



# THE TRIUMPHANT

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**Sunday of All Saints**

**June 14, 2020**



**Summer hours begin this Sunday, June 14, 2020**  
**Orthros 8:30 am**  
**Divine Liturgy 9:30 am**  
**We look forward to seeing everyone in church!**



## Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

### Parish Update on Reopening - June 8, 2020

***"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."  
Matthew 6:33***

Dear Members and Friends of Saint George in Schenectady,

In God's abundant mercy we live in hope and of course, in obedience. Let us sing His praises joyfully as we reopen. With the guidance of the state and the Archdiocese, we have been given guidelines to safely reopen our churches. The situation has been difficult to track and thus plan for, however, we are confident that with our adherence to these measures, and of course with everyone's cooperation and understanding, we can provide a safe space to worship in. Glory to the Almighty.

No more sign-ups needed. Admittance will be on a first come first serve basis. Once capacity in the main church is reached (25% occupancy is allowed), individuals will be given the option to worship in the Hellenic center where there will be special "distance seating" and the Divine Liturgy will play on our big projector and screen and speakers. All the faithful will be able to receive Holy Communion, Antidoron (blessed bread - in prepackaged zip-lock bags), and of course light candles and votives in the church, as always.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brian Goodale our Parish Council President, or Fr. Neofitos directly.

Many officers, ushers, and church staff have worked and continue to work diligently to keep our facility clean, orderly, and safe.

Upon arrival, the ushers will collect all attendees' name, email, and phone number, along with taking everyone's temperature. All **MUST** listen to the direction of the ushers and Fr. Neofitos at all times in the church, in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We ask that everyone please wear a face mask, practice social distancing, and plan to exit the church immediately after liturgy. We must remind everyone that if you are or have been ill or in contact with anyone ill recently, we recommend you remain home for worship.

Unfortunately, for now, there will be no coffee hour or fellowship during our incremental reopening.

We look forward to once again being in each other's company in worship and prayer. Once there is a plan in place for safe fellowship, rest assured, we will work hard to allow for the beautiful souls of St. George to relax and "break bread" at coffee hour. Our God has given us everything and He will continue to provide for us. We are grateful to all those who have shown us support during this difficult time. Your fortitude and patience during this difficult time has been inspiring.

***We look forward to seeing everyone in church! Σας Περιμένουμε!***

***«Μετά φόβου Θεού, πίστewς και αγάπης προσέλθετε!»***

In His service,

Fr. Neofitos and the St George Parish council



## Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

### **Fr. Neofito's welcome address to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros – June 6, 2020**

Σεβασμιότατε, σας καλωσορίζουμε για πρώτη φορά στην ενορία του Αγίου Γεωργίου στο Schenectady! Η Αγία αυτή Κοινότητα έχει μία πλούσια ιστορία. Ήταν ο πρώτος ελληνορθόδοξος ναός σε όλο το upstate New York. Το 2014 Η κοινότητα γιόρτασε την 100η Επέτειο από την ίδρυσή της το 1914. Αυτή η κοινότητα έχει πανηγυρίσει έχει θριαμβεύσει και δυστυχώς - έχει πονέσει. Τώρα - όλος ο κόσμος βρίσκεται μία παράξενη και πρωτοφανές φάση.

Ο κοσμάκης σ' αυτή την εκκλησία έχει ανταποκριθεί στις ανάγκες του γείτονά του και της εκκλησίας του. Είναι άνθρωποι λίγοι και καλοί - υποστηρίζουν τον άγιο Γεώργιο. Ζούνε και πεθαίνουν για αυτόν. Η στοργική αυτή αγάπη μου θυμίζει κάποιον που αγαπά φανατικά την ομάδα του. Και εγώ, ταπεινά, μέσα σ' αυτή την ομάδα με φύτεψε ο θεός. Και είμαι πολύ ευγνώμων για αυτή την ευκαιρία και για αυτό το προνόμιο - να υπηρετήσω τόσο πιστό και δυνατό λαό!

