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Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
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May/ June 2025



Greek Independence Day Parade 2025

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!
CHRIST IS RISEN!



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 4:45pm In Person Greek School	2 4:00pm Youth Online via Zoom	3
4 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 12:00pm General Assembly Meeting	5	6 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Dinner & Q & A with Father	7 4:00pm Youth Online Greek School via Zoom	8 12:00pm Senior Fellowship 4:45pm In Person Greek School	9 4:00pm Youth Online via Zoom	10
11 Sunday of the Paralytic 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	12	13 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	14 4:00pm Youth Online Greek School via Zoom	15 4:45pm In Person Greek School	16 8:00am Spanakopita Prep 4:00pm Youth Online via Zoom	17 8:00am Spanakopita Prep 6:30pm Vespers
18 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5-year memorial for Christos Dafniotis Trisagion Service for Ed (Pavlo) & Angeliki Jones Last day of Sunday School	19	20 7:00am Soup Kitchen 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Bible Study	21 St. Constantine & Helen 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Youth Online Greek School via Zoom	22 4:45pm In Person Greek School	23 4:00pm Youth Online via Zoom	24
25 Sunday of the Blind Man 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Trisagion Service for Greg Georgelos & Loula (Argyro) D'Jimas	26 Blessings at the cemetery 9:00am – 11:00am	27 6:00pm Leavetaking of Pascha St. Sophia, Albany	28 Leavetaking of Pascha 4:00pm Youth Online Greek School via Zoom	29 4:45pm In Person Greek School	30 4:00pm Youth Online via Zoom	31



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June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Father of the 1 st Council 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Philoptochos Meeting & Chapter Elections	2	3 6:00pm Servant Leadership Awards – Terrace on the Park	4	5 5:30pm Sunday School & Greek School End of the year BBQ	6	7 Baking Hellenic center in use
8 Holy Pentecost 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Vito Pagnotti Memorial	9	10 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	11	12 12:00pm Senior Fellowship	13	14 10:00am CPR AED Training
15 The Sunday of All Saints 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	16	17 7:00am Soup Kitchen Prep	18	19	20	21
22 2 nd Sunday of Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Peter & Paul the Holy Apostles 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Trisagion Service for Family of Gladys & Nick Paravalos	30 Synaxis of the 12 Apostles 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy					



Summer Service Schedule 2025

Sunday Services:
Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

June

Sunday, June 29 - Sts. Paul and Peter
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 30 - Synaxis of the 12 Apostles
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

July

Tuesday, July 1 - Cosmas & Damian the Holy
Unmercenaries *8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 11 - St. Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Princess
of Kiev and Euphemia the Great Martyr
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Thursday, July 17 - St. Marina the Great Martyr
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 25 - Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the
Theotokos *8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 26 - St. Paraskeve the Righteous Martyr of
Rome *8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Monday, July 28 - St. Irene Chrysovalantou
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

August - Dekapentavgousto

Friday, August 1
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 3
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Monday, August 4
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 5
*6:30 pm Great Vespers for Transfiguration of Christ

Wednesday, August 6 - Transfiguration of Christ
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and blessing of
the grapes
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 7
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Friday, August 8
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 10
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Monday, August 11
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 12
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 13
*6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 14
*7:00 pm Great Vespers Windham or Poughkeepsie
Assumption/ Dormition of the Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15 - The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady
the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 16 - Location: Christ the Savior in
Ballston Lake
The Image of Christ Made-Without-Hands
* 9:10 am Hours and Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 27 - St. Phanourios
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and
Phanouropita Blessing

Friday, August 29 - Beheading of the Holy and Glorious
Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John
*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy



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From the desk of Fr. Neofitos



"Lord, Remember me when You come into Your Kingdom"

These were the words uttered by the penitent thief on Jesus' right side. We too pray the same words daily. Are our words just words, or are they more? When the thief said these blessed words, he gave himself to the Lord fully. This was a transformation. A true confession. A fervent plea for mercy and forgiveness.

