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Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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November / December 2021



**The Ultimate Thanksgiving
The Eucharist – Θεία Ευχαριστία**



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5th Sunday of Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Adamantia Menagis Memorial	1	2	3 5:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 6:00 pm Adult Language via Zoom Level 2 7:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 3	4 4:30 pm All Students – Greek Language, Culture & Dance	5 4:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 5:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 2	6
7th Sunday of Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 40 day Memorial for Perikles Hais Memorial for John Gallas Memorial for Deceased Philoptochos Members Nicholas Sikamiotis Memorial General Assembly	8 5:30 pm St. Nektarios Vespers and Artoklasia 6:30 pm Book Club/Bible Study	9 St. Nektarios Feastday 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	10 4:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 5:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 2 7:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 3	11 11:30 am Senior Fellowship Meeting 4:30 pm All Students – Greek Language, Culture & Dance	12 Spaghetti Dinner Setup 4:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 5:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 2	13 Spaghetti Dinner Setup
14 8th Sunday of Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Spaghetti Dinner – Philoptochos Fundraiser	15 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30 pm Book Club/Bible Study *Nativity Fast Begins*	16 7:00 am Soup Kitchen Bag Lunch Prep 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting 6:30 Parish Council Meeting	17 4:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 5:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 2 7:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 3	18 6:30 pm Philoptochos Meeting 4:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 5:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 2 7:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 3	19 No Class	20
21 Entrance of the Theotokos 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	22 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30 pm Book Club/Bible Study	23 5:30 pm Youth Zoom Meeting	24 4:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 5:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 2 7:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 3	25	26	27
28 13 th Sunday of Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	29 6:00 pm St. Andrews Liturgy with St. Andrew's Brotherhood	30 Andrew the First Called Apostle Feastday				

****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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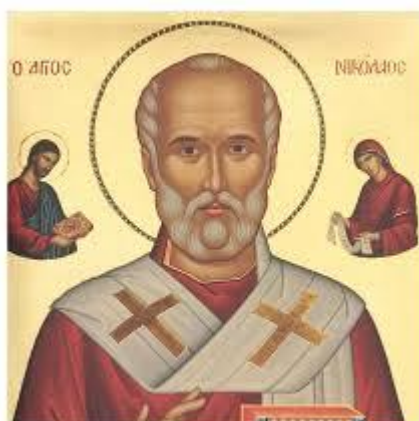
ST. GEORGE'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Christmas Tree Lighting

December 3rd at 7:00PM

In Honor of St. Nicholas, our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 7:00PM with Christmas Tree Lighting and Artoklasia (Sweet bread) Blessing followed by Christmas Caroling and Hot Cocoa in the Hellenic Center

ALL ARE WELCOME



Come and spend time with Fr. Neofitos, Pres. Catherine, George Nektrios and our Greek School students, friends, and families.

Charity Offering- Things of My Very Own

Parents are asked to shop for a small gift for a child age 6 and up. Both Girls and Boys gifts are needed
Please bring an ornament to hang in honor of your family or in memory of a loved one
Preferably non-breakable. If you do not have one, some will be available.



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

Our Lord has given us everything. What do we offer to Him in Gratitude?

"God became flesh in Jesus Christ and entered into the midst of creation thereby redirecting the cosmos toward its vocation to glorify its Creator." Understanding the Sacraments of the Orthodox Church by Rev. Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

As we enter the holiday season let us ponder on the many gifts we have received from the Almighty. In the United States we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on November 25th in 2021 and one month from that, the Nativity of our Lord.

The Eucharist, η Θεία Ευχαριστία, Holy Thanksgiving is our main sacrament as Christians. It is the Divine Liturgy, Holy Communion. "Divine" means Holy and "Liturgy" means work or acts. The Divine work or Holy act we come together for is to receive Holy Communion.

