



# THE TRIUMPHANT

**Saint George Greek Orthodox Church**

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**Sunday of Orthodoxy**

**March 8, 2020**



**Procession of Icons for Sunday of Orthodoxy-** At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, a service is conducted in commemoration of the affirmations of the Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787 and the restoration of the use of icons in 843. 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.

**WHICH ICON WILL YOU BRING TO PROCLAIM YOUR FAITH?**



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### Service Schedule:

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

Orthros 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM – Sunday of Orthodoxy  
5:00 PM Sunday Vespers at St. Basil's OCA Watervliet  
6:00 PM Lenten Meal

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

6:30 PM – 7:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club - Great Lent by Schmemmann  
(Every Monday until Holy Week)

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy  
11:30 AM Senior Fellowship

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

6:30 PM Salutations to the Virgin Mary

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

**Monday, March 16, 2020**

6:30 PM Bible Study/Book Club

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

6:30 PM Philoptochos Meeting

**Friday, March 20, 2020**

6:30 PM Salutations to the Virgin Mary

### Today in Church

**Procession of Icons for Sunday of Orthodoxy** – At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, we will have the procession of Icons.

**We celebrate** St. Theophylact the Confessor, Bishop of Nicomedia, Hermas the Apostle of the 70, Paul the Confessor, Dometios the Righteous, Felix of Burgundy, Enlightener of East Anglia.

**Usher Duty: Team C-** Lucy Brady, Dimitri Koutsopoulos, Toni Kananis

**2020 PARISH COUNCIL:** Brian Goodale, President; Maria Dostis, Vice President; Alexandra Casey, Treasurer; Scott Morlock, Secretary; Roubina Morgan, Lucy Brady, Dimitri Koutsopoulos



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Sundays Services: Orthros: 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM

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**We thank our Office Secretary Camille Kosloski, Scott Morlock, Chris Pappis, and all group leaders for their hard work in completing this Newsletter/ Bulletin.**

For updates for the Bulletin, please call or email the office by Wednesdays at 2pm.





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### Hymns of the Day

#### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in Mode 1**

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

#### **For the Feast**

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύση οὓς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

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

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

#### **Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode**

Τῇ υπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαίρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

#### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in Mode 1**

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate \* with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born \* for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. \* For in His goodness He was pleased \* to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, \* and to raise up those who had died, \* by His glorious Resurrection.

#### **For the Feast**

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore, we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

#### **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.

#### **Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode**

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

### Epistle and Gospel Readings

#### **The Epistle According to Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40**

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἠρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραῶ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ λαῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἔχειν ἀμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσιν· μείζονα πλοῦτον ἠγησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὄνειδισμόν τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀπέβλεπε γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείπει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περ Γεδεὼν, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψὼν καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν Προφητῶν· οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκκλιναν ἀλλοτριῶν· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων 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 ἄξιός ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαιοῖς καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς 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.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered



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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 enemies 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 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.

### The Gospel According to John. 1:43-51

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ εὕρισκε Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαιᾶ, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκε Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ὁν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· Ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· Ἐρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· Ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλῆτις ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· Πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ραββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψη. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγῶτα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

### Kolyv, Artoklasia, and other offerings

(picture) Saturday, February 22, 2020- 1st Saturday of Souls and Memorial Service



Dear Friends,

The church of St. George has several ecclesiastical needs for the upkeep of the liturgical practices for the year. Please contact the office if you ever wish to donate money toward these items for the week. You may make and bring these offerings on your own as well. Please contact the office if you have any questions. All proceeds for offerings go to the church.

**Communion Wine** - \$20 donation.

**Altar Candles** for a week (ἀκοίμητον) - \$20 donation

**Prosforo** - \$20 donation

These items can be offered for both the living and the reposed. A corresponding write up will be offered in the bulletin for these donations if the donor wishes it. These are vital ingredients for every service during the liturgical year. Our participation is vital

as we are all involved in Divine Liturgy which means Holy Work. We must also teach our children to pray and participate since one day we hope to leave them in our place to manage God's house as stewards and spread His Holy Gospel.

