

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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~ Week Day Liturgies as announced ~

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Holy Baptism · Holy Chrismation · Holy Confession

Holy Communion · Holy Unction · Holy Marriage

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

NEWS UPDATE: 8th ECUMENICAL / PAN-ORTHODOX COUNCIL



Eastern Christian Leaders Face Ultra-Conservative Grumbles As They Prepare for a Summit

Source: <http://www.economist.com/blogs/erasmus/2016/03/orthodox-christianity>

As Orthodox Christian leaders prepare for what has been billed as their most important gathering for centuries, they have many problems to wrestle with. One, as widely reported already, is the chronically uneasy relationship between the two best known of those leaders, the Istanbul-based Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew I, and Patriarch Kirill of Moscow. It is Patriarch Bartholomew, in his capacity as "first among equals" in the Orthodox hierarchy who is organizing and hosting the Synod; but many eyes, both wary and admiring, will be on his Russian guest, who along with his huge entourage has just toured South America, and made a foray into Antarctica.

Still, plans for the "Holy and Great Council" are on track and preparations are gathering pace. The meeting is now due to happen between June 16th and June 27th; the venue was switched from Istanbul to the Greek island in deference to the Russian participants, whose government is at loggerheads with Turkey.

But apart from finessing their various differences with each another, most of the 14 leaders, patriarchs and archbishops meeting on Crete will have to look behind their shoulders at ultra-conservative critics in their respective home patches, who find the whole idea of church diplomacy rather suspicious. Those critics will be looking out for anything that seems at variation with Orthodox tradition, or which appears to be watering down Orthodox Christianity's claim to be the repository of Christian truth at its purest.

The Georgian Orthodox Church, one of the oldest and most traditional, has already raised a red flag: it has said that it will not sign the section of the proposed statement which refers to "relations of the Orthodox church with the rest

of the world's Christian churches", or anything that implies that in order to achieve "Christian unity" the Orthodox must agree and combine with other bodies that follow Jesus Christ. From this purist point of view, there is only one Christian church worthy of the name and that is represented by the Orthodox. Meanwhile in the church of Cyprus, another ancient bastion of eastern Christianity, one of the island's most charismatic bishops, Athanasios of Limassol, has made an identical objection. "The Orthodox Church of Christ...believes that the unity of those who believe in Christ already exists in the unity of her baptized children...in her correct faith," he has insisted.

In practice, Orthodox diplomacy has found a sort of solution to the problem of defining "church" and "unity" in ways that please most parties. At a meeting in Toronto in 1950, when Orthodox bodies began joining the World Council of Churches, they insisted on a statement laying down that "membership [of the WCC] does not imply that each Church must regard other member churches as churches in the true and full sense of the word." This formula allowed Orthodox churches to be purist and amenable at the same time, by accepting that the word "church" had more than one meaning. (In ordinary language, it has at least half a dozen.) Some find that formula satisfactory, but ultra-conservatives don't.

As for Patriarch Kirill, he faces a slightly different problem ahead of Crete. His recent meeting with Pope Francis in Havana gained a lot of global attention, but the very fact that he parleyed with a "heretical" bishop of Rome has stirred into action some religious nationalists in Russia (including some quite influential ones) as well as some parts of his flock outside the Russian Federation: in Belarus and Moldova, some conservative clerics and monasteries have reacted to the Havana meeting by ceasing their public prayers for Kirill.

If you think that such traditionalists will look more kindly on a meeting in Crete where all the participants are Orthodox, think again. Slavic ultra-conservatives already have a long list of grievances against Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, starting with the fact that he has always enjoyed cordial relations with western churches including the Roman Catholics. They will undoubtedly denounce the Russian Patriarch for tainting himself by over-friendly association with the "liberals" of Constantinople; some already do.

As of now, none of this seems likely to derail the Cretan meeting; a more likely result is some empty chairs and a shorter-than-expected communiqué. But as Orthodox Christians prepare to undergo their Lenten discipline of fasting and self-examination (which this year starts much later, on March 13th, than the Western one) their world will be even more introverted than usual.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday, May 22nd, 2016

Please make every effort to attend.

Thank you.

From the Parish Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christos Anesti!

