



# THE TRIUMPHANT

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### 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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## September 2020

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<b>30</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew 8:30 am Orthrox 8:30 am Divine Liturgy	31	1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 40 Day Memorial for Joan Contompasis	7 Labor Day	<b>8</b> Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos & Ever Virgin 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	9	10	11	12
<b>13</b> Sunday before Holy Cross 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	<b>14</b> Elevation of the Venerable & Life Giving Cross 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	15	16	17	18	19
<b>20</b> Sunday after the Holy Cross 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study/Book Club	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM St. George Leadership Meeting 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	23	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	25	26
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### His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Έορτή Παγκοσμίου Ύψώσεως τοῦ Τιμίου καὶ Ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ,  
14 Σεπτεμβρίου 2020

The Cross is the guardian of the whole world! The Cross is the beauty of the Church!

The Cross is the dominion of kings! The Cross is the strength of the faithful!

The Cross is the glory of the angels and the wounding of the demons!

(Exaposteilarion of the Universal Exaltation)

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοί καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Σήμερα τιμοῦμε τὸ Σταυρὸ τοῦ Κυρίου, ὑψώνοντάς τον κατὰ τὴν ἑορτὴ τῆς Παγκοσμίου Ύψώσεως τοῦ Τιμίου καὶ Ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ. Σήμερα τελοῦνται τὰ θαυμάσια τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ ὁποῖος ἔστειλε τὸ μονογενὴ Του Υἱὸ καὶ καταδέχτηκε ἑκουσίως τὴν ἀτιμωτικὴ Σταύρωση, μετασηματίζοντας ἔτσι ἓνα ἐργαλεῖο βασανιστηρίων καὶ θανάτου, σὲ ἓνα σύμβολο τῆς νίκης ἐναντίον τοῦ θανάτου.

Σήμερα ὁ Σταυρὸς ὑψώνεται ψηλὰ σὰν μία μοναδικὴ σκάλα διὰ τὴν ὁποία ἀνεβαίνουμε πρὸς τὸν Παράδεισο. Ἀνεβαίνουμε μὲ τὴ βοήθεια τῆς ἴδιας ἀγάπης ποὺ ἄφησε τὰ καρφιά νὰ τρυπήσουν τὰ ἄσπιλα χέρια καὶ τὰ πόδια τοῦ Σωτῆρος μας, Ὁ Κύριος ἔθεσε τὸν ἑαυτὸ Του ἐπὶ τοῦ Σταυροῦ, κρεμάμενος ὡς καρπὸς ἀθανασίας, «ὡς βότρυς πλήρης ζωῆς» (Στιχηρὰ τῶν αἰνῶν τοῦ ὄρθρου τῆς ἑορτῆς).

Ἀγαπητοί μου χριστιανοί, μὲ τὸ βλέμμα στραμμένο πρὸς τὸν Τίμιο καὶ Ζωοποιοῦ Σταυρὸ τοῦ Κυρίου, εἰδικὰ σήμερα, καλοῦμαστε νὰ σκεφτοῦμε τὴν ἀγαπημένη μας Θεολογικὴ Σχολὴ καὶ τὸ Ἑλληνικὸ Κολλέγιο. Εἰδικὰ σήμερα, ἄς προσευχηθοῦμε γιὰ αὐτὸ τὸ πολυτίμο ἴδρυμα τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας μὲ πνεῦμα ἀλληλεγγύης. Ὅλοι γνωρίζουμε πόσο πολὺ ἡ Σχολὴ μας ἀγωνίζεται τὰ τελευταῖα χρόνια γιὰ νὰ ἐπιτύχει σταθερότητα καὶ ἀσφάλεια. Πιστεύω ἀκράδαντα ὅτι ἡ Σχολὴ τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ καὶ τὸ Ἑλληνικὸ Κολλέγιο, θὰ διατηρηθοῦν γιὰ τὶς μελλοντικὲς γεννεές τῶν κληρικῶν μας, καθὼς ὁ «Ἱερὸς Λόφος» στὸν ὁποῖο βρίσκεται θὰ μεταμορφώνεται ὅλο καὶ περισσότερο σὲ ἓνα τόπο θυσιαστικῆς ἀγάπης, ὅπως ἀκριβῶς ὁ λόφος τοῦ Γολγοθᾶ.

