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Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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9th Sunday of Matthew

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Η Κοίμηση της Θεοτόκου

**The Feast of the Dormition
of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos & Ever Virgin Mary**



In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life, you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls from death by your intercessions.

Εν τῇ Γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε, Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ υπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σοῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.



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Upcoming Service Schedule

Summer hours
Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
We look forward to seeing everyone in church!

August

Sunday, August 2 – 8th Sunday of Matthew

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
*6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Monday, August 3

*6:00 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 4

*6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 5

*6:00 pm Vespers for Transfiguration of Christ

Thursday, August 6 - Transfiguration of Christ

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and blessing of the grapes
*6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 9 – 9th Sunday of Matthew

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
One year memorial for Mary Markopoulos
*6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Monday, August 10

*6:00 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 11

*6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 12

*6:00 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 13

*6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Friday, August 14

*6:30 pm Great Vespers at the Assumption Church in Windham, NY

Saturday, August 15 - The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 16 – 10th Sunday of Matthew

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Five year Memorial for Konstantinos Dikas

Tuesday, August 20

*6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, August 23 – 11th Sunday of Matthew

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 30 – 12th Sunday of Matthew

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

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His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

Homily for the Eighth Sunday of Matthew - August 2, 2020

Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church in Danbury, CT

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to be with you today, especially in this period of the Δεκαενταύγουστο that leads to the celebration of your community's Feastday, the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God.

And indeed, this feast belongs not only to those communities who have the Κοιμησις as their special dedication, but to the entire Orthodox world, and the very cosmos itself. For it is a little Pascha, an aftertaste of our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection, and a foretaste of our own.

That is why we spend these fourteen days in preparation through fasting, to cleanse our palette, as it were, of all the concerns and worries of this life. We re-focus our attention on the greatest prize of all – the gift of eternal life that the Lord of All grants to us through His Glorious Resurrection.

And we invoke the intercessory power and presence of our Panagia through the Paraklesis services that we chant night after night. This is a short but substantive season of prayer, fasting, and joy. It is a time of spiritual intensity and prepares us to fully engage our life in Christ throughout the rest of the year, just like the Great and Holy Lent.

During this time of fasting and supplication to the Holy Theotokos, we can take stock of our lives and examine how we are living. Since we have been so restricted for most of this year, we can ask ourselves:

"Are we disconnected from our Church?"

"Do we know the Lord's teachings and try to implement them in our lives?"

"Have we lived in such a way as to reflect the Lord Jesus Christ to our family, our friends, and our neighbors?"

My beloved Christians,

In the miracle that we read about today in the Holy Gospel, the only miracle that is in each of the Four Gospels, our Lord Jesus fed the Five Thousand, which does not include the women and children who were present – perhaps there were twenty thousand!

This miracle is an icon of the Eucharist, the marvelous multiplication of His Body and Blood throughout the centuries, with no lack ever occurring. Indeed, when the last prayer is read, we always seem to have "twelve baskets full."

But it is also an image of us, the Church. Think for a moment. As many as twenty thousand people, listening to the Lord through a long afternoon. At day's end, they are hungry. The Disciples are concerned for these crowds, but they feel helpless when the Lord says to them: "You give them something to eat." The best they can do is five loaves and two fish.

The Gospel of John adds a poignant detail that the other Three Gospels omit. It was a young child who offered the bread and the fish, even though his bread was the cheapest, simple barley loaves. This child was not ashamed to give all that he had, even when the Disciples questioned whether his offering could help. And here is why this miracle is so important to our understanding of the Church, and of this Divine Liturgy today.

I ask you, is it a stretch of our understanding to think that the Creator of the Universe, the billions of galaxies that seem to go on forever, that this Creator could multiply five loaves and two fishes? I think not.

But in blessing these offerings, and lifting them up to the Heavenly Father in front of all the people, the Lord Jesus taught the deepest lesson of all: that of generosity, of compassion, and of care for our neighbor. The young boy led the way, but maybe others followed as well.



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What if the miracle was a transformation that took place in the hearts of every person there? What if, when the people saw the generosity of the young child, they opened their hearts, and perhaps their cloaks, to share food they already possessed, with the person sitting next to them? Do not think that this is merely a rational explanation. The transformation of the human heart is greater than any changing of matter from this to that. Here, in this Church of the Κοιμησις today, we behold the transformation of the offering of Bread and Wine into the Very Body and the Very Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But what of the transformation of our hearts?