**Koliva** – We can make Koliva for you if you place an order with the office. The cost will be \$100.

**Artoklasia** - We can make Artoklasia for you if you place an order with the office. The cost will be determined.



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### From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

#### Great Lent: The stadium of virtue is now open

##### ***Cheesefare Sunday Matins***

***The stadium of virtue is now open; those who wish to compete, enter therein, girded for the good contest of Lent, for those who compete according to the rules shall receive their laurels rightfully. Taking up the full armor of the Cross, let us do battle against the Enemy. As an impregnable wall, we have the Faith, prayer as our breastplate, and acts of mercy as our helmet. Instead of sword, there is fasting, which cuts every evil from the heart. He who does this shall attain a true crown from Christ, the King of all, on Judgment Day.***

Our beautiful church hymnography paints a vivid picture of Lenten journey.

We are the gladiator in the arena fighting for our life. Training daily to defeat the self. To control our passions and not have the passions control us. The enemy hurls our own weaknesses at us. Great Lent is upon us and NOW is the time for battle. The stadium is here, it is open. Great Lent is an opportunity to engage in self-control.

Armored, not with a knight's usual armor, as St. George and other soldier saints are depicted, but armored with the Holy Cross of Christ.

A wall of protection, our faith. Prayer is our breast plate. Acts of mercy our helmet.

Fasting finally, instead of a sword. The other tools are protective, defensive. Fasting becomes an offensive weapon against any evils lurking in our heart.

Our church wisely commemorates all the holy men and women who excelled in asceticism the Saturday before Great Lent begins. These Holy ascetic saints successfully fought the good fight and, with God's Grace, lived as we will attempt to live in the next 40 days. In fasting and prayer. In self-control and training. In prostrations and chores. Cleansing the mind of all earthly cares. Fasting not only from food but from other distractions. Spiritual distractions that take our focus away from our own journey to prepare for our Risen Lord.

Today, Sunday of Orthodoxy, we remember the Triumph over the heresy of Iconoclasts. Our church reinstalled, with Michael and his mother Empress Theodora, Holy Icons. They reestablished that Icons are for veneration and adoration, not worship. In venerating, we respect our God and the individuals depicted. That was and still is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

We implore God, with the intercession of all His saints, that we arrive at the Holy Passion of our Lord with our own Passion set on Him and His love for us. May we be enlightened to act out of love for our Savior and for one another and ask for Holy transformation through our repentance.

I wish you all Kali Sarakosti!

In Christ,  
Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis

OUR  
*Faith*

**Sunday of Orthodoxy**

<https://www.goarch.org/>

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.



# Philoptochos News

**DID YOU KNOW?** We all know our Greek Orthodox parishes have a Ladies Philoptochos Society; but how much do we know about the roots of this organization? It's no secret that Philoptochos was always viewed as the group our YiaYias joined. Over the years, as the organization grew and changed, younger generations of women began to join. Most recently the national by-laws were amended to allow Greek Orthodox men to join as Associate Members. There are over 26,000 members nationwide.

**9 DECADES OF SERVICE TO HUMANITY.** The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the separately incorporated philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the only women's organization recognized in the Uniform Parish Regulations, and a non-governmental organization registered with the United Nations. The endeavors of the Society are a genuine expression of philanthropia, reflecting an enormous manifestation of love. This agape is evident not only in the millions of dollars of charity disbursed annually to our ministries, commitments, and special projects but also in the multitude of meaningful programs and activities, which have been undertaken over nearly 90 years. St. James in his Epistle, Chapter 1, Verse 22, exhorts all Christians to be, "Doers of the Word." Members of Philoptochos are indeed doers, and their accomplishments can be found in the annals of more than 400 Philoptochos chapters across the United States. Our mission is to "help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters." (Source: National Philoptochos Website)

**MEETING NOTES.** In February, the members approved donations to National Philoptochos Autism Assistance Fund, National Philoptochos St. Photios Shrine, Bethesda House, Quest for Grace, Safe Inc. of Schenectady, Akathist Hymn Floral Frame.

**NEW MEMBERS.** If you are not a member and are thinking of joining or would like more information, we invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings which are held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. There are no meetings scheduled in December, June, July and August. In December we have a members-only Christmas Dinner and in June a members-only picnic. Annual dues of \$30.00 are paid every January.