Ἐνῶ ἀντικρύζουμε τὸ Σταυρὸ τοῦ Κυρίου σὲ κάθε τόπο καὶ χρόνο μὲ τὴν παγκοσμιότητά του, ἄς ἀφεθοῦμε στὴν ἀκατανίκητη δυνάμη του, σύμφωνα μὲ τὰ λόγια τοῦ Κυρίου: «κἀγὼ ἐὰν ὑψωθῶ ἐκ τῆς γῆς, πάντας ἐλκίσω πρὸς ἑμαυτὸν» (Ἰωαν. 12:32). Μὲ αὐτὴ τὴν ἰσχύ, τὸ ἴδιο πνεῦμα θυσίας, ἀγάπης καὶ γεναιοδωρίας, ἄς μεταμορφώσουμε τὴν ἀγαπημένη μας Σχολὴ σὲ ἓνα μοναδικὸ ἀκαδημαϊκὸ ἴδρυμα, γιὰ τὸ ὁποῖο ὅλες οἱ ἐπόμενες γεννεές θὰ δοξάζουν τὸν σταυρωθέντα καὶ ἀναστάντα Κύριο.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we glory in Cross of the Lord, raising it on high in the Feast of Its Universal Exaltation.

Truly, this is a marvel; for the love of God, which moved His Only-Begotten Son to willingly ascend such a cruel instrument of torture and death, utterly transforms it into the sign of victory over death. Today the Cross is lifted high as a Ladder unto Heaven, by which we may ascend through the same love that allowed the nails to be driven into the hands and feet of the most-pure Body of our Savior. He was affixed to the Cross and hung there as the fruit of immortality, "like a cluster of grapes full of life" (Lauds of Matins).

Therefore, my beloved Christians, with such a view of the All-Holy Cross of the Lord, we are invited today to think as well of our beloved Theological School and Hellenic College. Today we are called to hold up this precious institution of our Holy Archdiocese in prayer, in honor, and in the spirit of helping. We all know how the School has struggled for years to achieve stability and security. And I tell you this: Holy Cross and Hellenic College will only be preserved for generations of clergy yet to come, as the "Holy Hill" upon which it rests becomes a more and more the Hill of Golgotha – a place of sacrifice and love. In this moment, when we remember the Cross of the Lord, Its absolute universality for all time and in every place, let us commit to Its power in accordance with His word: "And I, if I be exalted from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself" (John 12:32). Let us embrace that power and transform our Scholi with the same spirit of sacrifice, generosity, and love,

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS Archbishop of America

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### From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

#### **Our church is packed!**

#### **We need to expand into the Hellenic center to accommodate the faithful for worship!**

Obviously, there is a lot of shock value in this opening sentence. The truth remains, since we have been following the government and Archdiocesan guidelines of social distancing, we can fit about 35 to 40 faithful in our regular church pews. We have converted our Hellenic center into a space of worship for Sundays and holidays. We have a projector which broadcasts the live service and we have set our chairs apart 6 feet to facilitate safe social distancing for our overflow into the Hellenic center. The space is optimal for children and wheelchair access. This allows for 80 plus faithful to be in total attendance when necessary.

We are happy to report that our faithful have been following the mandated precautions such as social distancing, wearing face masks, following the usher's clear guidance and directions, taking temperatures, contact tracing, and peacefully attending and worshipping on Sundays and holidays.

With Presvytera Catherine on the mend from giving birth to our beautiful boy George Nektarios, Gladys Paravalos has stepped up to help us chant the various services. Two members of our Choir, Olga Delorey and Eliana Georgelos have been singing in the choir loft to lead us in the Divine Liturgy. These individuals are more than 15 feet apart and positioned on our choir loft as such for their aerosol particles not to travel beyond the choir loft. They always wear face masks.

