

# Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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**Sunday Services: Orthros – 9am; Divine Liturgy – 10 am**  
**~ Weekday Liturgies as announced ~**

## Parish Council Executive Committee

Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes  
*Presiding Parish Priest*

Evan Euripidou – President

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## Parish Ministry Leaders

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

Mr. Evan Euripodou  
*Head Chanter (Protopsaltis)*

Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes  
*Bible Study*  
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*Sunday School Coordinator*

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

# APRIL 2018

Dear Parishioners,

The Churches in our Archdiocese hold their Resurrection Services at midnight every year, just as Saturday ends and Pascha Sunday begins. Unfortunately, the vast majority of people stay just long enough to sing "Christos Anesti" and then leave- missing out on the Divine Liturgy that celebrates our Lord's glorious resurrection at the culmination of Lent and Holy Week. With that in mind, I thought that I would share for those who do, for whatever reason, depart as the last notes of "Christos Anesti" fade, the beautiful prayer by St. John Chrysostom which is read by the priest near the end of the Liturgy:

*"If any man be devout and loveth God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast! If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have laboured long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived therefore. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. And if any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness.*

*For the Lord, who is jealous of his honour, will accept the last even as the first. He giveth rest unto him who cometh at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who hath wrought from the first hour. And He showeth mercy upon the last, and careth for the first; and to the one He giveth, and upon the other He bestoweth gifts. And He both accepteth the deeds, and welcometh the intention, and honoureth the acts and praises the offering.*

*Wherefore, enter ye all into the joy of your Lord; receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival! You sober and you heedless, honour the day! Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away. Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness.*

*Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave.*

*Let no one fear death, for the Saviour's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions.*

*It was embittered, for it was abolished.*

*It was embittered, for it was mocked.*

*It was embittered, for it was slain.*

*It was embittered, for it was overthrown.*

*It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains.*

*It took a body, and met God face to face.*

*It took earth, and encountered Heaven.*

*It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.*

*O Death, where is thy sting?*

*O Hell, where is thy victory?*

*Christ is risen, and thou art overthrown!*

*Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!*

*Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!*

*Christ is risen, and life reigns!*

*Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.*

*For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

*To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen"*

With Love in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Sean

**Καλό Πάσχα!      Happy Easter!**

The Fellowship group extends warm wishes to all for a blessed Easter. On April 8th of this year, after preparing ourselves throughout the forty days of Lent with fasting, prayer and attending the beautiful services in our church, we joyfully celebrate Christ's resurrection on Holy Pascha.

**Χριστός ανέστη!      Christ is risen!**

**Αληθώς ανέστη!      Truly He has risen!**

This past winter has certainly brought much snow to our area. Our Fellowship meetings of both February and March had to be cancelled due to the Nor'easter storms which came through on the days we were scheduled to meet. Our hope is that April truly comes with spring weather and that this month's meeting, scheduled for Thursday, April 12th at 11:30 AM at the Hellenic Center will proceed as planned.

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 meetings with a prayer and a meal. A nominal fee of \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 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 more information.





## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**MEETING NOTES.** At the March 2018 monthly meeting, the membership approved the following donations:

**Orthodox Christian Mission Center (National Commitment)**  
**Support a Mission Priest (National Commitment)**  
**Hellenic College/Holy Cross (National Commitment)**  
**Hellenic Cultural Center (DAD Commitment)**  
**St. George Greek Orthodox Church (donation toward Easter Flowers)**  
**Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry**

**MOVIE NIGHT.** A big thank you to everyone who attended our first-ever “Saturday Night at the Movies” on February 17, 2018! We were thrilled to welcome over 50 people who came out on a cold Saturday night to enjoy pizza, popcorn, candy and our feature film “Do You Wanna Dance”. As our movie goers were leaving many asked “when are you going to do this again?” Stay tuned.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION.** The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention will be held July 1-5, 2018 in Boston, MA. Our convention runs concurrent with the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Clergy-Laity Congress. This year’s theme is “All Things Are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ”. (Mark 9:23)

**ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS.** We received a letter from our National President, Maria Logus, outlining total disbursements from the National Philoptochos for calendar year 2017. Each month you see in our Meeting Notes (above) that our chapter makes donations to various “National Commitments”. This program of ministries was adopted at the National Philoptochos Biennial Convention. The total disbursements for calendar year 2017 was: \$1,737,511! As a point of information, our St. George Chapter, one of the smallest in the country, contributed \$2,515 to National Philoptochos toward this effort.

