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Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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May/ June 2021

THE TOUCHING OF THOMAS
St. George-Schenectady, NY

Family Night
Bible Study & Kids Activities

Saturday, May 8, 2021
Great Vespers & Family
Night 6:00pm-8:00pm

Please join us for service and discussion.
After worship we will review and explain the
Sunday Gospel for all ages.



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

May 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Holy Saturday 9:30 am Vespers Liturgy 11:00 pm Resurrection Service
2 Pascha/ Easter Sunday Service 10:30 am Agape Vespers	3 Bright Monday 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Teen/Adult Greek/Language	4 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	5	6 4:30 pm Level 1 Greek School 5:30 pm Level 2 Greek School	7 Theotokos of the Life-giving Spring 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	8 6:30 pm Family Night-Vespers & Bible Study
9 Thomas Sunday 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	5:00 pm Teen/Adult Greek/Language	11 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	12	13 4:30 pm Level 1 Greek School 5:30 pm Level 2 Greek School	14	15
16 Sunday of the Myrr-Bearing Women 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 3 Month Memorial for Stephanos Zanaros	17 5:00 pm Teen/Adult Greek/Language 6:30 pm Book Club/ Bible Study	18 7:00 am Soup Kitchen Prep sponsored by Thomas & Shannon Jones in Memory of Ed & Angeliki Jones 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	19	20 4:30 pm Level 1 Greek School 5:30 pm Level 2 Greek School 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary followed by the Holy Sacrament of Confession 6:30 pm Philoptochos Meeting	21 Feast of Sts. Constantine & Helen 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	22 Great Vespers 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
23 Sunday of the Paralytic 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	24 5:00 pm Teen/Adult Greek/Language 6:30 pm Book Club/ Bible Study	25 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	26 Mid-Pentecost 4th Wednesday of Pascha 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	27 4:30 pm Level 1 Greek School 5:30 pm Level 2 Greek School 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary followed by the Holy Sacrament of Confession	28	29
30 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	31 Memorial Day Parish office closed					

****The Sacrament of Holy Confession maybe requested and ministered after any service.
Contact Fr. Neofitos at 347-256-6723 or the church office at 518-393-0742.***



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June 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	2 7 pm Young Adult Zoom Meeting	3 4:30 pm Level 1 Greek School 5:30pm Level 2 Greek School 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary followed by the Holy Sacrament of Confession	4	5
6 Sunday of the Blind Man 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy One year Memorial for Chris Dafniotis	7 5:30 pm Teen/Adult Greek Language 6:30 pm Book Club/ Bible Study	8 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. Sophia Church: Apodosis of Pascha - Leavetaking - Orthros and Divine Liturgy (St. Andrews' Brotherhood) 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	9 7 pm Young Adult Zoom Meeting	10 Holy Ascension 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Senior Fellowship Meeting 4:30 pm Level 1 Greek School 5:30 pm Level 2 Greek School 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary followed by the Holy Sacrament of Confession	11	12
13 Greek School Stepping up and Ministry Leadership Sunday - Honoring Graduates 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	14 5:30 pm Teen/Adult Greek Language 6:30 pm Book Club/ Bible Study	15 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	16 7 pm Young Adult Zoom Meeting	17 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary followed by the Holy Sacrament of Confession	18	19 Saturday of the Souls 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Pentecost Great Vespers
20 Holy Pentecost Kneeling Vespers Father's Day 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	21 Monday of the Holy Spirit 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 5:30 pm Teen/Adult Greek Language	22 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	23 7 pm Young Adult Zoom Meeting	24 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary followed by the Holy Sacrament of Confession	25	26
27 All Saints 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	28 5:30 pm Teen/Adult Greek Language	29 Sts. Peter & Paul 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	30 Synaxis of the Holy Apostles 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 7 pm Young Adult Zoom Meeting			

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From the desk of Fr. Neofitos – God's Presence, Our Presence

The Catechetical Paschal Homily of our Father Among the Saints, St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