These ladies and all our leadership teams and of course our faithful congregants have my fervent gratitude. Our St. George team has come together in a way that will inspire for years to come. We still have many challenges to face together but I remain optimistic because of the diligent response and efforts of all our people.

There is still no coffee hour after church. Coffee hour is too challenging to manage on a large "Sunday" scale. As a result, our ministry groups are being encouraged to start their meetings again and to shine a greater light on fellowship more than ever.

Coming together in the Lord's name and working His ministries can be safe with our continued collaborative efforts. Digital/Virtual options are being offered for meetings for those who wish to join in from home and stay connected to the church.

All of our youth programs such as Greek school and our youth meetings will be 100% virtual via the zoom platform.

Our Parish council meetings have also been virtual. Our Book Club was meeting via conference call a few months ago but now we will offer 3 options for our members: conference call, zoom video, and also in person in our Church.

For those that wish to consider joining any of our groups, you can email me directly or see our contact Leadership list in the back of this bulletin.

Philoptochos, Fellowship Group, Bible Study/ Book Club, Youth Group, and Greek School are our most vibrant ministries and we are happy to welcome new members. With our virtual options, individuals from California and Hours away from Schenectady, have been able to join and contribute beautifully to our ministries.

Our beautiful temple remains adorned with beautiful icons. The Holy Cross of Christ stands tall behind the Altar. The smell of incense still fills the air. Our most beautiful ornamentation in the church is you, the faithful pilgrims. WE are the church. Ekklesia in Greek, Church means the invited who come together. We are the church. Jesus our Lord is the head and we are the members of His body through the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Sacraments. By receiving His Body and Blood, we are healthy members of His body. We are the living "saints" of today.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

All our struggles must be brought here and sacrificed at the altar where our Lord has taken on all the sins of the world. Will he leave our struggles, our pain, our suffering out? "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" awaits us all and calls us into action. We all look forward to taking on a new Ecclesiastical year together. With faith in our Lord and drawing inspiration and prayers from all the Saints, we will persevere and grow as one body. May the Joy and the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**"If God be for us, who can be against us?"**

Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis



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### Hymns of the Day

#### Ἀπολυτικίον Ἀναστάσιμον

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν ληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

#### Τῶν Ἁγίων

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἰκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### Apolytikion of St. George

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

#### Κοντάκιον

Ὁ ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτεία τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· εὐφρανον ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

#### Resurrectional Apolytikion

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

#### For the Saints

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You \* the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. \* Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, \* dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. \* O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

#### 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

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, \* O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions \* upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. \* Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, \* granting them the victories against their adversaries. \* And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, \* peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

### Epistle and Gospel Readings

#### The Epistle According to Galatians . 2:16-20

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιούται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι ἐξ ἔργων νόμου οὐ δικαιωθήσεται πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δὲ ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; μὴ γένοιτο! Εἰ γάρ, ἃ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον ἵνα Θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



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### The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμούς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

### Today in Church

#### Church Usher Assignment

Sunday, September 20

Toni Kananis, Scott Morlock,  
Elaine Euripidou

Sunday, September 27

Brian Goodale, Lucy Brady, Panos  
Rolletos

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



### St. Eustathius the Great Martyr, his wife and two children

The holy Martyr Eustathius before his baptism was an illustrious Roman general named Placidus in the days of the Emperor Trajan. While hunting in the country one day, he was converted to the Faith of Christ through the apparition of an uncommonly majestic stag, between whose antlers he saw the Cross of Christ, and through which the Lord spoke to him with a human voice. Upon returning home, he learned that his wife Tatiana had also had a vision in which she was instructed to become a Christian. They sought out the Bishop of the Christians and were baptized, Placidus receiving the name Eustathius, and Tatiana the name Theopiste; their two sons were baptized Agapius and Theopistus. The family was then subjected to such trials as Job endured. Their servants died, all their goods were stolen, and on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem they were scattered abroad, each not even knowing if the others were still alive. By the providence of God, they were united again after many years, and returned to Rome in glory. Nevertheless, when they refused to sacrifice to the idols-a public sacrifice from which no Roman general could be absent-the Emperor Hadrian, who had succeeded Trajan, had them put into a large bronze device in the shape of a bull, which was heated with fire until they died. When their holy bodies were removed, they were found to be without harm. They suffered martyrdom about the year 126.

