

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes, Presiding Parish Priest

Camille Kosloski, Parish Secretary



Sunday Services: Orthros – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10 am
~ Weekday Liturgies as announced ~

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Mr. Paul Pagiotas
Fellowship Group Co-Presidents

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to use this opportunity to thank all of you who worked tirelessly to make our Festival a success. A festival takes a tremendous amount of work to make it, not only worthwhile to the parish, but to the community at large. And I must state that I was so happy to see everyone working closely together for the benefit of our parish community. Again, thank you.

My hope is that the zeal and enthusiasm for the festival will be realized in our everyday endeavors as a parish, and not only once a year. In order to be a viable parish with a future, we need "all hands on deck". Please never rely on only the priest or anyone in a leadership role to achieve this. It takes EVERYONE.

May God bless all of you and your loved ones.

With Paternal Love in Christ,

Fr. Sean



From the Parish Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the 2017 St. George Festival a huge success. As you already know first hand, there were many, many hours of preparation and planning that led to the 3 day prosperous event. I know that with all the joy and fun that was had by all, more help would have been appreciated. You are invited to attend the Festival Wrap Up meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30pm in the Hellenic Center. There will be discussion about the success of the festival as well as opportunities to talk about how to improve upon the process. With God's grace, I pray that the St. George community can all come together again to prepare for the 2018 festival.

Please remember to fulfill your 2017 Stewardship Pledge. As we get closer to the end of the fiscal year, please give thought to your 2018 pledge as well as ways you can share your time and talents.

Council elections will be taking place in the near future. I would encourage you to consider becoming a member of the council. If you are interested in joining the Council, please contact Father Sean or any one of the Council members to find out what your participation would entail.

May God bless each and every one of you in this Fall season.

In Christ,

Lucy Brady



Stewardship Report

Pledge Goal: \$75,000

Total Pledged amount To Date: \$72,335

Total Received amount To Date: \$60,361

Platinum Level Stewards \$1,500+

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 - \$1,499

Silver Level Stewards \$500 - \$999

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or Less

Total 113 Pledges

**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 (518)
393-0742, or ask any
Parish Council member
at Church.

2017 St. George GOC Pledged Members To Date

Rev. Fr. Sean & Presvytera 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

Andreas & Panayiota Christou

Ariana Christou

Euripides & Eleni Christou

Catherine Contompasis

Cathy Contompasis

Charles Contompasis & Laurie Ives

Emanuel & Mary Ellen Contompasis

Demetra Corsones

Stephanie Cospito

George & Constantina Cotzas

Rena Counavelis

Christ & Joanne Dafniotis

Rev. Fr. Peter & Presvytera Nina

Daratsos

Olga Delorey

Joanne Diamantis

Dorothy Dikas

Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael

Koliatsis

Marguerite Doulides

Angela Economou

Evan Euripidou

Michael & Elaine Euripidou

Morgan & Julie Gazetos

Helena Georgelas

Eliana Georgelos

Panayiota Giakoumis

Peter & Janet Giakoumis & Family

Steve & Alice Giakoumis

Lucy & Brian Goodale & Family

Angela T. Griva

Dimitri & Nancy Grivas

Nicholas Hallas
Robert Higley
Tiffany Higley
Angeliki Jones
Thomas & Shannon Jones
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
Alexios & Betty Lekkas
William Manikas
Cathy Marco
Akrivi Markopoulos
Ann Markopoulos
Athena Markopoulos
Stephen & Mary Markopoulos
Phil & Norina McGowen
Anna Menagias
Katherine Orfan

Paul & Joann Pagiotas
Athena & Vito Pagnotti & Family
Peter & Penney Pagonis
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
A & S Stamoulis
Maria Stamoulis
Van & Anita Stathis
James Stevens
Kaliopi Stuffolino
Olga Stryjski
Adam Svokos & Family
George & Christie Svolos
Themetria Svolos
Angela Theodore
Melissa Verrigni & Family
Dimitrios & Eugenia Vlahak
Mark & Cait Wempe
Brian & Megan Whipple
Mary Wilson
Peter H. Wilson
Steve & Sophie Zanaros
Anastasia Zoulas
Peter & Mary Zoulas

Thank you to everyone for your timely support.
We are still \$2,665 away from our 2017 pledge goal.

Ευχαριστώ

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 is about what your responsibility is based on the gives to you by God.



Below are the winners of this year's Greek Festival raffle winners.

Congratulations to the winners!