If there are devout and God loving people here, let them enjoy this beautiful, radiant festival. If there are prudent servants, enter joyously into the Lord's joy. Whoever may be spent from fasting, enjoy now your reward. Whoever has toiled from the first hour, receive today your just settlement. If any came after the third hour, celebrate gratefully. If any of you arrived after the sixth, have no misgivings, you have lost nothing. If some have been as late as the ninth, come forward, do not be at a loss. If any of you have arrived only at the eleventh hour, do not be dismayed for being late. The Master is gracious: He accepts the last even as the first; He gives rest to those of the eleventh as well as to those who have labored from the first; He is lenient with the last while looking after the first; to the one He gives, to the other He gives freely; He accepts the labors and welcomes the effort; honors the deed, but commends the intent. So, all of you, enter into the joy of our Lord: first and second, share the bounty. Rich and poor alike, celebrate together. Sober or heedless, honor the day. Those who fasted and those who did not, rejoice today. The table is full, everyone fare sumptuously. The calf is fatted; no one go away hungry. Everyone, savor the banquet of faith; relish the riches of His goodness. No one need lament poverty, for the kingdom is seen as universal. No one need grieve over sins; forgiveness has dawned from the tomb. No one need fear death; the Savior's death has freed us from it. While its captive He stifled it. He despoiled Hades as He descended into it; it was angered when it tasted His flesh. Foreseeing this, Isaiah proclaimed: "Hades," he said, "was angered when he met You below." It was angered because it was abolished. It was angered because it was mocked. It was angered because it was slain. It was angered because it was shackled. It received a body and encountered God. It took earth and came face to face with heaven. It took what it saw and fell by what it could not see. Death, where is your sting? Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are overthrown. Christ is risen and demons have fallen. Christ is risen and angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life rules. Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the tomb. For Christ, having risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those that slept. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever. Amen.

Apolitykion of St. John Chrysostom

The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls.

The blessed words of Saint John, read after the midnight Liturgy on Pascha Sunday lavishly paint a blessed icon of our Lord's love and compassion toward his beloved creation, humanity. Our Lord loves the last even as the first. His compassion and His justice are unlike anything that exists in the world. Why would there be mercy on the last? Why would the first receive the same as the last and vice versa? Love does not rejoice when someone else fails or suffers. Our Lord does not want the death of the sinner but life and the return of the sinner. He leaves the 99 sheep to go save the one and then the entire village rejoices: the heavenly Kingdom of angelic hosts and Saints rejoice.

These holy days are a true test for our spirit. Our main concern should be our own family's offering to our Lord. He offered us everything, what do we offer Him in turn?

First and foremost, we can offer Him our presence. Showing up is half the battle. The thief on the cross is proof that God's justice is merciful. His love is abounding. As long as we draw breath, the door is open. His arms are wide open waiting for our presence. Our chance is now. The precious life we have been given can be used for the glory of God or for the demise of our soul, for the evil one.

Our presence is required not only in church but full body, heart, and soul too in the presence of God. His presence is revealed to us through our own struggle toward holiness; our fasting, prayer, almsgiving, church services, holy sacraments, sacrifices, and offerings. These ascetical practices open our eyes to the presence of our God and allow for the awareness of our presence to share His presence. It is we who are many times absent from his presence as worldly, earthly beings consumed by distractions and difficulties. Our experience of God comes from these practices.



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And for those that choose to be present and pick up their cross and follow their God, the road can be perilous. We might feel alone, tired, beaten by the realities of this life. The resurrection is a small foretaste of our rest, our joy, our reward. The race never ends. Jesus Christ is eternal and forever and his gift to us is eternity. Surrendering during our struggles is a choice. We ought not to see it as a race with an end but a life in His glory.

It does not matter who finishes first or last. In the parable with the talents, the wicked servant lost his talent, and it was given to those who had more. Jesus said to those who have more, more will be given. God's justice is not our justice. He is a lenient judge, and his yoke is not heavy but light. We are asked to enter into the joy of his Kingdom on these days. To be in his presence and to remain in the race. And for those who are first, it is a great temptation to think that the race ends at the resurrection. We do not fast for 48 days so that we can become gluttonous the rest of the year. True spirituality is not about meat, dairy, and candles. It requires the Holy Spirit. Our efforts can become blessed by the Lord and be transformative. Living a life of spiritual struggle should transform us even after Holy Pascha and the Resurrection are celebrated.