My beloved Christians:

Our worship is not a ritual that is only pleasing to God, and indeed it is. Our worship is the way we allow God to change us for the better, to transform us, to perfect us. Through the Divine Liturgy today, you all offered the Bread and the Wine that were changed into the Holy Eucharist. Now I ask you: what will you offer one another?

Mercy? Love? Forgiveness? Patience? Hope? Caring? Compassion?

I pray these and so much more. This is our purpose in worshipping together this day, as it is every time and in every place.

I close with this thought, for you to contemplate and, I hope, truly absorb. The late Metropolitan Anthony Bloom said many times:

“We should try to live in such a way that, if the Gospels were lost, they could be re-written by looking at us.”

My Friends, what could be written about us today?

Through the intercessions of the Holy Theotokos and all the Saints, may we be counted worthy to know the miracle of the human heart, and be the living icons of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

**Πλούσιοι ἐπτώχευσαν καὶ ἐπεινάσαν, οἱ δὲ ἐκζητοῦντες τὸν Κύριον οὐκ ἐλαττωθήσονται παντὸς ἀγαθοῦ.
Rich men turned poor and went hungry; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.**

Our good Lord has given us everything. How we respond matters. We have been given stewardship over the entire world. It is our main job to take care of and to manage what has been given to us. Ourselves, meaning our bodies and souls, our family, our church, our community, etc. Saving the world is something our God and Master has already done. He asks us to be on his team. To become Human Beings. To love and care for one another. To struggle and persevere even in the face of adversity. In fact, the center of a Christian's life is the cross. To inherit the Kingdom of heaven Jesus said, “whosoever wishes to follow me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me”. The biggest difficulty has already been overcome by our savior. Suffering and death have been conquered. They have not been avoided or ignored. We are also asked to do the same thing. To face all of life's hardships by seeking the Lord. Many might believe that true meaning in life can be found through happiness and through avoiding pain. Our faith does not allow for such delusions. There is joy and ecstasy and eternal quenching of hunger and thirst. How we behave in the face of death and the realities of our existence are the doorway to eternity. We must seek out the Lord and discover that he has blessed us abundantly and has been with us all along. God is good and he loves us. He wants us to take on our suffering and toiling with honor, discipline, and dignity. It is we who must seek his righteousness. Our good Lord has showed us the way and is now cheering us on with the hosts of saints who came before us.

We must take care of the temple of our bodies, the temple of our worship, the temple of our families, and thus the temple of our greater community, the world.

I pray that our most holy Virgin mother Panagia intercedes on our behalf. I pray we all run to her for refuge from the calamities of life. Her Son and our God is with us and He listens to His mother who acts on our behalf as we appeal to her for His mercy. As we pray in the Great Paraklesis: **“You can do all things, as the Mother of our God and Lord Almighty. Just nod in the direction of my lamentable humility”.**

Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis



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Hymns of the Day

Ἀπολυτικίον – Ἀναστάσιμον - Mode pl. 4

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω
τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ
ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτικίον τῆς Ἑορτῆς - Grave Mode

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς
Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδυναντο. Λάμπων
καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἶδιον,
πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of St. George

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν
υπερασπιστῆς, ασθενούντων ἰατρὸς, βασιλέων υπέρμαχος,
τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ
θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον – Grave Mode

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ
Μαθηταὶ σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἐθέασαντο,
ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν
ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις
ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Mode pl.4

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and
condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the
passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O
Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of the Feast- Grave Mode

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God,
showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could
bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your
everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O
Giver of light. Glory to You.

Apolytikion of St. George

Liberator of captives, defender of the Poor, physician of the
sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr
George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion – Grave Mode

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples
beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God;
so that when they would see You crucified they might
understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to
the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