We have heard our OCA bretheren greet us with the saying, “*Christ is in our midst*”, to which we reply, “*He is and always shall be*”. I love this greeting, because it reassures me that we are not alone, and that we are one family in God.

This is a bitter-sweet time for our parish. We are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the awareness of life-everlasting in God’s Kingdom, and we are also preparing to say “farewell” to our beloved Priest and Spiritual Father, Theodore.

I’d like to share something personal with you. About six years ago, I experienced a tremendous sense of joy as Pascha was celebrated, which was then followed by a profound sense of loss and sadness. I asked an Orthodox Nun, why is this happening? She told me a story about how the Disciples must have experienced the same feelings after the Ascension of Christ. For three years the Disciples followed Jesus and questioned, watched and learned. They survived the terrible trial of Jesus’ crucifixion, and through the Myrrh-bearing women they came to understand that Jesus had arisen. After Jesus’ ascension, the disciples were left with the daunting task of teaching others and building Christ’s church. We only have to read Paul’s letters in the New Testament to know the frustration and anguish they sometimes suffered in this cause. And yet, here we are today, 2000+ years later, following the teachings of Christ and his Apostles. For me, the experience I related above was the beginning of a closer walk with God. I received a taste of God’s grace, then I learned that if I wanted to continue to receive that grace, I would have to develop my spiritual life more fully. So the work began...and it continues!

We are heading into another “new beginning” for our parish, but be comforted, because “*Christ is in our midst*”. I ask you to remember the parish council in your prayers, so that we may continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit and supported by one another as we continue lead.

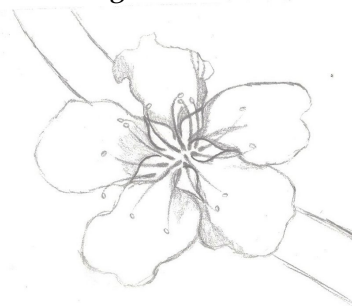
We’ve received many beautiful gifts from Father Theodore’s ministry: we were loved, taught, visited, challenged. We were enlightened to a deeper understanding of our Orthodox faith. We were directed to new places for spiritual renewal and understanding. I am grateful to God for the time that Father Theodore was allowed to spend with us, and I wish Father Theodore every good blessing from God.

The council will keep you apprised of news as it is received on the matter of our next parish Priest. In the meantime, we will continue to enjoy the blessings of Father Theodore’s work in our parish for as long as circumstances permit. Please make plans to attend the General Assembly Meeting on Sunday, May 22nd.

Please enjoy the collage of photos (opposite page) of April 2016 events in the parish of St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

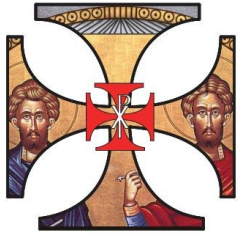
With Love in Christ ~

Athena Pagnotti





PHILOPTOCHOS



MEETING NOTES. At the meetings held on **April 21, 2016** the membership approved the following donations. Also included are donations approved at the **March 17, 2016** meeting which did not appear in last month's bulletin due to early print deadline.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church (toward Easter Flowers and Akathist Hymn Frame)

St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk 2016

Niskayuna Team Relay for Life/American Cancer Society

Sisterhood of Saint Basil Academy (National Commitment)

Community Hospice of Schenectady County

St. George Greek Orthodox Church (Bi-Annual Donation)

THANK YOU. A BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported our Tsouréki Sale and our Bake Sale which took place on April 9, 2016. It was a wonderful success! We are grateful to everyone who made a contribution of Time (countless hours spent baking and working at the event), Talent (the bakers who made the fabulous desserts and bread) and Treasure (donations of product and money). You all know who you are and more importantly God knows who you are. We also extend our sincere thanks to all the Ladies who brought a dessert to the Palm Sunday Fish Dinner.

ANNUAL JUNE PICNIC. Save the date! The annual picnic for Philoptochos members will take place on **Thursday, June 16, 2015** in the **Hellenic Center starting at 5:30 pm**. Again this year we will invite our sisters from the St. Sophia and St. Basil Philoptochos Chapters to join us for this last event before the summer break. Please join your sisters for an evening of fun!