This is the ultimate gift from above that is given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. His loving gift came with sacrifice and love. This is the gift most of us are destined to honor during these Holy days and during all the days of our lives. Christians without Christ are not Christians. So, thinking and planning for the holidays should always be Christ centered. We must prepare our souls and bodies to celebrate the holidays. We must prepare the manger of our hearts; the manger of our homes, our families.

Christians mainly emphasize the Cross, our Lord's Death, and Resurrection. These upcoming holidays celebrate our Lord's descent from Heaven and incarnation. This mystery of our Lord's arrival and choice to be born, exist in time, and experience humanity is the pivotal moment which began our salvation. All our holidays are connected because He is at the center. Our world is connected because He is at the center. When we receive the holy gifts, He lives in us and we in Him. His gift to us is perpetual. Meaning He offers us salvation, offered us salvation, and continuously offers us salvation. Our "Thanksgiving" must also be perpetual. The church helps us remember this by offering to its members Holy Communion at every Divine Liturgy. We, the members of Christ's body, respond by offering our gifts.

Gifts: prayers, participation, preparation, Prosforo, candles, money, time, talents, wine, oil, incense, charcoal, repentance, our children, our presence.

All these are needed in order to offer our hearts in gratitude and to receive and give The Eucharist, η Θεία Ευχαριστία, Holy Thanksgiving.

We at St. George do our best to offer Divine Liturgies as often as possible. We open the church and welcome you all along with your offerings.

Your offerings back to God begin here. Your spiritual struggle receives both retreat and nourishment here. Your spiritual and physical journey begins and ends here. Give thanks to God Almighty in the way He commanded us to "love one another" and "do this in remembrance of me".

Our 16th president Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, was so moved by his fervor for the Lord that he set national Thanksgiving by proclamation for the final Thursday in November, in celebration of the bounties that had continued to pour on our nation. He acknowledged that "No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. **They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God...**"

We offer to God our pains and our sins. Our hopes and our fears. We ask that He convert any confusion from the evil one into strong faith in Him, our Creator and Savior. We look forward to another blessed Holiday Season with you all. Pres. Catherine, George Nektarios, and I look to the future and anticipate God's blessings for all of us here at St. George and in the Capital Region. May we all gratefully sing:

Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King, Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing!



Philoptochos News By Jan Gallas

HAPPY FALL to Philoptochos Members and Friends!!

CONGRATS to the efforts of members of our Philoptochos Chapter in "hitting the ground running" as the saying goes. Our Board of Directors had an industrious meeting in August. We brought all of the wonderful ideas shared at that meeting to our first monthly meeting in September. Of course, we started with pizza, salad and dessert and everyone was eager and willing to express their ideas along with volunteering to help. We are most **GRATEFUL** and **BLESSED** to have so many GREAT workers!!

Following that meeting, we produced a final calendar for the 2021-2022 year that was approved and is being distributed to all members. Every member should have a copy in their possession by the time you read this message. This gives all of us plenty of time to "plan ahead" and make ourselves available for upcoming events. If you haven't received one, please be sure to let us know. Special thanks to those who signed up to sponsor our monthly Bag Lunches donated to Salvation Army and the Toiletry Bags to City Mission of Schenectady for students in Schenectady City Schools. Very nice that both lists of donors are completed for the coming year.

Sunday September 26, Fr. Neofitos offered his first Ministry Sunday. Our Philoptochos participated by offering FREE Baklava samples – you know that brought all in attendance to our table. We talked to many new people about the efforts we will accomplish this year, several people joined immediately. We listened to everyone's comments about the Baklava and will make plans to have a Bake Sale in the future. I can tell you the "excitement" in the Hellenic Center was "contagious". A wonderful Sunday for plenty of sharing, chatting and laughter. We couldn't have been more pleased!! Special THANKS to Fr. Neofitos for his insight in bringing us together for his event.

We have developed a new Membership Form in an effort to have your up-to-date contact information. This form also gives **YOU** the opportunity to inform **US** where you would like to volunteer your time and efforts to our Philoptochos Chapter. When you attend the October meeting, you will receive a form to complete.

