

# Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

**Parish Office:** 107 Clinton Street, Schenectady, New York 12305  
**Summer Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9 AM - 2 PM  
**Parish Telephone:** (518) 393-0742; **Fax:** (518) 393-4093  
**Web:** www.saintgeorgegoc.com



**Rev. Fr. Peter Daratsos, Interim Parish Priest**  
**Camille Kosloski, Parish Secretary**

***Sunday Services: Orthros: 9:00 AM; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM***  
***~ Week Day Liturgies as announced ~***

## Parish Council Exec. Committee

**Mrs. Athena Pagnotti**  
*President*

**Mrs. Lucy Brady**  
*Vice-President*

**Mrs. Alexandra Casey**  
*Co-Treasurer*

**Mr. Anargyros (Ron) Dikas**  
*Co-Treasurer*

**Ms. Panagiota Giakoumis**  
*Secretary*



## Youth Advisors

**Mrs. Lucy Goodale**  
**Mrs. Paula Kingra**  
*Angels/Hope/Joy*

**Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morlock**  
**GOYA**

**Miss Georgia Tsakopiakos**  
*Youth Hellenic Dancers*

## Parish Ministry Leaders

**Ms. Olga Delorey**  
*Choir Director*  
*Philoptochos Society President*

**Mrs. Athena Pagnotti**  
*Sunday School Coordinator*

**Vacant**  
*Bible Study*  
*Spiritual Book Club*

**Mrs. Eliana Georgelos**  
**Mr. Paul Pagiotas**  
*Fellowship Group*  
*Co-Presidents*

*Parish Council Members: Lucy Brady, Alexandra Casey, Kyriako Contompasis,  
Anargyros (Ron) Dikas, Morgan Gazetos, Maria Dostis-Koliatsis, Panagiota Giakoumis, and Athena Pagnotti*

## Sacraments, Services and Home Visitations

Holy Baptism · Holy Chrismation · Holy Confession  
Holy Communion · Holy Unction · Holy Marriage  
Please contact the Parish Office directly to schedule.

## Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church Proceeds in the Spirit of Unity, Despite Absences

Jun 24, 2016

**KOLYMBARI** (Chania, Crete), Greece – The work of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church convened June 20, 2016, the Feast of the Holy Spirit, at the Orthodox Academy of Crete after almost a thousand years and despite the decision of four Churches not to participate.



Photos Holy and Great Council events: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/goarch/albums>

**His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** presides over the Council. The following nine Primates of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches and their respective honorable delegations are participating: His Beatitude Patriarch **Theodoros II** of Alexandria and All Africa, His Beatitude Patriarch **Theophilos** of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Patriarch **Daniel** of Romania, His Beatitude Patriarch **Irinej** of Serbia, His Beatitude Archbishop **Chrysostomos** of Cyprus, His Beatitude Archbishop **Ieronymos** of Athens and all Greece, His Beatitude Archbishop **Anastasios** of Tirana and All Albania, His Beatitude Metropolitan **Sawa** of Warsaw and All Poland, His Beatitude Archbishop **Rastislav** of Czech Lands and Slovakia.

Absent from the Council are their Beatitudes, Patriarch John of Antioch, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, Patriarch Neophyte of Bulgaria and Patriarch Ilia of Georgia, Primates of their respective autocephalous churches.

In his introductory address to the Council, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew expressed his regret and pain for the absences of the sister Churches of Antioch, Russia, Bulgaria and Georgia, “an unpleasant surprise on the twelfth hour,” as he said. The Ecumenical Patriarch also said that even though they had sent the lists of their delegations and had fully participated in all the phases of preparation and therefore had every opportunity to put forth for discussion all the issues before they had agreed and signed, they are now using these issues as an excuse for their abstention. “This unprecedented attitude, he said, we are having trouble understanding.”

His All-Holiness noted that “by striking at our unity we are striking ourselves.” He emphasized that none of us, none of our Churches can exist in isolation from the rest of the Orthodox Churches. We, Orthodox Christians, are not and should not behave as a federation of Churches. We are one Church, one body and we should resolve all our possible differences in the Synod. This is what we have received from our holy tradition and to that we should adhere to, said the Ecumenical Patriarch.