The Epistle According to I Corinthians 3:9-17

Ἀδελφοί, Θεοῦ ἐσμεν συνεργοί· Θεοῦ γεώργιον, Θεοῦ οἰκοδομὴ ἐστε. Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ Θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι ὡς σοφὸς
ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον ἔθηκα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ· ἕκαστος δὲ βλεπέτω πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ· θεμέλιον γὰρ ἄλλον οὐδεὶς δύναται
θεῖναι παρὰ τὸν κείμενον, ὅς ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός. Εἰ δὲ τις ἐποικοδομεῖ ἐπὶ τὸν θεμέλιον τοῦτον, χρυσόν, ἄργυρον, λίθους
τιμίους, ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην, ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον φανερόν γενήσεται· ἢ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει· ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται·
καὶ ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὁποῖόν ἐστιν τὸ πῦρ δοκιμάσει. Εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον μενεῖ ὁ ἐπωκοδόμησεν, μισθὸν λήψεται· εἴ τις τὸ
ἔργον κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται, αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ναὸς Θεοῦ ἐστε καὶ τὸ
πνεῦμα τοῦ Θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν; εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ φθειρεῖ, φθερεῖ τοῦτον ὁ Θεός· ὁ γὰρ ναὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἅγιός ἐστιν,
οἵτινες ἐστε ὑμεῖς.

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like
a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds
upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the
foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw —each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will
disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work
which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer
loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's
Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you
are.



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The Gospel According to Matthew 14:22-34

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους. καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ' ἰδίαν προσεύξασθαι. ὁψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἤδη μέσον τῆς θαλάσσης ἦν, βασανιζόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν κυμάτων· ἦν γὰρ ἐναντίος ὁ ἄνεμος, τετάρτη δὲ φυλακῇ τῆς νυκτὸς ἀπῆλθε πρὸς αὐτοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς περιπατῶν ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης. καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν περιπατοῦντα ἐταράχθησαν λέγοντες ὅτι φάντασμα ἔστι, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ φόβου ἔκραξαν. εὐθέως δὲ ἐλάλησεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· Θαρσεῖτε, ἐγὼ εἰμι· μὴ φοβεῖσθε. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπε· Κύριε, εἰ σὺ εἶ, κέλευσόν με πρὸς σὲ ἐλθεῖν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα· ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐλθέ. καὶ καταβὰς ἀπὸ τοῦ πλοίου ὁ Πέτρος περιπάτησεν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα ἐλθεῖν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. βλέπων δὲ τὸν ἄνεμον ἰσχυρὸν ἐφοβήθη, καὶ ἀρξάμενος καταποντίζεσθαι ἔκραξε λέγων· Κύριε, σῶσόν με. εὐθέως δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἐπέλαβετο αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ὀλιγόπιστε! εἰς τί ἐδίστασας; καὶ ἐμβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἐκόπασεν ὁ ἄνεμος, οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ ἐλθόντες προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ λέγοντες· Ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς εἶ. Καὶ διαπεράσαντες ἦλθον εἰς τὴν γῆν Γεννησαρέτ.

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.





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Today in Church

Today's Memorial

We Commemorate the one Year Memorial for Mary Markopolous. May her memory be eternal.

