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Christ Is Born, Glorify Him!
Χριστός Γεννάται, Δοξάσατε!



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

November 2020

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1 5th Sunday of Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	2 6:30 pm Bible Study/Book Club	3 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting 6:30pm Stewardship Meeting	4 7:00 pm Young Adults Zoom Meeting	5 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary followed by the Holy Sacrament of Confession	6	7 3:00 pm Angeliki Ann Goergen Baptism
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His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Thanksgiving

November 26, 2020

Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ, ὅτι ἀγαθός, ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ. Ἀλληλούϊα. (Ψαλμός 135:1)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia. (Psalm 135:1)

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America,

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let us give thanks unto the Lord! Let us celebrate this National Day of Thanksgiving, a time when we remember that the opposite of scarcity is not abundance, but gratitude. President John F. Kennedy's words ring as true today as they did in his Proclamation of 1963: "Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the love which bound them together, and for the faith which united them with their God." This National Holiday has become associated with a time of feasting and family gatherings, but in this year of pandemic, the feasting of many is threatened by food insecurity, and the gathering of families is in question, as we try to keep those we love healthy and safe.

Therefore, I beseech all of you, as you are able, give thanks in your communities by your generosity to those less fortunate than you. Share your blessings, for they are from God Who shines His sun upon all people, just as the rain falls upon the just and the unjust alike (cf. Matthew 5:45). Look into your abundance and see more than the result of your hard work and natural advantages. See the treasury of God's blessings that he has gifted to you for you to bestow on others, remembering the word of the Lord: "generously you have received, generously give" (Matthew 10:8).

And if you are unable to gather with your loved ones and families, hold the space in your hearts wide and open for them and all people. There is need in our world for love to be manifest, and your openness to others is a good first step. At every Divine Liturgy, we express our gratitude to God, and we can show that thankfulness by our love for and generosity to others.

Εὐχαριστήσωμεν τῷ Κυρίῳ!

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS Archbishop of America

ΘΕΙΑ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΑ



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From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; "

On November 22nd we read the gospel of the rich man who built barns. This is a very short gospel reading with a very big message. Once again, in Lukes gospel, wealth management is addressed. The message Jesus his sending us is very clear. The spiritual crops we have stored in heaven matter most, not the earthly.

Our eternal soul and our entire existence were given to us by God. This stewardship over our bodies, our homes, our riches needs to be taken care of. One day we will give an accounting to God for all we have done. Our earthly riches Will not be useful to us at that time. Good works toward our God and neighbor are the works that fill up our "spiritual Barns".

Do we pray enough? This is also a good measure of our gratitude. Our spirit craves and desires the divine. Do we quench this thirst with peaceful prayer? Or Corporate prayer (in church)? Or family prayer? The rich man in today's parable thought he had many years left to enjoy his riches. He might have thought he had plenty of time to be religious or grateful to God for the multitude of blessings he received. We too might think we have plenty of time. Time, however, like most things, is relative. What is 30, 40, 50, 100 years of life compared to eternity. Our immortal soul needs its eternal Father. We must realize how much we need our God. He sends us messengers and signs to remind us of this many times. The Covid 19 virus is a big reminder that we need to pray and cling to our Master and Lord.

We do not know when our earthly life will end. What we do know is that we have the power and capabilities God has given us. We can cultivate these virtues and continue to store up treasures for ourselves in Heaven.

Our churches should be filled! The communion lines should have the neighbors wondering "hmmmm what are they doing? Let's go and see". Our online services should have hundreds of worshippers. Our bulletin and media pages should be filled with images or this worship and of our good works and efforts.

None of us Christians should be caught off guard when the angel of death comes for us. Christians do not fear death, but they fear God. "Fear" in terms of love and respect. In fact, the church guides us year-round on how we should live and prepare ourselves and our families for eternity.

Lastly, I wanted to offer some good advice I try to practice myself. Do not give the coronavirus attributes and characteristics that it does not possess. For instance, the virus infects and in rare cases, can kill so we protect ourselves according to the recommendations of the CDC, State, and the Archdiocese. We distance 6 ft apart, we wear masks, we eat healthy and exercise. We limit our exposure to others, and we avoid any physical contact with those outside our household.

The coronavirus should not: divide a family, make us isolate completely, fear people, curse others, impose our will on others, disrespect others, become a policeman to those outside our home boundary, etc.

We are ruining our society and our children's outlooks with our unhealthy use of fear.

What can we do? Look to God for help. Pray more. Pray at church services. Come and light a candle and pray during the week. Pray at home at least in the morning, night, and mealtime as a family. Fast from meat Wednesdays and Fridays. Fast from technology at night and teach your children to CONNECT without devices even for a few hours. Practice conversation and interactive games vs computer games.

Be careful and follow the guidelines. Do not fear and do not cower. Find new ways of meeting your Spiritual, physical, and emotional needs while being careful. Complain once and don't complain about the same thing again. Practice positive thinking and feeling.

