

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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Rev. Fr. Theodore C. Roupas, Presiding Parish Priest

Camille Kosloski, Parish Secretary

Sunday Services: Orthros: 9:00 AM; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM

~ Week Day Liturgies as announced ~

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Sacraments, Services and Home Visitations

Holy Baptism · Holy Chrismation · Holy Confession

Holy Communion · Holy Unction · Holy Marriage

Please contact Father Theodore Roupas directly at the Parish Office to schedule.



PATRIARCHAL AND SYNODICAL ENCYCLICAL
ON THE CONVOCAION OF THE HOLY AND GREAT COUNCIL
OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

† **BARTHOLOMEW**
BY THE MERCY OF GOD ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE,
NEW-ROME, AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
TO THE PLENITUDE OF THE CHURCH,
GRACE AND PEACE FROM GOD

Our holy Orthodox Church, *adorned in purple and fine linen* by the blood of her martyrs, the tears of her Saints, and the struggles and sacrifices of her confessors of faith, celebrates today her nameday. Following a century-long struggle, this day was appropriately identified as the *Sunday of Orthodoxy*, marking the day in which truth shone and triumphed over falsehood through the veneration of holy icons as the bearers of the personal presence and divine grace of the incarnate Son and Logos of God and of His saints. In this way, it was acknowledged and proclaimed for all time that *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us* (John 1:14), honoring and sanctifying material creation and our body in order to render them *partakers of the divine nature* (2 Peter, 1:4), partakers in divine grace and life.

On the way to this great and salvific truth-which was attacked by those who refused to venerate holy icons-the triumph of truth over falsehood treaded along the same path followed by the Church from the beginning of her history, namely the truth of conciliarity. The distinction between truth and falsehood-orthodoxy and heresy-is not always easily discernible. Even heretics believed, and continue to believe, that they possessed the truth; moreover, there will always be some who shall consider those who do not agree with their position as “heretics.” The Orthodox Church, in this case, recognizes only one authority: the Council of her canonical hierarchs. Beyond a conciliar decision, the distinction between orthodoxy and heresy is not possible. The Church’s dogmas and holy canons bear the seal of conciliarity. Orthodoxy is the conciliar Church.

The Orthodox Church has always emphasized this ecclesiological authority, and implements it faithfully on the local level. For centuries, this has also occurred on an ecumenical or pan-orthodox level; however, for historical circumstances, it has been interrupted for quite some time. Today, we find ourselves in a position to officially announce from our ecumenical throne that, by the grace of God, and with the consent of all the Primates of the Holy Orthodox Churches, that we will realize a decision taken more than fifty years ago and convene the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church on the island of Crete on June 18-27, 2016. The Council shall begin its work with a pan-Orthodox celebration of the Divine Liturgy in the Holy Church of Saint Menas, Heraklion Crete, on the great and auspicious Feast of Pentecost. Deliberations shall proceed at the Orthodox Academy in Kolymbari, Chania. Our Modesty shall preside over the Holy and Great Council, with the other Primates of Orthodox Churches at our side; other hierarchs shall participate as members of the Council through the official delegation of these Churches.

The foremost and most important goal of this Pan-Orthodox Council shall be to teach that the Orthodox Church is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, united in the Sacraments-especially in the Holy Eucharist, in the Orthodox faith, but also in conciliarity. To this end, ongoing planning for the Council has occurred through a series of Preparatory Committees and Pre-Conciliar Conferences, ensuring the unanimous spirit of the Council’s decisions and that her message is conveyed in *one voice and in one heart*.

The issues-already delineated on a pan-orthodox level by the time the convocation of the Council was decided-that shall be reviewed by the Holy and Great Council primarily focus on matters relating to the internal operation and life of the Orthodox Church; for the reason, they must be immediately resolved. Moreover, there are issues pertaining to the relations of Orthodoxy with the rest of the Christian world, as well as the mission of the Church in our time. We certainly recognize that the world awaits to hear the voice of the Orthodox Church on many pressing problems that humanity faces today. However, it was deemed necessary that the Orthodox Church should first settle internal matters before speaking to or addressing the world, which is still considered her obligation. The fact that Orthodoxy will express its conciliarity on a global level after the passing of so many centuries constitutes a first and most decisive step that, by the grace of God, is expected to lead to the convening of further Pan-Orthodox Councils, soon thereafter.