Included in this Newsletter are three items of interest from your Philoptochos:

1. Back by popular demand...Spaghetti Dinner Flyer on November 14. What a great time to invite family and friends to join us. Purchase your tickets from Antonia Kananis at any Coffee Hour.
2. Christmas Card sign up flyer – much work goes into getting these cards organized and mailed out. Don't wait – return your form to Gladys Paravalos as soon as possible.
3. The 7th Annual Christmas Mitten Tree – **"Give the Gift of Warmth to a Child in Need"**. It's never too early to start knitting, crocheting or shopping to add your special gift to this donation of warm items to the children of City Mission of Schenectady.

We all know that it is **"Better to Give than Receive"** – let's all work hard to make this happen for the holidays this year. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by all. **MANY THANKS** in advance. Please know that your ideas and suggestions are always most welcome and appreciated!!

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Our next Chapter Meeting will be Thursday, **November 18** at the Hellenic Center. There is no meeting in December to accommodate our Holiday Lunch Party on **December 4**. Please make every effort to be prompt so we can start our Business Meetings right on time. We still have much to talk about in planning for upcoming events. Don't be the person who stays home and then doesn't know "what" we are planning. In the meantime, **Stay Safe and Be Healthy!** ENJOY this lovely Fall weather before that dreaded "4 letter word" arrives. SNOW...ya know!!



Be sure to check out The Official Newsletter of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society: **Philanthropy Witness**.

<https://mailchi.mp/philoptochos/philanthropy-witness-october-2021>



TO: ALL PARISHIONERS
FROM: Ladies Philoptochos Society
RE: ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

THIS YEAR WE ARE ONCE AGAIN OFFERING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND AND SHARE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

THIS CARD OFFERS YOU THE SAVINGS OF BUYING CARDS AND STAMPS FOR OVER 100 OTHER FAMILIES. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CARD OF THE SAME QUALITY WE HAVE HAD IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

A CONTRIBUTION OF \$15.00 IS REQUIRED. YOUR DONATION TO THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY WILL BENEFIT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS AMONG OTHER PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN ORDER TO HAVE ALL OF YOUR NAMES PRINTED ON THE CARD AND TO HAVE IT MAILED TO YOUR HOMES BY THE NATIVITY, ALL NAMES MUST BE RETURNED TO:

*Ladies Philoptochos Society
Attention: Gladys Paravalos
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
107 Clinton Street
Schenectady, NY 12305*

PLEASE DETACH THIS FORM AND RETURN BY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

(Please print your name as you wish it to appear on the Christmas Card)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
"LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY"

Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner and Auction

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Immediately Following Divine Liturgy
Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty St, Schenectady



Donation: \$10.00 Adults and \$5.00 Children (under 12)

Spaghetti ~ Meatballs ~ Salad ~ Roll & Butter

Soda ~ Wine ~ Coffee ~ Dessert

Sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos Society

(For the Benefit of Philoptochos Charities)

Tickets can be purchased at Sunday Coffee Hours!



Youth Group

Join our Youth Zoom on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

Ages 4-12

We send reminders through email and the remind app. To join the email Youth list please email Lucy Goodale your cell number and full names of the children at LGoodale7@gmail.com.

Reminders and important Youth information are also sent through the Remind app.

Please join our remind class using the link below or the class code.

<https://www.remind.com/join/f3fh94e> or use class code@f3fh94e.

Friends of St. George

by Gladys Paravalos

For the past few years, we have been blessed to have the "Friends of St. George" – individuals who are dedicated to helping our beloved St. George Church. If the church needs something it can't otherwise afford, the "Friends" jump and will either buy it, make it, or help the church with the purchase.

A partial list of how the Friends of St. George have supported our church:

- Stand for the Holy Gospel
- Carpeting in the church
- Wooden wall cabinet which holds the icons in the side room
- Partially paid for the new doors in the Hellenic Center
- Partially pays for the small beeswax candles
- Framed icon of St. George in the entryway of the church
- Sunshades in the side room of church and one classroom

As you have probably seen in the Hellenic Center, there are religious and household items on display which we are selling to raise money. There is no price tag...all we ask is that you give a donation from your heart.

