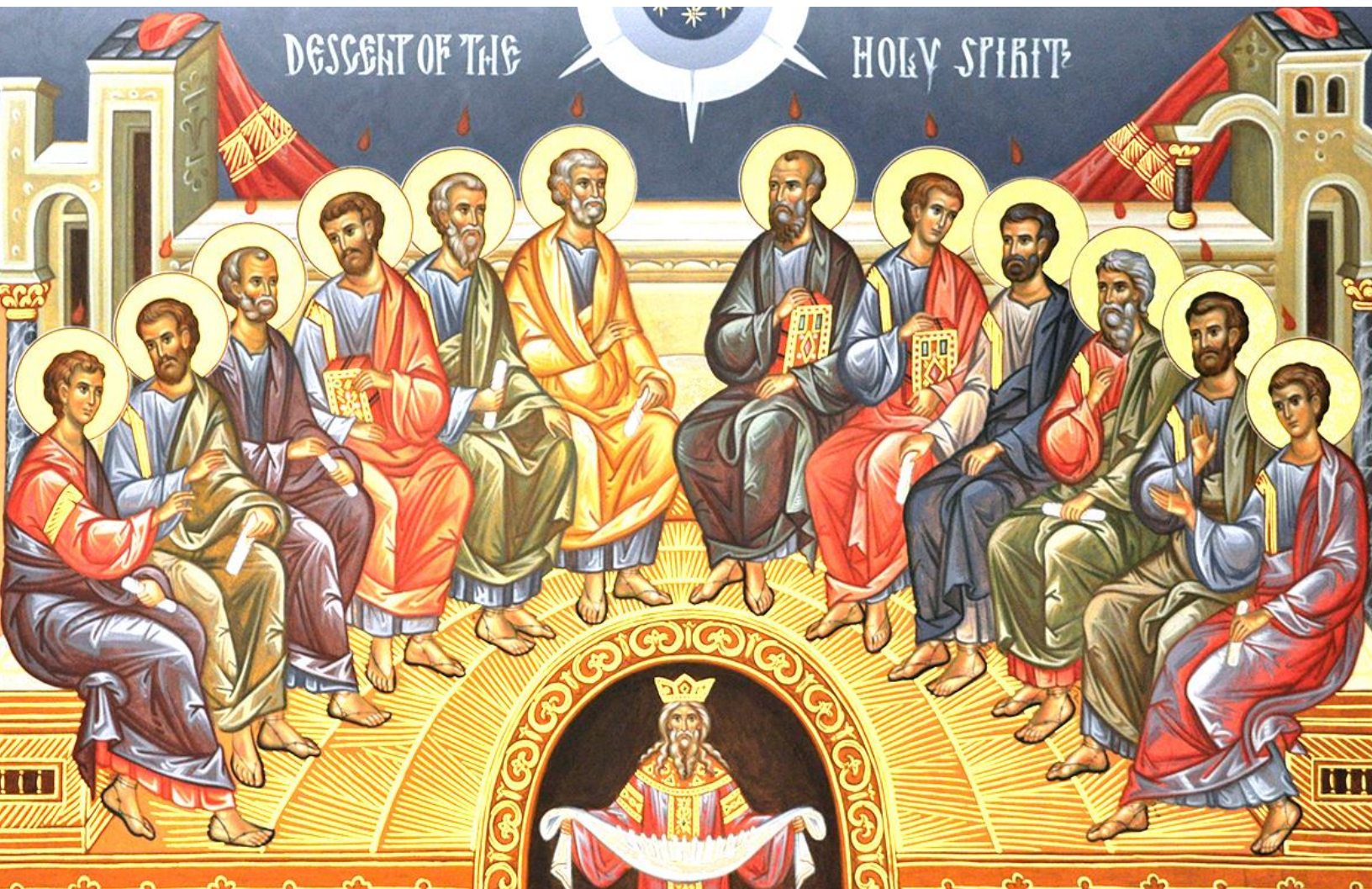




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**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN!**



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### **From the desk of Fr. Neofitos – Where Are You?**

#### **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.

Where are you in this lavishly painted love letter of our Lord's love and compassion toward his beloved creation, humanity? Our Lord loves the last even as the first. Were you present this year in church? In worship, in the sacraments? Do you and your family pray? Do you know how to pray at home? Do you know how to pray in church? Were you first? Were you last? Were you even there?

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? Because love does not rejoice when someone else fails or suffers. Our Lord does not want the death of the sinner but the 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? One day, God will ask His stewards, us, "What have you done for my church under your watch with the gifts I have given you?"

First and foremost, we can offer Him our presence. 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 in 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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**"Our Lord loves the last even as the first."**

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, AND EVERY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY, we have an opportunity to grow in our love for humanity and God. We might encounter individuals who we haven't seen in church for a long time. 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. Where are you? We here at Saint George welcome all pilgrims and await your presence with our Lord.