Mini-Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize of \$500 - Stephanie Cospito
- 2nd Prize of \$200 - Alexander Satt
- 3rd Prize of \$100 - Lauren Mouzakes
- 4th Prize of \$100 - Dora Arcomano
- 5th Prize of \$100 - Eliana Georgelos

\$100 Raffle

- 1st Prize of \$2500 - Evan Euripidou
- 2nd Prize of \$500 - Anna Ktenas
- 3rd Prize of \$500 - Jan Gallas
- 4th Prize of \$500 - Jimmy Geonopoulos
- 5th Prize of \$500 - Glenn Hansey
- 6th Prize of \$500 - Kiki Jones

A HUGE thank you to all who supported this year's raffle!

Greetings from the Fellowship Group!

Although the calendar tells us that the official Autumnal Equinox arrived on September 22nd, many of us still feel as though we are in the midst of summer due to the sunny, warm weather we enjoyed throughout the month of September. Will October continue that trend? We hope so.

Although August and September were beautiful here in the Northeast, such was not the case south of us. The gulf coast, Texas, the Caribbean, Florida and other southern states experienced horrible devastation from hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria. Please join our Fellowship group in praying for those whose homes were damaged or destroyed, who were injured or perished as a result of these storms. And, as His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios stated, "our prayers should be accompanied by tangible assistance to those who are now in dire need".

September brought our St. George community good weather when we needed it most....during our 42nd annual Greek Festival which fell, as always, on the weekend after Labor Day. Although the week prior to the festival did bring some rain which made for some challenges in setting up, the weekend itself was good. Many thanks go to all those who worked so tirelessly, starting from weeks and months beforehand in preparing and setting up, during the festival itself in manning the various booths, and afterwards in cleaning up. Without all of you who gave so willingly of yourselves, we would not have enjoyed a successful outcome. We all have busy lives outside of church, with work, family obligations, etc. But our church is also our family. The Fellowship group extends our deep appreciation to all of you who sacrificed to give your time and energy to our St. George family.

The Fellowship Group will be attending the Lake George Dinner theater again on Thursday October 12th for a new show, a comedy entitled "The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby." As always, a scrumptious meal precedes the show. Tickets are \$56.42 pp and include your meal, the show, taxes and gratuity. Our sister communities of St. Sophia and St. Basil will join our St. George Fellowship group in attending this fun event.

Our next meeting falls on Thursday, November 9th at 11:30 AM at the Hellenic Center. The lunch menu for that day is yet to be determined.

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 prayer and 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 annually. Please contact our treasurer, Kathy Koines, or either of our co-presidents, Paul Pagiotas or Eliana Georgelos, for more information.



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

MEETING NOTES. At the meeting held on **September 21, 2017** the membership approved the following donations:

Retired Clergy & Widowed Presbyteres Benevolent Fund - National Philoptochos
Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Fund - National Philoptochos
Hurricanes Harvey & Irma Flood Disaster Relief Fund – National Philoptochos
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (Breast Cancer Research)
American Cancer Society – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
International Orthodox Christian Charities - National Philoptochos

SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE. On **Saturday, October 7, 2017** the St. George Philoptochos will participate in the **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (Family Walk)** at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY. We hope to assemble a large team of “walkers” in support of research to eliminate this dreadful disease. If you would like to join or support our team with a monetary donation, please contact our Team Captain, Olga Delorey (518-383-4737) or odelorey@nycap.rr.com. Donations in support of the **Capital Region Ladies Philoptochos Society** team will be accepted through November 15, 2017. Please see flyer in this bulletin for details.

MEMBERSHIP & PROJECTS. As the days grow shorter and summer turns to autumn, it’s time to join us for another year of activities and fundraising events. In the next couple of months we will be announcing some new and fun projects! Our first “new” event will be a **New Members Tea** which will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2017**. The **Christmas Mitten Tree** will return again this year as will the **“Hug A Heart Pillow”** project for cardiac patients at Ellis Hospital! So, if you haven’t attended meetings in a while, we hope you will return. If you are considering joining the Ladies Philoptochos Society, we invite you to attend our New Members Tea. We are grateful to everyone who pays their membership dues – but it is equally important to be an active participant by attending meetings, volunteering your time and sharing new ideas.

SAVE THE DATE. The Philoptochos will sponsor a **Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner on Sunday, November 5, 2017** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Come one – come all!

