



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
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Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Council

May 31, 2020





Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church



St. George is Waiting for You.... Be Patient

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Council, Hermias the Martyr at Comana , Eusebius and Haralambos the Monk-martyrs. Eustathios, Patriarch of Constantinople

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Archiepiscopal Visit

St. George, Schenectady

Saturday, June 6, 2020

**6:30 PM Great Vespers for
Holy Pentecost**

**St. George welcomes
His Eminence Archbishop
Elpidophoros**



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Upcoming Service Schedule 2020 Streaming Services

1. [To watch our services online click here.](#) The faithful are asked to worship from home.
2. [To follow along with the service texts at Ages DCS click here.](#)
3. **Our Book Club Will Continue via Conference Call on Mondays at 6:30pm.**
Dial-in number: (605) 313-5963 Access code: 572515
Sundays Services: Orthros: 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM

May

Sunday, May 31 – Sunday Fathers of the 1st Council
*9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy

June

Monday, June 1
*6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club Conference Call (Dial-in number above)

Wednesday, June 3
*5:30 pm Youth Meeting
*6:00 pm Youth Meeting
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Saturday, June 6 – The Saturday of Souls
* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy & Memorial service
*6:30pm Great Vespers- His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Presiding

Sunday, June 7 – Holy Pentecost
* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Vespers

Monday, June 8
*6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club Conference Call (Dial-in number above)

Wednesday, June 10
*5:30 pm Youth Meeting
*6:00 pm Youth Meeting

Thursday, June 11
*5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
*6:30 pm Confession with Fr. Manny

Sunday, June 14 – Sunday of All Saints
* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 15
*6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club Conference Call (Dial-in number above)

Tuesday, June 16
*6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 17
*5:30 pm Youth Meeting
*6:00 pm Youth Meeting

Thursday, June 18
*5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**To schedule a confession appointment for June 11, please call the office or email Fr. Neofitos at frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com.*



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Parish Update on Reopening

Dear Members of Saint George,

It is with profound thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that St. George Greek Orthodox Church is beginning the process of reopening her doors to the faithful to receive Holy Communion and for personal prayer.

It is a first step, as directed by our Archdiocese and in deep sensitivity to the importance of the faithful to receive the life-giving sacrament of Holy Communion. This first step not only recognizes the tremendous challenges our current circumstances present but also requires us to be absolutely vigilant in carefully following the directives of our State and Archdiocese.

Starting this Sunday, May 31, Holy Communion will be offered only during the time slots indicated below **AFTER** the Divine Liturgy is completed. No faithful at this time are permitted inside the Church during services until further notice.

Holy Communion will be ministered from 11 am- 1 pm by signing up for a time slot. [Click HERE to sign up.](#) Please be punctual and arrive on time and not too early. Entering and exiting our church will be very controlled by the usher team.

During sign up, please indicate if you and your family/ household are using one slot. By signing up, you expressly affirm that you and those people from your household do not have or have any symptoms of Covid-19 or other acute illness, and that you have not tested positive for Covid-19 or any other illness within the last 14 days.

By signing up, you expressly acknowledge that:

There is risk in entering a public space despite precautions being taken, and expressly assume any risk arising from any action you or they may take, for yourself and all those attending with you according to your sign up. You further acknowledge that you have the authority to assume such risk on behalf of others in your household. You agree that all members of your family/group attending 5 years old and older will wear a protective mask. If anyone in your family/group attending has any signs or symptoms of any acute illness (covid or not), they will not enter. Anyone in your family/group attending having contact with covid-positive persons agrees to stay home. All members of your family/group attending will observe appropriate social distancing.

Praying that our Lord grant us all His full grace and blessings during this Great Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost. Feel free to contact myself or our Parish council president Brian for any questions.

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr. Neofitos

Holy Communion Sign-up link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/HolyCommunion5-31-2020>



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Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτικίον τῆς Ἑορτῆς

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

Τῶν Πατέρων

Ἵπερδοξασμένους εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστήρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεὐσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of St. George

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

Κοντάκιον

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανόις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Feast

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

For the Fathers

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be 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

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, * and united things on earth with the things in heaven, * You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, * going not away from any place, * but continuing inseparable, * and to them that love You crying out: * "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."



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Epistle and Gospel Readings

The Epistle According to Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἔφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδε γάρ, εἰ δυνατόν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ, ἣν περιεποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἀφίξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νοουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ Θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα· αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεῖαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὔσι μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπηρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταὶ πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὕτω κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε· μακάριόν ἐστι μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θείς τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσήξατο.

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.