As is our tradition, we will conduct a "**Pound Auction**" to raise monies for the benefit of **International Orthodox Christian Charities**. Everyone should bring a **NEW**, gift wrapped item with a value of **\$10 or higher**. Each item will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. **PLEASE, NO GAG GIFTS!**

SOUP KITCHEN. On **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** our Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for 129 persons at the **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**. The Soup Kitchen was sponsored by **Joanne Diamantis In Memory of Nicholas & Angie Diamantis, George Diamantis, Chris & Bessie Svolos, Teresa Donlan, Frank & Lucy Laskos, Gus Svolos**. May their memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Theodore. The dinner consisted of Greek Sausage & Pepper w/Pasta, Green Beans, Bread and Butter, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Juice and Coffee

On **Tuesday, April 12, 2016** the Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for 116 persons at the **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**. The dinner consisted of Greek-Style Goulash w/Pasta, Green Beans, Bread and Butter, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Juice and Coffee. The Soup Kitchen was sponsored by **Peter Giakoumis In Memory of Panagiotis Giakoumis and George Giakoumis**. May their memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Theodore. Our heartfelt thanks to the following team members who helped prepare and/or serve the

March & April meals: **Kathy Koines (Chair), Charlie Koines, Mike Euripidou, Pete Kalil, Steve and Alice Giakoumis, Phil McGowen, Presbytera Nina Daratsos, Olga Delorey, Eliana Georgelos, Bill Manikas, Dom DiCocco, Tina Twardzik and Father Theodore Roupas.**

*“...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, May 19, 2016 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.

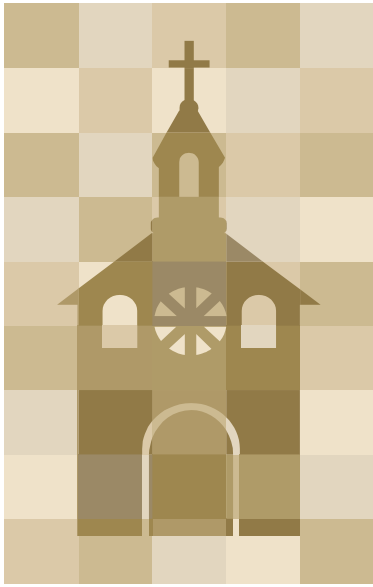
St. Andrew Brotherhood Choir Concert

“The St. Andrew Brotherhood Choir will hold a special concert on
Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 2:00 pm at
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church.

The program is called

**“Honoring the Ministry of Women
in the Orthodox Church”.**

The beautiful hymns, interspersed with narration,
will depict the important role of women and
their contributions to the Orthodox Christian Church.”



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2016 Pledge Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Total amount pledged to date: \$ 60,719.00

Total amount received to date: \$ 36,634.50

~ As of April 25th ~

Platinum Level Stewards \$1,500 +
Ten (10) Stewards

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 — \$1,499
Twelve (12) Stewards

Silver Level Stewards \$500 — \$999
Twenty-one (21) Stewards

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or less
Fifty-one (51)