Many of the items, particularly the religious books and icons, belonged to our dear friend Angeliki "Kiki" Jones whom we lost much too soon. I want to thank her children, Faith Adamec and Tom Jones, for donating these items to the Friends so we could raise some money in her memory. We also thank others who have donated items over the past few years. You know who you are and more importantly God knows who you are.

If you are interested in helping the Friends of St. George by making a financial donation, you will receive a receipt for tax purposes. At your request, you may remain anonymous, but you will always get a receipt acknowledging your contribution. Please see Gladys Paravalos for more information or to make a donation. We greatly appreciate your support.

Stewardship for St. George: Love and Compassion

The holidays are upon us. In this period of hope and renewal, we pray to God for blessings to strengthen our souls and deepen our faith. This is a good time to reflect on this past year and to determine what we need to do to fulfill our commitment to God and his Church. Have we devoted our time, talents, and treasure to the fullest extent possible? What if we had to make an accounting to God for what we have done with all of the many blessings, gifts and resources over which we were made a steward? What would we say? How can we better use our many God-given talents and better live our stewardship calling? Consistently attending services, getting involved in ministries and events, establishing, and fulfilling Pledge obligations are the ways to become good stewards of the Church.



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Stewardship cont.

Please remember that fulfilling your Stewardship obligation is necessary in order to remain in good standing with the Church. A list of the pledged members is included in this bulletin as of 10/23/2021. If you have not had the opportunity to pledge yet, you can call the office for a pledge form to be mailed to you or you can ask for one the next time you attend a church service. If you are a Pledged member but your name is not on the list, please let us know and we will add it to the list.

Deuteronomy 8:18-20

You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may confirm his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as at this day.

In Christ,
The Stewardship Committee

Mr. & Mrs. George Alatzas
Mr. Peter & Kyriakoula Andrikopoulos
Mrs. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington
Mr. John Behiri
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Behiri
Ms. Susan Birbilis
Mrs. Lucy Brady & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bratsos
Mrs. Ifigenia Brown
Ms. Arji Cakouros
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Casey
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chamberas
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Christou
Mr. Andreas & Sophia Christou
Miss Arianna Christou
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou
Mrs. Catherine Contompasis
Ms. Catherine Contompasis
Mr. Charles Contompasis & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis
Miss Demetra Corsones
Mr. & Mrs. George Cotzas
Mrs. Rena Counavelis
Mrs. Marianne Cray
Mrs. Joanne Dafniotis
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantin Deligiannis
Ms. Olga Delorey
Mr. Gerry Dermentzys
Ms. Joanne Diamantis
Mrs. Katina Dikas & Family
Ms. J. Maria Dostis- Koliatsis
Mrs. Marguerite Doulides
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Engwer
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Euripidou
Mrs. Janet Gallas
Mr. Arthur Georgelas
Mrs. Helena Georgelas
Mr. Nicholas Georgelas
Mrs. Eliana Georgelos

Ms. Panagiota Giakoumis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Giakoumis
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Giakoumis
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Goodale & Family
Mrs. Nancy Grivas
Mr. Periklis Hais
Mr. & Mrs. Owen Huggins
Mrs. Frusina Ica Iancu
Dr. & Mrs. Philip James
Mr. Nicko Jannes
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
Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Kolios
Mrs. Katina Kontakos
Ms. Kaliopi Kounoupis & Family
Mrs. Voula Kounoupis
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kouray
Mr. & Mrs. H. Koutsopoulos
Mrs. Anna Ktenas
Ms. Diamanto Ktenas
Mr. & Mrs. David Lambert
Mr. & Mrs. Trifon Laskaris
Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaViolette
Ms. Christine Legorius
Mrs. Rosemary Legorius
Mr. William Manikas
Mrs. Akrivi Markopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitryos Markopoulos
Miss Stamatia Markoulis
Mr. & Mrs. Phil McGowen
Miss Cathy Menagias
Ms. Corina Menagias