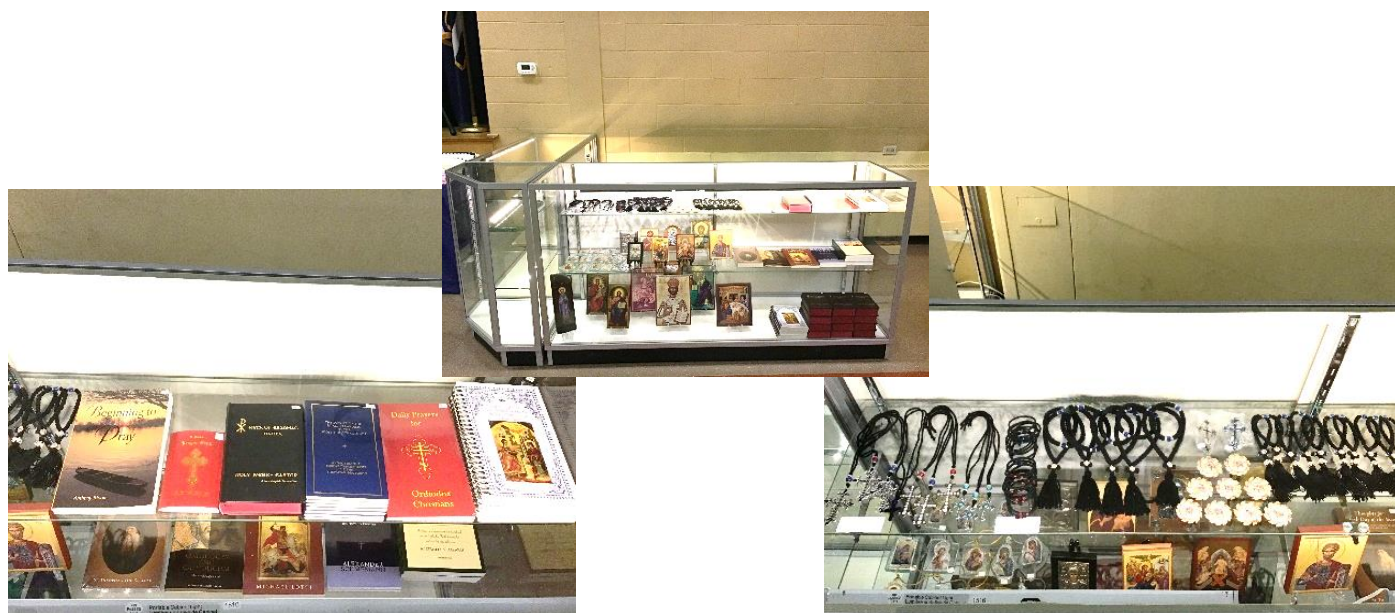


Church Usher Assignment

Sunday, August 9, 2020 Lucy Brady, Scott Morlock
Sunday, August 16, 2020 Brian Goodale, Scott Morlock

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Ἵπεραγία Θεοτόκε σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Ἄγνή Παρθένε Δέσποινα - O Virgin Pure

Ἄγνή Παρθένε Δέσποινα, Ἄχραντε Θεοτόκε, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Παρθένη Μήτηρ Ἄνασσα, Πανένδροσέ τε πόκε, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Ἵψηλοτέρα οὐρανῶν, ἀκτίνων λαμπρότερα, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Χαρά Παρθενικῶν Χορῶν, Ἀγγέλων ὑπερτέρα, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Ἐκλαμπρότερα οὐρανῶν, φωτὸς καθαρώτερα, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν, πασῶν ἀγιοτέρα, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Μαρία Ἀειπάρθενε, Κόσμου παντὸς Κυρία, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Ἄχραντε Νύμφη πάναγγε, Δέσποινα Παναγία, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Μαρία Νύμφη Ἄνασσα, χαρᾶς ἡμῶν αἰτία, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Κόρη σεμνή Βασίλισσα, Μήτηρ ὑπεραγία, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Τιμιώτερα Χερουβείμ, ὑπερενδοξότερα, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Τῶν ἀσωμάτων Σεραφεῖμ, τῶν Θρόνων ὑπερτέρα, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Χαῖρε τὸ ἕσμα Χερουβείμ, χαῖρε ὕμνος Ἀγγέλων, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Χαῖρε ὠδὴ τῶν Σεραφεῖμ, χαρὰ τῶν Ἀρχαγγέλων, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Χαῖρε εἰρήνη καὶ χαρὰ, λιμὴν τῆς σωτηρίας, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Παστὰς τοῦ Λόγου ἱερά, ἄνθος τῆς ἀφθασίας, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Χαῖρε Παράδεισε τρυφῆς, ζωῆς τε αἰωνίας, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Χαῖρε τὸ ξύλον τῆς ζωῆς, Πηγὴ ἀθανασίας, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Σὲ ἱκετεύω Δέσποινα, Σὲ νῦν ἐπικαλοῦμαι, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Σὲ δυσωπῶ Παντάνασσα, Σὴν χάριν ἐξαιτοῦμαι, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Κορὴ σεμνή καὶ ἄσπιλε, Δέσποινα Παναγία, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

ἐπάκουσόν μου ἄχραντε, κόσμου παντὸς Κυρία, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Ἀντιλαβοῦ μου ρύσαι με, ἀπὸ τοῦ πολεμίου, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

Καὶ κληρονόμον δεῖξον με, ζωῆς τῆς αἰωνίου, Χαῖρε Νύμφη Ἀνύμφευτε.