2016 St. George GOC Members Pledged to Date

Rev. Fr. Theodore & Tatiana Roupas

Paul & Tiara Antonovich

Angela Aretakis

Stephanie Arrington

Eugenia Avramidis

Maryna Baker

Athan Baskous

John Behiri

Susan Birbilis

Lucy Brady & Family

Sam & Deborah Bratsos

Ifigenia Brown

Arji Cakouros

Dr. Fanny Caranikas

Palmyra Catravas

Andreas 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

Ciara D'Angelo

***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.*

Rev. Fr. Peter & Presbytera Nina Daratsos

Olga Delorey

Joanne Diamantis

Marguerite Doulides

Michael & Elaine Euripidou

Morgan & Julie Gazetos

Demetrios Geanopoulos &

KimAthena Kakos

Helena Georgelas

Eliana Georgelos

Panagiota Giakoumis

Peter & Janet Giakoumis & Family

Steve & Alice Giakoumis

Lucy Goodale & Family

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 & Katheleen Koines

J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael Koliatsis

Maria Kontakos

Steven & Barbara Kouray

Patricia Lambert & Family

Trifon & Zanetta Laskaris

Christine Legorius

Frieda Legorius

Rosemary Legorius

William Manikas

James & Ann Mantas

Cathy Marco

Akrivi Markopoulos

Ann Markopoulos

Athena Markopoulos

Stephen & Mary Markopoulos

Cathy Menagias

Fillipos & Erene Menagias & Family

Georgio Menagias

Jerry & Angela Menagias

Simeon & Barbara Nikolaidis

Katherine Orfan

Paul & Joanne Pagiotas

Athena Pagnotti & Family

Peter & Penney Pagonis

Kostantinos & Debra Papanikos

Nick & Gladys Paravalos

Frank & Teresa Rossetti

Ourania Sokaris

Roubina Spyros-Morgan

Van & Anita Stathis

Olga Stryjski

Themetriai 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





2016
Paschal Lenten Donations

Christos Anesti! ~ Christ is Risen ~ Truly He is Risen!

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you for your generosity each Sunday as the second trays were passed for the Epitaphios ornamentation. Donations for specific items, and that were given in memory/honor of loved ones, are noted on the opposite page.


As there is no category listed on the spreadsheet, we would like to acknowledge that the potted flowers in front of the Church and Hellenic Center were donated/planted in loving memory of James and Maria Contompasis, parents of Cathy, Dena, Emanuel, Mary Ellen and Marika.

~ The Parish Council




2016				
Date			Donor	
Friday, March 18th	1st Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	Gladys Paravalos	LENTEN LIST
Friday, March 25th	Annunciation/Evangelismou	Flower Frame for Icon	Toni Kananis	
Friday, March 25th	Annunciation/Evangelismou	Flower Shelf for Panagia Icon	Toly Svolos honoring her Mother's Birthday	
Friday, April 1st	3rd Salutation	Flower Frame for Icon	Helen 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 (?)	Helena Georgelas	
Sunday, April 24th	Palm Sunday (a.m.)	Palms	Rena Counavellis	
Sunday, April 24th	Palm Sunday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Icon	Helen Behiri	
Wednesday, April 27th	Holy Wednesday	7 Candles, Oil, Flour, Q-tips, Cotton Balls	Nora Sokaris	
Thursday, April 28th	Holy Thursday	Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	Anna Ktenas and Alexandra Casey	
		3 Candles for Crucifix	Katherine Orfan	
		12 Candles for Gospel Readings	Ron Dikas	
		Eggs (1 case) (Large)	Anonymous	
Friday, April 29th	Holy Friday	Epitaphio flowers	Parishioners (2nd tray on Sundays) and Individual directed donations	
		Cross of Flowers for Epitaphio	Joanne Diamantis	
		Rose or Orange Blossom Water (2)	Eugenia Avramidis	
		White Full Size Sheet	Eugenia Avramidis	
		Red Roses (for Choir & Chanters)	Charlie Koines	
		Flower petals	Camille Kosloski	
Saturday, April 30th	Holy Saturday (a.m.)	Flower frame for Proti Anastasi Icon	Fotulla Lapidus	
	Holy Saturday (p.m.) (Anastasi)	Paschal Candle / Decorated	Joanne Diamantis	
		Resurrection Banner	Dorothy Dikas	
		Potted flowers/Azaleas	Joanne Diamantis, Katherine Orfan	
		Flower Frame for Anastasi Icon	Betty Lekkas	
		Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	Eliana Georgelos	
		Flower shelf for Panagia Icon	Anastasia Zoulas	
Monday, May 2nd	St. George (celebrated)	Flower Frame for St. George Icon (Stand)	Presv. Nina Daratsos in memory of George Daratsos	LENTEN LIST
Monday, May 2nd	St. George (celebrated)	Flower Shelf for St. George (Altar)	Aleka Menagias	

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!