**NEXT MEETING.** Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

## WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

**2020 Stewardship Pledges:** We thank all the members listed below who have submitted their 2020 stewardship pledge as of March 1, 2020. We hope that all of you will please submit your pledges as soon as possible. We are grateful all for your contributions to our church family.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Antonovich  
Mrs. Lucy Brady & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bratsos  
Ms. Arji Cakouros  
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Casey & Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chamberas  
Ms. Ariana Christou  
Mr. Andreas Christou & Ms. Sophia Shakolas  
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou  
Mrs. Catherine Contompasis  
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis  
Ms. Demetra Corsones  
Mr. and Mrs. George Cotzas  
Mrs. Rena Counavelis  
Ms. Marianne Crary  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Dafniotis  
Ms. Olga Delorey  
Ms. Joanne Diamantis  
Ms. Maria Dostis  
Mrs. Marguerite Doulides  
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Engwer  
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Ms. Renee Euripidou  
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Mrs. Eliana Georgelos  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Goodale & Family  
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Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Holdsworth  
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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones & Family  
Mrs. Catherine Julius  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kalil  
Mrs. Antonia Kananis  
Mrs. Fanny Karamanos  
Mr. Charles Koines  
Ms. Kaliopi Kounoupis  
Ms. Barbara Koutsakis  
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Mr. & Mrs. Trifon Laskaris  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Laviolette  
Mr. William Manikas  
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Mr. and Mrs. Phil McGowen  
Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Menagias  
Mrs. Anna Menagias  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Menagias

Ms. Maria Menagias & Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Morlock  
Mr. Simeon Nikolaidis  
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Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rossetti  
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Mr. & Mrs. Gerasimos Sokaris  
Mrs. Roubina Spyros-Morgan  
Mrs. Stavroula Stamoulis  
Mrs. Themetria Svolos  
Ms. Melissa Verrigni  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Whipple  
Mrs. Mary Wilson  
Mrs. Mary Zoulas



Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

MY PLEDGE

\$500.00

\$1500.00

\$750.00

\$2000.00

\$1000.00

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other

Weekly (\_\_\_\_ due each week)  
Εβδομαδιαίος

Monthly (\_\_\_\_ due at the start of the month)  
Μηνιαίος

Quarterly (\_\_\_\_ due at the start of the quarter)  
Τριμηνιαίος

Annually (\_\_\_\_ due at the start of the year)  
Ετησίως

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

Family Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone/Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone/Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized

Children \_\_\_\_\_

(age)

(baptized)

Some of the many ministries we invite you to participate in

ANGELS (Pre-K - Kinder.)

HOPE (1st - 2nd grade)

JOY (3rd - 6th grade)

GOYA (7th-12th grade)

YAL (Age 18-35)

Philoptochos

The Fellowship

Bible Study / Book Club

Books and Education

Greek School

Sunday School

Altar Servers

Parish Council

Outreach & Evangelism

Building and Grounds

Strategic Planning

Choir/Chanter

Fundraising

**You may use the enclosed envelope for the Stewardship pledge card and/or the survey below.**



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**January 20<sup>th</sup>, The Feast of St. Neophytos and Maximus**



**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Forgiveness Vespers – St.  
Andrews Brotherhood**



**Our Young Adults went Bowling!**



**Lenten Meal hosted by our Parish**





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## IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST. GEORGE

**BAPTISMS:** We welcomed in to the community the daughter of Paul & Tiara Antonovich through the celebration of baptism on February 12. She was given the Christian name of Adaline Ann by her Godparents Brian and Megan Whipple Adaline Antonovich.

We welcomed into the community the daughter of Daniel and Meghan Holdsworth through the celebration of baptism on February 22. She was given the Christian name of Adeline Grace by her Godparent Theodora Tsakopiakos.

**FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD:** Athansios Stamoulis , beloved husband of Stavroula Stamoulis, fell asleep in the Lord on January 20, 2020. May his soul be eternal!

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** The movie "The Fourth Wiseman" was sponsored by the Youth Group on February 22.



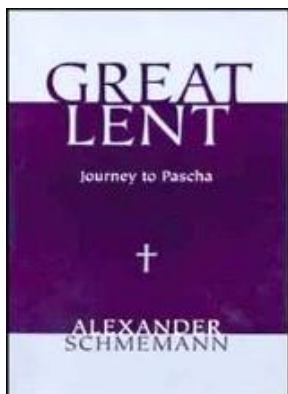
## Introducing our NEW Bible Study/Book Club

**6:30pm-7:30pm (Every Monday `till Holy Week)**

Great Lent by Alexander Schmemmann-

Below is our Book Club/ Bible Study Schedule. Every Monday at 6:30pm.