The table is full, everyone fare sumptuously. The calf is fatted; no one go away hungry. Everyone, savor the banquet of faith; relish the riches of His goodness. No one need lament poverty, for the kingdom is seen as universal.

It is a choice we have to either choose spiritual poverty or His great banquet. During these blessed holy days, we have an opportunity to grow in our love for humanity and God. We might encounter individuals struggling that we have never seen in church before. It is a temptation to be judgmental and to not be loving and welcoming. The way of Christ requires us to be welcoming and accepting so that He in turn welcomes us and accepts us.

Where there is Jesus Christ, there is a sweet smell. Where there is death and judgment, there is a foul smell. Lazarus's sister poured sweet smelling ointment on Jesus's feet yet one in the crowd said that this should be sold and given to the poor instead of being wasted in this manner. This was none other than Judas Iscariot who was the treasurer of the group and had a greedy heart and mind. In the same way we ought to welcome acts of love that come our way and enter our church once a year or 100 times a year because our Lord is victorious, and his victory transcends our worldly rules and comprehension. We are asked to be holy like His Father is holy. Death itself has been destroyed by Jesus's death. Who are we to stand in the way of his mercy when he gives it so freely to all of us sinners. It is our choice to rejoice or be like Judas.

We here at Saint George welcome all pilgrims.

So, all of you, enter into the joy of our Lord: first and second, share the bounty. Rich and poor alike, celebrate together.

St. George is waiting for you. Jesus Christ is waiting for you. He is the head, and we His members. We wish everyone a Kalo Pascha and a blessed Easter! We look forward to once again embracing you and seeing you all in celebration!

Services for the Feast of St. George

Sunday, May 2 – Pascha/Easter Sunday *10:30 am

Agape Vespers and Vespers for St. George

Monday, May 3 – The Feast of St. George *8:30

am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy





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Philoptochos News

By Olga Delorey

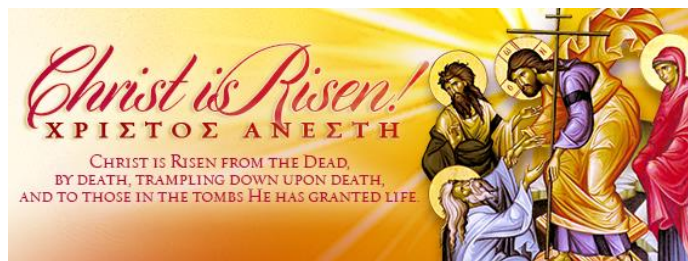
The late winter and early spring months continued to be somewhat quiet for the St. George Philoptochos. We held our regular business meetings although attendance was low due to the weather and continued concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be assured our meetings are held in accordance with our parish council guidelines. Seating is socially distant, masks are required and temperatures taken upon sign-in. How blessed we are to be able to worship together as a community in church once again. As Father Neofitos recently said, he feels like it is his and Presvytera's first Lent, Holy Week and Pascha with their St. George family. Indeed, we feel the same...and the sweet voice of baby George Nektarios is music to our ears!

During the months of March-April, our Philoptochos fulfilled its philanthropic mission by providing donations to the following: Orthodox Christian Mission Center, Support A Mission Priest, Hellenic College/Holy Cross, Hellenic Cultural Center, Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry, Family Promise of the Capital Region, Albany Medical Center (Hug A Heart Pillow Project), City Mission of Schenectady (student toiletry kits), Salvation Army (soup kitchen bag lunches) and St. George Greek Orthodox Church (Easter Donation and Akathist Hymn Flower Frame).

Our heartfelt gratitude to the following Soup Kitchen Bag Lunch sponsors: Paula & Hari Kingra (March) and Steve & Alice Giakoumis (April).



The Ladies Philoptochos wishes you and your family a joyous PASCHA!



Upcoming meetings: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Due to continued pandemic restrictions, our annual June picnic and auction will not take place. Let us pray we can gather together next year!

