



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

February 16, 2020



Service Schedule:

Sunday Services

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am

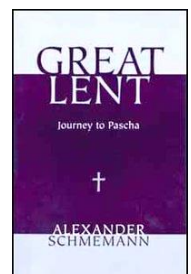
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy -

Saturday of Souls and Memorial Service

We celebrate Pamphilus the Martyr & his Companions Flavianos, Patriarch of Constantinople, Romanos the Younger

Our next Book Club/ Bible Study is on Monday, 2/24/2020 at 6:30pm.





Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Mode 2

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of St. George

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

Kontakion

Τῆς πατρῴας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὄν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσον με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Eighth 2

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Apolytikion of St. George

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

Kontakion

I revolted senselessly * out of Your fatherly glory; * I have squandered sinfully * all of the riches You gave me.* Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out,* I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father.* O receive me in repentance, * I pray, and treat me * as one of Your hired hands.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπὸ τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλίας καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ Κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἠγειρε καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; Ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Ἡ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῇ πόρνῃ ἐν σώμα ἐστίν; Ἔσονται γάρ, φησίν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν· ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύμα ἐστίν. φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἀμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος ἐστίν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἀμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν Ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐστίν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ Θεοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἐαυτῶν; ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστι τοῦ Θεοῦ.



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Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

The Gospel According to Luke 15:11-32

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"



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Today in Church

Usher Duty: Team D - Steve Giakoumis, Paula Kingra, Gladys Paravalos

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

WE CONGRATULATE Tiara and Paul Antonovich parents of Adaline Ann Antonovich and welcome Adaline into God's family through the celebration of her baptism on Saturday, February 15, 2020.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 15, 2020	11:00 AM Adaline Ann Antonovich Baptism
Sunday, February 16, 2020	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30 PM Philoptochos Meeting
Saturday, February 22, 2020	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Souls and Memorial Service 12:00 PM Adeline Grace Holdsworth Baptism 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Movie Night – “The Fourth Wise Man” – Sponsored by St. George Youth
Sunday, February 23, 2020	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Judgment Sunday (Meatfare) Memorial for Athanasio Stamoulis
Monday, February 24, 2020	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Bible Study/Book Club
Tuesday, February 25, 2020	10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Prep 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve – sponsored by Eliana Georgelos in memory of Gregory Georgelos and Loula (Argyro) D’Jimas
Wednesday, February 26, 2020	6:30 PM Festival Planning Meeting
Saturday, February 29, 2020	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Orthros and Divine Liturgy – Saturday of Souls 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Philoptochos Workshop
Sunday, March 1, 2020	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Forgiveness Sunday 5:00 PM Vespers 6:30 PM Lenten Meal



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Book Club/ Bible Study



We are grateful for all who attended and contributed to our first study group meeting last Monday on 2/10/2020.

Our next Book Club/ Bible Study is on Monday, 2/24/2020 at 6:30pm.

**Book Club/ Bible Study Schedule from now until Easter.
Every Monday at 6:30pm. Only 2/17 President's Day, there will be no class.**

2/10/2020

2/17/2020 No class (President's Day)

2/24/2020

3/2/2020

3/9/2020

3/16/2020

3/23/2020

3/30/2020

4/6/2020

I have a few copies of our book so get yours here for \$12 while you can.



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OUR Faith

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine

Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast.

Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man.

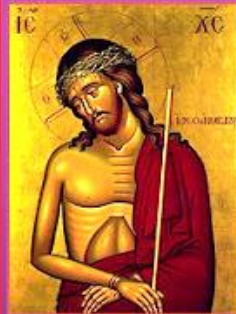
Kontakion of Sun. of Prodigal Son

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Fasting - This week is a regular fasting week.

Fasting is appropriate for Wednesday and Friday.

Meatfare Sunday is the last day of meat eating for those fasting strictly. Next week Dairy, fish, and oil/ wine are allowed until Cheesefare Sunday. Clean Monday, Great Lent Begins.



Behold, the Bridegroom cometh at midnight, and blessed is the servant whom He shall find awake....

Behold, therefore, my soul, beware, lest thou fallest into deep slumber....

But be thou wakeful, crying, Holy, Holy, Holy, art Thou, O God.

-Holy Week

Journey through Lent





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Great Lent Schedule

February

Saturday, February 22 - Saturday of the souls

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

Sunday, February 23 - Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 29 – Saturday of the souls

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

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 Schmemann

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 in Watervliet

Monday, March 9

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

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 Schmemann

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 Schmemann

Wednesday, March 25 - Annunciation of the Theotokos (Ευαγγελισμός της 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 Schmemann



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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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For updates for the Bulletin, please call or email the office by Wednesdays at 2pm. Our Monthly bulletin deadline will be the last Friday of the month. February 28, 2020.