**So, all of you, enter into the joy of our Lord: first and second, share the bounty. Rich and poor alike, celebrate together. Do not be left outside of the bridal chamber. Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!**

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 Resurrection season! We look forward to once again embracing you and seeing you all in celebration!

**Τοῦ ἐν Ἁγίοις Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Ἰωάννου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου Λόγος Κατηχητικὸς εἰς τὴν ἀγίαν καὶ λαμπροφόρον ἡμέραν τῆς ἐνδόξου καὶ σωτηριώδους Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν Ἀναστασεως**

Εἴ τις εὐσεβὴς καὶ φιλόθεος ἀπολαύτω τῆς καλῆς ταύτης καὶ λαμπρᾶς πανηγύρεως, Εἴ τις δοῦλος εὐγνώμων, εἰσελθέτω χαίρων εἰς τὴν χαρὰν τοῦ Κυρίου αὐτοῦ. Εἴ τις ἔκαμε νηστεύων, ἀπολαύτω νῦν τὸ δηνᾶριον. Εἴ τις ἀπὸ τῆς πρώτης ὥρας εἰργάσατο, δεχέσθω σήμερον τὸ δίκαιον ὄφλημα. Εἴ τις μετὰ τὴν τρίτην ἦλθεν, εὐχαρίστως ἐορτασάτω. Εἴ τις μετὰ τὴν ἕκτην ἔφθασε, μηδὲν ἀμφιβαλλέτω· καὶ γὰρ οὐδὲν ζημιούται. Εἴ τις ὑστέρησεν εἰς τὴν ἐνάτην, προσελθέτω, μηδὲν ἐνδοιάζων. Εἴ τις εἰς μόνην ἔφθασε τὴν ἐνδεκάτην, μὴ φοβηθῇ τὴν βραδύτητα· φιλότιμος γὰρ ὢν ὁ Δεσπότης, δέχεται τὸν ἔσχατον, καθάπερ καὶ τὸν πρῶτον. Ἀναπαύει τὸν τῆς ἐνδεκάτης, ὡς τὸν ἐργασάμενον ἀπὸ τῆς πρώτης. Καὶ τὸν ὕστερον ἐλεεῖ, καὶ τὸν πρῶτον θεραπεύει, κἀκείνῳ δίδωσι, καὶ τούτῳ χαρίζεται. Καὶ τὰ ἔργα δέχεται, καὶ τὴν γνώμην ἀσπάζεται. Καὶ τὴν πρᾶξιν τιμᾷ, καὶ τὴν πρόθεσιν ἐπαινεῖ· οὐκοῦν εἰσέλθετε πάντες εἰς τὴν χαρὰν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν, καὶ πρῶτοι καὶ δεῦτεροι τὸν μισθὸν ἀπολαύετε. Πλούσιοι καὶ πένητες μετ' ἀλλήλων χορεύσατε. Ἐγκρατεῖς καὶ ῥάθυμοι τὴν ἡμέραν τιμήσατε. Νηστεύσαντες καὶ μὴ νηστεύσαντες, εὐφράνθητε σήμερον. Ἡ τράπεζα γέμει τρυφήσατε πάντες, ὁ μόσχος πολὺς μηδεὶς ἐξέλθῃ πεινῶν. Πάντες ἀπολαύετε τοῦ συμποσίου τῆς πίστεως. Πάντες ἀπολαύσατε τοῦ πλούτου τῆς χρηστότητος. Μηδεὶς θρηνεῖτω πενίαν· ἐφάνη γὰρ ἡ κοινὴ βασιλεία. Μηδεὶς ὀδυρέσθω πταίσματα· συγγνώμη γὰρ ἐκ τοῦ τάφου ἀνέτειλε.