Our 9 essential emotional needs are:

Security — safe territory and an environment which allows us to develop fully
Attention (to give and receive it) — a form of nutrition
Sense of autonomy and control — having volition to make responsible choices



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Feeling part of a wider community

Emotional intimacy — to know that at least one other person accepts us totally for who we are, “warts ‘n’ all”

Privacy — opportunity to reflect and consolidate experience

Sense of status within social groupings

Sense of competence and achievement

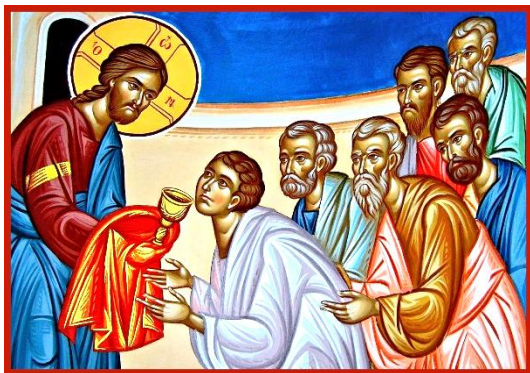
Meaning and purpose — which come from being stretched in what we do and think.

(From humangivens.com)

Coronavirus is one of many ways our death may come. We do not worship a dead God but a living one. He gave us His only Son and He destroyed death. How? He did not avoid death. He faced it and conquered it by His own death. «Θανάτω Θάνατον πατήσας».

Death Has “no Sting” we hear in the Catechitical Sermon of St. John Chrysostom on Pascha night because we feast in the glory of His Resurrection.

What is required of us is to feed our soul. Not coronavirus, not any power of the devil can put a dent in our faith in God. He is the healer of all.



On this Thanksgiving and Christmas season, let us remember that our Lord became man to save our souls. To save us from death and sinfulness. Let us all invite Him into our hearts and homes. Let us receive Him in church and spread the Joy to our families. The best way to do this is through the holy Eucharist. “Θεία Ευχαριστία”. Receiving the body and blood of our Lord is an **act of Thanksgiving**. Therefore it is called **holy Thanksgiving**.

Eucharist = Thanksgiving = Ευχαριστία.

You know how they say he is the reason for the season?

I wish you and your families a happy Thanksgiving. A very merry Christmas and a

happy new year. We ask you all to keep in touch with me and with each other during these difficult times. If the state locks down houses of worship, our services will still be live streamed. We thank you all for your support. Let us all embrace the Lord so that we may feel his embrace which is upon us now more than ever.

Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis

November 9, 2019 – One year ago I was Ordained to the Holy Priesthood here in St. George



**40 Day Blessing of George Nektarios Sarigiannis and Presvytera Catherine. September 22, 2020
Baby George’s Baptism is scheduled for January 2nd.
We will provide a zoom link for all our friends and family of the church to participate.**





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Hymns of the Day

Ἀπολυτικίον Ἀναστάσιμον

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

For the Feast

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ προίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἡ προκήρυξις. Ἐν Ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανῶς ἡ Παρθένος δεικνύται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῇ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ ἐκπλήρωσις.

St. Iakovos of Evoia

Χαίρει ἔχουσα, σὲ παραστάτην, ἡ πολύφημος νῆσος Εὐβοίας, καὶ τοῦ ὁσίου Δαυῖδ ἐπαγάλλεται, ἡ θεία Μάνδρα τὸν τάφον σου ἔχουσα, θεοχαρίτωτε πάτερ Ἰάκωβε, σὺ γὰρ χάριτας, βλυστάνεις ἡμῖν ἐκάστοτε, ὡς ῥεῦμα Παρακλήτου ἀνεπίσχετον.

Apolytikion of St. George

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

Κοντάκιον

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θεῷ ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὐτῇ ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

For the Feast

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

St. Iakovos of Evoia

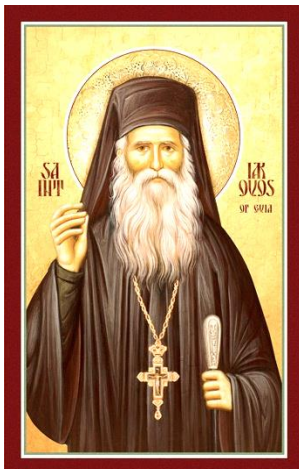
The Isle of Evia today rejoices, * for it has you as its new protector. * And the holy monastery of St. David is glad, * for it possesses your tomb, O Iakovos, * our holy father. And filled with grace of God, * like a channel of the Spirit that is unstoppable, * you pour out gifts of grace every day for us.

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

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.