O Virgin pure, immaculate, O Lady Theotokos, O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O fleece bedewed with every grace, O Virgin Queen and Mother,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

More radiant than the rays of sun, and higher than the heavens,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O joy of virgin es, superior to angels,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O brighter than the firmament, and purer than the sun's light,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

More holy than the multitude of all the heavenly armies,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O Ever-Virgin Mary, of all the world the Lady,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O Bride all-pure, immaculate, O Lady Panagia,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O Mary Bride and Queen of all, the cause of our rejoicing,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O noble maiden, gracious Queen, supremely holy Mother,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

More honored than the Cherubim, beyond compare more glorious,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

Than the unbodied Seraphim, transcending the angelic Thrones,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

Rejoice, the song of Cherubim, rejoice, the hymn of Angels,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

Rejoice, the ode of Seraphim, the joy of the Archangels,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

Rejoice, O peace and happiness, and haven of salvation,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O sacred chamber of the Word, the flower of incorruption,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

Rejoice, delightful paradise of blessed life eternal,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

Rejoice, O sacred Queen of life, and fount of immortality,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

I supplicate you, Lady, now, I fervently entreat you,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O Queen of all, I earnestly implore and seek your favor,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O gracious maiden, spotless one, O Lady Panagia,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

I call upon you ardently, O holy, hallowed temple,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

O help me and deliver me, protect me from the enemy,

O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

And make me an inheritor of blessed life eternal.

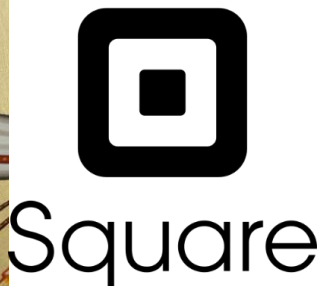
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Liturgical Offerings: Koliva, Artoklasia, and other offerings

Orders can be placed on our St. George Square site. Click the icon to visit:



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Dear Friends,

The Church of Saint George has several ecclesiastical needs for the upkeep of the liturgical practices of the year. You may make and bring these offerings on your own or order them through our office. Please contact our office if you wish to donate towards any of these items for the week or if you have any questions. All proceeds for offerings go to the church. A corresponding write up will be offered in the bulletin if the donor wishes.

Divine Liturgy - for the Health of the Living and the Repose of the Departed

During the Divine Liturgy the names of our loved ones are commemorated for their health and salvation and for the repose of the departed. Names for the living and the departed can be submitted to be commemorated during the Proskomidi at any time. In addition to names, you may also offer the Prosforo, Communion Wine and Altar Candles as a prayer for your loved ones. These are vital ingredients for every service during the liturgical year. You can bring these items yourself or we can provide them for you.

- **Communion Wine** - \$20 Donation
- **Altar Candles** for a week (ακοίμητων) - \$20 Donation
- **Prosforo** - \$20 Donation
- **Altar Incense** – Μοσχοθυμίαμα \$20.00 - \$50.00 Donation

Koliva - Memorial for the Departed

Koliva is offered in memory of our loved ones as a prayer for the repose and salvation of their souls on the following days:

- 40 Day Memorial
- 1 Year Memorial
- Annual Memorial
- Soul Saturday's - for all our family members and friends who have departed.

The Church has established 3 Soul Saturdays at the beginning of the Triodion and 1 on the Saturday before Pentecost

We can make Koliva for you if you place an order with the office. **A large tray is \$100.**

Artoklasia - Prayers for the Health of the Living

Artoklasia (the breaking of the five loaves) is a festive celebration of a Saint's Feast Day and is offered for the health and salvation of the living on the following days:

- On the name day of an individual
- In honor of a saint that we especially revere
- On the feast day of our church

We can make Artoklasia for you if you place an order with the office. **The cost will be \$50.**





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Philoptochos News

from Olga Delorey



The days of summer are typically quiet for Philoptochos chapters across the country. It's a time for vacations, visiting with family and friends both far and near, tending gardens filled with colorful flowers and succulent vegetables, or simply enjoying a quiet evening listening to the crickets sing their song of summer. How many of us, when we hear 2020, think of clarity of vision? In fact, perfect vision. Yet, how could we have foreseen what the year 2020 would bring us. The future is anything but perfectly clear or certain. We continue to be diligent about our health and safety while living with the uncertainty of what comes next. Will there be a widespread resurgence of the virus? Will children be allowed to return to school safely? Will businesses be able to fully re-open? When will we feel safe to greet someone with a warm embrace? Will we know peaceful times again? Amidst all this anxiety, there is but one singular perfection and one absolute certainty. God. It is God who created us, who loves us, who protects us and who gives us the promise of life eternal. I have a small plaque in my house which reads: "Thank God for What You Have ... Trust God for What You Need". He is always there for us.