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Menagias
Mr. Georgio Menagias
Mr. & Mrs. Fillipos Menagias
Mr. Demetrios Michael
Mr. Evan Michael
Mrs. Rena Mikropoulos
Mr. & 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
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Salamone
Fr. Neofitos & Presv. Sarigiannis & Family
Mrs. Elena Sikamiotis
Mr. & Mrs. Gerasimos Sokaris
Mrs. Ourania Sokaris
Mrs. Roubina Spyros-Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Gerasimos Stamoulis
Ms. Maria Stamoulis
Mrs. Stravroula Stamoulis
Mr. & Mrs. Van Stathis
Mr. James Stevens
Mrs. Olga Stryjski
Mr. & Mrs. George Svolos
Mrs. Themetria Svolos
Ms. Melissa Verrigni
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Vlahakis
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Whipple & Family
Mrs. Mary Wilson
Mrs. Sophie Zanos
Mr. John & Michael Ziamandanis
Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas
Mrs. Mary Zoulas

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
Αγίος Γεωργίου

PLEDGE FORM 20_____

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)

Philothonchos

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

St. George's School of Greek Language and Culture

Glory to God, with the help of our wonderful school board, teachers, parents, ministry leaders, and students our Greek School is off to a great start.

Here are a few pictures from some of the events from the beginning of the year:

Ministry Sunday, The Blessing of the school year, Our first days of in person classes, and OXI day celebration.

We look forward to the holidays, our Christmas program on December 19, 2021 after service, and much much more...

Presvytera Catherine Sarigiannis
Greek School Administrator

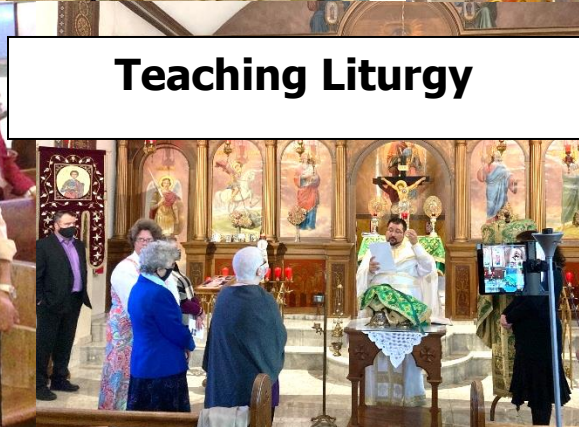


Register Now!!