Speaking about the question of how the abstentions might affect the work of the Holy and Great Council, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew said, that in the long history of the Church, there were instances of intended or unintended absences of some members in convened local or ecumenical synods, but that did not at all impede the convening of those councils. The decision to convene the Holy and Great Council was Pan-Orthodox, said His All-Holiness, and it can and will go on with its work.

The Primates of the Local Orthodox Autocephalous Churches in their turn, addressed greetings to the Council, unanimously expressing their joy and support for being present at this historic event. They reaffirmed their commitment to work together in unity to address the questions facing the Church in the contemporary world and to deepen co-operation in the future.

His Beatitude Archbishop Chrysostomos of Cyprus acknowledged the need for regular councils bringing together Hierarchs from around the world in order to develop a common response to pressing issues, including bio-ethical and environmental dilemmas. Addressing the mission of the Church in the world, His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Albania underlined the need for repentance, while His Beatitude Archbishop Rastislav of the Czech Lands and Slovakia underscored the fact that, in spite of their ethnic differences, Orthodox Christians are one people.

## **Sunday of Pentecost**

The date of June 19 was the date of the First Ecumenical Council held in Nicaea in 325 AD. This fact was noted by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, as on June 19, 2016 the Holy and Great Council of 2016 AD commenced with the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy concelebration

of the Holy Feast of Pentecost - calling all in unity. His All-Holiness posed the question at some point: coincidence or divine providence?

His All-Holiness Bartholomew presided over a resplendent patriarchal concelebration of Pentecost with the Primate of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches. His Excellency the President of the Hellenic Republic, Prokopis Pavlopoulos along with many other dignitaries and officials were in prayerful attendance.

“A joyful day has now dawned,” said the Ecumenical Patriarch, at the opening of his Homily and said that today is a day of unity, as we are all united in the faith and the sacraments of our Church, adding, “The unity of the Orthodox Church and its faithful represents our mission. Our ecclesial unity does not take on the form of a federation, nor does it stem from the congregating around some mere human. It proceeds from and is made complete by our common faith, which is synonymous with salvation, with eternal life.”

After the end of the Divine Liturgy and the Vespers of the Holy Spirit, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Primate of the Local Orthodox Autocephalous Churches and the President of Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopis Pavlopoulos, attended a reception at the offices of the Archdiocese of Crete, hosted by His Eminence Archbishop Eirinaios of Crete.

### **Official Luncheon by the President of Greece**

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew offered a toast on behalf of the Primate of the Local Orthodox Autocephalous Churches, at a luncheon hosted in their honor by the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopis Pavlopoulos. His All-Holiness thanked the beloved people of Greece for their prayerful presence and support to the work of the Holy and Great Council, promising that Orthodoxy shall fulfill her historic duty and responsibility.

“Orthodoxy constitutes a real and permanent place of peaceful coexistence and stability in the modern – torn – world, a true source of peace for all the peoples. The word of the Orthodox Church is essential, because it proclaims the necessity of charity, love, and unity of mankind, as well as, the necessity of peaceful cooperation between the peoples of the earth, regardless of the religious faith of each,” said His All-Holiness.

President Pavlopoulos, welcomed the convening of the Holy and Great Council in Crete, making references to the First Ecumenical Council, and the value of the Synodical System, “as the irreplaceable guarantee of the unity of the Orthodox Church.” He also said that the mission of the Holy and Great Council acquires universal dimensions, “since Christianity, with Orthodoxy as its epicenter, is called to defend besides everything else, the principles and values of European culture and western civilization in general, with emphasis on those of peace, democracy, freedom and justice.”

## An open and honest discussion

In the ensuing days since its opening the Holy and Great Council considers and continues to discuss the six Pre-Conciliar Documents in the agenda: The Mission of the Orthodox Church in today's World, the Orthodox Diaspora, Autonomy and the means by which it is proclaimed, the importance of Fasting and its observance today, Relations of the Orthodox Church with the rest of the Christian World and the Sacrament of Marriage and its impediments.

Extensive discussion on the pre-conciliar texts was held and various suggestions and clarifications were proposed by the Primates and individual Hierarchs of the local Orthodox Autocephalous Churches.

“It is an experience of absolute freedom of expression of views and opinions without limits or hindrances of any kind. It is an honest and open discussion on very difficult and complex issues”, said **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America** about the work of the Synod. His Eminence also underlined the importance of the manner in which Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew presides at the Synod, saying it is “an exquisite, attentive and elegant way, which fosters an atmosphere of freedom and unity.”