Θα σας εξομολογηθώ κάτι, όσο και αν χαρήκαμε όταν λάβαμε την είδηση πως θα δεχόμασταν τον ιεράρχη και ποιμενάρχη μας, ταυτοχρόνως λυπηθήκαμε. Διότι αυτός ο λαός θα μαζευότανε 100, 200, μπορεί και παραπάνω άτομα για να ζητήσουν την ευλογία σας. Μένουμε όλοι με την ισχυρή ελπίδα ότι το Άγιο Πνεύμα θα σας βοηθήσει να επιστρέψετε σύντομα στην ταπεινή μας κοινότητα.

#### **Ζητούμε την ευλογία σας Και ο θεός να σας σκεπάζει!**

Your Eminence, we welcome you for the first time to St. George in Schenectady.

This Holy Community has a rich history. It was the first Greek Orthodox church founded in upstate New York. In 2014, our community celebrated its 100th anniversary since its founding in 1914.

This community has celebrated, triumphed, and unfortunately at times, suffered. We are now in a strange phase of history around the world. The good people of this community have found a way to respond courageously to meet the needs of their neighbor and their church. We are a small parish but with good people who support St. George. They give their lives and essence for St George. This loyalty reminds me of someone who loves his team fanatically. And I, humbly, was planted by our Lord within this team and I am very grateful for the opportunity and for the privilege to serve such a faithful and strong people.

I will confess something, even though we were very excited to receive the news that we would be welcoming our hierarch and Archpastor, we were also saddened at the same time. These faithful individuals would have flocked to come and receive your blessing. 100, 200, maybe more would squeeze here in this space. We live in the hope that the Holy Spirit brings your Eminence back again as soon as your vigorous schedule will allow.

We welcome you to your new home of these United states of America! We hope you can always find rest here in the beautiful upstate New York area with our entire brotherhood of communities. I would like to extend a quick note of heartfelt gratitude to the parish council members and members of our Philoptochos and our church staff for their tireless efforts in preparing the Naos and Hellenic center to receive your Eminence. Also, Don Fisher for rapidly loaning us expensive microphone equipment to accommodate our needs and of course, all those parishioners and friends of the parish who desired to come and offered to help and of course, could not due to current restrictions. We have a beautiful team here and we hope you will meet each one of them one day.

Lastly, I would like to welcome and thank my beloved friends Deacon Michael Giavris and Archdeacon Eleftherios Constantine who were both present at my ordination in November. I am sure you realize this already; Your Eminence is very blessed and privileged to have such a left hand and right hand on your team for your holy ministry.

**We lovingly ask for your blessing And may God grant you many years.**

**[FULL VIDEO OF PENTECOST VESPERS LINK](#)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/goarch/videos/340344170270478/>**





## Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

### Hymns of the Day

#### **Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode pl. 4**

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

#### **Τῶν Ἁγίων**

Τῶν ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ  
βύσσον τὰ αἵματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν  
βοᾷ σοι· Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου  
κατάπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς  
ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

#### **Apolytikion of St. George**

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

#### **Κοντάκιον**

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ  
οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους  
Μάρτυρας· ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθεῖα, τὴν  
Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

#### **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.

#### **For the Saints**

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs  
who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple  
and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our  
God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant  
peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls  
Your great mercy."

#### **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**

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world  
bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as  
being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep  
Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the  
Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

### Epistle and Gospel Readings

#### **The Epistle According to Heb. 11:33-40; 12:1-2**

Ἀδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν  
στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβησαν δυνάμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν  
ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτριῶν· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ  
ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ  
μαστιγῶν πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας  
ἀπέθανον, περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ  
κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὀπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς  
πίστεως οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.  
Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον  
ἀμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν  
Ἰησοῦν.

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of  
lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put  
foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that  
they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They  
were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of  
sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains  
and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised,  
since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we  
are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let  
us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.