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The Gospel According to Jn. 17:1-13

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἐπάρας ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν, εἶπε· Πάτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς σου δοξάσῃ σέ, καθὼς ἔδωκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὕτη δὲ ἐστὶν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωὴ, ἵνα γινώσκωσιν σέ τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελείωσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῇ δόξῃ ἣ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφανερώσα σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ εἰσιν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ ἔδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξῆλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἔρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἔρωτῶ ἀλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἰσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμά πάντα σὰ ἐστὶν καὶ τὰ σὰ ἐμά, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἰσὶ, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σέ ἔρχομαι. Πάτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ὧσιν ἐν καθὼς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐπήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπώλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφή πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σέ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσιν τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς.

At that time, Jesus lifted up since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves." p his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,



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The Saturday of Souls

Saturday, June 6 – * 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy & Memorial service.
Please contact us if you wish to contribute to the Parish Koliva Plate for \$10.



Honoring our Graduates – June 14

Dear Graduates and Parents of Graduates,

On June 14, 2020, we will proudly honor our Graduates. These individuals deserve our love and support, ESPECIALLY this difficult year. Let us show our Christlike love and “embrace” them as a community.

We need your help:

1. Please send us a short bio (no more than 50 words) of the senior graduate. Include their name, where they are graduating from, and where they will be attending next year. Also, if there are any other special accolades to be highlighted. Below is an example.
2. Please send us a photo (a professional digital photo would be preferable).

Bio example:

Theodore "Teddy" Angelo Capsis is graduating from Chaminade High school. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has played Orchestra String Bass for four years. Teddy played Varsity Football and Baseball. He will be attending Holy Cross on a full athletic scholarship in football.

Please email all items to Fr. Neofitos at frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com no later than Monday, June 8. *Any information received after the June 8 might not be included in our bulletin.*

We wish them well in life and pray for Christ to guide their path.

Respectfully,

Fr. Neofitos and the St. George parish council





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Liturgical Offerings: Koliva, Artoklasia, and other offerings

Dear Friends,

The Church of Saint George has several ecclesiastical needs for the upkeep of the liturgical practices of the year. You may make and bring these offerings on your own or order them through our office. Please contact our office if you wish to donate towards any of these items for the week or if you have any questions. All proceeds for offerings go to the church. A corresponding write up will be offered in the bulletin if the donor wishes.

Divine Liturgy - for the Health of the Living and the Repose of the Departed

During the Divine Liturgy the names of our loved ones are commemorated for their health and salvation and for the repose of the departed. Names for the living and the departed can be submitted to be commemorated during the Proskomidi at any time. In addition to names, you may also offer the Prosforo, Communion Wine and Altar Candles as a prayer for your loved ones. These are vital ingredients for every service during the liturgical year. You can bring these items yourself or we can provide them for you.

- **Communion Wine** - \$20 Donation
- **Altar Candles** for a week (ακοίμητων) - \$20 Donation
- **Prosforo** - \$20 Donation

Koliva - Memorial for the Departed

Koliva is offered in memory of our loved ones as a prayer for the repose and salvation of their souls on the following days:

- 40 Day Memorial
- 1 Year Memorial
- Annual Memorial
- Soul Saturday's - for all our family members and friends who have departed.

The Church has established 3 Soul Saturdays at the beginning of the Triodion and 1 on the Saturday before Pentecost

We can make Koliva for you if you place an order with the office. **A large tray is \$100.**

Artoklasia - Prayers for the Health of the Living

Artoklasia (the breaking of the five loaves) is a festive celebration of a Saint's Feast Day and is offered for the health and salvation of the living on the following days:

- On the name day of an individual
- In honor of a saint that we especially revere
- On the feast day of our church

We can make Artoklasia for you if you place an order with the office. **The cost will be \$50.**



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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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Bible Study/Book Club News

Please Join us on Monday nights at 6:30pm

Our Book Club Will Continue via Conference Call. Our next conference call will be on 6/1/2020 at 6:30pm.

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

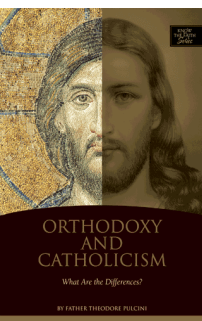
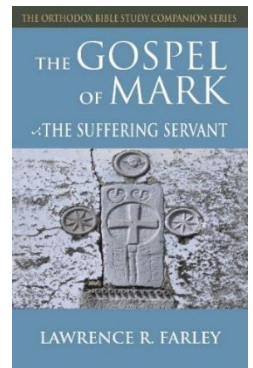
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Bookstore News

Visit our NEW site and get your Gospel of Mark and Orthodox Study Bible for our next Class.

All featured books may be paid for through our Square site, they can be picked up at the church:

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



1) The Orthodoxy and Catholicism books are here! Great reference! Get yours.