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Epistle and Gospel Readings

The Epistle According to Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ καρπὸς τοῦ Πνεύματός ἐστιν ἀγάπη, χαρὰ, εἰρήνη, μακροθυμία, χρηστότης, ἀγαθωσύνη, πίστις, πραότης, ἐγκράτεια· κατὰ τῶν τοιούτων οὐκ ἔστι νόμος. Οἱ δὲ τοῦ Χριστοῦ τὴν σάρκα ἐσταύρωσαν σὺν τοῖς παθήμασι καὶ ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις. Εἰ ζῶμεν πνεύματι, πνεύματι καὶ στοιχῶμεν. Μὴ γινώμεθα κενόδοξοι, ἀλλήλους προκαλοῦμενοι, ἀλλήλοις φθονοῦντες. Ἀδελφοί, ἐὰν καὶ προληφθῇ ἄνθρωπος ἐν τινι παραπτώματι, ὑμεῖς οἱ πνευματικοὶ καταρτίζετε τὸν τοιοῦτον ἐν πνεύματι πραότητος· σκοπῶν σεαυτὸν, μὴ καὶ σὺ πειρασθῆς. Ἀλλήλων τὰ βάρη βαστάζετε, καὶ οὕτως ἀναπληρώσατε τὸν νόμον τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

The Gospel According to Luke 12:16-21

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γεννήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τίνοι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν. Ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· Ὁ ἔχων ὄψα ἀκούειν, ἀκουέτω.

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Parable of the Rich Man and His Barns



ST. GEORGE'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Christmas Tree Lighting

December 4th at 7:00PM



In Honor of St. Nicholas, our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 7:00PM with Christmas Tree Lighting and Holy Water Blessing for the School Year followed by Christmas Caroling and Hot Cocoa in the Hellenic Center