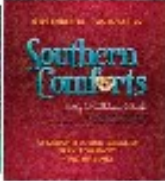


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A TRUE SOUTHERN ROMANCE

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 surprise 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
- ◊ **CHARGILLED CHICKEN BREAST** with homemade apple relish, lemon vinaigrette served with roasted potatoes (Gluten Free)
- ◊ **BROILED ATLANTIC SALMON** with lemon, white wine and caper sauce served with rice pilaf (Gluten Free)
- ◊ **VEGETARIAN PASTA** with sautéed vegetables over penne pasta

All entrees served with choice of Caesar or House Salad, Rolls, Vegetables, Dessert & Coffee or Hot Tea

DISCOUNT PRICING

MATINEE (Tues, Wed, Thurs) OR EVENING (Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat) DINNER & SHOW TICKET \$55.00* (Includes Tax and Tip)

A \$14.00 savings off the regular price! *15 or more guests required for group rate.



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FELLOWSHIP NEWS ~ MAY 2016

Christos Anesti! Χριστός Ανέστη!
Alithos Anesti! Αληθώς Ανέστη!
Christ is risen! Truly he is risen!

These words will be repeated often during the 40 days of the Paschal season....from Easter Sunday on May 1st to the Feast of the Ascension on June 9th. And what a wonderful season it is! As Orthodox Christians, we are truly blessed during the period of Lent and into the Paschal season, to be surrounded with beautiful hymns, prayers and worship services. We are reminded in John 3:16 that "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Let us keep those words in the forefront of our minds as we worship during the sacred time of Pascha.

For our April meeting, our Lenten lunch consisted of a delicious fasolada (bean soup) prepared by Steve Giakoumis, crusty bread, hummus, salad, and a Lenten chocolate cake for dessert. Our business meeting followed lunch.

Dates were scheduled for our annual visit to the Lake George Dinner Theater. This year, there will be two different shows. We will attend the first one, entitled "Almost Maine", on August 11th and the second one, "Southern Comforts", on October 13th. Both shows are matinees. All St. George parishioners are more than welcome to attend these shows. Please see Eliana if you are interested in attending either or both of the performances. Attached is a flyer with additional information.

Following our business meeting, we watched another one of Gladys Paravalos's wonderful DVDs, this one on the life of St. Nicholas. Gladys has numerous other DVDs on the lives of our great saints in her collection. Last month we watched one on the life of St. George, and we look forward to watching others at future meetings.

Our May Fellowship meeting takes place on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Hellenic Center. Our lunch menu is to be determined.

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 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. 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 Koines or either of our co-presidents, Paul Pagiotas or Eliana Georgelos, for information.

The Fellowship group extends our very best wishes to all for a happy Easter.

Christos Anesti!



Greek Festival 2016

A report will be given in the June community bulletin on the accomplishments of the 2016 Festival Planning Committee. **The Parish is still in need of a chairperson for the Souvlaki Booth.**

Please join us for the next
Festival Planning Meeting on
Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm in
the Hellenic Center.

Thank you!



WWW.PolitismosMuseum.org

Greek American Pioneers and Philhellenes
in the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913

Digital Exhibit Curated by
Peter S. Giakoumis
Military Historian

Greek Translation provided by Professor Christopher Tripoulas



To see this exhibit and others please visit;
www.PolitismosMuseum.org

*Congratulations to
St. George GOC parishioner,
Peter Giakoumis,
for his work on the historical
exhibit now on display at the
Politismos Museum of Greek
History. Please visit the website
to learn more.*



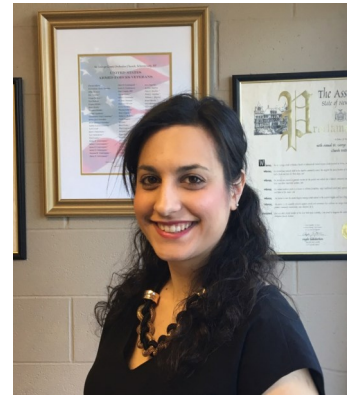
**...looking for the
right information?**

Did you know that we have a community bulletin board? It's located in the Hellenic Center hallway across from the restrooms. You'll find up to date reports on parish fundraisers, Orthodox Missions, educational programs, studies abroad and parish events. Stop by and take a look!