Beloved bretheren and children in the Lord,

Great historic events are guided by the grace of God, Who, ultimately, is the Lord of History. We might sow and labor; how-

ever, only God multiplies (1 Cor. 3:8). The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church indeed constitutes a historic event and we therefore place our hope in God for its realization. We call upon the Orthodox faithful in the world-clergy and laity-to pray to the Triune God that He may crown this event with His blessings, fortifying His Church to the glory of His name. We live in critical times and the unity of the Church must serve as the example of unity for a humanity torn apart by divisions and conflicts. The success of the Holy and Great Council concerns every member of the Church, who are invited to share their interests thereon. The texts that have been agreed upon on a pan-orthodox level and which have been submitted to the Holy and Great Council have already been made publicly available to every faithful of good will. These texts are not only intended to inform and update the faithful, but to also elicit their opinions and expectations of the Holy and Great Council.

Having announced this to the plentitude of the Orthodox Church throughout the world on this auspicious day, we pray that the lord God bestow upon His Church and all of you His abundant grace and blessing, and to the world *peace at all times in all ways* (2 Thes. 3:16).

20 March, in the year of our Lord, 2016

† Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople

Your fervent supplicant to God

† Metropolitan John of Pergamon, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Iakovos of the Prince Islands, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Joseph of Prikonisos, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Meliton of Philadelphia, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Emmanuel of France, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Maximos of Selymbria, supplicant in Christ

† Metropolitan Amphilochios of Adrianopolis, supplicant in Christ

Liturgical Calendar – St. George Greek Orthodox Ch. (Mar-May 2016)

3/13/16	(Sun.: 9:00 / 10:00 / 5:00 p.m.) Vespers – St. George/Schdy	Orth. / Liturgy / Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
3/14/16	(Mon.: 5:00 p.m.)	Great Compline Serv.
3/18/16	(Fri.: 6:00 p.m.)	1 st Salutations Serv.
3/19/16	(Sat.: 9:00 / 10:00 / 11:00 a.m.)	Orth. / Liturgy / Memorial (3 rd)
3/20/16	(Sun.: 9:00 / 10:00 a.m.)	Orth. / Liturgy
*3/20/16	(Sun.: 5 p.m.) at St. Sophia Albany	Pan-Orth. Vespers Serv.
3/21/16	(Mon.: 5:00 p.m.)	Great Compline Serv.
3/25/16	(Fri.: 9:00/10:00/ 6:00 p.m.)	Orthros/Liturgy/Vespers (Annunciation)
3/27/16	(Sun.: 9:00 / 10:00 a.m.)	Orth. / Liturgy
*3/27/16	(Sun.: 5 p.m.) at Christ/Savior Ballston Lk,	Pan-Orth. Vespers Serv.
3/28/16	(Mon.: 5:00 p.m.)	Great Compline Serv.
4/01/16	(Fri.: 6:00 p.m.)	3 rd Salutations Serv.
4/03/16	(Sun.: 9:00 / 10:00 a.m.)	Orth. / Liturgy
*4/03/16	(Sun.: 5 p.m.) St. George-So. G. Falls	Pan-Orth. Vespers Serv.
4/04/16	(Mon.: 5:00 p.m.)	Great Compline Serv.
4/08/16	(Fri.: 6:00 p.m.)	4 th Salutations Serv.
4/10/16	(Sun.: 9:00 / 10:00 a.m.)	Orth. / Liturgy
*4/10/16	(Sun.: 5 p.m.) St. George Antiochian Albany,	Pan-Orth. Vespers Serv.
4/11/16	(Mon.: 5:00 p.m.)	Great Compline Serv.
4/15/16	(Fri.: 6:00 p.m.)	Akathist Hymn Serv.
4/17/16	(Sun.: 9:00 / 10:00 a.m.)	Orth. / Liturgy
*4/17/16	(Sun.: 5 p.m.) St. Nicholas Ukranian, Troy	Pan-Orth. Vespers Serv.
4/18/16	(Mon.: 5:00 p.m.)	Great Compline Serv.
4/23/16	(Sat.: 9:00 / 10:00 a.m.)	Orth. / Liturgy ("Lazarus Sat.")
4/24/16	(Sun.: 9:00 / 10:00 / 5:00 p.m.)	Orth. / Liturgy Palm Sun /Bridegrm Serv.
4/25/16	(Holy Mon.: 6:00 p.m.)	Bridegroom Serv.
4/26/16	(Holy Tues.: 6:00 p.m.)	Bridegroom Serv.
4/27/16	(Holy Wed.: 6:00 p.m.)	Holy Unction Serv.
4/28/16	(Holy Thur.: 10:00 / 6:00 p.m.)	Vesp. Lit. / 12-Gospel Read. Serv.
4/29/16	(Holy Fri.: 10:00 / 3:00 / 6:00 p.m.)	Royal Hours / Unnailing / Epitaph.
4/30/16	(Holy Sat.: 10:00 a.m. / 11:00 p.m.)	Vesp. Lit. / Orth.
5/01/16	(Holy Easter/Pascha Sun: 12:00 a.m. / 12:00 p.m.)	Paschal Lit./Agape Vesp.
5/02/16	(Bright Monday: 9:00 / 10:00 a.m.)	Orth./ Liturgy (St. George Feast.)