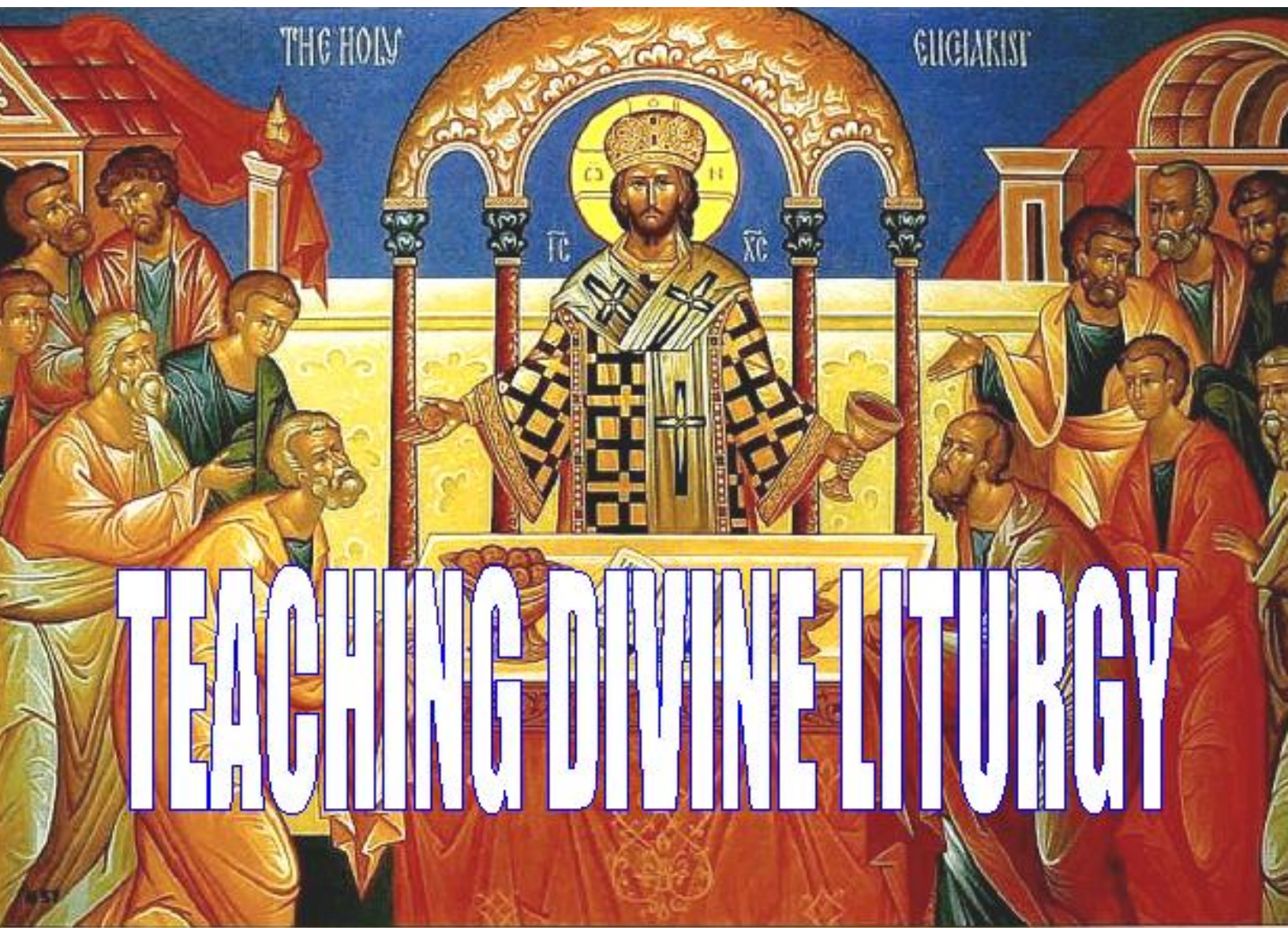
ALL ARE WELCOME



COME AND SPEND TIME WITH FR. NEOFITOS, PRESVYTERA CATHERINE, AND GEORGE NEKTARIOS

Charity Offering- Things of My Very Own

**Parents are asked to shop for a small gift for a child age 6 and up. Both Girls and Boys gifts are needed
Please bring an ornament to hang in honor of your family or in memory of a loved one
Preferably non-breakable. If you do not have one, some will be available.**



TEACHING DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

9:00 AM PREPARATION

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MAIN WORSHIP SERVICE

For children and adults. All are welcome.

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Schenectady, NY**



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Philoptochos News

By Olga Delorey

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated chapter members and everyone in the St. George community for your support during these unprecedented, challenging times.

Although we were unable to meet for eight long months, our St. George Philoptochos continued to fulfill its philanthropic mission. For the 2020 calendar year, we are able to support all of our National Philoptochos and Direct Archdiocesan District mandatory commitments as well as answer the special appeal for National Philoptochos Emergency COVID-19 relief funds. Additionally, we are on track to provide financial donations to just about every community not-for-profit agency on our annual giving list. Although we found it necessary to reduce the level of our donations in some instances, we want to ensure we help as many as possible for these organizations are struggling to meet a greater demand for assistance.

We recently received permission from Father Neofitos and the Parish Council to resume monthly meetings. Our Board of Directors met at the end of September to plan the annual agenda, and we had our first membership meeting on October 14, 2020. Father Neofitos helped us design a safe and socially distant arrangement of tables and chairs.

In October we resumed a different form of Soup Kitchen. Hot meals with sit-down dining are no longer allowed at the Salvation Army. We now package and deliver 72 brown bag lunches each month. Each lunch contains a meat and cheese sandwich, fruit cup, vegetable snack bag, dairy item (string cheese or yogurt), pre-packaged dessert and bottled water. I am pleased to report we have sponsors through June of 2021. Although we miss the camaraderie of our large team working in the kitchen, this won't be possible for the foreseeable future if ever again.



Soup Kitchen Bag Lunches Ready to Go!

We also resumed donating the Student Toiletry Kits for middle- and high-school students in need. Once a month we deliver ten (10) kits to the City Mission of Schenectady

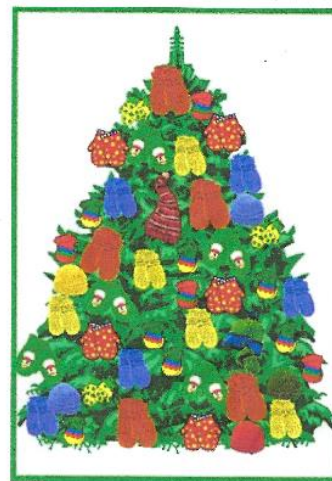
and they deliver them to the school social workers for distribution. Also, for the children served by the City Mission, our 6th Annual Christmas Mitten Tree is up in the Hellenic Center. Please help us decorate the tree with brand new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. If you can't get out to shop, please see Gladys Paravalos who has new items for sale!

Traditional fundraising events will be a challenge for us. Our first big fundraiser will be the Spanakopita sale which will be held in conjunction with the church Bake Sale on December 12-13, 2020. Place your orders early!! The deadline for ordering is **Monday, November 30, 2020**. We are also sponsoring the St. George Parish Christmas Card. The deadline for sign-up is **Sunday, December 6, 2020**. A form is enclosed in this bulletin for your convenience.

Upcoming meetings: Thursday, November 19, 2020 and Thursday, January 21, 2021. All meetings begin at 6:30 pm. "

The 6th Annual Christmas Mitten Tree Sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos Society

Help us Decorate Our Tree with Warm Hats, Scarves, Mittens and Gloves
To Benefit the Children served by City Mission of Schenectady



Hellenic Center
Collecting Through December 6, 2020

Give the Gift of Warmth to a Child in Need



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



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Fellowship News

By Eliana Georgelos

Greetings everyone! Much has happened since our last bulletin went out, the most important being the birth of Father Neofitos and Presvytera Catherine's son, George Nektarios Sarigiannis on August 14. We are so happy that baby George is healthy and thriving. And Presvytera Catherine is now reveling in her role as mommy to her precious baby boy. Becoming first time parents has been a wondrous blessing to Father and Presvytera. And our St. George parish is all the richer for our newest member!

What has not changed, however, is the continuation of the COVID-19 restrictions. Presvytera Catherine and baby George took precautions and stayed close to home following George's birth. It wasn't until the first week in November that they felt safe enough to come to church. It was such a thrill to hear Presvytera chanting the Paraklesis service that week, with little baby George in her arms. Occasionally, he would do a little chanting himself!