The Council will continue meeting through June 25, concluding with the Divine Liturgy on June 26.

Photos from Holy and Great Council: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/goarch/albums>

Article taken from <http://www.goarch.org/news/hgcouncil2-06242016>



To read the Official Documents  
of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church  
please visit

<https://www.holycouncil.org/>

Decision texts are on reserve in the parish office.



**1966 FIFTY YEARS 2016**  
*of Monastic Witness*  
*honor, remember, celebrate*

As the 50th Anniversary continues,  
we invite you to be a part of the celebration at the Annual New Skete Pilgrimage!

**Saturday, August 6, 2016**

Schedule:

**9:30- Divine Liturgy celebrated by  
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, primate of the Orthodox Church in America**

11:00am - Tour of Holy Wisdom Temple

11:30am- Talk on Monastic Life at New Skete

12:00pm- Talk on The New Skete Chapel Community

**1:15pm- Presentation-  
Guest Speaker; Father Michael Oleksa  
The History of Monastic Missionary Activity in Russian Alaska**

1:15pm- Guided Hike

3:45pm- Dog Training Demonstration

4:45pm- Healing Service with Anointing  
followed by Vespers (Evening Service)

Throughout the day: photo exhibit, meditation gardens, Greek and Lebanese food available  
for purchase, hospitality table, Monks' & Nuns' gift shops open.

*The event is free and open to those of all faiths.*

*For more information contact: Karen Gladstone 518.677.3928 ext. 214  
or [karengladstone@newskete.org](mailto:karengladstone@newskete.org)*

273 New Skete Lane Cambridge, NY 12816 [www.newskete.org](http://www.newskete.org)

*Send your gift of \$25 or more prior to  
August 1st to support the  
enclosed appeal to renovate "the little church"  
and your name will be included in the  
2016 Commemorative Pilgrimage Program!*

## AUGUST LENTEN LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

The August Lenten period runs from 8/1—8/15

*Paraklesis services* will be celebrated Monday—Thursday of each week at 9:30 am at St. Sophia in Albany.



**Saturday, August 6th**

***Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ***

Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the New Skete Monastery in Cambridge, NY. A pilgrimage is planned. Please see the flyer to the left for more information.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Sophia, Albany

Sunday, August 7th -

9:00 AM Orthros

St. George, Sch'dy

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

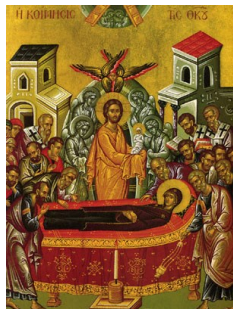
Sunday, August 14th

9:00 AM Orthros

St. George, Sch'dy

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Vespers (evening) will be celebrated in Windham ~ see below.



**Monday, August 15th**

***The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary***

9:00 AM Orthros

St. George, Sch'dy

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy



## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

P.O. Box 454 • Windham, New York 12496

On behalf of the community of the Church of the Assumption in Windham, NY, I would like to extend a cordial invitation to you and to the members of your parish for the liturgical celebrations of our parish during the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. The Lamentations and Great Vespers will be celebrated at 6:30 pm on Aug. 14, 2016, Sunday evening. His Grace Bishop Andonios of Phasiane will officiate the ensuing Matins and the Great Hierarchical Divine Liturgy starting at 9 am on Monday, Aug 15, 2016.

Rev. Fr. Iakovos Fitzpatrick

## *From the Parish Council*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

What an amazing experience it was for me to represent the parish at the Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress in TN last month. I was joined by 5 other delegates and 1 clergy from the capital region, representing a total of three upstate parishes. Attendees were eager to hear Archbishop Dimitrios' report on the *Great and Holy Council*, and you can read the decisions for yourself by going to [www.holycouncil.org](http://www.holycouncil.org). For those who do not have access to the internet, I will place copies of these reports (books) on reserve in the parish office. You may sign them out and return them after one week. The Archdiocese will be rolling out the decisions slowly over the course of the next year. Please look for information in the *Orthodox Observer* publication delivered in your mail. If you are not receiving this publication, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

The most valuable investment of my time at the conference was attending the seminars on Parish Development, Parish Ministries, and Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism. I will be discussing these topics with the parish council and I will place a written report on file in the parish office for those who want to learn more.