*Denotes Pan-Orthodox Vespers held at specified locations.

A Program of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood of the Capital District Orthodox Christian Churches



GREAT LENT 2016

Saint Andrew's Capital District
Orthodox Clergy Association

is sponsoring its

Annual Lenten Mission Vespers

Mar. 13	Forgiveness Sunday	5 PM	St. George (Schenectady)
Mar 20	Orthodox Sunday	5 PM	St. Sophia (Albany)
Mar. 27	St. Gregory Palamas	5 PM	Christ the Savior (Ballston)
Apr. 3	Holy Cross Sunday	5 PM	St. George (So. Glens Falls)
Apr. 10	St. John Climacus	5 PM	St. George (Albany)
Apr. 17	St. Mary of Egypt	5 PM	St. Nicholas (Troy)
Apr. 24	Palm Sunday	5 PM	New Skete Monastery(Cambridge)

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS

TO FOLLOW THE SERVICES

From the Parish Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ ~

I want to begin by thanking all of you for the unity and sense of purpose, in our faith, that we have demonstrated as a community this year. The Parish Council relies on your feedback and support in directing parish ministries and business affairs. We have begun to explore opportunities that lie outside of our community for funding our Hellenic Cultural and Orthodox Educational Programs. The council has developed a committee devoted to this sole purpose. Also, the council is finalizing a Hellenic Center Rental Agreement. Please promote the rental of our Hellenic Center to your local civic groups, businesses, friends and neighbors. We will have reports on these new initiatives at the upcoming **Spring General Assembly Meeting on Sunday, May 22nd**.

Thank you to everyone who “heeded the call” to submit stewardship pledges by the start of Great and Holy Lent. As of this bulletin, we have 74 pledged stewards, and have received \$26,500. We are approaching the 4th month of the year and our pledge goal is \$75,000. It is critical that we have funds to operate until the Festival has been accomplished in September. There is still time to submit your pledge before the upcoming General Assembly meeting. St. George GOC relies on each member’s support. Please reach out to family members and Koumbaros and encourage them to submit their pledges today.

We have begun another beautiful Lenten season. A full schedule of Lenten services are contained herein. Please invite your family members and Koumbaro’s to attend services. We all have a Christian obligation to evangelize; non-orthodox relatives, friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

Thank you to all who have given donations for the Lenten ornamentation items. The list on the opposite page highlights the remaining items. Please contact Camille Kosloski in the parish office 393-0742 to reserve your Lenten item today. We will continue to pass a second tray each Sunday (until Palm Sunday) for the Epitaphios collection. Thank you to all who have made directed donations for the Epitaphios, potted Lily’s and Azaleas.

This bulletin issue is “chock-full” of spiritual and cultural activities for us to choose from. Let’s remember to be grateful for the fullness of our community offerings and pray that God will sustain us as we continue to grow.

Come and support the Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 9th. Enjoy Souvlaki and other delights curb-side with “*Flavors of Lebanon*”. We will be accepting donations of household goods and freshly laundered clothing (in good condition) through Wednesday, April 6th. Please contact Roubina Spyros-Morgan, Cathy Contompasis or Angie Menagias for more information.

The **St. George Youth Groups will host The Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon on April 24th**. All proceeds will go to benefit the St. Nicholas Shrine in NYC. We look forward to supporting our Youth as they support our Church.

We are looking forward with great joy to the celebration of our annual St. George Nameday Dinner and Dance on Saturday May 7th. The Aegean Duo will perform, and we have a lot of fun in store! Please see the flyer within.

Please see the note in this issue regarding the next Greek Festival planning meeting. Volunteer Leaders are needed in several key roles. To be a booth leader requires a significant commitment of time during the festival weekend, in addition to preliminary work leading up to the event. Rest assured however, those who elect to lead will have the full participation of the council and key volunteers to assist throughout the process. This experience can be so much more rewarding than the physical effort itself. It is an opportunity to bring us all closer together and deepen our friendships, as we minister to one another and our church. It is a worthwhile effort. Please consider taking a lead role, and contact the council today.