As much as we hoped and prayed that this virus would disappear, it unfortunately has not yet been contained. Therefore, we must continue to take precautions to keep everyone safe. While church services are open to parishioners, we continue to take temperatures at the door, wear masks, and maintain social distancing. Coffee hours will continue to be put on hold because the sharing of food options that we have served in the past (open trays of bagels, cream cheese, donuts, cookies, cut up fruit, etc.) is just not safe at this time. Additionally, the numbers of parishioners who attend Divine Liturgy often are too many to safely gather together while maintaining social distancing. Hopefully, we will once again be able to resume our coffee hours. But for now, the safety of our parishioners is our first priority.

The good news is that our Fellowship group is small enough that we have received Father's blessing to have our first gathering since COVID began. We met on Thursday, November 12th at 11:30 am. As with church services, temperatures were taken at the door, masks were worn except while eating, and social distancing was put into effect with the placement of tables and chairs at a safe distance from one another. Our meal was a simple one. We ordered a pizza which was served to our members rather than having them reach in to help themselves. We had to forgo our usual Greek salad, however. Drinks included coffee, individual cans of soda for those who preferred that, and bottled water. Individually packaged mini cakes were served for dessert. This was strictly a social gathering rather than a meeting - just so that we could be together to talk, laugh and relax. We also celebrated three birthdays that day. Marty Doulides, Bill Manikas and Dom Dicocco were all born during the month of November. They each received a mini cake with a lit birthday candle and we all sang

"Happy Birthday" to them.

At this time, we are holding off on making plans for our December meeting. There will more than likely not be a Christmas party at a restaurant as in previous years, but perhaps we can celebrate in other ways at the Hellenic Center. We must be cognizant of the 40 day Nativity Fast which begins on November 15th and continues through December 24th. Plans for a December gathering will be announced at a later date, although our members all expressed the desire to meet again.

The Fellowship group extends our very best wishes to our entire St. George family for the coming holidays. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Christmas filled with miracles and memorable moments. May Christ shower his divine blessings on all of you and give you peace, happiness and good health.

We hope you enjoy these pre COVID photos:

Center - Steve and Aleka during festival prep

Bottom Right - Madison and yiayia at festival

Bottom Left - Palma's Chrismation

Top right Charlie, Kathy and Olga celebrating

Top Left - Paul and Joanne Pagiotas



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church





WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Stewardship

2020 Stewardship Pledges: We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2020 stewardship pledge as of November 18, 2020. Thank all for your contributions to our church. Your continued and consistent support will help our ministries and vision.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Antonovich & Family	Mrs. Helena Georgelas	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Menagias
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington	Mr. Nicholas Georgelas	Ms. Maria Menagias
Mr. John Behiri	Mrs. Eliana Georgelos	Ms. Anastasia Mikropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Behiri	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Giakoumis	Mrs. Antonia Mikropoulos
Ms. Susan Birbilis	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Giakoumis	Ms. Antonia C. Mikropoulos
Mrs. Lucy Brady & Family	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Goodale & Family	Ms. Demetra Mikropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bratsos	Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Grivas	Mrs. Rena Mikropoulos & Family
Mrs. Ifigenia Brown	Mr. Periklis Hais	Mr. Theodore Mikropoulos
Ms. Arji Cakouros	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Holdsworth	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morlock & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Casey & Family	Mr. & Mrs. Owen Huggins	Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Nikolaidis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chamberas	Mrs. Frusina Ica Iancu	Mr. Simeon Nikolaidis
Mr. Andreas Christou & Ms. Sophia Shakolas	Dr. Philip & Helen James & Family	Mrs. Katherine Orfan
Mr. & Mrs. George Christophorou	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones & Family	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pagiotas
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Christou	Mrs. Catherine Julius	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pagones
Ms. Ariana Christou	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kalil	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Paravalos
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou	Mr. & Mrs. Evangelia Kalogeras	Ms. Voula Paravalos
Mrs. Patricia Chrysovergis	Ms. Antonia Kananis	Mr. Tony J. Poulos
Ms. Catherine Contompasis	Mrs. Fanny Karamanos	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rossetti
Mrs. Catherine Contompasis	Mr. & Mrs. Hari Kingra & Family	Fr. Neofitos & Pres. Sarigiannis
Mr. Charles Contompasis & Laurie Ives & Family	Mr. Charles Koines	Mrs. Elena Sikamiotis & Family
Ms. Constance Contompasis	Mrs. Katina Kontakos	Mr. & Mrs. Gerasimos Sokaris & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis & Family	Ms. Kaliopi Kounoupis	Mrs. Ourania Sokaris
Ms. Demetra Corsones	Mrs. Voula Kounoupis	Mrs. Roubina Spyros-Morgan
Dr. Peter & Stephanie Cospito	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kouray	Ms. Maria Stamoulis
Mr. & Mrs. George Cotzas	Ms. Barbara Koutsakis	Mrs. Stavroula Stamoulis
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Mrs. Chris Dafniotis	Mr. & Mrs. Trifon Laskaris	Mrs. Olga Stryjski
Ms. Olga Delorey	Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaViolette	Mr. & Mrs. Adam Svokos
Ms. Joanne Diamantis	Mr. William Manikas	Mrs. Themetria Svolos
Mrs. Katina Dikas & Family	Mrs. Cathy Marco	Ms. Angela Theodore
Mrs. J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis	Mrs. Akrivi Markopoulos	Ms. Melissa Verrigni
Mrs. Marguerite Doulides	Mr. & Mrs. William McDonald & Family	Mr. & Mrs. Niko Verrigni & Family
Mrs. Angela Economou	Mr. & Mrs. Phil McGowen	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Whipple & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Engwer & Family	Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Menagias	Mrs. Mary Wilson
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Ms. Renee Euripidou	Mr. & Mrs. Fillipos Menagias	Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas
Mr. Arthur Georgelas	Mrs. Cathy Menagias & Family	Mrs. Mary Zoulas
	Ms. Corina Menagias	