#### **Kontakion**

O blest one, since thou didst emulate Christ's sufferings and drankest His cup with eagerness, thou didst become a partaker and joint-heir of His glory, O wise Eustathius; and since He is God of all things, He gave thee divine power from Heaven's heights.



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### Philoptochos News

By Olga Delorey



Our hearts are filled with joy for Father Neofitos and Presvytera Catherine upon the birth of their son, George Nektarios, who was born on August 14, 2020. May God bless and protect them always and keep them in His loving care. We can't wait to meet baby George at his 40 Day Blessing on September 20th!

As summer comes to a close, we look ahead to the crisp, cool days of Fall and the colorful display of autumn leaves. In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic the days seemed to stretch endlessly as our daily routines came to halt. Slowly we adjusted to a "new normal". Now, six months later, the days seemingly go by in the blink of an eye. The pandemic continues to impact our day-to-day lives in countless ways and we still face challenges and difficulties on many levels. It is uncertain when we will be allowed to meet as a group in the Hellenic Center. The Philoptochos social coffee hours following Liturgy have been suspended for the foreseeable future. Despite our inability to gather socially, we are grateful the doors of St. George are open so we can worship as a church family and receive the Holy Sacraments.

On August 21-22, 2020, the National Philoptochos held its "2020 Biennial Virtual Convention" via Zoom. The convention theme chosen by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America was "...and the greatest of these is love". More than 500 delegates and observers participated representing chapters from California to New

York and Texas to Chicago. We were truly "together apart". The convention co-chairs did an incredible job in keeping the meeting on point and business was conducted efficiently. His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, Spiritual Advisor to Philoptochos, was with us throughout the entire convention and offered insightful remarks and guidance.

Guest speakers included Ekaterina Gladysheva Kehl, M.D. who spoke on "COVID-19: What to Expect This Fall"; Mr. Tony Hoffman, who spoke on "Opioid Addiction and Recovery"; Katina Nicolacakis, M.D. who spoke on the "Prevalence and Dangers of Vaping"; and Dr. Randa Kardsheh Anderson, Ph.D. who spoke on the "Impact of COVID-19 on Education and the Family".

I was pleased our St. George Chapter was included in the Power Point presentation on "Operation Classroom" – with photographs! Since September 2018, we assembled and donated 400 Student Toiletry Kits to students in need who attend Schenectady middle and high schools. The kits were distributed to in-school social workers by the City Mission of Schenectady.

Report of National Philoptochos Treasurer: "Once again, the faithful women of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society excel in their unending mission to assist people in need throughout the world, perpetuate our Holy Orthodox faith and preserve the Orthodox family. We are honored to report that through the efforts of our chapters and individuals, a grand total of \$2,800,711 was distributed to our ministries, programs, and special appeals during the two-year period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. In addition to these distributions, in the first seven months of this current year we have disbursed another \$1,739,711. Total distribution from January 1, 2018 through July 31, 2020 was \$4,540,422". My dear Philoptochos sisters, this total does not include giving to local organizations supported by individual chapters. This is astounding! Philoptochos is living and giving proof that we are indeed the "friend of the poor".

As of this writing, we would normally be in midst of finalizing Festival preparations, but there is nothing normal about this year. Out of necessity for the health and safety of all, we had to cancel this year's event. However, it will take all of us working together to find ways to support our beloved St. George Church. We have all been impacted emotionally and financially by COVID-19, but in the words of Helen Keller: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much".