Although these reports are given at our General Assembly Meetings, we think it’s important to share with the entire community total giving from our St. George Chapter. As “friend of the poor” we are committed to helping our local community which is in dire need of support. In calendar year 2017, charitable disbursements from our chapter are listed below. We could not do this without you! Thank you for your unwavering support!

**National and Direct Archdiocesan District: \$3,263.63**

**Local Community Charities: \$6,774.12**

**St. George Church: \$1,753.00**

**TOTAL COMBINED 2017: \$11,790.75**

**SOUP KITCHEN.** On Tuesday, February 27, 2018 our Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for 126 persons at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen was sponsored by **Jan Gallas In Loving Memory of her father, Robert O'Donnell**. May his memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Sean. The dinner consisted of Chicken Florentine with Vegetables and Penne Pasta, Corn with Peppers and Sautéed Zucchini, 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, Pete Kalil, Steve & Alice Giakoumis, Eliana Georgelos, Presbytera Pamela Govostes, and Olga Delorey.**



*“...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 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm.**

### **APRIL AT A GLANCE**

- Business Meeting – Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Gladys Paravalos will sponsor the Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 in memory of her beloved family members Alexios & Paraskeve Katsigiannis (parents), Kostas Katsigiannis (brother), Vasilios Katsigiannis (brother), Tasia Zisimopoulos (sister), Eleni Pempas (sister) and Vasiliki Rigas (sister)

### **Ladies Philoptochos Society Board of Directors 2017-2019**

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

**Members:** Lucy Brady, Joanne Diamantis, Alice Giakoumis,  
Kiki Jones, Aleka Menagias, Elena Sikamiotis



The Ladies Philoptochos Society wishes everyone a blessed  
Resurrection!





### HOLY WEEK

- ❖ Sunday, April 1st: **Palm Sunday**- Orthros/Divine Liturgy @9AM, Bridegroom Service @6PM
- ❖ Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> : **Holy Monday**- Bridegroom Service @6PM
- ❖ Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> : **Holy Tuesday**- Bridegroom Service @6PM
- ❖ Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Wednesday**- Service of Holy Unction @6PM
- ❖ Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Thursday**- Vespereal Liturgy @10AM, Service of the 12 Gospels @6PM
- ❖ Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Friday**- Royal Hours @10AM, Apokathelosis @3PM, Lamentations @6PM
- ❖ Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Saturday**- Protoanastasis @10AM, Resurrection Service @11PM
- ❖ Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: **Great and Holy Pascha**- Agape Vespers @11AM



## April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Palm Sunday</b>  9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 Palm Sunday Luncheon sponsored by AHEPA Chapter 125 6:00 PM Bridegroom Service	<b>2 Holy Monday</b>  6:00 PM Bridegroom Service	<b>3 Holy Tuesday</b>  6:00 PM Bridegroom Service	<b>4 Holy Wednesday</b>  6:00 PM Service of Holy Unction	<b>5 Holy Thursday</b>  10:00 AM Vespereal Liturgy 6:00 PM Service of The 12 Gospels	<b>6 Holy Friday</b>  10:00 AM Royal Hours 3:00 PM Apokathelosis 6:00 PM Lamentations	<b>7 Holy Saturday</b>  10:00 AM Protoanastasis 11:00 PM Resurrection Service
<b>8 Great and Holy Pascha</b>  11:00 AM Agape Vespers	<b>9 Bright Monday</b>  Parish Office Closed	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:30 AM Senior Fellowship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM Orthodoxy/Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Philoptochos Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM Greek Language Class	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Prep 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve Sponsored by Gladys Paravalos in Memory of Alexios, Kostas, Paraskoves & Vasilios, Tasia Zisimpoulos & Eleni Pimpas	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>30</b>					