- 3/9/2020
- 3/16/2020
- 3/23/2020
- 3/30/2020
- 4/6/2020



- Religious Books
- Prayer Books
- Incense
- Icons
- Religious Items and Gifts
- Special orders for specific Icons or specialty items available upon request



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**Our Youth** - St. George Youth Group invites the community to 3 awesome events!

- Friday, Apr 10 at 5:30pm Family Palm making event- Youth mini-retreat
- Lenten Youth Retreat at St. Basils in Troy TBA
- June - Year end Community Picnic-Details TBA

We are looking for Sunday School teachers. We are looking for interest in Greek school for youth and adults for the 2020-2021 school year. All youth workers will undergo Youth Protection Training which is now mandatory across the nation in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.



## **AHEPA Schenectady Chapter 125**



### **Schenectady AHEPA #125 Holds 1st 2020 Meeting**

*PHOTO: VAN STATHIS*

*Left to right: Treasurer Chris Euripidou, Van Stathis, Mike Euripidou, President Phil Menagias, Secretary Greg Sokaris, Dimitryos 'Jimmy' Markopoulos, AHEPA District 6 Secretary Chris Pappis, Vice President James Gaminde, Pete Kalil, Steve Giakoumis, Bill Manikas, Charlie Koines, and Phil McGowen.*

*The National Herald Staff*

SCHENECTADY, NY – Over the past few years, Schenectady AHEPA Chapter 125 has continued to grow its membership and charter a goal of inspiring Hellenism and Brotherhood

in the New York State Capital Region since reactivation in 2017. As the chapter headed into 2020, it held its first meeting of the New Year on January 7 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church's Hellenic Center with AHEPA District 6 Secretary Chris Pappis in attendance. At the meeting, Chapter President, Fillipos 'Phil' Menagias, once again set goals for the new year in regards to community outreach, member recruitment, fundraising goals and projects to benefit charitable organizations, and individual educational scholarships in the Capital District, as well as the goal of supporting the creation of a Greek School in partnership with St. George Greek Orthodox Church.





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### Fellowship News

The Fellowship group of Saint George. Who are we?

Fellowship is defined as "a friendly association of people who meet to share companionship, sociability and mutual interests"...a perfect description of our group! We meet on a monthly basis to enjoy one another's company through conversation, sharing a meal, praying together, planning outings, and always having fun!

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Father Neofitos as our spiritual leader. Since his ordination and assignment to St. George in November, we have been blessed to have him with us as our parish priest. This gracious, humble and good-hearted young man has brought joy and spirituality to our parish. And our beloved Presvytera Catherine has entered our hearts as well. Together they have extended themselves into our community with love and good will. We pray for their spiritual and physical health always and thank Almighty God for their presence in our community.

Our Fellowship group consists of 20 members, as well as additional parishioners who occasionally join us for meals. Our membership dues are \$25 per person/couple. When we have our meetings at the Hellenic Center, they are preceded by a meal consisting of an entree, bread or rolls, a Greek salad, dessert and coffee or soda. A nominal fee of \$3.00 per member or \$5.00 per non-member is charged to cover the cost of the food. Occasionally we meet for lunch at a local restaurant.