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



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Ladies Philoptochos Society HUG A HEART PILLOW Project



On March 12, 2021, the St. George Philoptochos delivered 50 Hug A Heart Pillows to Albany Medical Center. These pillows are distributed to patients who are recuperating from cardiac surgery. They are used to protect the incision during the healing and recovery process.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals who participated in this effort. They were our seamstresses, assemblers, and donors: Cathy Contompasis, Olga Delorey, Elaine Euripidou, Jan Gallas, Eliana Georgelos, Alice Giakoumis, Katherine Orfan, Gladys Paravalos, and Mary Wilson.



Our Hug A Heart Pillow Project is dedicated to the memory of our beloved sister Kathy Koines who spearheaded this project when we first began. May her memory be eternal.





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Fellowship News

By Eliana Georgelos

Καλή Σαρακοστή και Καλό Πάσχα!

Spring is finally here and with it comes Great Lent and our preparations for Pascha. May we all have a blessed, peaceful, and spiritually beneficial Great Lent, leading us to the Bright Pascha of the Lord on May 2nd. During the Lenten season and beyond, our church has been decorated with so many lovely fresh floral arrangements. We have enjoyed these arrangements each Sunday during Lent, throughout the Lenten mid week services such as the Complines, Presanctified liturgies, Salutations to the Virgin Mary and on into Holy Week, all donated by our parishioners. Our Fellowship group donated the fresh flowers around one of the Holy Week icons, and the Kouvouklion housing the Epitaphio is always beautifully decorated, thanks to Evan and Elaine Euripidou and crew. We thank all the St. George parishioners who very generously donated so many flowers to beautify our church during this holy time.

Our heartfelt thanks are also extended to Father Neofitos and Presvytera Catherine for so lovingly maintaining our services throughout the Lenten season. They were here for us during all the Sunday and mid week services, with little George happily "chanting" along with his parents. We are so blessed to have the dedication of this wonderful family. Thank you Father, Presvytera and George for your love and sacrifice.

Despite the Covid pandemic, our Fellowship group was able to meet for lunch both in March and April. A pizza lunch was served in March, and a Lenten meal consisting of linguini with clam sauce/roasted veggies, a garbanzo bean casserole (Revithia), a cabbage /rice casserole (Lahanorizo), and a Lenten lemon cake for dessert. At both meetings, CDC and Archdiocesan guidelines of social distancing, contact tracing, temperature taking, and mask wearing except while eating were strictly enforced. With Covid numbers declining and most of us having been fully vaccinated by Pascha, we look forward to continuing our Fellowship gatherings in May and June.

Best wishes are extended to our entire St. George family for good health in the coming months. May this Lenten season be one of reflection and repentance, and may Pascha bring us all a renewal of our faith.

We hope you enjoy some of the photos taken at our March meeting:





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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Stewardship for St. George

Christos Anesti!!

It is such a glorious time of year. Despite the hardships we have all faced over the past year dealing with the COVID-19 situation, our faith and devotion to God has kept the St. George community active with church services and ministry programs. We have been touched by the grace of God.

Thank you to our members who have been fulfilling their pledge responsibility. It is very important to give in proportion to what you have received. If you would like to increase your pledge, please let us know. Your participation helps to support the ministries of St. George. Please remember that in addition to supporting the financial needs of the Church, your pledge is a personal commitment you have with God.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 - Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

May the blessings of Easter fill your homes with peace, love and joy.

The Stewardship Committee

2021 Stewardship Pledges: We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2021 stewardship pledge as of April 19, 2021. Thank all for your contributions to our church. Your continued and consistent support will help our ministries and vision.