This is not how this man's journey began. In the gospel of Matthew it says: Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him. These two men were pillagers of homes and men and women. They robbed, killed, raped, etc. They deserved the sentence which they were serving. Even on the Cross, they continued their evil ways by taunting Jesus along with the crowd saying "if you are the son of God, save yourself and us". But by the sixth hour, things were not the same with the one thief. In the gospel of Luke it says: But the other answering (the other thief) rebuked him, saying, do you not fear God, seeing that you are in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man has done nothing wrong. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say to you, Today you will be with me in paradise.

We too have many opportunities to make the same confession.

First, we have our existence. Our first gift from God. Our existence and creation. He loved us into existence without us deserving it or having a hand in it. As long as we breathe air, we have an opportunity to call out to God.

Second, every moment we have to schedule Confession with the priest. We can and should do this all year round, several times a year. At least before the major holidays like Easter, Christmas, and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, or when we have major need.

Third, Holy Week. During Holy Week, we have an opportunity to confess the Lord not only with our words but with our attentiveness. Some of us might believe if we lived during that time, surely we would have been by His side. Surely we would not scatter with the disciples. Surely we would not eat the fruit the serpent offered us.

Holy week is a mini model of our lives. If we do not stand with Him during these services, then how can we say we "would" stand with Him in the garden or at Golgotha?

It is the same every year. The multitudes were at Jerusalem after the raising of Lazarus proclaiming Jesus the King of Israel and singing Hosana just like hundreds and thousands attend on Palm Sunday. Many come for Holy Unction on Holy Wednesday and for the Epitaphio and Lamentations and Midnight on Holy Saturday to receive the Holy Light and sing Christ is Risen! Xristos Anesti! But very few stay with Him after Xristos Anesti. Very few are with Him as he is beaten and displayed as our Bridegroom on Holy Monday and Tuesday. This year there were 10 people in church on Holy Thursday at the 12 gospels when Jesus was hung on the Cross. Not one man was present to help and not one altar boy to hold a candle or help with Jesus.

But my brothers and sisters, do not be sorrowful for Jesus. It was He who prophesied to His disciples: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' He said this when warning them that they would abandon Him. And another warning. He told those lamenting Him while carrying His Cross: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!'

Would we stand with Him? It is up to us to prove it.

Judas received His Body and Blood at the supper but did not experience the Resurrection.

Do we receive His Body and Blood? Have we stood with Him this Holy Week or any? Will we?

These are our opportunities to be transformed by Him. And He is never angry with us. He weeps and waits for us like He said on the Cross: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

It is our turn to live a life of repentance. How much do we love Him? What will we do now in our life? We have at least 52 Sundays in the year to prove it.

Will we confess "Lord, Remember me when You come into Your Kingdom"?

Will we Scatter when the shepard is stricken?

Will we shout Crucify Him with our apathy and lukewarmness? Or, will we join the few who stayed by His side? Peter who wept bitterly in repentance of his denial? Will we remain blind like the blind man? Will we remain paralyzed like the paralytic?

I pray we embrace Him. Let us practice as the hymn says: let us say even to those who hate us, "Let us forgive everything for the Resurrection." And thus let us cry aloud, **"Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life."**

Εἰπωμεν ἀδελφοί, καὶ τοῖς μισοῦσιν ἡμᾶς· Συγχωρήσωμεν πάντα τῇ Ἀναστάσει, καὶ οὕτω βοήσωμεν·

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν ἡμιδωτός.



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2025 Stewardship Pledges

We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2025 stewardship pledge as of May 6, 2025. Your continued and consistent support will help our church continue to grow and prosper. To become a full member of our church, please fill out the Pledge form on the previous page and return it to the office.

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		Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas

Pascha of delight! Pascha, the Lord's Pascha!
A Pascha all venerable has risen for us.
Pascha! With joy let us embrace one another.

St. George Theotokos Summer Camp

510 Liberty Street Schenectady, NY 12305



Monday, August 11 to Friday, August 15, 2025
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Registration Fee: *\$60 for one child (5-12y)

*\$100 for two children and a third/fourth child is free.

*\$30 for Counselors in Training (teens ages 13-18y)

We are planning on having several field trips during the week including a trip to Via Aquarium, a trip the Museum of Science and Industry, and a day at Collins Park!