We invite you to remember St. George GOC by returning the enclosed Paschal offering envelope.

With Love in Christ ~

Athena Pagnotti

Kali Sarakosti



2016			
Date	Feast Day	Description	Donor
Friday, March 18th	1st Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Gladys Paravalos
Friday, March 25th	Annunciation/Evangelismou	Flower Frame for Icon	Toni Kananis
Friday, March 25th	Vespers of the leave-taking of the Annunciation	Flower Frame for Icon	\$ 75.00
Friday, March 25th	Annunciation/Evangelismou	Flower Shelf for Panagia Icon	Toly Svolos honoring Mother's Birthday
Friday, April 1st	3rd Salutation	Flower Frame for Icon	John Behiri
Sunday, April 3rd	Veneration of the Cross	Daffodil Tray	Olga Delorey
Friday, April 8th	4th Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Joanne Dafniotis
Friday, April 15th	Akathisto Hymn	Flower Frame for Icon	Philoptochos
Sunday, April 17th	St. Mary of Egypt	Flower Frame for Icon (?)	\$ 60.00
Sunday, April 24th	Palm Sunday (a.m.)	Palms	Rena Counavellis
Sunday, April 24th	Palm Sunday (p.m.) Nymphios	Flower Frame for Icon	Helen Behiri
Wednesday, April 27th	Holy Wednesday	7 Candles, Oil, Flour,	Nora Sokaris
Thursday, April 28th	Holy Thursday	Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	\$ 200.00
		Flower cross on Easel	\$ 150.00
		3 Candles for Crucifix	Katherine Orfan
		12 Candles for Gospel Readings	Parish Council
		Eggs (1 case) (Large)	Market Cost
	Feast Day	Description	Cost
Friday, April 29th	Holy Friday	Epitaphio flowers , which includes the following: Cut Lilies, Carnations, Roses, Daphne, Laurel, Rose petals, etc.	\$1,350.00
		Cross of Flowers for Epitaphio	\$ 50.00
		Rose or Orange Blossom Water (2)	Donor purchase
		White Full Size Sheet	Donor purchase
		Red Roses (for Choir & Chanters)	Charlie Koines
		Flower petals (myrofores baskets)	\$ 30.00
Saturday, April 30th	Holy Saturday (a.m.)	Flower frame for Proti Anastasi Icon	\$ 70.00
	Holy Saturday (p.m.) (Anastasi)	Paschal Candle / Decorated	\$150.00-\$200.00
		Resurrection Banner	\$ 200.00
		Potted Lilies (16 minimum)	13.00/each
		Potted Azaleas (4)	30.00/each
		Flower Frame for Anastasi Icon	FF, Lapidus
		Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	Eliana Georgelos
		Flower shelf for Panagia Icon (Altar)	Anastasia Zoulas
	Feast Day	Description	Cost
Monday, May 2nd	St. George (celebrated)	Flower Frame for St. George Icon (Stand)	Presv. Nina Daratsos in memory of George Daratsos
Monday, May 2nd	St. George (celebrated)	Flower Shelf for St. George (Altar)	\$ 75.00

LENTEN LIST

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**For Immediate Attention
and Response!**

**Festival Leaders are needed to chair/co-chair the
Kitchen Operations
Souvlaki Booth
and
St. George Youth Dancers**

*Please contact any parish council member
for more information.*

**The next Festival Planning meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 pm.
Please join us to learn more.**



PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2016

SPONSORED BY

**ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
YOUTH GROUPS**

RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED DURING COFFEE HOUR ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH.

DONATION: \$12.00 ADULTS

\$ 8.00 CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ST. NICHOLAS SHRINE IN NYC



***Bold print denotes
pledged members
who are paid in full.***

*Thank you to all who
have pledged thus far.*

*There is still room on the
list to add your name!
Please submit and fulfill
your pledge to St. George
Greek Orthodox Church
today.*

*To receive a pledge form,
please contact the parish
office at 393-0742, or ask
any parish council
member at church.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2016 Pledge Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Total amount pledged to date: \$ 47,344.00

Total amount received to date: \$ 26,458.00

~ As of March 17th ~

Platinum Level Stewards \$1,500 +
Nine (9) Stewards

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 — \$1,499
Ten (10) Stewards