SOUP KITCHEN. The September Soup Kitchen will be held on September 26, 2017 and is being sponsored by Jan Gallas in memory of her beloved husband, John Gallas. Due to early print deadline, volunteers and meal information will be printed in the next bulletin.

FRUIT OF THE MONTH SPONSORSHIPS. This marks our third year in supporting the City Mission’s “Fruit of the Month” program for the 1st and 2nd grade students at Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Once a month, these children (250 total) are given a small bag of fresh fruit and are taught about the nutritional value of fresh fruit which most of them do not receive at home. The cost to sponsor one month is \$100. **We need of seven (7) sponsors.** Will you please consider making a donation and serve as a sponsor for this worthwhile program?

THANK YOU. We thank our sisters at St. Sophia for inviting the St. George and St. Basil chapters to their Pot Luck Supper which took place on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The meal was preceded by an Agiasmos Service in the church. Our chapter was represented by Eliana Georgelos, Gladys Paravalos, Cathy Contompasis and Olga Delorey.

NEXT MEETING. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm.**

Ladies Philoptochos Society Board of Directors 2017-2019

SPECIAL COFFEE HOURS may be arranged by contacting Coffee Hour Chair Lucy Brady (518-346-4722). A voluntary donation to the Ladies Philoptochos Society in addition to the expenses would be greatly appreciated



Come join Philoptochos in the Race for the Cure! Team: Capital Region Ladies Philoptochos Society

On **Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 9:30 am** members of the Ladies Philoptochos Society from St. George, St. Sophia and St. Basil are invited to join the Family Walk in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. We invite parishioners, family and friends to join us!

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is dedicated to fighting and saving lives from breast cancer. Now St. George Philoptochos and our sisters in Albany and Troy want to join in this fight. Participants can walk or run and children are welcome to join in as well. For those who want to sleep in that day there is a category for you too!

You can register on line at www.komenupstateny.org Click on "Register" then "Join a Team". You will need to fill in your contact and payment information. Our team name is **Capital Region Ladies Philoptochos Society**. The cost of registration is as follows: Adults \$30.00 (August 1-September 29) or \$35.00 (September 30-October 6); and Youth \$10.00.

If you have any questions or need assistance in joining the team, please see or contact our Team Captain, Olga Delorey at 518-383-4737 (home) or 518-859-3600 (cell) or email odelorey@nycap.rr.com

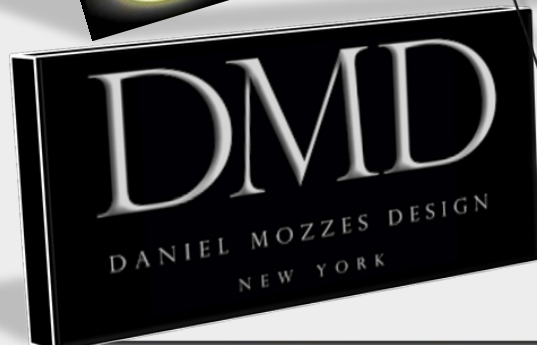
If you're unable to join us that day, please support our team by making a tax-deductible contribution to Komen NENY Race for the Cure.

Hope to see you there!



"COUTURE FOR A CAUSE" FASHION SHOW

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2017
4:00 PM - ENTRY
\$25...\$30 DOOR
YOUTH \$15 (15 & UNDER)

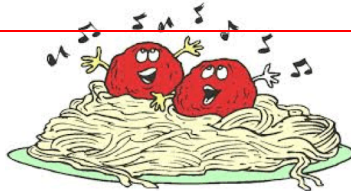


Philoptochos Society Fundraiser

**Bagged Lunches to Benefit Homeless Action Committee
'VET HOUSE' to benefit homeless veterans new start in life
VA Hospitals assistance of free emergency needs**

Light Appetizers, Cash Bar ... Vendors, Baskets, Auction, Door prize
**St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
440 Whitehall Rd. Albany (518) 489-4442**

For Reservation & Information ...Arianna, (518) 937-4405 or
coutureforacause1@gmail.com



Spaghetti and Meatballs

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Immediately Following Divine Liturgy

Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty Street,

Schenectady



Donation: \$8.00 Adults and \$5.00 Children (under 12)

Spaghetti ~ Meatballs ~ Salad ~ Roll & Butter

Soda ~ Wine ~ Coffee ~ Dessert

Sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos Society

(For the Benefit of Philoptochos Charities)

For Tickets and Information (Dinner Co-Chairs)

Aleka Menagias, Gladys Paravalos, Soula Tsakopiakos