On July 30, 2020, we were saddened when our beloved sister, Joan L. Contompasis, fell asleep in the Lord. Joan was a lifelong member of her beloved St. George Church. She was actively involved in the life of the church her entire life until illness prevented her from attending and participating on a regular basis. Over the years, Joan served as Sunday School teacher, Choir Director, Greek Festival worker and dedicated Philoptochos member. She was Philoptochos President for six years (1967-69, 1969-71, 1973-75) in addition to serving in other capacities as an officer and board member. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family. Well done, good and faithful servant (Matthew 25:21). May her memory be eternal.

On August 21-22, 2020, the National Philoptochos will hold a "Virtual Convention" in lieu of the Biennial Convention originally scheduled to take place in Cleveland, OH. This will be a unique opportunity for friends and followers of Philoptochos to join chapter, metropolis and national board delegates to learn about the business and good works of Philoptochos. As chapter president, I will represent our St. George Chapter as a voting delegate. If you are a Philoptochos member and are interested in serving as a delegate (we are allowed two additional), please contact me by email: odelorey@nycap.rr.com. Both members and non-members can participate as Observers. The registration fee is \$50 for both delegates and observers.

Message from National Philoptochos: "There are no commitments for the months of July & August. We instead offer a commitment to spread kindness throughout your community. It's not as straightforward during a pandemic, but a kind word, an under-mask smile, a call to someone who needs reassurance, all these things make positive impacts. Thank you for all that you already do to make your community a better place and to spread love and philanthropy. Wishing you health, love and light this summer." (*Philanthropy Witness*, August 2020)

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

Fellowship News

By Eliana Georgelos

The arrival of the month of August brought us the sad news of the passing of our beloved Joan Contompasis on July 30, 2020 after a lengthy illness. Joan was a mainstay of the St. George community, having been a Sunday School teacher, choir member and director, and dedicated Philoptochos member for many years. She will be missed. May her memory be eternal.

Despite the continuing pandemic and the vigilance, we must maintain to prevent the spread of this dangerous virus, we forge ahead with our lives as best we can. Our church services continue to take place at 33% capacity with social distancing, temperature taking and the wearing of face masks a requirement. For those unable or unwilling to attend services due to health concerns, live streaming via WiFi continues to be an option. Thank you Father and Presvytera for faithfully bringing our St. George services to us. Additionally, Greek Orthodox liturgies are available for those without WiFi who have Greek TV. Thank God for these modern conveniences that enable us to keep our Orthodox faith alive!



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This month is significant in that two of the twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church take place in August...the Transfiguration of Christ on August 6th, and the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15th, which is preceded by a strict two week fast. We have a rich liturgical calendar during these first two weeks of the month, with numerous Paraklesis to the Theotokos being celebrated. We are blessed to have Father Neofitos lead us during this time of prayer, fasting and beautiful church services.

August also brings us much excitement as we look forward to the birth of Father Neofitos and Presvytera Catherine's son, due on the 8th of the month. As of this writing, the blessed event has not yet taken place, but we wish them both a safe, easy delivery and a healthy newborn to love and nurture. May God grant it!

This pandemic has forced us into a level of unprecedented inactivity where we can no longer put on our annual Greek festival, or meet for coffee hours, Fellowship meetings/outings, etc. However, we do have wonderfully happy memories of those times as can be seen in the following photos...





WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Stewardship

Greetings from the Stewardship Committee. We would like to thank all of you who have been fulfilling your stewardship obligations to date. A list of our pledged members is included in this bulletin. If you have not had an opportunity to pledge as of yet, you can call the office for a pledge form to be mailed to you or ask for one the next time you attend church service. If you would like to increase your pledge, please let us know and the necessary adjustments can be made.

We are now entering the summer Lent, a period of 15 days which will lead to the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary. As we think about the importance of the Panayia in the Greek Orthodox Church, we should think about the importance of our role in the Church as well. One of our responsibilities as parishioners is to set and fulfill our Stewardship obligation which is important throughout the year. Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions put forth on the Church, we are reaching a point where Stewardship is becoming most crucial to fulfill the financial requirements needed to sustain the Church. Without the revenue from our annual festival, along with decreased donations for candles and trays, the Church needs your support more than ever. Your participation in Stewardship helps to support the ministries of St. George.

It is important to remember that in addition to supporting the financial needs of the Church, your pledge is a personal commitment you have with God.