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



TO: ALL PARISHIONERS
FROM: Ladies Philoptochos Society
RE: ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

THIS YEAR WE ARE ONCE AGAIN OFFERING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND AND SHARE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

THIS CARD OFFERS YOU THE SAVINGS OF BUYING CARDS AND STAMPS FOR OVER 100 OTHER FAMILIES. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CARD OF THE SAME QUALITY WE HAVE HAD IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

A **CONTRIBUTION OF \$15.00** IS REQUIRED. YOUR DONATION TO THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY WILL BENEFIT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS AMONG OTHER PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN ORDER TO HAVE ALL OF YOUR NAMES PRINTED ON THE CARD AND TO HAVE IT MAILED TO YOUR HOMES BY THE NATIVITY, **ALL NAMES** MUST BE RETURNED TO:

Ladies Philoptochos Society
Attention: Gladys Paravalos
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
107 Clinton Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

PLEASE DETACH THIS FORM AND RETURN BY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

(Please print your name as you wish it to appear on the Christmas Card)

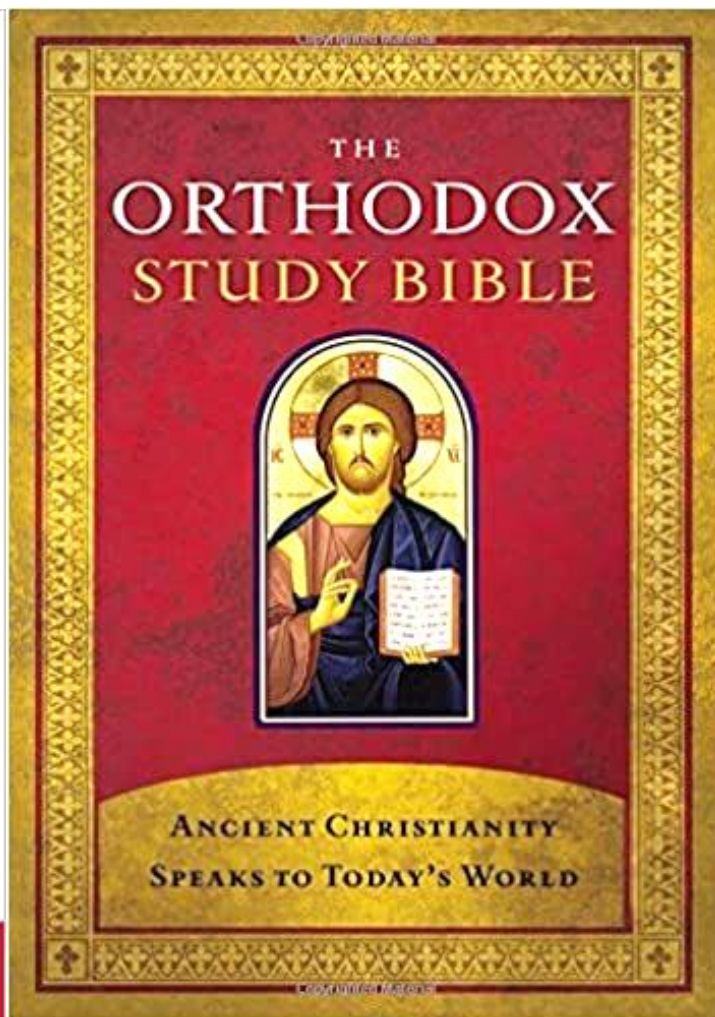
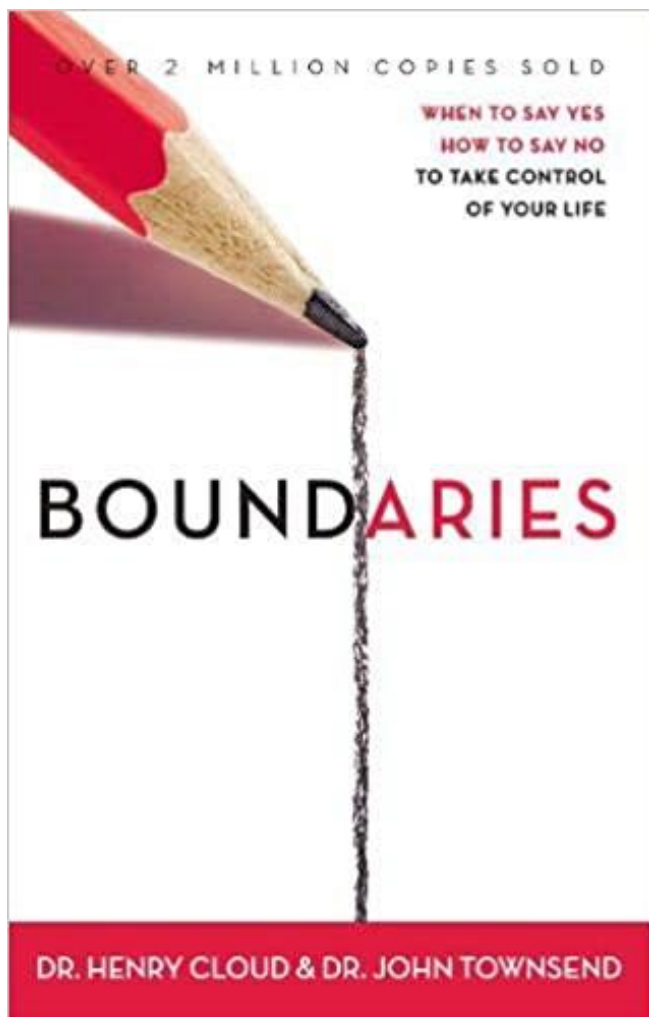
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
“LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY”