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





## Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

### Fellowship News

By Eliana Georgelos

#### **OUR PRINCE HAS ARRIVED!**

The St. George Fellowship group extends our love and very best wishes to Father Neofitos and Presvytera Catherine on the birth of their son, GEORGE NEKTARIOS SARIGIANNIS, on August 14, 2020. Congratulations to the new Mama and Baba, as well as the extended family. We all look forward to meeting little George (socially distant, of course!) when Presvytera brings him to church for his 40 day blessing on Sunday, September 20th following Divine Liturgy. Να σας ζήσει!

Although we missed Father and Presvytera tremendously while they were in the hospital for George's birth, we were blessed to have our beloved Father Dennis Nagi here with us officiating in the altar, both on Saturday, August 15th for the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, and on Sunday August 16th. Thank you, Father Dennis! And taking on the role of chanters in Presvytera's absence for those two days were Gladys and Olga who shared the chanting responsibilities. Gladys chanted the Orthros while Olga chanted the Divine Liturgy. Gladys also read the Epistle, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Thank you, Gladys and Olga!

The month of September brings us a new ecclesiastical year, as well as the first two of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church. On September 8th, we celebrate the Nativity of the Theotokos and on September 14th, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Nativity of the Theotokos is seen as the beginning of our salvation, and the Holy and Life Giving Cross is seen as the culmination. May our blessed Theotokos and her beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross and thus accomplished our salvation, protect us all.

With the arrival of September, it has been six months since COVID-19 came upon us. Yet we still must protect ourselves and others by taking precautions to not spread this disease. In church, we continue to abide by CDC guidelines requiring that services take place at 33% capacity with social distancing, temperature taking and the wearing of face masks a requirement. The Fellowship group extends best wishes to all our St. George family for good health and wellness during this pandemic. Our members continue to remain steadfast in our determination to stay healthy and strong. Praise God, we are all well and pray that our blessed Panaghia intercedes on our behalf to keep us safe. As we look back on our shared experiences, we remember with fondness our pre COVID gatherings, some of which are pictured here:





# WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

## Stewardship

Welcome to the Ecclesiastical New Year. In this period of renewal, we thank God for his blessings which strengthen our souls and deepens our faith. We look forward to overcoming the challenges we have been facing due to the Corona Virus. You will soon be receiving information from the Parish Council regarding ways to raise money to meet the financial needs of our Church due to the cancellation of our Festival.

It is important to remember that fulfilling your Stewardship obligation is necessary to remain in good standing with the Church. A list of the pledged members is included in this bulletin. If you have not had the opportunity to pledge as of yet, you can call the office for a pledge form to be mailed to you or you can ask for one the next time you attend a church service. If you are a Pledged member but your name is not on the list, please let us know and we will add it to the list.

When we think about how much to give to the Church, we need to consider the treasures that we have that are a gift from God.

As Father Neofitos referenced in a recent sermon, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."  
(Matthew 6:21)

May God bless you and your families.

The Stewardship Committee

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

**2020 Stewardship Pledges:** We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2020 stewardship pledge as of September 1, 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  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington  
Mr. John Behiri  
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Behiri  
Ms. Susan Birbilis  
Mrs. Lucy Brady & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bratsos  
Mrs. Ifigenia Brown  
Ms. Arji Cakouros  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Casey & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chamberas  
Mr. Andreas Christou &  
Ms. Sophia Shakolas  
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Ms. Ariana Christou  
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou  
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Mr. Charles Contompasis & Laurie  
Ives & Family  
Ms. Constance Contompasis  
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis &  
Family  
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Dr. Peter & Stephanie Cospito  
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Mrs. Renee Euripidou  
Mr. Arthur Georgelas  
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Mr. & Mrs. Owen Huggins  
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Mr. & Mrs. Gerasimos Sokaris &  
Family  
Mrs. Ourania Sokaris  
Mrs. Roubina Spyros-Morgan  
Mrs. Stavroula Stamoulis  
Mr. & Mrs. Van Stathis  
Mr. James Stevens  
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Mr. & Mrs. Adam Svokos