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### The Gospel is according to Mt. 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ Μαθηταῖς· Πᾶς ὅστις ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἔμοι ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὁμολογήσω ἀγῶ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς· ὅστις δ' ἂν ἀρνήσῃται με ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρνήσομαι αὐτὸν ἀγῶ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. Ὁ φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ φιλῶν υἱὸν ἢ θυγατέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁς οὐ λαμβάνει τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολουθεῖ ὀπίσω μου, οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἴδου ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἠκολουθήσαμεν σοι· τί ἄρα ἔσται ἡμῖν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀκολουθήσαντές μοι, ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσίᾳ, ὅταν καθίσῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καθίσεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ δώδεκα θρόνους κρίνοντες τὰς δώδεκα φυλὰς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. καὶ πᾶς ὁς ἀφήκεν οἰκίαν ἢ ἀδελφοῦς ἢ ἀδελφὰς ἢ πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ἢ γυναῖκα ἢ τέκνα ἢ ἀγροὺς ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός μου, ἑκατονταπλασίονα λήψεται καὶ ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσει. Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι.

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

### Today in Church

**The Altar Vigil Lamp and Communion Wine** are offered by Vasilios Tsoumas and his family.

**The Altar Vigil Lamp** is offered by Andreas Christou.

**The Altar Vigil Lamp** is offered by Roubina Morgan.

**The Communion Wine** is offered by Lucy Brady.

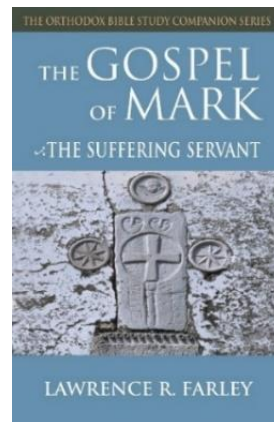
### Bible Study/Book Club News

Please Join us on Monday nights at 6:30pm. Our Book Club Will Continue via Conference Call.

Our last conference call class will be on 6/28/2020 at 6:30pm. We have completed our second book. We read Great Lent by Alexander Schmemmen and The Differences between Orthodoxy and Catholicism by Pulcini. We just began reading the Gospel of Mark using the Orthodox Study Bible and the Farley commentary shown in the picture.

**Special Assignment:** For our next two meetings, we will be preparing small summaries of our favorite saint and sharing with each other in honor of All Saints Day, Των Αγίων Πάντων.

We will be taking the month of July off. Hopefully everyone can check out our digital and physical bookstore. We will be contacting everyone for our future classes. Whether we will be physically meeting or not in the future, we will still be opening a conference call or zoom option for our friends who live far away.



We thank everyone for their support and participation. We can't wait to continue with everyone!!!

**CONFERENCE CALL Dial-in number (US): (605) 313-5963**

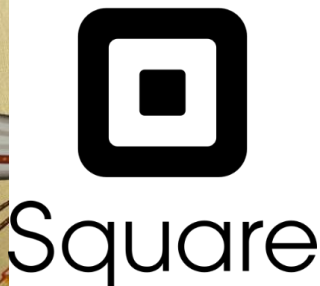
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### Liturgical Offerings: Koliva, Artoklasia, and other offerings

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



<https://st-george-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/>

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

#### **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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### Upcoming Service Schedule

**\*New Summer Hours - Sundays Services: Orthros: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM**

#### June

**Sunday, June 14** – Sunday of All Saints

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

**Monday, June 15**

\*6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club Conference Call  
(Dial-in number above)

**Wednesday, June 17**

\*5:30 pm Youth Meeting  
\*6:00 pm Youth Meeting

**Thursday, June 18**

\*5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Sunday, June 21**

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

**Monday, June 22**

\*6:30 Bible Study/Book Club Conference Call (Dial-in  
number above)

**Wednesday, June 24**

\*5:30 pm Youth Meeting  
\*6:00 pm Youth Meeting

**Thursday, June 25**

\*5:30 PM Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Sunday, June 28**

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

**Monday, June 29** – *Sts. Peter and Paul*

\* 8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
\*6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club Conference Call  
(Dial-in number above)