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

St. George Book Club/ Bible Study 2020

Join us on Mondays! Our next Class will be this Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30pm in our church. We will still be discussing Gospel and Epistle readings, icons, the Saints, Hymns of the church, and many beautiful parts of our rich faith.



Books are available in our Bookstore and online at
<https://st-george-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/>

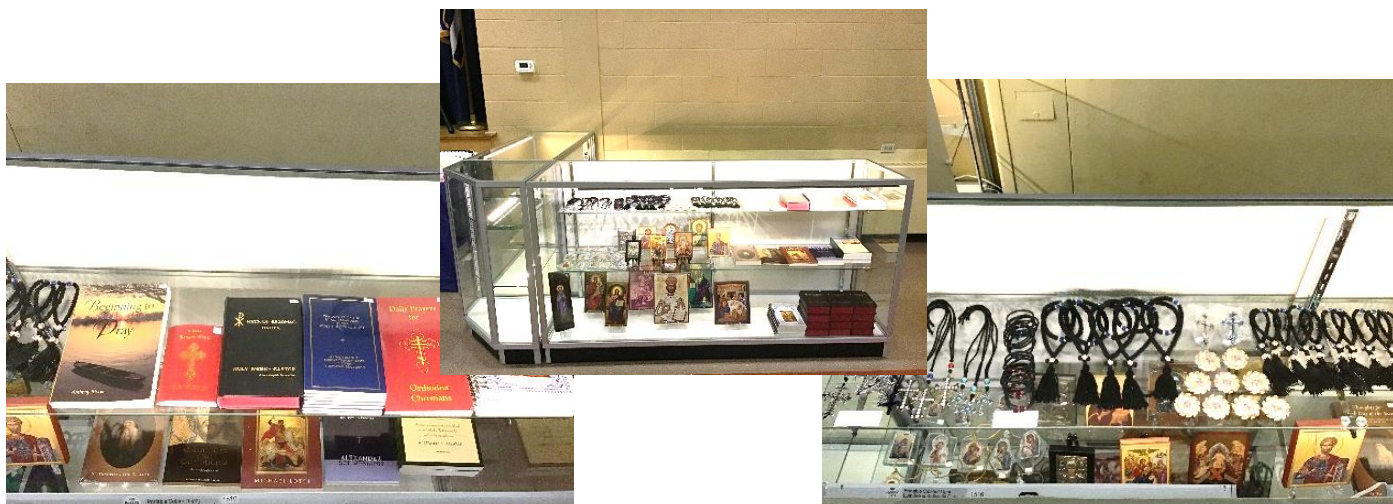
We also have a call in and a Zoom option available for those far away or at home. Please email Father Neofitos to join our Book Club.

frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com



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St. George Bookstore - Online and in Church



Bookstore items are available for viewing and purchase online as well. Pick up only.

[Visit our Bookstore Online!](#)

Liturgical Offerings

Offerings of: Communion Wine, Altar Candles for a week (ακοιμητων), Prosforo, Altar Incense-Μοσχοθυμίαμα, Koliva - Memorial for the Departed, Artoklasia – Sweet Bread for Prayers for the Health of the Living can all be made on our Square Site.
Click the icon to visit:



Square

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

St. George Youth Corner

From your youth Advisers – Lucy Goodale and Anna Morlock

We miss seeing everyone! We look forward to seeing everyone in church and at the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 4th.