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 Ms. Olga Delorey  
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 Mrs. Katina Dikas & Family  
 Mrs. J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis  
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**St. George Greek Orthodox Church**  
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**PLEDGE FORM 20\_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

<b>MY PLEDGE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1500.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$750.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2000.00
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- Weekly (\_\_\_\_ due each week)  
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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized

Children (age) (baptized) \_\_\_\_\_

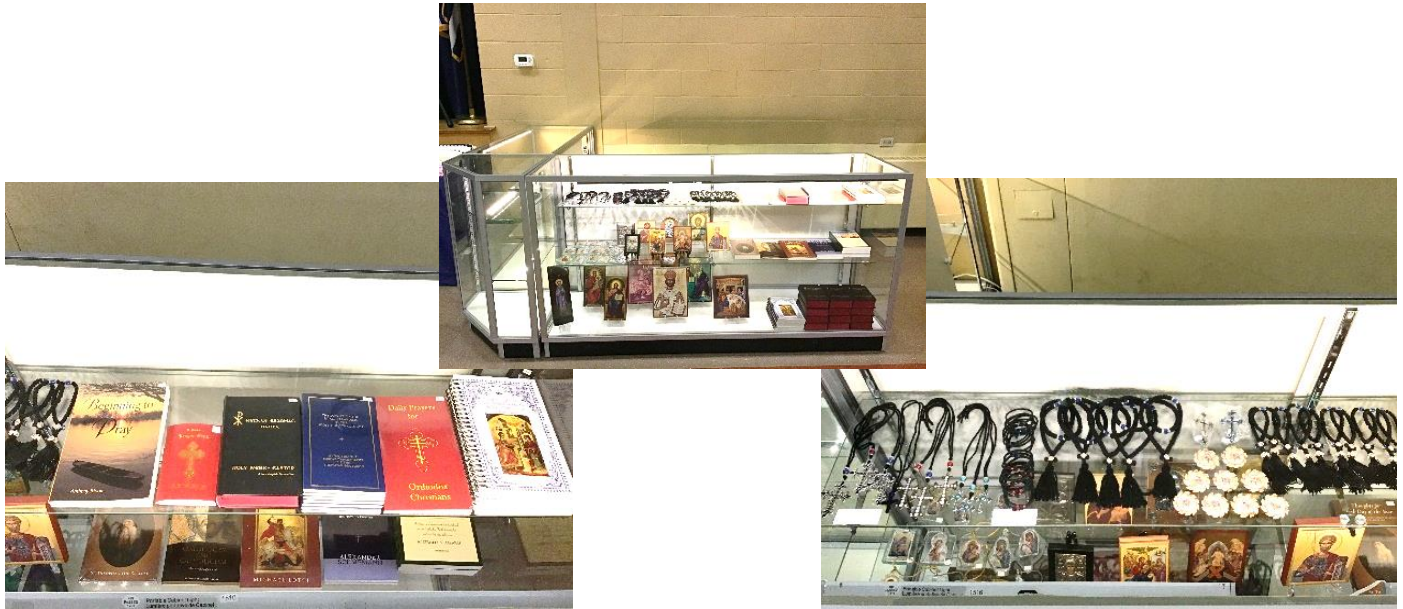
**Some of the many ministries we invite you to participate in**

- 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



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**St. George Bookstore - Our new bookstore is now open.**  
**"Come and See..."**



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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:



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**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**STARTING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**  
**LEVEL 1: 5:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**LEVEL 2: 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

- Classes will be offered fully online via in person Google Meet 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

Click to Register

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For Questions or more information, email Presvytera Catherine: [csarigiannis22@gmail.com](mailto:csarigiannis22@gmail.com)



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Offering

- Basic Conversational Skills (Reading, Writing and Speaking Modern Greek)
- Basic Liturgical Greek (to better understand the Greek language used during the church services)