I returned from convention only to launch into the work of festival business. We are "looking good." All we need now is to fill-up those volunteer schedules. Please don't wait to be asked. Please reach out to me, or any booth coordinator today and volunteer your time.

I wish you all a peaceful and reflective Lenten journey during the first two weeks of August as we prepare and celebrate the events of *The Transfiguration of Christ* and the *Dormition of the Theotokos*. Father Peter Daratsos encourages all of us to observe our Orthodox Lenten fasting practices. **A Lenten service schedule is printed within.** Please note that we will celebrate weekday paraklesis services at St. Sophia in Albany, and a pilgrimage is planned to celebrate the *Transfiguration of Christ* at the New Skete Monastic Community in Cambridge, NY. Additionally, the Windham parish has invited us to attend vespers on Sunday, August 14th. Everyone is invited to attend both events!

The St. George GOC website is new and live! Visit [saintgeorgegoc.com](http://saintgeorgegoc.com). Thank you to the Council, Chris Pappis and GOARCH internet ministries, for all of your diligence and fine work!

I want to give a **sincere thank you** to all who have pledged and fulfilled their pledges for 2016. We are getting close to reaching our pledge goal of \$75,000. It's really quite something to be ahead of where we were last year at this time. For reference, the July/August 2015 stewardship report reflected a pledged amount of \$59,347.00. Currently (August 2016) the pledged amount to date is \$67,230.00. Please see the monthly stewardship report within. And thank you again for your financial support for the parish!

Please make note of the **new parish office hours: Monday—Thursday, 9 am—2 pm.**

*The summer season always seems to convey a sense of less structure in our lives, but I invite you all to make attending church a priority. With all that surrounds us in the world, it is a comfort to pray together in the beauty of the church, and enjoy each other's company. I look forward to seeing you all soon.*

With Love in Christ ~

Athena Pagnotti





# Call for Volunteers!

**NOW** is the time for everyone to touch base with your favorite booth representatives to let them know your availability for helping at the St. George Greek Festival on:

Friday  
Sept. 9th  
11 am—11 pm

Saturday  
Sept. 10th  
11 am—11 pm

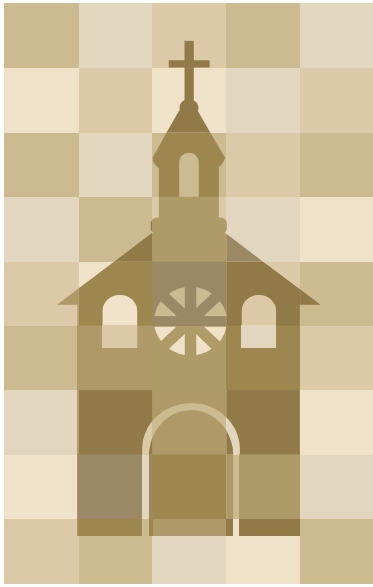
Sunday  
Sept. 11th  
Noon—5 pm

Please reach out to any parish council member for assistance in finding the best place for you to help and have fun!

## Mini Raffle Ticket Return



Please remember to return your envelope with ticket stubs and payment directly to the **parish office**, or give your envelope marked with YOUR NAME, directly to any parish council member. Envelopes are arriving daily. Thank you!



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

# 2016 Pledge Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Total amount pledged to date: \$ 67,230.00

Total amount received to date: \$ 51,699.50

~ As of July 26th ~

Platinum Level Stewards \$1,500 +

Nine (9) Stewards

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 — \$1,499

Fourteen (14) Stewards

Silver Level Stewards \$500 — \$999

Twenty-five (25) Stewards

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or less

Sixty-five (65)