Silver Level Stewards \$500 — \$999
Sixteen (16) Stewards

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or less
Thirty-nine (39)

2016 St. George GOC Members Pledged to Date

Rev. Fr. Theodore & Tatiana Roupas

Paul & Tiara Antonovich

Stephanie Arrington

Eugenia Avramidis

Maryna Baker

Lucy Brady & Family

Sam & Deborah Bratsos

Ifigenia Brown

Arji Cakouros

Andreas Christou

Ariana Christou

Euripides & Eleni Christou

Catherine Contompasis

Charles Contompasis

Emanuel & MaryEllen Contompasis

Demetra Corsones

Rena Counavelis

Chris & Joanne Dafniotis

Ciara D'Angelo

Olga Delorey

Joanne Diamantis

Marguerite Doulides

Michael & Elaine Euripidou

Morgan & Julie Gazetos

Demetrios Geanopoulos &

KimAthena Kakos

Helena Georgelas

Eliana Georgelos

**Peter & Janet Giakoumis &
Family**

Steve & Alice Giakoumis

Lucy Goodale & Family

2016 St. George GOC Members Pledged to Date

Angela T Grivas
Dimitri Grivas & Family
Angeliki Jones
Thomas & Shannon Jones & Family
Peter & Dayna Kalil
Evangelia & Stavroula Kalogeras
Antonia Kananis & Family
Steve & Fanny Karamanos
Polixeni Kingra & Family
Charles & Kathleen Koines
M. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael Koliatsis
Steven & Barbara Kouray
Trifon & Zanetta Laskaris
Christine Legorius
Frieda Legorious
Rosemary Legorius
William Manikas
James & Ann Mantas
Cathy Marco
Stephen & Mary Markopoulos
Fillipos & Erene Menagias & Family
Georgio Menagias
Simeon Nikolaidis
Katherine Orfan
Paul & Joanne Pagiotas
Athena Pagnotti & Family
Peter & Penney Pagones
Kostantinos & Debra Papanikos
Nick & Gladys Paravalos
Frank & Teresa Rossetti
Ourania Sokaris
Roubina Spyros-Morgan
Van & Anita Stathis
Themetraï Svolos
Angela Theodore
Helen Trinci
Fanny Caraniakas-Walker
Mark Wempe
Brian & Megan Whipple
Peter Wilson
Peter Wilson & Family
Russell & Mary Wilson
Anastasia Zoulas
Peter & Mary Zoulas



MEMORIAL SERVICES AND SPONSORSHIP OF A COFFEE HOUR

Please call the church office (393-0742) to schedule a memorial service. After receiving confirmation from our church secretary, please contact Lucy Brady, Coffee Hour Chairperson at 346-4722 or lukia@nycap.rr.com if you wish to sponsor a coffee hour.

The St. George Ladies Philoptochos oversees the coffee hours after church. For those who wish to sponsor a coffee hour, the following expenses should be expected.

Food: The food provided for a memorial is a combination of baked good items, cookies, etc. A quart of milk for the coffee and half-gallon of orange juice for the children is included. These items can be purchased by your family and brought to the Hellenic Center or Philoptochos will purchase the food for you and present you with receipts for reimbursement. **Specialty foods or additional items beyond the basics must be provided by the family if you wish to have them served.**

Coffee/Tea Paper: A flat fee for coffee, tea, and paper goods is charged. If there are multiple memorial coffee hours the cost is to be shared equally by the sponsors.

\$35.00 (one sponsor)

\$25.00 (per family if two sponsors)

\$25.00 (per family if three sponsors)

Services: The Ladies of the Philoptochos Society will do grocery shopping for basic items, set up, serving and clean up for the coffee hours. In addition, a sign is prepared with the name of the sponsorship family and the person in whose memory the coffee hour is being held.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to provide aid to the poor, the homeless, the sick and the disadvantaged. Your generosity in making a donation to the St. George Ladies Philoptochos Society in memory of your loved one would be greatly appreciated. For tax purposes, a letter acknowledging your donation will be provided.

KOLIVA

The Ladies Philoptochos Society will no longer be responsible for making koliva for memorial services. In recent years there are significantly fewer and fewer members who are able or available to make koliva. Therefore, this is a service we can no longer offer to our parishioners and families will be responsible for providing their own koliva.