Mr. & Mrs. George Alatzas
Mrs. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington
Mr. John Behiri
Ms. Susan Birbilis
Mrs. Lucy Brady & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bratsos
Mrs. Ifigenia Brown
Ms. Arji Cakouros
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Casey
Mr. Andreas Christou & Ms. Sophia Shakolas
Miss Arriana Christou
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou
Mrs. Catherine Contompasis
Mr. Charles Contompasis & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis
Miss Demetra Corsones
Mr. & Mrs. George Cotzas
Mrs. Rena Counavelis
Mrs. Marianne Crary
Mrs. Joanne Dafniotis
Ms. Olga Delorey
Mr. Gerry Dermentzys
Miss Joanne Diamantis
Mrs. Katina Dikas & Family
Ms. J. Maria Dostis- Koliatsis
Mrs. Marguerite Doulides

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Euripidou
Mrs. Helena Georgelas
Mr. Nicholas Georgelas
Mrs. Eliana Georgelos
Ms. Panagiota Giakoumis
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Giakoumis
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Goodale & Family
Mr. Periklis Hais
Mr. & Mrs. Owen Huggins
Mrs. Frusina Ica Iancu
Dr. & Mrs. Philip James
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones & Family
Mrs. Catherine Julius
Mrs. Evangelia Kalogeras
Ms. Antonia Kananis
Mr. Evan Kananis
Mrs. Fanny Karamanos
Mr. & Mrs. John Kennedy
Miss Balwant Maria Kingra
Mr. Charles Koines
Mrs. Katina Kontakos
Mrs. Kaliopi Kounoupis & Family
Ms. Voula Kounoupis
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kouray
Miss Diamanto Ktenas
Mr. & Mrs. David Lambert
Mr. & Mrs. Trifon Laskaris
Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaViolette

Mr. William Manikas
Mr. & Mrs. Phil McGowen
Miss Cathy Menagias
Mr. Georgio Menagias
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Menagias
Mr. Demetrios Michael
Mr. Evan Michael
Mrs. Rena Mikropoulos
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Morlock
Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Nikolaidis
Mr. Simeon Nikolaidis
Mrs. Katherine Orfan
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pagiotas
Mr. & Mrs. Vito Pagnotti & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pagones
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Paravalos
Ms. Voula Paravalos
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rossetti
Fr. Neofitos & Presv. Sarigiannis & Family
Mrs. Elena Sikamiotis
Mrs. Roubina Spyros-Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Van Stathis
Mr. & Mrs. George Svolos
Mrs. Themetria Svolos
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Whipple & Family
Mrs. Mary Wilson
Mrs. Sophie Zanaros
Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas
Mrs. Mary Zoulas

Family Name _____

Envelope Number _____

MY PLEDGE

☐ \$500.00

☐ \$1500.00

☐ \$750.00

☐ \$2000.00

☐ \$1000.00

☐ _____
Other

☐ Weekly (_____ due each week)
Εβδομαδιαίος

☐ Monthly (_____ due at the start of the month)
Μηνιαίος

☐ Quarterly (_____ due at the start of the quarter)
Τριμηνιαίος

☐ Annually (_____ due at the start of the year)
Ετησίως

How much should you pledge?

Consider this.... in order to meet our budget, we need each family to pledge a minimum of \$650. That equals \$12.50 a week for the year.

Please add new or corrected information below

Family Name (Last) _____

Home Phone _____

Address _____

Name _____

Cell Phone/Work _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Baptized ☐

Spouse _____

Cell Phone/Work _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Baptized ☐

Children _____

(age)

(baptized)

Some of the many ministries
we invite you to participate in

ANGELS (Pre-K - Kinder.)

HOPE (1st - 2nd grade)

JOY (3rd - 6th grade)

GOYA (7th-12th grade)

YAL (Age 18-35)

Philoptochos

The Fellowship

Bible Study / Book Club

Books and Education

Greek School

Sunday School

Altar Servers

Parish Council

Outreach & Evangelism

Building and Grounds

Strategic Planning

Choir/Chanter

Fundraising



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Come Meet Our Parish Council Team



Brian Goodale (Officer- president)



Lucy Brady



Alexandra Casey (Officer – Treasurer)



Arjhiroula "Arji" Cakouros



Scott Morlock (Officer- secretary)



Balwant Maria Kingra



Maria Dostis (Officer – vice president)



Roubina Spyros Morgan



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St. George Greek School

From Mrs. Ioanna Loula: Well, this is definitely a successful school year for St. George Greek school! We have 20 amazing students from the Albany area, Kingston, Massachusetts, and New York city. What is so exciting about our program, is that we have a lot of Pre-k, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade students, which give us hope about the Greek language and Greek culture.