"every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you." (Deuteronomy 16:17)

May God bless you and your families.

The Stewardship Committee

2020 Stewardship Pledges: We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2020 stewardship pledge as of August 2, 2020. Thank all for your contributions to our church. Your continued and consistent support will help our ministries and vision.

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Envelope Number _____

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Μηνιαίος
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Τριμηνιαίος
- Annually (____ due at the start of the year)
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How much should you pledge?

Consider this.... in order to meet our budget, we need each family to pledge a minimum of \$650. That equals \$12.50 a week for the year.

Please add new or corrected information below

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 - The Fellowship
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St. George Book Club/ Bible Study 2020 –

A Year in Review

St. George Book Club & Bible Study

Written by Olga Delorey

The St. George Book Club/Bible Study began on February 10, 2020. Our weekly Monday night meetings took place in the Solea of the church where the peacefulness and subdued lighting created a most appropriate setting for the purpose of our gathering. Surrounded by icons of the saints and depictions of events in the life of Jesus, we were enveloped in a feeling of serenity. Our discussions began and ended with a prayer offered by Father Neofitos. Sometimes before we read aloud, we listened to recorded hymns or simply sat in silence – both of which had a profound effect on us.

In mid-March, our meetings in the church were no longer permitted due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we did not miss a beat as Father Neofitos hosted our discussions by teleconference call. This enabled everyone's participation – no computer required. Sequestered in our homes, the ability to hear many voices gave us a sense of spiritual connectivity and social inclusion.

Our first book was the perfect selection as we prepared to enter the Lenten period. Alexander Schmemmann's *Great Lent* explored in detail the meanings of the five Gospel readings dedicated to repentance; the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts; the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian, and the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. His writings inspired us to gain a greater understanding of our own personal Lenten journey. We were further challenged to contemplate how we can incorporate "Lent in our Life". Our heightened worship, prayer and fasting need not be limited to the forty days preceding Holy Week and Pascha. Schmemmann uses the phrase "bright sadness". During every Lenten period we are saddened when we contemplate the suffering of Jesus. Yet we know with absolute certainty that at the end we will feel the brightness and great joy of His Holy Resurrection. We came away with the understanding our relationship with God is a lifelong journey.

Our second book, *Orthodoxy and Catholicism: What Are the Differences?* by Fr. Theodore Pulcini, offered a concise and clear explanation of the five major areas where the Orthodox Church and Roman Catholicism differ. Much of it is very technical and legalistic but nonetheless informative. The book also outlined a comparison between the two churches in the categories of doctrine, worship, and government.

We recently began a third book, *The Gospel of Mark*, a commentary by Fr. Lawrence Farley. Using the Orthodox Study Bible as a companion, we hope to gain a more thorough knowledge of scripture and how it translates to our everyday language.

The final three meetings in June were devoted to participants giving an oral presentation on a saint of their choosing. Some selected the saint they were named after and others spoke of a saint that has personal significance. This exercise was a wonderful opportunity to learn about different and perhaps lesser known saints. We heard life stories that were difficult and not always "saintly" in nature. They faced struggles in their daily lives just as we do today. However, no matter how short or long was their journey to God, their faith was unwavering – even in the face of death. What a shining example for us all!

At the end of June, we took a little "pause" and will resume studies after a summer break. While we will miss our weekly discussions, we eagerly look forward to enjoying our classes once again in September.



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August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
7th Sunday of Matthew 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8th Sunday of Matthew 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	6:00 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	6:00 pm Vespers for Transfiguration of Christ	8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the grapes 6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9th Sunday of Matthew 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary One-year Memorial for Mary Markopoulos	6:00 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	6:00 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	6:00 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	6:30 pm Vespers at the Assumption Church in Windham, NY	The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos & Ever Virgin Mary 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10th Sunday of Matthew 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Five-year Memorial for Konstantios Dikas				6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
11th Sunday of Matthew 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy						
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
12th Sunday of Matthew 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy						

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- Make a One-Time Donations
- Make Other Offerings like- Altar Vigil Lamp Candle – Communion Wine – Prosforo – Koliva
- Light Candles if you are away from St. George

Donations

We would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude for your support. It is through such acts of kindness that we can continue to grow our ministry.

- **[Stewardship contributions](#)** – Can be mailed into our office or made through **[PayPal](#)**
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