### ***2016 St. George GOC Members Pledged to Date***

**Rev. Fr. Peter &**

**Presbytera Nina Daratsos**

**Rev. Fr. Theodore & Tatiana Roupas**

Faith Adamec & Family

**Paul & Tiara Antonovich**

**Angela Aretakis**

**Stephanie Arrington**

Eugenia Avramidis

Maryna Baker

**Athan Baskous**

**John Behiri**

**Nicholas & Eleni Behiri**

**Susan Birbilis**

**Lucy Brady & Family**

**Sam & Deborah Bratsos**

**Ifigenia Brown**

Arji Cakouros

**Dr. Fanny Caranikas**

**Patrick & Alexandra Casey & Family**

Palmyra Catravas

**Andreas Christou**

**Andreas & Panayiota Christou**

**Ariana Christou**

**Euripides & Eleni Christou**

**Catherine Contompasis**

**Catherine Contompasis**

Charles Contompasis

**Emanuel & MaryEllen Contompasis**

Joan Contompasis

**Demetra Corsones**

**Stephanie Cospito**

**George & Constantina Cotzas**

Rena Counavelis

Chris & Joanne Dafniotis

***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.*

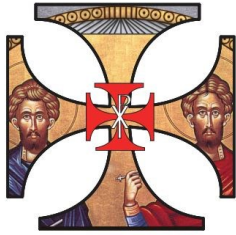
*To receive a pledge form,  
please contact the parish  
office at 393-0742, or ask  
any parish council  
member at church.*

**Ciara D'Angelo**  
Olga Delorey  
**Joanne Diamantis**  
Marguerite Doulides  
**Angela Economou**  
Evan Euripidou  
**Michael & Elaine Euripidou**  
Morgan & Julie Gazetos  
**Demetrios Geanopoulos &  
KimAthena Kakos**  
**Helena Georgelas**  
Eliana Georgelos  
Panagiota Giakoumis  
**Peter & Janet Giakoumis & Family**  
**Steve & Alice Giakoumis**  
Brian and Lucy Goodale & Family  
**Angela T. Grivas**  
**Dimitri Grivas & Family**  
**Periklis Hais**  
**Owen & Maria Huggins**  
**Angeliki Jones**  
**Thomas & Shannon Jones & Family**  
Peter & Dayna Kalil  
**Evangelia & Stavroula Kalogeras**  
Antonia Kananis & Family  
**Steve & Fanny Karamanos**  
Polixeni Kingra & Family  
Charles & Katheleen Koines  
J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael Koliatsis  
**Katina Kontakos**  
**Maria Kontakos**  
**Chris & Voula Kounoupis**  
Steven & Barbara Kouray  
**Barbara Koutsakis**  
Anna Ktenas  
**Patricia Lambert & Family**  
**Trifon & Zanetta Laskaris**  
Christine Legorius  
Frieda Legorious  
**Rosemary Legorius**  
**Achilles & Anna Mafilios**  
William Manikas  
James & Ann Mantas  
**Cathy Marco**  
**Akrivi Markopoulos**  
**Athena Markopoulos**

**Ann Markopoulos**  
**Stephen & Mary Markopoulos**  
Phil & Norina McGowen & Family  
Cathy & Maria Menagias & Family  
Fillipos & Erene Menagias  
Georgio Menagias  
**Jerry & Angela Menagias**  
**Spiro & Rena Mikropoulos**  
**Evangelo & Dina Nikolaidis**  
**Simeon & Barbara Nikolaidis**  
Katherine Orfan  
Paul & Joann Pagiotas  
Athena Pagnotti & Family  
**Peter & Penney Pagonis**  
**Kostantinos & Debra Papanikos**  
**Nick & Gladys Paravalos**  
Frank & Teresa Rossetti  
**LeGrande Serras**  
Elena Sikamiotis  
**Ourania Sokaris**  
Roubina Spyros-Morgan  
Van & Anita Stathis  
Olga Stryjski  
**George & Christie S. Svolos**  
Themetria Svolos  
**Angela Theodore**  
Helen Trinci  
**Fanny Caraniakas-Walker**  
**Mark Wempe**  
**Brian & Megan Whipple**  
Peter Wilson  
Peter Wilson & Family  
**Mary Wilson**  
**Steve & Sophie Zanaros**  
**Anastasia Zoulas**  
**Peter & Mary Zoulas**



PHILOPTOCHOS



**MEETING NOTES.** There are no business meetings held during the months of June -July-August. Our schedule of meetings and activities will resume in September.

**SPECIAL THANKS.** We wish to thank everyone who attended our annual June picnic. Special thanks to the Co-Chairs Gladys Paravalos, Anna Ktenas, Paula Kingra and Olga Delorey and to everyone who donated food and dessert items, assisted with set-up, serving, and clean-up. If we list names we may forget someone – you know who you are and, more importantly, God knows who you are.