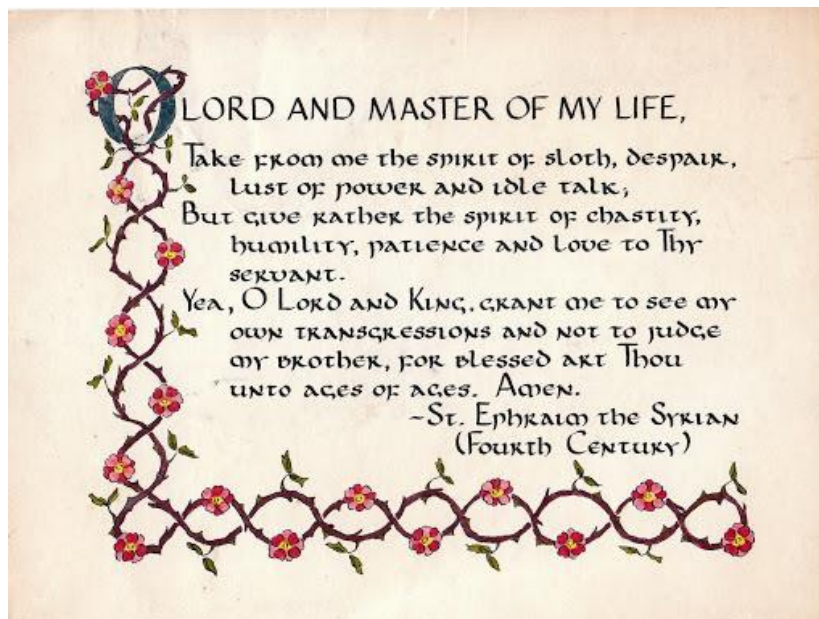
Fellowship meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 am. This time precludes most working people from joining our group, thus the majority of us are retired seniors. However, we do have younger members who have Thursdays off from work, so are able to attend our meetings and lunches. Whenever we have an outing, we try to have it take place on a Thursday.

The only exceptions to our Thursday meetings this year will occur during Lent, in the months of March and April. On those two months only, we will meet on WEDNESDAYS in order to coincide with the Presanctified Liturgies being held on those days. Both the March and April meetings will take place at the Hellenic Center immediately following Liturgy, on March 11th and on April 8th respectively. A Lenten meal for our members will be served. The March 11th luncheon will consist of linguini with clam sauce and roasted vegetables, crusty bread, salad, hummus, and desserts.

Since the formation of our group in 2008, we have traveled to numerous locations, including visits to monasteries (Panagia Parigoritissa Monastery in the Province of Québec, Canada, and Agia Skepi/Holy Protection Monastery in Pennsylvania). Secular trips include the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown for their luncheon buffet, the Lake Dinner Theater in Lake George, and the casinos at Saratoga, Turning Stone and Foxwoods. Trips to several of the above listed places are currently in the planning stage and are open not only to our own parishioners, but also to those from other local Orthodox communities. Please check your future bulletins for information on our upcoming trips.

Clean Monday is now behind us and, with the grace of God, we have now entered the Lenten period preceding Great and Holy Pascha. The Fellowship group wishes you all A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL GREAT LENT.

Καλη Σαρακοστή!





*Sunday March 29th*

— BUS TRIP TO THE —  
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN NYC

JOIN US!

COME MARCH WITH YOUR FELLOW GREEKS!  
FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO ASTORIA!

BUS LEAVES AT 9AM

*Tickets \$35*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT VAGELI RANTZAKLIS (518-701-3612)

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# Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon

*Sunday April 12th @ 12 pm*

**Saint George Hellenic Center**



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**Proceeds To Benefit St. George Greek Orthodox Church**



**Adults \$15**

**12 years/under \$7**

**Under 5 years free**

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### LENTEN ORNAMENTATION

Please contact the church office during office hours to donate a particular item(s).

	<b>Feast Day</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Donor Cost</b>
Friday, March 20th	3rd Salutations	Icon Flower Frame	\$50
Tuesday, March 24th @ March 25th	Annunciation/ Evangelismou	Icon Flower Frame	\$50
Friday, March 27th Delivered on Tues, Mar 24th	4th Salutations	Icon Flower Frame	\$50
Sunday, April 5th	St. Mary of Egypt	Icon Flower Frame	\$50
Sunday, April 12th	Palm Sunday (p.m.) Nymphios	Icon Flower Frame	\$50
Wednesday, April 15th	Holy Wednesday	7 Candles, Oil, Flour(King Arthur), Cotton Balls	Contact Elaine
Thursday, April 16th Delivered on Apr 15th	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Flower Frame for Last Supper Icon	\$50
Thursday, April 16th	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Crucifixion Icon	\$50
Thursday, April 16th	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	3 Candles for Crucifix	\$15
Thursday, April 16th	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	12 Candles for Gospel Readings	\$60
Thursday, April 16th	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Eggs (1/2 case) (Large Brown)	Contact Elaine
<b>Date</b>	<b>Feast Day</b>	<b>Description</b>	
Friday, April 17th	Holy Friday	Epitaphio flowers , which includes the following: Cut Lilies, Carnations, Roses, Daphne, Laurel, Rose petals, etc.	Price Total TBD
Friday, April 17th	Holy Friday (afternoon)	Flower Frame for Apokathilosis Icon	\$50
Friday, April 17th	Holy Friday (p.m.)	Red Roses (for Choir & Chanters)	\$30
Friday, April 17th	Holy Friday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Extreme Humility Icon	\$50
Saturday, April 18th	Holy Saturday (a.m.)	Flower frame for Proti Anastasi Icon	\$50
Saturday, April 18th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Resurrection Banner White & Red	\$125
Saturday, April 18th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Potted Lilies (12)	\$15 each
Saturday, April 18th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Anastasi Icon	\$50
Saturday, April 18th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	\$70
Saturday, April 18th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower shelf for Panagia Icon (Altar)	\$70
<b>Date</b>	<b>Feast Day</b>	<b>Description</b>	
Wednesday, April 22nd Thursday, April 23rd	St. George Vespers & Services	Flower Shelf for St. George (Altar)	\$70