<https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/about/greek-school>



Ministry Sunday



Teaching Liturgy



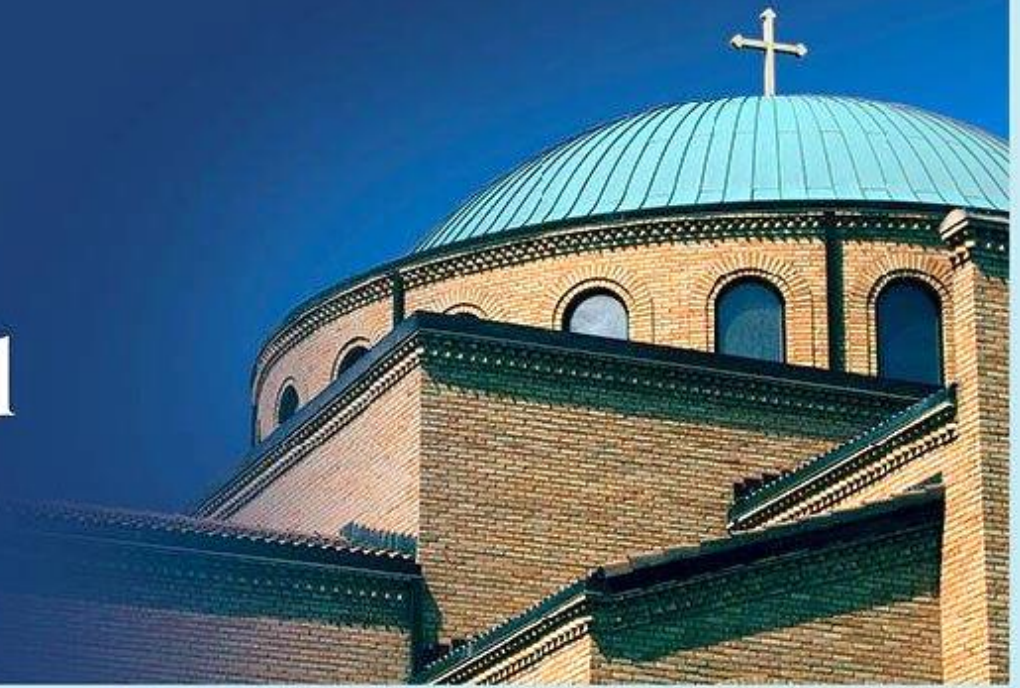
Church Musician Sunday



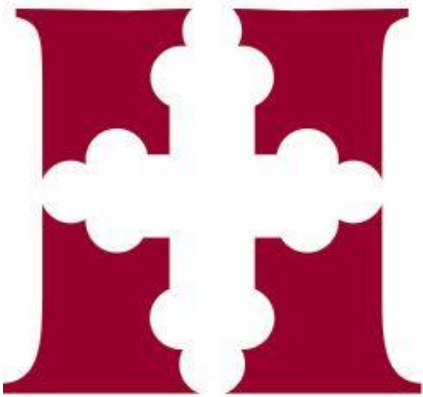
**Greek School Oxi Day
Celebration**



Our Church Our Spiritual Home



Join us for Stewardship Sunday on
November 21, 2021



Hellenic College
HOLY CROSS
Greek Orthodox School of Theology

ABOUT HC HC

All colleges promise a good education. Very few promise not only to educate but to elevate the whole person. Hellenic College is that rare institution of higher learning with a higher purpose: to foster the moral and spiritual as well as intellectual development of every student. It offers opportunities unmatched by any other college or university for this multidimensional development in the context of a truly Orthodox Christian community.

Hellenic College's curricula in the liberal arts and pre-professional studies stimulate students' minds while preparing them for careers in which they can serve both society and the Church. Whether in education, human services, business, law, or ministry, our graduates embody their faith and enrich our world through their other-directed vocations.

<https://www.hchc.edu/admissions-apply/>
<https://www.hchc.edu/why-hchc/>



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

45th Annual Greek Festival

Our Greek heritage was showcased once again at this year's festival where we were blessed by perfect weather, record crowds and overwhelming support by our church family and benefactors. Even though we all worked hard, we were able to enjoy the fun and fellowship while sharing with our visitors what makes our Saint George so special. The festival would never have been possible without the hard work, diligence, and stamina of all the volunteers. The love and respect we share with one another was evident all throughout. Whether you worked one day or 30, we sincerely thank you. If anyone's name is missing from below, please contact Fr. Neofitos and he will make the necessary update.

With love and gratitude,

Fr. Neofitos

Mike Adamec
Faith Adamec
Micheline Ajaye
Peter Aliferis
Vicky Arrington
George Avramidis
Nicolitsa Avramidis
Billy Avramidis
Mike Avramidis
Stavros Avramidis
Christine Harvey Berry
Joan Blando
Lucy Brady
Alex Casey
Gianna Casey
Lainie Damaskos Christou
Andreas Christou
Sophia Christou
Evan Christou
Arji Cakouros
Stace Contompasis
Dena Contompasis
Marika Contompasis
Catherine Contompasis
Cathy Contompasis
Peter Dafniotis
Toni Dafniotis
Norma Damaskos
Fotoulla Damaskos
Chris Damaskos
George Dalakos
Ted Dalakos
Olga Delorey
Jerry Dermetzis
Joanne Diamantis
Maria Dostis
Calvin Durrant
Chris Doulides
Daphne Economou
Maria Esposito
Chris Euripidou
Elaine Euripidou
Michael Euripidou
Evan Euripidou
Jan Gallas
James Gaminde