We also wish to thank the guests who were in attendance – our Philoptochos sisters from St. Sophia and St. Basil, Father Dennis and Presbyteria Candace from St. Sophia, Father Manny from St. Basil, and the Thursday Morning Boys. The “Boys” provide invaluable support to the St. George Philoptochos by preparing the food we serve at the monthly Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. We could not do the work of this important ministry without their help.

Once again, we thank Gladys Paravalos for serving as our “auctioneer” for the Pound Auction. It was a lot of fun and together we raised a nice donation to send to **IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities)**. Thank you to everyone who brought an auction item, bid on items and made donations to our Philoptochos.

**GREEK FESTIVAL.** We hope to see everyone at the **41<sup>st</sup> Annual St. George Greek Festival** September 9-10 -11, 2016. We need everyone’s help to make our festival a success. Please contact a member of the Parish Council to volunteer your services! Many hands make the task lighter. While the festival provides an opportunity for us to share our Orthodox faith and Greek culture with the greater community-at-large, the reality is that the proceeds from the annual festival keep the doors of our church open. Let us all come together to help each other and help our St. George Church.

**DAD UPSTATE MEETING.** On **Saturday, October 8, 2016, (1:00-4:00 pm)** the Direct Archdiocesan District (DAD) Philoptochos will hold an Upstate Regional Meeting – specifically for the Capital District chapters (St. George, St. Sophia and St. Basil). The DAD Philoptochos President and Board Members will be present at this important meeting which will be open to all chapters in the Direct Archdiocesan District in addition to our three local chapters. Details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized. **Please save the date and mark your calendars!**

**SOUP KITCHEN.** On **Tuesday, May 24, 2016** our Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for **149 persons** at the **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**. The meal was sponsored by **Kiki Jones In Memory of Beloved Husband Ed Jones**. May his memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Theodore in church on May 22, 2016. The dinner consisted of Greek-Style Goulash, Peas, Bread and Butter, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Juice and Coffee.

On **Thursday, June 23, 2016** we prepared and served dinner for **172 persons**. The meal was sponsored by **Eliana Georgelos In Memory of Beloved Husband Greg Georgelos**. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Peter Daratsos in the Salvation Army kitchen prior to the meal being served. The dinner consisted of Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken on a Roll, Vegetable, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Juice and Coffee

Our heartfelt thanks to the following team members who helped prepare and/or serve the meals for May and/or June: **Kathy Koines (Chair), Charlie Koines, Mike Euripidou, Pete Kalil, Steve and Alice Giakoumis, Eliana Georgelos, Phil and Norina McGowen, Presbyteria Nina Daratsos, Olga Delorey, Tina Twardzik, Bill Manikas, Dom DiCocco, Athena Pagnotti, Victor Pagnotti and Suki Kingra.**

“...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

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**NEXT MEETING.** There is no meeting held in August. Our next business meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 15, 2016. Pizza and Salad Supper at 5:30 pm followed by business meeting at 6:30 pm.**

**Ladies Philoptochos Society Board of Directors 2015-2017**

**Officers:** Olga Delorey (President), Gladys Paravalos (Vice President & Advisor)  
Zanetta Laskaris (Treasurer), Kathy Koines (Assistant Treasurer)  
Elaine Euripidou (Secretary), Cathy Contompasis (Assistant Secretary)

**Members:** Lucy Brady, Presbytera 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.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

**To**

**Joanne Diamantis**

for donating the bottles of wine for Father's Day

*In Memory of*


*Nicholas Diamantis, Father*

*Chris Svolos, Grandfather*

**Alice Giakoumis**


for donating the Father's Day Cake

The Fellowship group extends an invitation to all for some wonderful entertainment at the Lake George Dinner Theater. Please see the attached flyer. We will attend the first show on August 11th, and the second show on October 13th. We are carpooling to the theater, located at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. Please contact Eliana Georgelos at 399-8742 to reserve a seat or for additional information. Thank you!



**the lake theatre**  
DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

**ANNOUNCING OUR 49TH SEASON**  
**WITH TWO SHOWS FOR YOU TO ENJOY!**

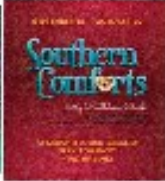


**almost, maine**  
A TRUE SOUTHERN ROMANCE

On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights burn in the star-filled sky above, the town's quirky residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knives are bruised and hearts broken but the houses heal and the hearts mend... almost. In this delightful midwinter night's dream. Running July 21-September 3

**Kathleen Clark's "SOUTHERN COMFORTS"**

follows a budding romance between Gus, a crusty and outcasted New Jersey widower and Amanda, a feisty, sexy and reigning Southern widow. Their funny, awkward, and enchanting romance is filled with sweet surprises and unpredictable tribulation. Told with warmth and perceptive humor, the Off-Broadway success is an affecting, life-in-life journey of compromise and rejuvenation.