**Tuesday, June 30** – Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

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

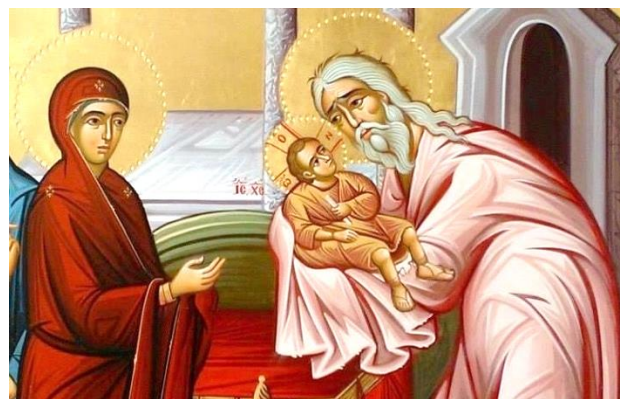
**\*Our Book Club Will Continue via Conference Call on Mondays at 6:30pm for all of June.  
Dial-in number: (605) 313-5963 Access code: 572515**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Baby Blessing** - Congratulations to Jessica and Niko Verrigni for the 40 day blessing of their daughter Arianna, granddaughter of Melissa Verrigni and great granddaughter of Helena Georgelas. Na sas Zisei!

**Funeral** - Chris P. Dafniotis, beloved husband of Joanne, fell asleep in the Lord on June 5, 2020 at the age of 89. May his memory be eternal.

**Funeral** - Angela Theodore, beloved sister of Ifigenia Brown, fell asleep in the Lord on May 9, 2020. May her memory be eternal.



**«Μετὰ τῶν Ἁγίων ἀνάπαυσον, Χριστέ, τὴν ψυχὴν τοῦ δούλου σου, ἔνθα οὐκ ἔστι πόνος, οὐ λύπη, οὐ στεναγμός, ἀλλὰ ζωὴ ἀτελεύτητος.»**



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### **Philoptochos News**

The charitable giving of our St. George Philoptochos continues despite our inability to meet in person due to COVID-19 restrictions. Needless to say, we will miss the camaraderie and fun of our annual end-of-year picnic. As you know, proceeds from the Picnic Pound Auction are donated to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). This is part of the national commitment program and as such our donation was sent to National Philoptochos last month. For the month of May, our chapter will make the following donations: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders Fund, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Five P Minus Society, Ronald McDonald House of Albany, Schenectady Inner City Ministry Children's Summer Lunch Program and City Mission of Schenectady.

***MEMORIES FROM LAST YEAR'S PICNIC! LET'S PRAY WE CAN MEET NEXT YEAR.***



Our patience has been rewarded. It is a blessing we are now able to worship inside our beloved church again and receive the Holy Sacraments. It is vitally important we all adhere to the protocols established by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and State in accordance with guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control. Father Neofitos and the Parish Council have worked diligently to put safety procedures in place. It is for the protection of us all. We must not forget how many thousands of people have perished from the COVID-19 virus. We encourage you to continue reaching out to your family, friends and members of the St. George community. This, too, is in fulfillment of our philanthropic mission. The most important gift we can give someone ... is the gift of our time.

Excerpt from the June 2020 Philanthropy Witness: "In the earliest days of the pandemic shut-downs, we came to the members of Philoptochos with a simple plea. Facing the unknown, and certain only that there would be unprecedented need, we asked you to do that which you have done for generations – offer a helping hand to your brothers and sisters in need. And you responded, just as you always have, with selfless generosity. Since the establishment of the Philoptochos COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, donations in excess of \$100,000 have been received from chapters and individuals. Most importantly, you allowed Philoptochos to offer, and to continue to offer, much needed assistance across the country, to individuals and families whose lives have been torn apart by an invisible foe". Our St. George Chapter answered the call and contributed to this effort!

### **The Friends of St. George**

Gladys Paravalos

Hello my friends. I miss you all more than you know. I yell sometimes but this is just my "tough love". The "Friends of St. George" need us all now more than any other time. The money raised by "Friends of St. George" is used to buy things for the church. The first thing the "Friends" did was purchase the carpeting in the church, and the last thing we bought was the beautiful Gospel Stand. Your donations are very much appreciated now more than ever. You can donate \$1 to \$1 million. You always get a receipt. If you would like to remain "anonymous" that's okay too; but you will still have a receipt. If you need any more information about all the other things the "Friends of St. George" have purchased for the church, please get in touch with me. I thank everyone who has supported us so generously over the years. May God bless you all.





## Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

### **FELLOWSHIP NEWS** By Eliana Georgelos Co-president, Fellowship group

The month of June has arrived and with it, the visit to St. George on Saturday, June 6th of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for Great Vespers. We welcomed him with much love and enthusiasm. We are pleased that changes within our church appear to be underway. Although our services continue to be live streamed for those unable to attend services, the faithful are now able to worship at the Divine Liturgy in person at 25% capacity according to CDC and Archdiocesan guidelines. Thanks to the meticulous planning by Father Neofitos and the parish council, these guidelines were successfully implemented. Since Sunday, May 31st we have been able to receive Holy Communion. With much anticipation and reverence, Fellowship members were the first to come forward to receive the Holy Gifts.

Sadly, Fellowship members are mourning the loss of our former member and good friend Angela Theodore. She passed from this life on May 9, 2020 after a lengthy illness. May her memory be eternal. Angela's beloved sister, Ifigenia T. Brown, survives. We are happy to report that although Fellowship member Dom Dicocco and our co-President Paul Pagiotas were both briefly hospitalized last month, they are now happily at home and recuperating. We wish them both well as we keep them in our prayers. May God grant them and all of us continued good health.

Finally, we continue our fervent prayer that the pandemic will soon be overcome so that we can safely congregate together again in our beloved church of St. George.

### **Stewardship**

#### **Why is church important to me? Why is stewardship important to me?** Eliana Georgelos

As long as I can remember, I have needed to have my church close to me. I've been blessed that St. George has always been a part of my life. As a child, I vividly recall attending Divine Liturgies, Holy Day services, Sunday school and Greek school. I've been singing in the choir since I was in my early teens. My husband Greg and I were married at St. George, we baptized our children here, and we were always active within the community, whether through the Parish Council, Sunday School, Philoptochos or the Fellowship group. Following Greg's passing, the St. George community surrounded me with love and support, giving me the strength to heal. Throughout my life, the church of St. George has always been there for me and effected every facet of my being. It continues to do so today, and I cannot imagine my life without it.

Where would we be without our beloved St. George? For a while this past year, we weren't sure how long our church would exist. We had no priest, yet for almost a year we kept our church open by encouraging our parishioners to come for silent prayer and the lighting of candles. Gladys chanted the Orthros and occasionally gave talks about various saints. Afterwards we offered fellowship through a coffee hour for those who came to church. In this way, we kept the spirit of our patron Saint George alive.

Today we are blessed to have Father Neofitos and Presvytera Catherine as the spiritual leaders of our church. God heard our prayers and answered them with Father's Ordination to the priesthood and assignment to our community. This young couple has brought joy and a sense of hope to us with their love, encouragement and positive attitudes.

The difficult issue we are faced with, however, is how to keep our church going when so few of us are giving our time, talents and treasures to the church. We cannot continue to keep our doors open with so little financial support. Our budget shows that our main source of income is not through stewardship as it should be, but through our annual Greek festival. Every year, it becomes more and more difficult to put this on. The majority of us are aging and losing our strength, energy and ability to work so many hours in putting on a festival which doesn't even cover all our expenses. Our church building as well as our Hellenic Center are in need of extensive and expensive repairs. We have a wonderful new priest whose salary depends on our financial stability. Father Neofitos is in the process of initiating new ministries into our church, such as our bible study/book club and our youth groups among others. As stewards of our church, we should be supporting these ministries as they are being initiated. We should be giving wholeheartedly to our church as a way of thanking God for the gifts that He has bestowed upon us. If we have received the gift of a comfortable income that meets our needs...let us thank God. If His gift to us is good health, a loving family, a roof over our heads...let us thank God. If we truly are good stewards, we should put aside part of our income to give to the church as a way of thanking God for what He has granted to us. It's as simple as that. And God rewards the faithful giver!

If more of us accept the responsibility that God has given us to be good stewards and to support the ministries of our church, St. George will thrive rather than cease to exist. I hope and pray with all my heart that however many years are remaining to me, I will live them within the loving community of my beloved Church of Saint George.

**May God grant it!**



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# WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

**2020 Stewardship Pledges:** We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2020 stewardship pledge as of June 7, 2020. Thank all for your contributions to our church. Your continued and consistent support will help our ministries and vision.

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### **Sunday of All Saints – (icon, front cover)**

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit. The descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.