We started off with two classes (level 1 and level 2) on Thursdays but since our goal is to make our classes both level and age-appropriate we added the Pre-k & Kindergarten class on Fridays.

All our students have made tremendous progress! They enjoy the online interactive activities; the role plays and the short videos we watch in Greek. Although they are tired from their daytime school meetings, they are still able to attend Greek school from the comfort of their home. I truly admire my lovely students for their enthusiasm and passion to learn Greek!

Teen & Adult Greek School. Taking stock.

From Mr. George Cotzas

We are fast approaching the end of the 2020/2021 School Year, a very productive year. Our Monday class consisted of two groups, a Beginner and a more Advanced one. Most students attended both classes. The corona virus forced us early in the year to go virtual, a blessing in disguise, in retrospect. This increased the efficiency, comfort and quality of class attendance, especially for our student ... from Delaware. This also allowed us to spend every week, consistently, 1 ½ hours with the first group and more than an hour with the second group.

It is, therefore, not a surprise that the Beginner group will cover the eight first lessons of our Papaloizos textbook, a record high during my five teaching years. Thus, the students could master the conjugation of Active Voice Verbs in the Present Tense and the Subjective & Possessive Cases of nouns of all three genders.

St. George Sunday School (2021-2022)

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church Youth Ministry Registration Form 2021 Sunday School September 2021

Last Name _____ Father's name: _____ Mother's Name _____
Address _____ Town and Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____

Child's name _____ Date of Birth _____ Child's
Nameday _____ School Grade Sept 2019 _____ Registering
for: _____ Any Medical Conditions/Allergies?
____ No ____ Yes If yes, please explain _____

Child's name _____ Date of Birth _____ Child's
Nameday _____ School Grade Sept 2019 _____ Registering
for: _____ Any Medical Conditions/Allergies?
____ No ____ Yes If yes, please explain _____





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Lenten Lectures 2021

On Tuesday, March 23rd, Thursday, April 1st, and Wednesday, April 7th, Rev. Fr. Aristidis Garinis, Maggi Calo, and Fr. Neofitos offered three wonderful lectures. We are all grateful to Fr. Aristidis and Maggi for sharing their unique expertise and spending their valuable time with us to help enrich our Lenten experience.



Rev. Fr. Aristidis Garinis offered a lecture on Iconography and the Annunciation of the Theotokos



Maggi Fitzpatrick of maggicalofitness@gmail.com offered a lecture on fasting and mindset shifts and habits that can last after Easter.



Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis offered a Lecture on the Holy Cross: The Tree of Life.

Thank
you





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Lenten Lectures 2022

We have an amazing line up so far and more to come for 2022. The following lecturers have already been booked and confirmed.



Dr. George E. Demacopoulos is a Professor of Theology at Fordham University. He is also the Director of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center. Fr. John Meyendorff & Patterson Family Chair of Orthodox Christian Studies



Rev. Emmanuel Mantzouris, Ekonomos St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church in Troy, N.Y.



Fr. John Vlahos, Protopresbyter St. Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church Shrine in Greenlawn, NY





You are cordially invited to participate in the

2nd Annual
The Eleftheria
Capital Region AHEPA
Golf Outing

being held at Normanside Country Club on
Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

The outing promises to be a fun-filled day
complete with good food, great prizes, and
challenging golf.

Please join us in supporting a great cause.

All proceeds benefit the Capital Region
AHEPA Chapter Scholarship Funds and
Philanthropic Programs. A portion of funds
raised will be donated to the
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Scramble Format. \$135 per player

Player 1 Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Player 2 Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Player 3 Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Player 4 Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail registration and check(s) to:

Chris Euripidou
c/o Farmer Boy Diner
1975 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Individual Golfer: \$135

Dinner Guest Only: \$40

Total: _____

Make Checks payable to:
"Capital Region AHEPA"



Chapter #306 - Troy, NY
Chapter #125 - Schenectady, NY
Chapter #140 - Albany, NY

AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational
Progressive Association) is the largest Greek-
American heritage service organization in the
world. It was established in 1922 in response
to the evils of bigotry and racism that
emerged in early 20th century American
society. The mission of the AHEPA family is
to promote the ancient Greek ideals of
Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility,
Family, and Individual Excellence through
Community Service and Volunteerism.



