volunteer groups to sew heart-shaped pillows that will be donated to cardiac patients at Ellis Hospital/Ellis Medicine and other local hospitals. These heart-shaped pillows are used to help ease pain and aid in post-surgery recovery. We are thrilled that our first time effort resulted in **51 heart pillows!** Thank you to the following seamstresses, crafters and donors: **Kathy Koines, Katherine Orfan, Alice Giakoumis, Kiki Jones, Gladys Paravalos, Cathy Contompasis, Olga Delorey, Paula Kingra and Jan Gallas.**

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.

THANK YOU. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner on February 12th. Despite the bad weather, we had very nice attendance. We thank all of you who braved the snowstorm to support our dinner.

A special thank you to the Dinner Co-Chairs, **Aleka Menagias, Gladys Paravalos, Soula Tsakopiakos, Paula Kingra.** Special thanks to the “Boys” **Charlie Koines, Steve Giakoumis, Pete Kalil and John Tsakopiakos** who helped prepare the meal. We know we can always count on you to help us when needed!

We are grateful to the following individuals for their donations: **Anna Ktenas/Burnt Hills Café** (sauce), **Paula Kingra & Soula Tsakopiakos** (meatballs), **Aleka Menagias/Blue Ribbon Restaurant** (salad), **Eliana Georgelos** (spaghetti), **Olga Delorey** (wine), **Joanne Diamantis** (grated cheese), **Lucy Brady** (rolls) and **Alice Giakoumis** (soda). Finally, a big thank all of our **Philoptochos Ladies** who brought a dessert and assisted with set-up, serving and clean-up.

SOUP KITCHEN. On **Tuesday, January 24, 2017** our Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for **120 persons** at the **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**. The Soup Kitchen was sponsored by **Charlie and Kathy Koines in Memory of Charlie's parents James and Helen Koines**. May their memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Sean. The dinner consisted of Chicken Florentine, Penne Pasta, Green Beans, 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, Pete Kalil, Steve Giakoumis, Phil McGowen, Eliana Georgelos, and Olga Delorey.**

"...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, March 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm.**

Ladies Philoptochos Society Board of Directors 2015-2017

Officers: Olga Delorey (President), Gladys Paravalos (Vice President & Advisor)

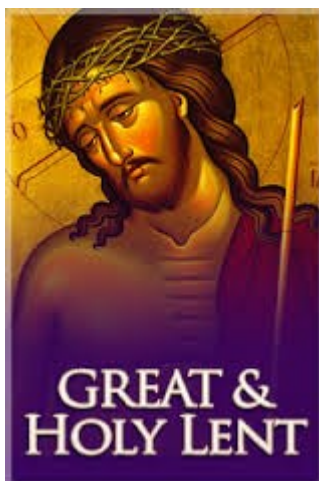
Zanetta Laskaris (Treasurer), Kathy Koines (Assistant Treasurer)

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 MARCH 2017

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

As the days become increasingly longer, we all look forward to Sunday, March 12th, when Daylight Savings time arrives. On this date we turn our clocks forward one hour. This provides us with more daylight in the afternoon in exchange for less in the morning. Then, on March 20th, the vernal equinox arrives...the first day of spring! On that day, all over the world, our days and nights will be approximately equal.

Spring definitely brings a period of renewal to us all. We hear our feathered friends calling to one another in the morning hours; trees begin to bud; early flowers like crocuses begin to bloom; and a stronger sun and warmer weather cause us to shed our heavy outerwear.

The other wonderful occurrence that takes place during this month is Great Lent, our preparation for Holy Pascha which we will celebrate on April 16th. Our spiritual journey of preparation for Christ's Resurrection can be a joyful one and a period of personal renewal through fasting and prayer. There are beautiful church services that take place during this time. The Fellowship group encourages all St. George parishioners to join us in church during this very special time.

Our group will meet this month for a Lenten meal and meeting on Thursday, March 9th at 11:30 AM. March is membership renewal time, so we should be prepared to pay our \$25 annual dues on that date. We will also be discussing our calendar of events during our March meeting. We were forced to cancel our February meeting due to snow. We will not meet next month as our April meeting time comes during Holy Week. Our next meeting will not take place until May 11th.

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.



Sunday of Orthodoxy March 5th

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, the Orthodox faithful carry icons in a procession, while the clergy offer petitions for the people, civil authorities, and those who have reposed in the faith.

Please bring your icons and join us in the procession as we celebrate this occasion.



AHEPA Chapter #125 and The Ladies Philoptochos Society host *Welcome Brunch for Father Sean and Family ~*



Sunday, February 5th, 2017

Would you like to Dance!

Put a little



in your step

with Miss Georgia Tsakopiakos.



Greek Dance lessons will be offered to

Adult & Children Parishioners of St. George.

Classes are planned to start before Pascha.

Please email Miss Georgia with your availability, and stay tuned for the program schedule in next month's community bulletin.

georgiatsakopiakos@gmail.com





Community News & Events

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.

Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 5th. Bring your Icons from home for the procession inside the Church. Our children especially love this celebration!

Join us for **Bible Study** with Fr. Sean in the Church, on **March 6th and 20th at 6 PM.** Bible Study will be regularly held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6 PM.

The **Fellowship Group will meet Thursday, March 9th at 11:30 am,** at the Hellenic Center. Please see Eliana Georgelos or Paul Pagiotas for more information.

The Parish Council will host the **2017 Greek Festival kick-off meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 PM** in the Hellenic Center. Everyone is welcome to participate!

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will hold its next business meeting on **Thursday, March 16th at 6:30 pm.**

Olga Delorey will sponsor the **Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, March 28th** *in memory of her beloved mother, Theresa Yavornicky. May her memory be eternal!*

St. George Stewardship Committee kindly requests that all **2017 stewardship pledge forms** be submitted to the parish office by the **beginning of Great and Holy Lent.** Thank you.

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

Looking ahead:

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!



Please see the full schedule of Lenten Services at the beginning of this issue.

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.

Save the date to attend the annual **Palm Sunday Luncheon on April 9th.**

Church Usher Schedule:

Team B: 3/05

Team C: 3/12

Team D: 3/19

Team A: 3/26



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.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE...

**It's time for the
2017 Greek Festival
Kick-Off Meeting!**

**Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 PM
in the Hellenic Center.**

Meeting objectives~

1. Establish booth leaders for the 2017 event.
2. Review the timeline of tasks leading up to opening day.
3. Schedule successive planning meetings.

Everyone is invited to attend!

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