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### Prayer for Protection against a Pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ our God, You Who created human beings with utter goodness, the healer of our souls and bodies, heed now the supplication of Your children, and save us from the impending threat against the world. For this affliction has spread ferociously and the fear of death has surrounded us. Many have suffered and many have passed on to repose, and there is none to save us, except You, O Lord.

We know, Merciful Lord, that all this will cultivate our faith, as we implore you, crying out in utter repentance. Undo, O Lord, the dangerous effects of the virus and heal all people, as a most Gracious Lord. For those, who repose in peace, give rest in Your heavenly abode. Grant peace to the world, so that all people know that You are the Only God, and your faithful are not bound by death, but live forever.

For You are our hope and our whole life is in Your benevolent hands, and to You we give glory, as well as to the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

# St. George Youth Corner

**Welcome to St. George's Youth corner!**

**From your youth Advisers – Lucy Goodale and Anna Morlock**

We miss seeing everyone and look forward to the time we can have events in person again. In order to stay connected please join our weekly zoom meetings with Fr. Neofitos on Wednesdays for a short spiritual lesson. Ages 4-12 meet Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6pm and Ages 13 and 18+ meet at 6pm. We send reminders through email and the remind app. To join the email Youth list please email Lucy Goodale at [LGoodale7@gmail.com](mailto:LGoodale7@gmail.com). Reminders and important Youth information are also sent through the Remind app. Please join our remind class using the link below or the class code.

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We are excited to be sharing minilessons, videos, puzzles, and crosswords with you each week. Join us on zoom for a youth video conference on Wednesdays. Ages 4-12 meet at 5:30pm and ages 13+ meet at 6pm. To join our list please email Lucy Goodale at [lgoodale7@gmail.com](mailto:lgoodale7@gmail.com).

We will need your cell phone # and email.

## **Prayer for Children**

God our Father who made us all, Both rich and poor, And great and small, And every race beneath the sun, Please look after every one, And teach us each to love the rest, For North and South and East and West, Each of us belongs to thee, And all the world's a family ❤️

## **Our saint friends**

***Do you have lots of different kinds of friends?***

You might have a friend who is old and a friend who is your age. You might have a friend who lives near you and a friend who lives far away from you. You might have a friend who looks a little like you, and you might have a friend who doesn't.

Today is the Sunday of All Saints, and it's the day we celebrate our friends, the holy saints of our Church. The saints are our friends because they are always ready to help us. They are good examples for us too. We have lots of friends who are saints, but they are all different, aren't they? Some were rich, some were poor, some were old, some were young, some lived a long time ago, some lived not too long ago. We have lots of different kinds of saint-friends. But what do they have in common?

The Gospel today tells us what the saints have in common. The Gospel says, "The Lord said to His disciples, 'Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.'" Our Lord wants us to remember Him and to think about Him and to love Him. The saints did that! We have so many different kinds of saints, but they all remembered God. They thought about Him and they served Him and they love Him...still! Today and every day, let's remember our saint-friends, and try to be like them.

***Let's remember God and love Him!***



## Fun for Children and Adults!!!!

# Pentecost

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Self Control

Goodness

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Faithfulness

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Kindness

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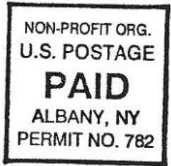


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## June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Sunday of the Fathers 1<sup>st</sup> Council</b>  9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	6:30 PM Bible Study Conference call		5:30 PM Youth Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Meeting 6:30 PM Paraklesis to The Virgin Mary			<b>Saturday of Souls</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service 6:30 PM Great Vespers His Eminence Archbishop
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Holy Penecost</b>  9:00 AM Orthos 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	6:30 PM Bible Study Conference call			5:30 PM Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30 PM Confession with Father Manny		
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Sunday of All Saints</b>  8:30 AM Orthos 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy	6:30 PM Bible Study Conference call	6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting	5:30 PM Youth Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Meeting	5:30 PM Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary		
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew Father's Day</b>  8:30 AM Orthos 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy	6:30 PM Bible Study Conference call		5:30 PM Youth Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Meeting	5:30 PM Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b>  8:30 AM Orthos 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b> 8:30 AM Orthos 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  6:30 PM Bible Study Conference call	<b>Synaxis of the 12 Apostles</b>  8:30 AM Orthos 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy			<b>Independence Day (observed)</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>

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