Nicole Georgelas
Eliana Georgelos
Alice Giakoumis
Steve Giakoumis
Penny Giakoumis
Mike Giakoumis
Lucy Goodale
Brian Goodale
Jimmy Googas
Nancy Grivas
Jamie Haridimos
Megan Holdsworth
Tom Jones
Rita Jeoney
Theo Karatzou
Dayna Kalil
Pete Kalil
Lilly Kolhmainen
Dimitri Kolios
Dimitri Koutsopoulos
Connie Koutsopoulos
Bobby Koutsopoulos
Anna Ktenas
Diamanto Ktenas
Toni Kananis
Balwant Kingra
Nina Kingra
Sukhi Kingra
Camille Kosloski
Savas Kosmas
George Kotsakis
Chris Kounoupis
Bonnie Lake
Patricia Lambert
Zanetta Laskaris
Mariana Laviolette
Paul Laviolette
Maryanne Malecki
Bill Manikas
Debbie Male
Akrivi Markopoulos
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Norina McGowen
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Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

AHEPA 125 Ahepa 125 met last night for the first time in months. Although inactive at the monthly meeting level, we were very busy with fundraising events including the Tri-Ahepa Golf Tourney and Saint George Greek Festival. We had a successful meeting with several members in attendance. We are aiming to reconnect with everyone, collaborate with the Greek School program, and also prepare for the holiday season.

If anyone is interested in joining our brotherhood, please contact Phil Menagias or Greg Sokaris. 518-857-2669

St. George Bookstore

Did you see our new icons and children's books?!!

Come visit our bookstore after church! Call the office if you want to stop by or have any questions. 518-393-0742



St. George Ministry Leaders

**Altar Servers
Bookstore and Greek School**

**Bible Study/ Book Club
Choir/Chanters**

**Church Ushers
Fellowship Group
Friends of St. George
Greek School Board
Greek School Teachers**

**Greek Dance
Ladies Philoptochos Society**

**Office Manager and Facilities
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Order of AHEPA
Parish Council Members
Soup Kitchen
Stewardship**

**Sunday School
"Thursday Morning Boys"
Building and Grounds
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2021 Harvest Dinner

November 6, 4-6pm • 349 Eastline Road, Ballston Lake NY 12019 • Pick-up only

\$15 • Harvest Dinner. *Sliced roast pork loin with gravy, pan-style herb dressing, roasted root veggies, cardamom bread roll, apple cake for dessert.*

\$8 • Fr. Igor's Borscht Soup. *One quart.*

\$10 • Assorted Cookies.

Order at xcsavior.org and click "2021 Harvest Dinner Ticket Order."
One menu item may be ordered per purchase. Bring your receipt when picking up your order.

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Upcoming Lectures in 2021 and 2022



New Christmas Lecture - Rev. Fr. Aristidis Garinis

December 13, 2021, at 7pm at the Hellenic Center

On December 13, 2021, at 7pm at the Hellenic Center, Rev. Fr. Aristidis Garinis will be offering us a lecture on The Nativity of our Lord with iconography being the focus. Father will be on zoom.

Father was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Hellenic College in 2006 with a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies. In 2009 he graduated from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology with a Master of Divinity. Following his theological education Fr. Aristidis developed his studies in Iconography on Mount Athos, Greece. He continued with a six-month internship at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America where he assisted in the organization of the first Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops. After his internship, Fr. Aristidis was married to Presvytera Vasileia in 2010. In 2011, he was ordained to the diaconate by Archbishop Demetrios of America and served as his deacon at the Archdiocese until January 11, 2013. Since then, Fr. Aristidis has been assigned to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church.