St George Youth Dance Troupe

Instructor: Miss Georgia Tsakopiakos

We are pleased to introduce a new member of the St. George Parish Ministry team, *Georgia Aspasia Tsakopiakos*. Georgia was born in Schenectady, and was active in St. George's Greek School and Hellenic Dance activities up to the age of seven. At that time, she moved with her family to Greece. In elementary school in Gastouni, she became involved in the Gastouni dance troupe, where she learned many dances from all over the region. This was the start of a 15-year active involvement in Hellenic dancing. After high school, Georgia attended college and became a Pharmacy Assistant. She worked in this profession in Greece for four years, then she and her family moved back to the states in 2012, and they are so very happy to be back in the St. George community once again! Georgia works for CVS Pharmacy as a Lead Pharmacy Technician. Over the past three years she has performed with Fotia Hellenic Society at the St. George Greek Festival and at other local Greek Festivals. Georgia is committed to helping the St. George Youth and the community during festival, and any other occasions where her talents and skills may be warranted. Welcome aboard Georgia! We are so happy to have you as a community leader.



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:

May 9th

May 16th

May 23rd

NO Practice on May 30th (Memorial Day)

June 6th

June 13th

June 20th

June 27th

NO Practice on July 4th

July 11th

July 18th

July 25th



As the Festival draws closer, a new schedule of practices will be announced. Please email Georgia (georgiatsakopiakos@gmail.com) with any questions.

St. Nicholas Shrine at the WTC, NYC



Thank you to the St. George Youth Groups, the Fellowship Group, the Philoptochos Society and the Parish Council for their efforts towards a beautiful *Palm Sunday Luncheon*.



The parish raised \$668.96 after expenses (\$357.04). Proceeds will benefit the *St. Nicholas Shrine at the World Trade Center in NYC*.





Community News & Events

The Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale, held April 8th and 9th, yielded a net profit to the parish of \$4,617.52. Thank you to **ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS** who generously donated “home goods” to be sold at the event. Thank you to our yard sale coordinators: **Cathy Contompasis, Angie Menagias and Roubina Spyros-Morgan**; and thank you to the **Ladies Philoptochos Society** for coordinating the bake sale component of the event. Thank you to Manny Contompasis of **Screen Designs** for donating the exterior Ad banner, and to Ron Dikas of “**Our Towne Rotterdam**” for the Ad design and full page ad in that publication.



Mr. Vasilios Garoutsos, of Fonda, NY, fell asleep in the Lord on March 28th, 2016, at the age of 70. The funeral was celebrated on April 2nd. *May his memory be eternal!*

Mr. Russel Wilson, beloved husband of Mary, fell asleep in the Lord on March 31st, 2016, at the age of 88. The funeral was celebrated on April 5th. *May his memory be eternal!*

Mr. Athan (Tom) Baskous, beloved Father of Alexander and Patricia, fell asleep in the Lord on April 7th, 2016, at the age of 94. The funeral was celebrated on April 15th. *May his memory be eternal!*

The son of **Brian and Megan Whipple** was baptized on April 3rd. He was given the Christian name of *John* by his godparents Paul & Tiara Antonovich. *May God bless the newly illumined!*

Join us for the annual **St. George Nameday Dinner and Dance, Saturday, May 7th at 6 pm.**, Hellenic Center.

Festival Planning Meeting, Wednesday, May 18th, 6:30 pm. Hellenic Center.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will hold its next business meeting on **Thursday, May 19, 2016** at 6:30 pm.

Mondays: May 9, 16, and 23 ~**Youth Dance Troup Practice**, Church basement ~see schedule within.

Youth Groups (tentative) **trip is planned to** visit Holy Cross College and Holy Resurrection Church in Brookline, MA on Saturday, May 21st. Please look for email communications to confirm.

Sunday School concludes on May 22nd with a ceremony and acknowledgement of our **2016 High School Graduates**.

Spring **General Assembly Meeting on Sunday, May 22nd** following Divine Liturgy.

Kiki Jones will sponsor the **Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, May 24, 2016** in loving memory of *Husband Ed Jones*.

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.

Church Usher Schedule:

Team C: 5/1

Team D: 5/8

Team A: 5/15

Team B: 5/22

Team C: 5/29



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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On Sunday, May 22nd, 2016, St. George GOC will honor
High School Graduates

Billy Avramidis

Marika Contompasis

Maria (Balwant) Kingra

Peter Wilson, III



If a student has been omitted in error, please contact Camille
in the Parish Office at 393-0742.

**The cut-off date is May 15th
for news & events submissions for our June 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.