Easter Shopping Trip

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Departs St Sophia's at 9 AM

For Astoria

Tickets \$35

R.S.V.P. by April 10th

*For More Information, or to
Reserve Your Seat
Contact:*

Cookie Patelos 852-9195

Stops Include:

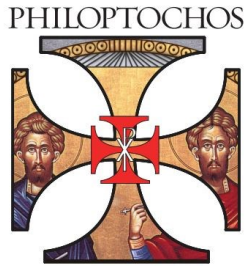
*Agora Plaza (Artopolis Bakery,
Mediterranean Foods, Plaza Meat
Market, & Omega Liquor)*

Titan Foods

And

Dinner at Bahari Estiatorio





MEETING NOTES. At the March 2016 monthly meeting, the membership approved the following donations:

Orthodox Christian Mission Center/Support a Mission Priest (National Commitment)

Hellenic College/Holy Cross (National Commitment)

Hellenic Cultural Center (DAD Commitment)

(Additional donations will appear in May bulletin due to early print deadline)

INDOOR YARD SALE & BAKE SALE. On Saturday, April 9, 2016 the Philoptochos will be sponsoring a Bake Sale in conjunction with the St. George Indoor Yard Sale. Hours are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. We hope to see you there! All proceeds will benefit St. George Church.

THANK YOU. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner on February 28th. It was a great success!

A special thank you to the Dinner Co-Chairs, **Aleka Menagias, Gladys Paravalos, Soula Tsakopiakos, Elaine Eurpidou, Eliana Georgelos, Presbytera Nina Daratsos and Elena Sikamiotis.**

Special thanks to the "Thursday Morning Boys" **Charlie Koines, Steve Giakoumis, and Pete Kalil** who helped prepare the meal. We know we can always count on you to help us when needed!

We are grateful to the following individuals for their donations: **Anna Ktenas/Burnt Hills Café** (sauce and butter pats), **Paula Kingra & Soula Tsakopiakos** (meatballs), **Aleka Menagias/Blue Ribbon Restaurant** (salad), **Gladys Paravalos** (spaghetti), **Olga Delorey** (wine), **Eliana Georgelos** (grated cheese), and **Alice Giakoumis** (soda).

A big thank all of our Philoptochos Ladies who brought a dessert and assisted with set-up, serving and clean-up.

FRUIT OF THE MONTH. Since November 2015, the Ladies Philoptochos has been participating in a program at the City Mission of Schenectady called "Fruit of the Month". This program enables children in Grades 1-2 at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Schenectady to experience fresh and healthy fruit (sometimes vegetables) once a month. It is sad to know that many children do not have fresh fruit available to them in their homes. During the class an instructor teaches them about fruit and making healthy choices using puppets, books and other activities. We are grateful to the parishioners (you know who you are and more importantly God knows who you are!) who have provided financial sponsorship for this program. Each month, four Philoptochos members go to the City Mission to prepare and package the fruit/veggies that are brought to the school. Thank you to all!

"Oh, I've never had grapes before—they're delicious" – First Grade Student

DAD LENTEN RETREAT. On Saturday, April 16, 2016, the Direct Archdiocesan District Philoptochos will sponsor a Lenten Retreat at Archangel Michael Church, Port Washington, Long Island, NY. The Retreat Leader will be The Very Rev. Father Maximos Constas. The topic is "A Sacrifice Pleasing to God: St. Olympias the

Deaconess as an Example of Service to the Church". If you are interested in attending, please contact Olga Delorey (383-4737 or odelorey@nycap.rr.com).

SOUP KITCHEN. On **Tuesday, February 23, 2016** our Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for **145 persons** at the **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**. The Soup Kitchen was sponsored by **Charlie and Kathy Koines In Memory of Charlie's parents James and Helen Koines**. May their memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Theodore. The dinner consisted of Greek-Style Goulash, Green Beans, Bread & Butter, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Juice and Coffee. Our heartfelt thanks to the following team members who helped prepare and/or serve the meal on this day: **Kathy Koines (Chair), Charlie Koines, Mike Euripidou, Gladys Paravalos, Pete Kalil, Steve & Alice Giakoumis, Presbyteria Nina Daratsos, Jim & Teresa Rossetti, Olga Delorey, Tina Twardzik, Dom Dicocco and Bill Manikas.**

FOOD PANTRY. We continue to collect items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the Hellenic Center. Suggested items are canned goods (soups, beans, vegetables, fruit, tuna), dried pasta and rice, dried soup mix, pasta sauce, and cereal. We will deliver all food donations on a monthly basis on the same day we prepare and serve the Soup Kitchen meal. May God bless you for your generosity in remembering to help those who are in need. You have our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