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### St. George Ministry Leaders

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## Great Lent Schedule

### March

**Sunday, March 1** - Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday)

- \* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy
- \* 5pm Sunday Vespers - St. Andrews Brotherhood attending and Lenten Meal hosted by our Parish

**Monday, March 2** - Clean Monday- Great Lent Begins

- \* 6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club- Great Lent by Schmemmann

**Wednesday, March 4**

- \* 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy
- \* 8pm Lenten Meal hosted by our Parish

**Friday, March 6**

- \* 6:30pm Salutations to the Virgin Mary (Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)

**Saturday, March 7** - Saturday of the souls

- \* 9am-11am Orthros & Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service (Kolyva)

**Sunday, March 8** - Sunday of Orthodoxy

- \* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy
- \* 5pm Sunday Vespers - St. Basil's OCA Watervliet

**Monday, March 9**

- \* 6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club- Great Lent by Schmemmann

**Wednesday, March 11**

- \* 10am Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, March 13**

- \* 6:30pm Salutations to the Virgin Mary (Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)

**Sunday, March 15** - Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

- \* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy
- \* 5pm Sunday Vespers - St. Basil's Greek Church in Troy

**Monday, March 16**

- \* 6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club- Great Lent by Schmemmann

**Friday, March 20**

- \* 6:30pm Salutations to the Virgin Mary (Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)

**Sunday, March 22** - Sunday of the Holy Cross

- \* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy
- \* 5pm Sunday Vespers - St. George Antiochian Church in South Glens Falls

**Monday, March 23** -

- \* 6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club- Great Lent by Schmemmann

**Wednesday, March 25** - Annunciation of the Theotokos

- (Εύαγγελισμός τῆς Θεοτόκου)
- \* 9am-11am Orthros & Divine Liturgy

**Friday, March 27**

- \* 6:30pm Salutations to the Virgin Mary (Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)

**Sunday, March 29** - Sunday of St. John Climacus – Greek Independence Day Parade

- \* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy
- \* 5pm Sunday Vespers - St. George's Antiochian Church in Albany

**Monday, March 30**

- \* 6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club- Great Lent by Schmemmann

### April

**Friday, April 3**

- \* 6:30pm Akathyst Hymn

**Sunday, April 5** - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

- \* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy
- \* 5pm Sunday Vespers - St. George Greek Church in Pittsfield, MA

**Monday, April 6**

- \* 6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club- Great Lent by Schmemmann

**Wednesday, April 8**

- \* 10am Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, April 10**

- \* 5pm Vespers of Lazarus
- \* 5:30pm Mini- Youth Retreat
- \* 6pm Family Palm Making Event

**Saturday, April 11** – Saturday of Lazarus

- \* 9am – 11am Orthros & Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, April 12** – Palm Sunday

- \* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy followed by Fish Luncheon in the Hellenic Center

### Holy Week

**Sunday, April 12** – Palm Sunday

- \* 6:30pm Bridegroom Service

**Holy Monday, April 13**

- \* 6:30pm Bridegroom Service

**Holy Tuesday, April 14**

- \* 6:30pm Bridegroom Service – Hymn of Kassiani

**Holy Wednesday, April 15**

- \* 6pm Holy Unction Service

**Holy Thursday, April 16** - The Mystical/ Last Supper

- \* 9:30am Vespereal Liturgy
- \* 6pm The 12 Gospels - The Passion of Christ

**Holy Friday, April 17**

- \* 9:30am Royal Hours
- \* 3pm Apokathelosis
- \* 6pm Epitaphios/ Lamentations

**Holy Saturday, April 18**

- \* 9:30am Vespereal Liturgy
- \* 11pm Resurrection Service

**Sunday, April 19** – Pascha/Easter Sunday

- \* 10:30am Agape Vespers



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### *Fr. Neofitos would like to get to know you...*