Price: \$6

2) Orthodox Study Bibles are for sale!!!

- With the permission of Stephanie Cospito and her family, we will make available some of the barely used, like new bibles that were donated a few years ago for Stephen and Mary Markopoulos. Stephen and Mary have passed on since, but we continue to honor their memory through this donation and through our continued prayers and love

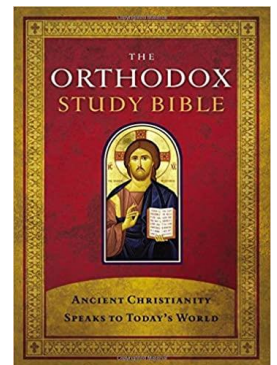
for them. Price: \$25 – The Bible will come with one Red Votive Candle to be lit in Memory of Stephen and Mary by the purchaser.

3) Reading the Gospel of Mark our Bible Study/ Bookclub NOW!

Price: \$20 This is the next book we will be reading in our book club/ Bible Study.

Please arrange to pick up any of these books from our bookstore.

(9am-2pm Monday through Thursday you may call the office to arrange pickup)





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Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Council

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar. Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus, they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful. Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

Prayer for Protection against a Pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ our God, You Who created human beings with utter goodness, the healer of our souls and bodies, heed now the supplication of Your children, and save us from the impending threat against the world. For this affliction has spread ferociously and the fear of death has surrounded us. Many have suffered and many have passed on to repose, and there is none to save us, except You, O Lord. We know, Merciful Lord, that all this will cultivate our faith, as we implore you, crying out in utter repentance. Undo, O Lord, the dangerous effects of the virus and heal all people, as a most Gracious Lord. For those, who repose in peace, give rest in Your heavenly abode. Grant peace to the world, so that all people know that You are the Only God, and your faithful are not bound by death, but live forever. For You are our hope and our whole life is in Your benevolent hands, and to You we give glory, as well as to the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

St. George Youth Corner

Welcome to St. George's Youth corner!

From your youth Advisers – Lucy Goodale and Anna Morlock

We miss seeing everyone and look forward to the time we can have events in person again. In order to stay connected please join our weekly zoom meetings with Fr. Neofitos on Wednesdays for a short spiritual lesson. Ages 4-12 meet Wednesday's from 5:30pm-6pm and Ages 13 and 18+ meet at 6pm. We send reminders through email and the remind app. To join the email Youth list please email Lucy Goodale at lgoodale7@gmail.com. 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

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

Remember to Pray: Jesus Watches Over all of His Sheep!

Do you pray to God sometimes, all by yourself? Before Christ was arrested and sent to the Cross, He prayed by Himself too. In today's Gospel reading, we hear how He prayed to His Father for His disciples. Remember, the disciples were Jesus's great helpers. Now that Jesus was going to leave, He needed His disciples to keep working.

These disciples were going to tell people all about God. They would tell all about what they had learned from Jesus when He was still with them. But that was a hard thing! They could get bored. They could get lazy. They could get tired. They could get scared. But Christ prayed for them. "Holy Father, keep them in Your name." Keep them strong in the faith, Christ meant. Keep them focused on God.



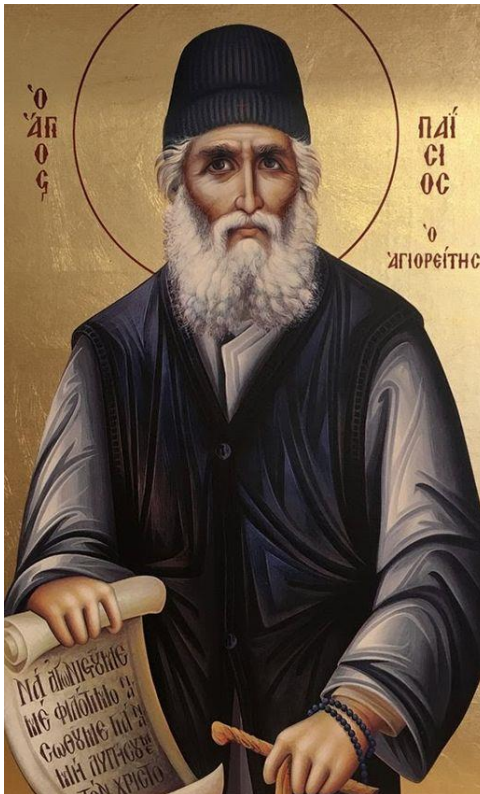
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God has a way of providing. He sees our needs, our desires, and when something is for our good He gives it to us. When someone needs help in something, Christ and Panaghia help.

Saint Paisios of Mount Athos
Spiritual Counsels Vol. II Spiritual Awakening p.282

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