**NEW LUNCHEON AND DINNER MENU FOR 2016!**


- ◊ **MEDALLIONS OF BEEF** with *Bordelaise Sauce served with Roasted Potatoes*
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## FELLOWSHIP NEWS - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016



Summer is here!

As we enjoy the warm weather, bright sunshine and longer days of this summer season, thoughts turn not only to vacations but also to preparations for our upcoming St. George Greek festival of September 9, 10, 11. The fellowship group's regular meetings are discontinued for the months of August and September. In July, our group celebrated the end of the year with a picnic at the Hellenic Center. The menu consisted of hot dogs, hot meatball sandwiches, potato salad, red/white/blue coleslaw and tossed Greek salad, with cake and ice cream for dessert.

After lunch, a tour of the church basement and its kitchen took place for those who hadn't yet seen it or wanted to see it again. Since many of our members had contributed either financially and/or through hard work to install not only the cabinets and appliances in the kitchen, but also its ceiling and the new floor throughout the entire basement, it was good to be able to see the fruit of our labor.

In lieu of our regular meeting in August, several of our members will be attending the Lake George Dinner Theater's production of "Almost Maine", a romantic comedy. Anyone in the St. George community can join us, so please see Eliana Georgelos if you are interested.

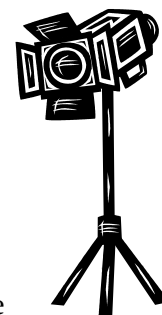
Festival meetings have been held regularly and we are working hard to achieve a successful Festival this year. Fellowship members were involved in the preparation of spanakopita and finikia in July. In August we will help to prepare the kourambiethes and dolmathes. During all three days of the festival, we will be working in various capacities and we extend an invitation to all St. George parishioners to join us. Please volunteer your time to work as many hours as possible. You are needed! Giving of your time for such a worthy cause is a wonderfully rewarding experience.

With Father Theodore's departure from our community, we have been fortunate to have Father Peter Daratsos as our interim priest. We thank him for his willingness to serve our community, and we especially appreciate his engaging sense of humor and ongoing kindness. Let us all keep him and Presvytera Nina in our prayers as they minister to our community.

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

## Community Spotlight

# Saintgeorgegoc.com



Well, it's finally here ~ the long awaited, much anticipated, revised parish website is live!

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Alexandra Casey, Panagiota Giakoumis and Maria Dostis-Koliatsis, the council mobilized to turn-around the parish website during the month of July. We are particularly grateful for the technical assistance provided by Mr. Christopher Pappis and the Internet Ministries Department of GOARCH.



Chris Pappis is a familiar name in our greater Hellenic community. Chris is a member of our sister parish St. Sophia. Chris serves a special ministry and stewardship for Greek Orthodox communities. Chris donates his time, technical expertise, and networks with his established relationships within the GOARCH internet ministries department, to aid parishes in launching and maintaining their websites.

Chris is employed in Schenectady, by the NYS Workers' Compensation Board as a Training Specialist, Trainee 2. Chris earned his masters degree in Educational Technology, and bachelor of arts in Mathematics Education from the College of St. Rose, where in 2007, he was named "Student Association Representative of the Year." Chris began his web development ministry in 2005. He is credited with website development for Greek Orthodox parishes in Albany, Windham, Vestal, Bristol, CT and now Schenectady. Chris also volunteers his time as a tutor in Math, and for the American Cancer Society through its programs: *Relay for Life* and *Camp Erin* ~ a program that ministers to youth who have lost parents or a loved one to cancer. Chris' community service runs strong in the AHEPA family where he holds two offices concurrently; AHEPA District 6 Secretary and Albany Chapter #140 Secretary. Chris wanted to convey that, "it has been a pleasure working on behalf of St. George Greek Orthodox Church. ..it was so easy working with the council, everyone was so patient and willing to learn."