We have all been staying connected with the church either by attending Liturgy, worshiping via online services, and our weekly zoom meetings.

In order to stay connected please join our weekly zoom meetings with Fr. Neofitos on Tuesdays for a short spiritual lesson. Ages 4-12 meet Tuesdays from 5:30pm and Ages 13 to 18+ meet Wednesday at 7:00pm.

We send reminders through email and the remind app. To join the email Youth list please email Lucy Goodale your cell number and full names of the children at 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.

<https://www.remind.com/join/f3fh94e> or use class code@f3fh94e

Last year's Tree Lighting – Artoklasia service





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St. George Ministry Leaders

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Saint George Greek Orthodox Church Info

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Reverend Father Neofitos Sarigiannis frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com

107 Clinton Street Schenectady, NY 12305 - Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM Parish Office closed on Friday

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintGeorgeNY/>

St. George Square Site <https://st-george-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/>

**We Welcome our New Greek
School Teachers
George Cotzas
and Ioanna Loula.**

**Presvytera Catherine
Sarigiannis
will be taking a maternity
year this year.**



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
SAINT GEORGE GREEK SCHOOL**

OFFERING ONLINE GREEK LANGUAGE AND
CONVERSATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS
PRE-K – 8TH GRADE

**EVERY THURSDAY
STARTING NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

LEVEL 1: 4:30 - 5:30 PM

LEVEL 2: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

- Classes will be offered fully online via in person Zoom sessions with an experienced certified teacher.
- Curriculum includes Modern Greek Language, Grammar & Conversation. Online child friendly platform is included in the program.
- Students are placed in levels in accordance with their knowledge of the Greek Language rather than grades according to their age.
- As soon as possible, we will transition to in person classes and also add Greek Dance and Culture to the program.
- Register now for a discounted yet excellent Greek Language program. Click here to [Register](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OUR OFFICE: OFFICE@SAINTGEORGEGOC.COM

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STARTING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

CLASSES WILL BE HELD EVERY MONDAY FROM
5:00 - 6:30 PM AT ST. GEORGE CHURCH IN SCHENECTADY

Offering - Basic Conversational Skills
(Reading, Writing and Speaking Modern Greek)

Depending on the skills of the students, we might
expand the class to 2 levels.

Click to [REGISTER](#)
or go to

<http://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/>, Registration link is on our home page

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OUR OFFICE:
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107 CLINTON STREET – SCHENECTADY, NY 12305

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER
FOR GREEK SCHOOL!**

Click to Register

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Contact the Office for more info or any
questions:

OFFICE@SAINTGEORGEGOC.COM or
518-393-0742

CAMPAIGN FOR ST. GEORGE NEWS

SERRAS ISSUES A \$5,000 CHALLENGE TO PARISHIONERS OF ST. GEORGE

The Campaign for St. George is making progress

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

As of today, the Campaign for St. George has received \$42,500 from 48 different donations. Thanks to all.



LeGrande Serras presents Parish Council President Brian Goodale with a check for \$5,000 to kick off the Challenge as part of the Campaign for St. George

For LeGrande Serras, each time he walks into St. George he feels like he's returning home. "St. George is home. I grew up going to St. George and there have been many important events in my life right here in this church," Serras said. "During this challenging time, I want to do what I can to support St. George in its time of need."

At a recent fundraising event planning meeting at the Hellenic Center, Serras made an announcement that he was starting the \$5,000 Challenge for the Campaign for St. George. He challenged parishioners to make a donation of \$5,000, or whatever they could afford to do, to support the operational needs of the church.

"The Campaign has a goal of \$50,000, and I'm going to kick start this Challenge by making the first \$5,000 donation," said Serras. "If I can get 9 other parishioners to join me, our goal will be met."

The Parish Council extends its gratitude to Mr. Serras and all members of the community who have already made a donation.

St. George needs your help!

To participate in the \$5,000 Challenge, or to make a donation of any amount, you can:

Donate by credit card at – saintgeorgegoc.com (click on the campaign link at the top of the webpage)

Donate by sending a check, with a note saying for the Campaign, payable to "St. George Greek Orthodox Church" to:

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
107 Clinton Street
Schenectady, NY 12305



HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24	5:00 pm Royal Hours of the Nativity 6:00 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy & Carols 8:00 pm Coffee Hour
Friday, December 25	7:00 am – 10:00 am Christmas Day Orthros & Divine Liturgy
Sunday, December 27	Sunday after the Nativity – Feast of St. Stephen 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Sunday, January 3	Sunday before the Theophany 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, January 5	Eve of Theophany 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, January 6	Holy Theophany 8:30 Orthros 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Thursday, January 7	Synaxis of John the Baptist 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Service Hours

Our Sunday service hours are:

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

We look forward to seeing everyone in church!

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