Click to Register

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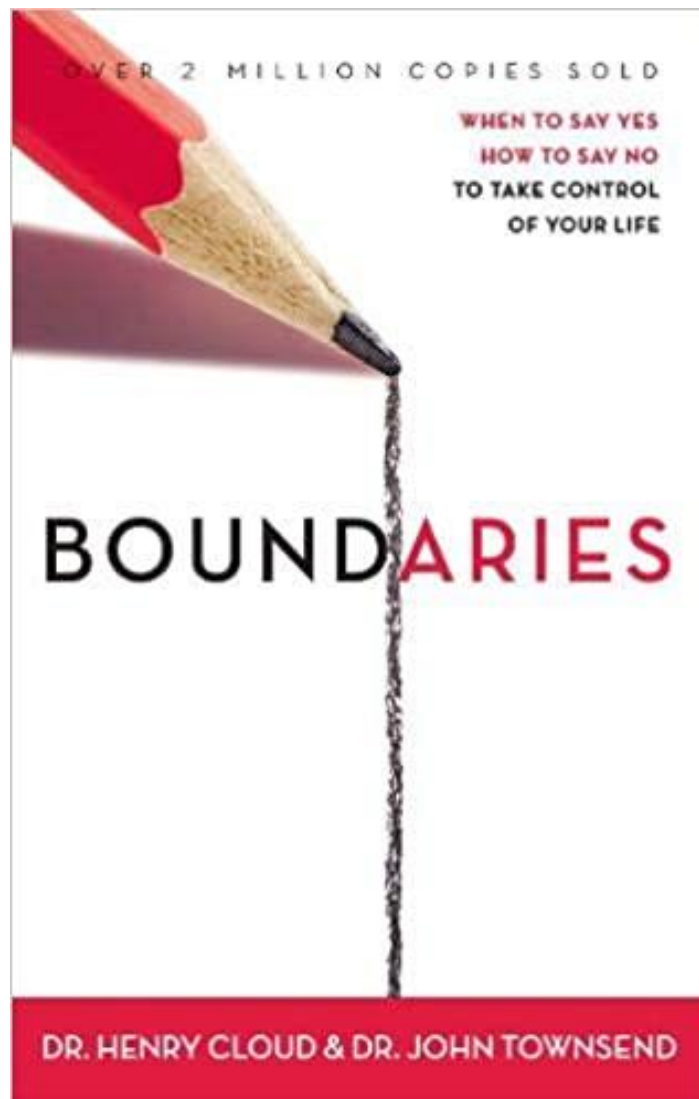
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## St. George Book Club/ Bible Study 2020

Join us on Mondays starting this Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:30pm in our church. We will be introducing our new book, Boundaries. We will still be discussing Gospel and Epistle readings, icons, the Saints, Hymns of the church, and many beautiful parts of our rich faith.



Book 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@saintgeorgeoc.com](mailto:frneofitos@saintgeorgeoc.com)

# St. George Youth Corner

St. George's Youth Corner is Back!

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 Tuesdays for a short spiritual lesson. Ages 4-12 meet Tuesdays from 4:30pm and Ages 13 to 18+ meet at 7:15pm. 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](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.

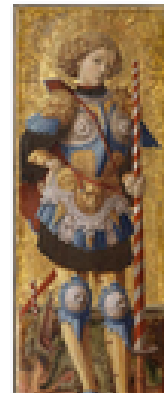
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- Fill out a Prayer Request and Fr. Neofitos will pray for the names of the individuals and families submitted.
- Make a One-Time Donations
- Make Other Offerings like- Altar Vigil Lamp Candle – Communion Wine – Prosforo – Koliva
- Light Candles if you are away from St. George

## **Donations**

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

- **[Stewardship contributions](#)** – Can be mailed into our office or made through **[PayPal](#)**
- **[One-Time Donations](#)** – Can be made through our **[new square site](#)**

Please email or call the office if you have any questions 518-393-0742.