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Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Normanside Country Club
150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY 12054
518-439-4505

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For more information, call
Bill Seamon: 518-300-6085
Mike Koutsourades: 518-416-2486
Phil Menagias: 518-857-2669

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The Eleftheria
Capital Region AHEPA
Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Registration: 11:30 am

Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm

Normanside Country Club
150 Salisbury Road Delmar, NY
12054
518-439-4505



Thank You for your participation and support.
It is greatly appreciated!

Your \$135 Entry Fee includes:

- 18 holes of golf (scramble format)
- Golf Cart and Driving Range
- Lunch
- On-Course Refreshments
- Gift Bag
- Awards & Prizes
- Dinner w/ Draft Beer

Schedule:

Registration: 11:30 - 1:00 pm
Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm
Dinner, Drawings, & Awards: 6:00 pm (approx)

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum \$2,500: Tournament Name,
4-some, Tee Signage,
Dinner Announcement

Gold \$1,500: 4-some, Tee Signage,
Dinner Announcement

Silver \$1,000: 2-some & Tee Signage

Bronze \$500: 1 golfer & Tee Signage

**Friend of
AHEPA \$250:** Tee Signage & 1 Dinner Buffet

Tee \$125: Tee Signage

The Archdiocesan District Clergy Syndesmos featured Fr. Neofitos in its Spring Newsletter. Below is the excerpt.

Rev. Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis

Born: July 18, 1981

Presvytera: Catherine

Married: October 14, 2018

Children (Age):
George Nektarios
(6 months)

Education:
University of Athens: School of Theology (2006)

Ordination dates:

Deaconate: September 7, 2019

Priesthood: November 9, 2019



Pastoral Assignments:

Current:

Saint George - Schenectady, NY
(2019 to present)

Previous:

Pastoral Assistant and Chanter
Holy Resurrection, Brookville, NY
(2008-2019)

Committees and Assignments that you have served on in the Past:

Archdiocesan Byzantine Choir.

I am a member of the Choir and have participated in a series of performances at various venues including Carnegie Hall, The Archdiocesan Cathedral, and two historic trips to Constantinople to perform in the ancient church of Hagia Irini for the Thronal Feast of Saint Andrew the First Called Apostle.

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Share something surprising about yourself:

I have an extensive sales background and had risen to a top managerial level of a large marketing company.

Other Interests or Hobbies:

I enjoy playing basketball and handball. I enjoy reading books on leadership, business, health, and self improvement.

Recommendations: *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*, by Patrick Lencioni; *Boundaries* by John Townsend; *21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* by John Maxwell; and *Speak to Win* by Brian Tracy.

Favorite quote:

Ecclesiastes 3: Everything Has Its Time
For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal...

How did you experience your call to the priesthood?

From when I was a young boy I had a curious pull toward the altar. My mother, being very faithful, always brought us to church and I always had the questions: "What's going on here? What are the words they are saying?"

When I was 12 years old I joined the altar boys in Saint Demetrios of Astoria and finally got some answers. Shortly after, I knew I had to become a priest and that I would forever be connected to the altar of Christ in service to His people.

What is the greatest lesson you have learned as a priest?

Even though I have been a priest for short while, I would have to say the greatest lesson I have learned is to not be too encouraged or discouraged by "results". We, clergy and laity, are all in the same boat of salvation and it is up to us to ring the church bell loud enough so that more come to the boat

and also, for those that are on it not to fall overboard. The proclamation of our salvation must be consistent and constant.

What pastoral advice would you offer to a 'younger clergyman?' The pastoral advice I would offer to a younger clergyman is to temper every reaction. Crisis management begins with us. Don't get too angry and don't get too enthusiastic. The congregation relies on our ability to stay calm in difficult situations. Many times the news that will reach our ears has gone through the telephone game a few times. I have learned to investigate and to take some things with a grain of salt. Most of the time "a crisis" is not even a crisis and you probably don't want to spend too much time and energy on it. If I had known this in my earlier years working in the church, it would have saved me some unnecessary grief.