Summer Charity Collection

Register now on our website!

<http://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/>



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CHURCH SUMMER COLLECTION

A special bin will be in the Hellenic Center for Things of my Very Own



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Personal Hygiene Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby and Kids Body Wash• Infant toothpaste• Toilet Paper	Household Cleaning Products <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laundry Soap• Toilet Bowl Cleaner• Paper Towels

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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By Athena Pagnotti

Christos Anesti!

It's good to be back in the Parish after my brief (3 month) absence. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support, and for stepping up to fill the gaps for our Philoptochos chapter during my absence.

The final business meeting of the year, slated for May 18th, has been RESCHEDULED for Sunday, June 1st. We will elect board of directors for the next two-year term, and set the date for the Summer Board of Director's planning meeting. If you are reading this bulletin and have not joined our Parish's Philoptochos Chapter, please consider joining today. We provide a vital service to our community, locally and at large; moreover, we joyfully work to fulfill the mission of the Church. All are welcome to be members of Philoptochos!

Last November, we published a list of charities that we supported since our September 2024-25 business year began. Below are the charities we have made donations to so far this year (since January 2025):

Philoptochos Donations January – April 2025

National Philoptochos Commitments

Saint Basil Academy & Youth/Young Adult Programs Fund

Social Services Fund

Cancer and Other Major Illnesses Fund

Saint Photios Shrine Fund

Orthodox Christian Mission Fund

Support A Mission Priest Fund

Hellenic College Holy Cross Lenten Fund

Sisterhood of Saint Basil Academy

International Orthodox Christian Charities Fund

Per Capita Membership Dues

Direct Archdiocesan District Commitments

DAD Social Services Fund

Hellenic Cultural Center

Per Capita Membership Dues

Local Charities

Jack's Place

Center for Disability Services

Reading Is Fun – Schenectady School District

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Bag Lunches – Monthly

City Mission of Schenectady – Student Toiletry Kits – Monthly

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Bi-Annual Donation (for Pascha)

Icon Flowers for Akathist Hymn



Sunday of the Holy Cross
Saturday of Lazarus
Palm Sunday





Visits of Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos and Bishop Nektarios of Diokleia



Bridegroom Service Epitaphio Procession





CAMP SAINT PAUL SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

March 1st, 2025 @12PM

Join us this summer as we celebrate
20 years of fun and faith filled
summers!

✓ Explore your faith
✓ Service Projects

✓ Cultural Activities
✓ Make friends for
life

Join Us!



More information
campsaintpaul.org



Camp Saint Paul 2025
Camp Saint Paul Summer Camp will be returning soon!
Registration Has Already Begun!
Summer Camp

S1: June 22nd - June 28th

S2: June 29th - July 05th

S3: July 06th - July 12th

S4: July 13th - July 19th

S5: July 20th - July 26th



**Holy Unction
Holy Friday
Holy Saturday**



Baptism of Sisoe, Alexis, Ronan, and Freya





**Daughters of
Penelope
Cooking
Demonstration**



Ψυχασάββατο Saturday of the Souls

Bring your own Koliva or call the office at 518-393-0742 or email office@saintgeorgegoc.com to order a plate.
\$11 donation.

Saturday, June 7
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy plus memorial



Newest Icons in our ongoing Portable Icon Project.

To find out what the needs of the church are, speak with Fr. Neofitos
“Lord, I have loved the beauty of Your house, and the place where Your glory



LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION SUNDAY COMING ON JUNE 1, 2025





SAVE THE DATES:
SEPTEMBER 5, 6, & 7
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— ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH —

GREEK FESTIVAL GRAND RAFFLE



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ONLY 700 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

**JOIN THE EXCITEMENT &
RESERVE YOUR RAFFLE!!!**



FESTIVAL HOURS

September 5th 11am-10pm
September 6th 11am-10pm
September 7th 11am-3pm

DRAWING TO BE HELD:

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 2:00pm

✂ TEAR OFF AND RETURN LOWER PORTION WITH PAYMENT

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