Dear Friends,

Since arriving in Schenectady on November 5<sup>th</sup>, I have been getting to know many of you. In an effort to better serve all of our Parishioners, the Parish Council and I request that you fill out this brief Survey. **Please use the enclosed envelope to mail in your form.** You may also hand in your form to be submitted to the office. This will also help us all to communicate with each other in a more efficient way. Your opinion is valuable to us. We would love to know your thoughts on existing facets of our Parish. We would appreciate any suggestions you might have for new programs or any needs you may have.

We thank you wholeheartedly in advance.

In Christ,

Fr. Neofitos

#### **Name**

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Children**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birth\_date \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized Orthodox? Yes or No

Date of Baptism, church, city, country \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Parents names \_\_\_\_\_

Please add a sheet if there are more children in your household.

#### **Phone**

- House \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency Contact (relationship?) \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Email addresses:**

- Personal \_\_\_\_\_
- Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Please Circle preferred email**

We are working to expand our email database in order to save postage and other mailing costs in the future. Your email will only be used by St. George and will not be shared with anyone outside the Parish.

#### **Vocation/ occupation of each adult in the Household?**

#### **Favorite Hobbies?**

**Please complete and return to the church office.**





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**What books or topics would you like to address in a discussion group/ bible study/ book club?**

**Comments/ suggestions:**

**Does St. George fulfill your family's Religious Education needs? Circle one**

- Does not fulfill my/our needs
- Somewhat fulfills my/our needs
- Completely fulfills my/our needs

**Comments:**

**What topics would you like to see covered in adult Religious Education events?**

**How often would you like these events to take place?**

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally

**Is there something that would make your family feel more welcome at St. George?**

**What events would you like to see continued and/or added to St. George's social calendar?**

**How often do you/your family attend(s) Services?**

- More than once a week
- Once a week
- Once every other week
- Once a month
- On major Holidays only
- Other

**Number of years you have been attending St. George Parish** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members in your family (including yourself, please circle one).

1 2 3 4 5 6 or more

**Would you consider offering your time and talents to the church? Yes or No**

If so, please list any talents you would consider offering.

How often would you be able to offer your talents if called upon?



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## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Forgiveness Sunday</b> <b>(Cheesefare Sunday)</b>  9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers – St. George GOC Schenectady	<b>2</b> Clean Monday – Great Lent begins  6:30 PM Bible Study/Book Club 7:30 PM Great Compline	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  6:30 PM Salutations to the Virgin Mary	<b>7</b>  9:00AM-11:00 AM Saturday of Souls and Memorial
<b>8</b> <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b>  9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers – St. Basil's, OCA Watervliet	<b>9</b>  6:30 PM Bible Study/Book Club	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy 11:30 AM Senior Fellowship Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  6:30 PM Salutations to the Virgin Mary	<b>14</b>  9:00 AM D.A.D. Clergy Laity at St Nicholas at St. Nicholas Flushing
<b>15</b> <b>Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</b>  9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy Memorial service for Steve Markopoulous 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers – St. Basil's , Troy	<b>16</b>  6:30 PM Bible Study/Book Club	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  6:30 PM Salutations to the Virgin Mary	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Sunday of the Holy Cross</b>  9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers – St. George Antiochian Church, Glens Falls	<b>23</b>  6:30 PM Bible Study//Book Club	<b>24</b>  10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Prep 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve Sponsored by Olga Delorey in Memory of Theresa Yavornicky	<b>25</b> <b>Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos</b>  9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy	<b>26</b>  6:30 PM Festival Planning Meeting	<b>27</b>  6:30 PM Salutations to the Virgin Mary Mary	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Sunday of St. John Climacus</b> <b>Greek Independence Day</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers – St. George Antiochian Church, Albany	<b>30</b>  6:30 PM Bible Study/Book Club	<b>31</b>				

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