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.

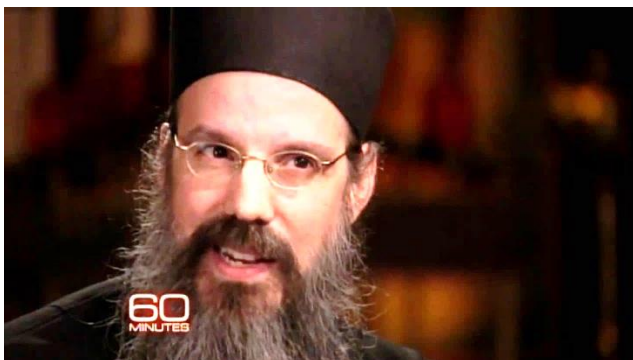
Fr. John Meyendorff & Patterson Family Chair of Orthodox Christian Studies



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



Fr Maximos is Professor of Patristics and Orthodox Spirituality at Hellenic College and Holy Cross. A summa cum laude graduate of Holy Cross (1987)

Faculty of Harvard Divinity School and Professor of Patristics and Orthodox Theology.

Fr. Maximos was tonsured a great-schema monk at the Holy Monastery of Simonopetra, where he lived from 2004-2011.

LENT DATES TBA



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

New Hellenic Center Booking Procedures

It is with great joy we announce that our programs are growing strong, and we are using our facilities more and more. Creating a system of booking events is necessary and we ask for your attention.

1. If a group/ministry wishes to book the Hellenic Center for an event, the office must be contacted as well and the priest via email and or phone call.

Please copy both Father and Camille on your email request:

frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com and office@saintgeorgegoc.com or call 518-393-0742

2. One may check the NEW Google Facilities Calendar when considering a date for booking.
<https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/calendar/google-calendar>. Please add this calendar to your google calendars.

Unapproved events present unnecessary conflicts and might even put our youth in danger. It is easy to avoid conflict by clearly communicating with the office and receiving office approval. If we are presented with an unsolvable conflict, the violating group will be asked to leave.

3. Once approval is granted, your event will be added to our Google Calendar and can be viewed here: <https://saintgeorgegoc.com/calendar/google-calendar>.

As our community continues to grow and open its doors, more and more organization of facility events will be required. We thank you in anticipation for your continued cooperation AND collaboration and we look forward to our growth and success.

Father Neofitos' office hours

To make an appointment with Father during office hours, Mon – Thurs 9am-2pm, please call the office 518-393-0742. To make an appointment outside of office hours, please contact Father directly at 347-256-6723 or email frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com.

ORTHODOX OBSERVER NEWS

<https://www.goarch.org/news>

The 7th Annual Christmas Mitten Tree Sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos Society

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To Benefit the Children Served by City Mission of Schenectady



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Christmas and Theophany Service Schedule 2021

Christmas Eve Services **Friday, December 24**

5:00 pm Royal Hours of the Nativity
6:00 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy & Carols
8:00 pm Coffee Hour

Christmas Day Services **Saturday, December 25**

7:00 am – 10:00 am
Christmas Day Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 26

Sunday after the Nativity
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 31 Feastday (Troy, NY)

6:30 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy – Saint Basil

Sunday, January 2

Sunday before Epiphany
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Vasilopita Cutting

Wednesday, January 5

Eve of Theophany
7:30 am – 10:30 am Royal Hours of Epiphany and Vespers Liturgy with
Great Blessing of the Waters

Thursday, January 6

Holy Theophany
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy Lord and Great Blessing of the Waters

Friday, January 7

Synaxis of John the Baptist
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy



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

House and Business Blessings

On January 6, 2021 Father Neofitos will begin blessing homes and businesses.
Please fill out the card below and return to the office for confirmation.

Name - _____

Address - _____

Cell/ Main # - _____

Preferred day and time - _____

Feel free to contact the office if you have any questions. 518-393-0742