



SUNDAY

BULLETIN

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
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Sunday of the Holy Cross

April 4, 2021



Today we commemorate Sunday of the Holy Cross, George the Righteous of Maleon
Righteous Plato the Studite, Nicetas the Hieromartyr, Struggler of Serrai (1808)



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Hymns of the Day

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

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

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον of St. George

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

Κοντάκιον

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion

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.

For the Feast

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον 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

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



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Epistle Readings Hebrews 4:14-16. 5:1-6

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Readings Mark 8:34-38: 9:1

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅστις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἀκολουθεῖν, 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 ἐπαισχυθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἀμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· Ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες ὧδε τῶν ἑστηκότων, 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."

St. George Book Club/ Bible Study 2020

Join us on Monday April 5, 2021 at 6:30pm in our church. Please email Father Neofitos to join our Book Club. frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com

One Year Memorial next Sunday April 11

Next Sunday, we will commemorate the one year memorial for Spiro Mikropoulos.



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Today in Church

Church Usher Assignment

Sunday, April 4 Elaine Euripidou, Scott Morlock, Gladys Paravalos

Sunday April 11 Arji Cakouros, Toni Kananis

2021 PARISH COUNCIL: Brian Goodale, President; Maria Dostis, Vice President; Alexandra Casey, Treasurer; Scott Morlock, Secretary; Roubina Morgan, Lucy Brady, Arji Cakouros, Balwant Kingra

Upcoming Calendar

Monday, April 5	5:00 pm Teen/Adult Greek Language 5:30 pm Great Compline Service 6:30 pm Book Club/Bible Study
Tuesday, April 6	5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, April 7	8:00 pm Zoom Lenten Lecture – Fr. Neofitos – The Holy Cross of Christ
Thursday, April 8	4:30 pm Greek School Level 1 Zoom 5:30 pm Greek School Level 2 Zoom
Friday, April 9	6:30 pm Salutations to the Virgin Mary
Saturday, April 3	8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

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

Reading

With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent. Therefore, our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.

Apolytikion of Sun. of the Holy Cross

Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.



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Great Lent Schedule

Sunday, April 4 - Sunday of the Holy Cross

***8:30 am Orthros & 9:30am Divine Liturgy**

Monday, April 5

***5:30 pm Great Compline**

***6:30 pm Bible Study/Book Club**

Wednesday, April 7

***8:00 pm Zoom Lenten Lecture – Fr. Neofitos – The Holy Cross of Christ**

Friday, April 9

***6:30 pm Salutations to the Virgin Mary**

(Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)

Sunday, April 11 - Sunday of St. John Climacus

***8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy**

Monday, April 12

***5:30 pm Great Compline**

***6:30 pm Bible Study/Book Club**

Friday, April 16 *6:30 pm Akathyst Hymn

Sunday, April 18 - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

***8:30 am Orthros & 9:30am Divine Liturgy**

Monday, April 19

***5:30 pm Great Compline**

***6:30 pm Bible Study/Book Club**

***The Sacrament of Holy Confession maybe requested and ministered after any service.**

Contact Fr. Neofitos at 347-256-6723 or the church office at 518-393-0742.



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Orthodox Christian Commemoration of the Sunday of the Holy Cross



The Sunday of the Holy Cross is commemorated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, which is preceded by the Matins service. A Great Vespers is conducted on Saturday evening. The hymns of the Triodion for this day are added to the usual prayers and hymns of the weekly commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ.

Scripture readings for the Sunday of Orthodoxy are: At the Orthros (Matins): The prescribed weekly Gospel reading. At the Divine Liturgy: [Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6](#); [Mark 8:34-38; 9:1](#).

At the conclusion of the Matins (the traditional practice in association with a vigil) or of the Divine Liturgy, a special service is held. The Cross is placed on a tray surrounded by basil or daffodils and is taken in solemn procession through the church to the chanting of the Thrice Holy Hymn. The tray is placed on a table before the people, and the hymn of the Feast of the Cross is chanted. As the priest venerates the Cross, the priest then the people chant, "We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and Your holy Resurrection we glorify." At the conclusion of the service, the people come and venerate the cross and receive the flowers or basil from the priest.

ZOOM LENTEN LECTURES

Wednesday, April 7th at 8:00 pm
(After Presanctified Liturgy 6-8pm)

Location: Holy Resurrection – Brookville, NY

Presenter: Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis

April 7th



Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis

The Tree of Life

***The Cross of Christ at
the Center of our Lives***

Click below to join on Zoom

<https://goarch.zoom.us/j/95479249826?pwd=VzNtYWWE1Z01Ib1Y1MzI0N2NMSDVEdz09>

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Sunday, May 23
11 am - 2 pm
\$15/dinner

Full Half Chicken - BBQ or Greek Style!
Fresh chopped coleslaw
Baked potato, roll, butter & cookie

* Fork, knife, napkin, salt & pepper included

Extra Greek Dessert!

Baklava: \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00



Swing through and pick up a chicken and some dessert for lunch!
Cooked on site - over charcoal the "old fashioned way" - you can
either choose traditional "BBQ" chicken or Greek chicken!

Plus...don't leave without picking up some fresh Baklava for dessert!

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