



**On Sunday, December 3, 2017 we commemorate:  
14th Sunday of Luke  
The Holy Prophet Sophonias (Zephaniah)  
Our Righteous Father John, Bishop and Hesychast  
Holy Martyrs Agapius and Seleucius**



**Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον**

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων,  
καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν  
σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ,  
δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ  
Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα.  
Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ  
βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε  
φιλόανθρωπε.

**Troparion of St. George**

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

**Κοντάκιον**

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον  
Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν  
ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη  
ἀκουισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ  
τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι,  
Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

The stone had been secured with a seal by the  
Judeans, \* and a guard of soldiers was watching  
Your immaculate body. \* You rose on the third  
day, O Lord \* and Savior, granting life unto the  
world. \* For this reason were the powers of  
heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: \* Glory to  
Your resurrection, O Christ; \* glory to Your  
kingdom; \* glory to Your dispensation, only One  
who loves mankind.

**Troparion of St. George**

Liberator of captives, defender of the  
Poor, physician of the sick, and champion  
Of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr  
George, intercede with Christ God that our  
souls be saved.

**Kontakion**

On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the grotto  
to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word \* in an  
ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, all the  
inhabited earth, on hearing. \* Glorify along with  
Angels and with the shepherds \* Him who  
willed that He appear as \* a newborn Child, \*  
the pre-eternal God.



### **The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19**

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.



### **The Gospel according to Luke 18:35-43**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

## Children's Sunday

The first Sunday of every month, Fr. Sean will be presenting a Children's Sermon for all of our parish children. Please pass the news on and bring your kids, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, and nephews and have them sit up in the first few pews, as Father will be speaking directly to them. The Liturgy on those days will be mostly in English to accommodate our young people so that they may understand the Liturgy better. This is a good way to get our kids involved and have them feel as though they are a major part of our community of faith. Please get them here on time! If they show up after the Gospel reading they will miss the lesson of the day!



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**Orthros: 9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM**  
**Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes, Proistamenos**

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM**  
**Parish Office closed on Friday**

### Church User Assignment

<b>Sunday, December 3, 2017</b>	<b>Team A</b>	Pete Kalil, Charles Koines, Bill Manikas, Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen
<b>Sunday, December 10, 2017</b>	<b>Team B</b>	Alexandra Casey, Lainie Christou, Brian Goodale, Dimitrios Koutsopoulos, Scott Morlock

## December Events

Sunday, December 3, 2017	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Dean Plakas Memorial 11:30 AM <b>Fall General Assembly Meeting</b>
Monday, December 4, 2017	5:30 PM Philoptochos Christmas Dinner at the Edison Club
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – <b>Feast of St. Savvas the Sanctified</b> 7:00 PM <b>AHEPA Chapter #125 Meeting – Clinton's Ditch</b>
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – <b>Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</b>
Friday, December 8, 2017	6:00 PM Youth group Christmas Shopping for Charity Blaze Pizza/Target at Balltown Road
Sunday, December 10, 2017	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Thursday, December 14, 2017	12:00 PM Senior Fellowship Christmas Party at Tops American Grill, Bakery & Bar
Sunday, December 17, 2017	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Monday, December 18, 2017	11:00 AM Orthodoxy/Bible Study Class 6:30 PM Orthodoxy/Bible Study Class
Tuesday, December 19, 2017	10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Prep 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve – Sponsored by Maria Kontakos in Memory of Louis and George Kontakos
Sunday, December 24, 2017	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 PM Divine Liturgy – <b>Christmas Eve</b>
Monday, December 25, 2017	<b>Christmas – Parish Office Closed</b>