**Chris Pappis**

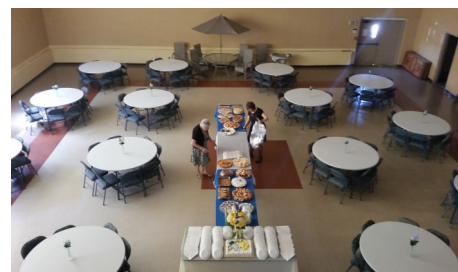
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### *St. George Greek Orthodox Church*

## **Hellenic Center is available to rent for your next business or social event.**

Visit [saintgeorgegoc.com](http://saintgeorgegoc.com) and view the Hellenic Center tab on the left. You can see photos and download the rental application there. Rental applications are also available in the parish office.

Interested parties should first contact the parish office to see if the date is available.







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Check out our new website:

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## Youth Dance Program Rehearsal Schedule

Younger children will practice from 6 pm—6:30 pm, and the older children will practice from 6:30 pm—8 pm.

Schedule of Mondays:

August 1

August 8th

August 15th

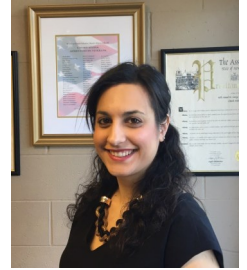
August 22nd

August 29th

*Additional practices to be announced  
as we draw closer to festival dates.*



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with any questions.

**St. George Youth Dancers ~ A Big Hit at the Adirondack Glens Falls Festival in July!**





# Community News & Events

*Congratulations to  
**Balwant Maria Kingra**  
recipient of the annual  
**Greg Georgelos Memorial Scholarship Award.***



**Ms. Frieda Legorius**, beloved Sister of Joan Contompasis, Jerry Legorius, and Katherine Fifield, fell asleep in the Lord on July 6, 2016, at the age of 81. The funeral was celebrated on July 11th. *May her memory be eternal!*

**St. George Sunday School** invites all parish families to the annual pilgrimage at New Skete Monastery on **Saturday, August 6, 2016**. Please see the flyer within for the New Skete Pilgrimage. And look for an e-vite in your email, or contact Athena Pagnotti directly at 708-7695. The Sunday School program will resume in October.

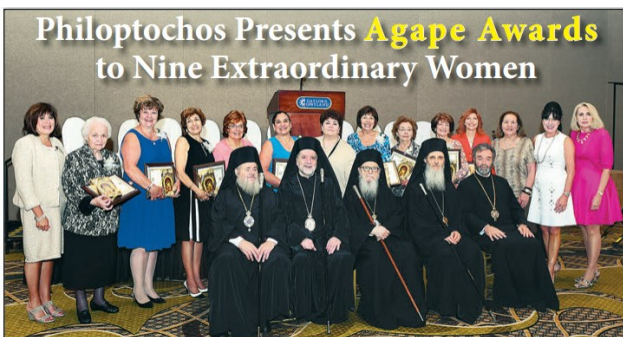
**Fellowship Group Outing, August 11, 2016**, to the Lake George Dinner Theater's production of "*Almost Maine*". **This event is open to the community.** Please see Eliana Georgelos for more information.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will hold a **Board of Directors Meeting** on **Thursday, August 18th, 2016** at **6:30 pm** in the Hellenic Center.

Join us for **Usher Appreciation Sunday, August 21st**. We'll enjoy an **ice cream social** as we celebrate our dedicated volunteers who provide caring and support during church services and sacraments.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will meet on **Thursday, September 15, 2016**. Pizza and Salad Supper at **5:30 pm** followed by Monthly Business Meeting at **6:30 pm**.

Jan Gallas will sponsor the **Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, September 27, 2016** *In Loving Memory of Husband John Gallas*. Mondays at 6 & 6:30 pm ~**Youth Dance Troup Practice**, Church basement ~see schedule within.



Agape Award recipients with Archbishop Demetrios, Metropolitan Damaskinos, Metropolitan Nicholas, Metropolitan Ambrosios and Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, National Philoptochos spiritual advisor.

*Congratulations to **Christina Vasilakos**, (Pictured third from left) recipient of the Agape Award for the Direct Archdiocese District.*



## Church Usher Schedule:

**Team A: 8/7 & 9/4**

**Team B: 8/14 & 9/11**

**Team C: 8/21 & 9/18**

**Team D: 8/28 & 9/25**



**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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