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

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.**

Ladies Philoptochos Society Board of Directors 2015-2017

Officers: Olga Delorey (President), Gladys Paravalos (Vice President & Advisor)
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Elaine Euripidou (Secretary), Cathy Contompasis (Assistant Secretary)

Members: Lucy Brady, Presbyteria Nina Daratsos, Joanne Diamantis, Eliana Georgelos
Alice Giakoumis, Aleka Menagias, Elena Sikamiotis

SPECIAL COFFEE HOURS may be arranged by contacting Coffee Hour Chair Lucy Brady (346-4722). A voluntary donation to the Ladies Philoptochos Society in addition to the expenses would be greatly appreciated.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS, APRIL, 2016

Our March meeting took place at the Hellenic Center on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 11:30 AM. Since our meeting took place during Cheesefare week, we enjoyed a meatless lunch of three cheese penne pasta, salad, garlic bread and a brownie trifle for dessert. Many thanks to Charlie Koines for all his help in the kitchen.

Our business meeting began with a presentation by Parish Council President, Athena Pagnotti. She shared with us the progress being made by the Parish Council as well as their goals for the betterment of the St. George community. Since the Fellowship group consists of numerous previous parish council members and former presidents, an interesting discussion ensued regarding past experiences with former priests, bishops and the archdiocese and how our community was impacted by these relationships. Although times have changed, many of the challenges that were faced in the past (such as finances) continue to be in the forefront today. We all agreed that we are blessed to have Father Theodore as our parish priest.

Athena invited all of us to attend the festival planning meeting on March 15th, so that we can be involved in the process of achieving a successful festival. Thank you, Athena, for taking the time to meet with us.

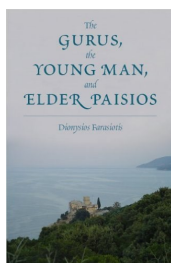
Our discussion of the the previous month regarding potential day trips we might wish to take was continued during this meeting. Flyers on various trips being offered through some of the local tour companies were distributed by Paul Pagiotas. We agreed to bring the information home and to return next month with our trip selection (s). Paul also put together a letter to groups such as other churches or senior centers who might have trips on their agenda but need more people to fill a bus. Eliana will contact the groups to let them know who we are and that we are willing to work with them in regard to trip planning.

Following our business meeting, we watched a fascinating DVD provided to us by Gladys Paravalos on the life of St. George. Gladys has numerous other DVDs on the lives of our great saints in her collection, and we look forward to watching them at future meetings.

Our April Fellowship meeting will take place on April 14, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Hellenic Center. Since this date falls during Holy Lent, our lunch on the 14th will consist of a hearty fasolada (bean soup), crusty peasant bread, a dairy free dessert and coffee.

As always, we continuously encourage newcomers to join our group. Unless there is a special occasion when we travel or meet at a restaurant, our typical meetings take place at the Hellenic Center on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 AM. We always begin our meetings with a meal. We charge a nominal fee of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members to cover the cost of the food. Dues are \$25 annually and are paid during the month of March. Please contact our treasurer, Kathy Koines or either of our co-presidents, Paul Pagiotas or Eliana Georgelos, for information.

During the entire month of April, we find ourselves in the midst of Holy Lent. During this time, we should prepare ourselves to commemorate the passion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through fasting, confession, repentance, communion and intensified prayer. May we all experience a blessed, peaceful, and spiritually beneficial Great Lent.



**Spiritual Book Club
Meets Monday evenings
at 6 PM in the Church.**



Proposed Schedule 1/13/16

St. George Greek Orthodox Church 2016 Youth Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
January 31 st	Snow Tubing at Maple Ridge 2 pm	Elaina/Stephen Rayburn 456-5877 and Lucy Goodale
February 14 th	Angels/Hope/Joy luncheon/activity	Lucy Goodale (craft) Alexandra Casey
February 21 st	G.O.Y.A.	Anna Morlock/Paula Kingra
March 13 th	Pan Orthodox Vespers & Dinner at St. George, 5 PM	Father Theodore 393-0742
March 27 th	Angels/Hope/Joy/G.O.Y.A. Lenten luncheon/activity	Scott Morlock/Lucy/ (Scott games) /Alexandra (craft)
February 15 th – 29 th Winter Break from School		
April 10 th	Angels/Hope/Joy Lenten luncheon/ activity	Lucy 280-2055 Alexandra 257-0527
April 17 th	G.O.Y.A. Lenten luncheon/ activity	Anna Morlock 373-9669 Paula Kingra 892-3868
April 23 rd	Lazarus Saturday Lenten luncheon/ palm folding	Anna Morlock 373-9669 Paula Kingra 892-3868 Alexandra Casey 257-0527
April 25-29 Spring Break from School		
May 21 st	Trip to Holy College Hellenic Cross, Boston	Paula, Anna, Fr. Theodore
May 22 nd	Sunday School Commencement	Athena Pagnotti 347-1491
Meet to determine the remaining year's events		