Also, being aware of one's boundaries is very important. Make sure you and those around you know very clearly what your responsibilities are and are not; what their responsibilities are and are not. This takes a lot of time, effort, and sometimes teamwork.

What do you think is one of the major pastoral challenges that we face today? I believe apathy is one of the major pastoral challenges that we face today. It seems many people are over-sensitized to some aspects of life and very desensitized to other aspects of life. The soul, transcendence, salvation, God, discipline, and delay of gratification are some of the concepts that are not very popular in today's culture. The love of Christ through the church, through his people, through the sacraments, through the Holy Spirit itself can move and inspire as it has for all time. We are placed in a time and location where there are many challenges. Spiritual awareness and awakening are needed to combat apathy. Apathy can destroy individuals, families, churches and organizations alike. May we "fight the good fight."



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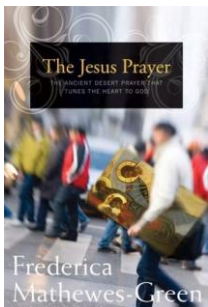
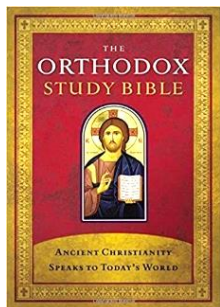
Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Dance Group and Dance Lessons coming soon!

St. George Youth Groups are ministries of the church that focus on, culture, service, worship, and fellowship with members from ages 5 - 35. Email Fr. Neofitos or Balwant Kingra to join any of our events, most of which are currently virtual.

frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com balwant.kingra98@gmail.com

St. George Book Club/ Bible Study 2021



Join us on Mondays! Our next Class will be on May 17.

**We meet via Zoom during the pandemic.
Please email Father Neofitos to join our Book Club.**

frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com

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for the Health of the Living can all be made on our Square Site. Click the icon to visit:

<https://st-george-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/>



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Thank you all!



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the individuals and families that donated the Flowers and various church offerings for lent and Holy Week and the feast of Saint George. Most of all we honor the work and the time taken and offered out of love to nurture this temple of Saint George. He is the heart and we are his body his members.

With much love to each and everyone of you.

Thank you!

Youth Schedule for the rest of the school year

Friday, April 23 - Mini Holy Week Retreat: RSVP through Evite: <http://evite.me/a5hdsCv4r5>.

Sunday, April 25 - Palm Sunday *8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, April 28 - 6:00 pm Holy Unction Service

Holy Friday, April 30 - *3:00 pm Apokathelosis *6:00 pm Epitaphios/ Lamentations

Holy Saturday, May 1 - *9:30 am Vespers Liturgy *11:00 pm Resurrection Service

Services for the Feast of St. George

Easter Sunday, May 2 - Pascha/Easter Sunday *10:30 am Agape Vespers and Vespers for St. George - **EASTER EGG HUNT** after the service

Monday, May 3 - The Feast of St. George *8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 8 - Family Night *6-8 pm - Vespers service and Family youth activity and bible study

Remaining Zoom Meetings on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm:

May 18

May 25

Email Lucy for private Zoom Link: LG1010@live.com



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St. George Ministry Leaders

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Building and Grounds Volunteers		
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Reverend Father Neofitos Sarigiannis frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com

107 Clinton Street Schenectady, NY 12305 - Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM Parish Office closed on Friday

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintGeorgeNY/>

St. George Square Site <https://st-george-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/>

Service Hours
Our Sunday service hours are:
Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

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Sunday, May 23

11 am - 2 pm

\$15/dinner

Full Half Chicken - BBQ or Greek Style!

Fresh chopped coleslaw

Baked potato, roll, butter & cookie

* Fork, knife, napkin, salt & pepper included

Extra Greek Dessert!

Baklava: \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00



Swing through and pick up a chicken and some dessert for lunch!
Cooked on site - over charcoal the "old fashioned way" - you can
either choose traditional "BBQ" chicken or Greek chicken!

Plus...don't leave without picking up some fresh Baklava for dessert!

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