Announcement of 2016 High School Graduates: Billy Avramidis, Marika Contompasis, Maria (Balwant) Kingra, Andrew Giakoumis and Peter Wilson, III. Please contact Athena Pagnotti if we have accidentally omitted one of our graduates. Graduates will be honored during the Sunday School Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 22nd, 2016. Thank you!



Join us for the annual St. George GOC
Nameday Dinner and Dance Celebration
Saturday, May 7th, 2016, 6 pm —11 pm
At the Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty Street
Schenectady, NY

The Aegean Duo will perform



and we'll enjoy
a delightful "Festival of Tables"
and Play to win the Basket Raffles

Ticket price: Adults \$40.00
Students (age 21 and under) \$20.00
Children under 10 admitted Free!



**Reserve your tickets today by calling
the parish office at 393-0742, Monday—Thursday 1-6 pm.**



Community News & Events

The son of **Fillipos & Erene Menagias** was baptized on March 6th. He was given the Christian name of *Zachary Philip* by his Godparents, Georgio Menagias and Stephanie Arrington. *May God bless the newly illumined!*

Book Club with Father Theodore meets **Monday's at 6 PM, in the Church Nave**. All are invited to attend.

The Direct Archdiocese District (DAD) **Clergy-Laity Assembly will be held Saturday, April 2nd**, 9 am—3 pm. Holy Trinity GOC, New Rochelle, NY. Delegates: Maria Dostis-Koliatsis and Paula Kingra.

The parish fundraiser ~ **The Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale** ~ will take place on **Saturday, April 9th**. Donations of home goods and freshly laundered clothing in good condition is being accepted until Wednesday, April 6th. The Ladies Philoptochos Society has graciously agreed to hold a bake sale for this event with proceeds going to benefit the parish. *Thank you Philoptochos Society!*

St. George Stewardship Committee kindly requests that all 2016 stewardship pledge forms be submitted to the parish office before the end of Great and Holy Lent. The Spring General Assembly Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. 2016 Pledges must be on file to be eligible to vote. Thank you.

The **Fellowship Group will meet Thursday, April 14th at 11:30 am in the Hellenic Center**. Please see Eliana Georgelos or Paul Pagiotas for more information.

On Saturday, April 16, 2016, the **Direct Archdiocesan District Philoptochos** will sponsor a Lenten Retreat at Archangel Michael Church, Port Washington, Long Island, NY.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will hold its next business meeting on **Thursday, April 21st, at 6:30 pm**.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is **collecting non-perishable food items** to help fill the shelves at the Salvation Army food pantry. Items will be delivered monthly to the Salvation Army when the Soup Kitchen team prepares and serves the meal. A collection box has been placed in the Hellenic Center.

Peter Giakoumis will sponsor the **Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in loving memory of Panagiotis Giakoumis (Grandfather) and George Giakoumis (Uncle)**. *May their memories be eternal!*

Please see the complete listing of Lenten Services in this issue of the community bulletin. A Lenten Items donations list is within. For further information, please contact Camille Kosloski in the Parish Office Monday-Thursday 1-6 pm, 393-0742.

The annual **St. George Nameday Dinner/Dance will be held Saturday, May 7th**. See flyer within.

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Church Usher Schedule:

Team C: 4/3

Team D: 4/10

Team A: 4/17

Team B: 4/24



Team A: Charlie Koines (Captain), Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen, Bill Manikas.

Team B: Alexandra Casey (Captain), Lainie Christou, Pete Kalil, Scott Morlock.

Team C: Lucy Brady (Captain), Morgan Gazetos, Athena Pagnotti, Toly Svolos.

Team D: Gladys Paravalos (Captain), Steve Giakoumis, Panagiota Giakoumis, Steve Markopoulos

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH 8AM - 3PM
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The cut-off date is March 15th
for news & events submissions for our March 2016 issue.

Please make efforts to plan accordingly for the next issue of our bulletin. Submit all entries in person to Athena Pagnotti or via email (MS Word doc preferred) to apagnott@nycap.rr.com.