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Μηδεις φοβείσθω θάνατον· ἡλευθέρωσε γὰρ ἡμᾶς τοῦ Σωτῆρος ὁ θάνατος. Ἔσβεσεν αὐτόν, ὑπ' αὐτοῦ κατεχόμενος. Ἐσκύλευσε τὸν Ἄδην, ὁ κατελθὼν εἰς τὸν Ἄδην. Ἐπικράνεν αὐτόν, γευσάμενον τῆς σαρκὸς αὐτοῦ, καὶ τοῦτο προλαβὼν Ἡσαΐας, ἐβόησεν· ὁ Ἄδης, φησὶν, ἐπικράνθη συναντήσας σοι κάτω. Ἐπικράνθη, καὶ γὰρ κατηργήθη. Ἐπικράνθη, καὶ γὰρ ἐνεπαίχθη. Ἐπικράνθη, καὶ γὰρ ἐνεκρώθη. Ἐπικράνθη, καὶ γὰρ καθηρέθη. Ἐπικράνθη, καὶ γὰρ ἐδεσμεύθη. Ἔλαβε σῶμα, καὶ Θεῷ περιέτυχεν. Ἔλαβε γῆν, καὶ συνήντησεν οὐρανῷ. Ἔλαβεν, ὅπερ ἔβλεπε, καὶ πέπτωκεν, ὅθεν οὐκ ἔβλεπε. Ποῦ σου θάνατε τὸ κέντρον; ποῦ σου Ἄδῃ τὸ νῆκος; Ἀνέστη Χριστός, καὶ σὺ καταβέβησαι. Ἀνέστη Χριστός καὶ πεπτώκασι δαίμονες. Ἀνέστη Χριστός, καὶ χαίρουσιν Ἄγγελοι. Ἀνέστη Χριστός, καὶ ζωὴ πολιτεύεται. Ἀνέστη Χριστός, καὶ νεκρὸς οὐδεὶς ἐπὶ μνήματος. Χριστὸς γὰρ ἐγερθεὶς ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀπαρχὴ τῶν κεκοιμημένων ἐγένετο. Αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα καὶ τὸ κράτος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

### “Ἡ τράπεζα γέμει τρυφήσατε πάντες.”

Ο Θεός μας περιμένει. Ο Άγιος Γεώργιος μας περιμένει. Είμαι πολύ ευγνώμων στον παντοδύναμο θεό πως είμαι προϊστάμενός σας για τρία χρόνια και γιορτάζουμε μαζί το τρίτο Πάσχα. Σ' αυτά τα τρία χρόνια έχουμε περάσει πολλές δυσκολίες. Πανδημίες, καραντίνες κτλ.

Εύχομαι το άγιο πνεύμα που πάντα μας φωτίζει να στηρίξει τις καρδιές μας και τον πόθο μας προς τον Κύριο. Οι δυσκολίες που περάσαμε τα τελευταία χρόνια πρέπει να μας αφήσουν με ένα μάθημα. Έχουμε ανάγκη τον Κύριο. Ο πανταχού παρών και τα πάντα πληρών είναι μαζί μας αλλά εμείς είμαστε μαζί του; Πρέπει να έχουμε μία σχέση με το Θεό, στενή και τρυφερή. Μία πνευματική ζωή που μας εμπνέει και που εμπνέουμε τον πλησίον μας. Μερικοί αναρωτιούνται για το μέλλον του Αγίου Γεωργίου. Μερικοί ρωτάνε πού είναι η νεολαία; Γιατί τα παιδιά μου δεν έρχονται πλέον στην εκκλησία; Πρέπει να ρωτήσουμε τον εαυτό μας «έχω στενή σχέση με τον Κύριο; Ζω μία πνευματική ζωή; Δείχνω παράδειγμα πνευματικής συνειδήσης; Παράδειγμα προσευχής.» Πρέπει να προσέχουμε ποιον βάζουμε στο θρόνο της ψυχής μας. Έτσι και τα παιδιά μας θα μάθουν τι να προσκυνάνε και να σέβονται. Ποιος είναι στο θρόνο της ψυχής σου; Είναι ο Θεός; Είναι ο εγωισμός; Είναι τα λεφτά; Είναι οι κοινωνικές σχέσεις; Τα αθλητικά;

Γι' αυτό λέμε στα ελληνικά πρώτα ο Θεός. Άμα βάζουμε πρώτα το Θεό δεν θα υπάρξει ποτέ έλλειψη στην ψυχή μας, στην εκκλησία μας και έπειτα στο παράδειγμα για τα παιδιά μας και τις επόμενες γενιές. Φέτος είχαμε την υπέροχη συμμετοχή της νεολαίας την μεγάλη Παρασκευή και το μέγα Σάββατο. Η Μυροφόρες και τα ιεροπαιδα ήταν περίπου 12 άτομα. Και μερικά παιδάκια μείνανε και μετά την Ανάσταση μέχρι το τέλος της λειτουργίας. Αυτές και πολλές ακόμη ευλογίες μας περιμένουν εάν συνεχίσουμε τον πνευματικό μας αγώνα. Η αγάπη του θεού πάντα να μας καθοδηγεί. Ελπίζω ο Κύριος να μας επιστρέφει συνεχώς στην θερμή αγκαλιά του δια των μυστηρίων του και τη θεία λατρεία του. Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!





# Leave-taking of Pascha Service

Ἀπόδοσις τῆς Εορτῆς τοῦ Πάσχα

Tuesday, May 31 at 6:00 pm

Matins and Divine Liturgy

Location: Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church

440 Whitehall Road, Albany NY 12208



St. Andrew's Brotherhood





For more pictures from all our Greek School  
and Church events go to:  
<https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/photos>











## Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

### Philoptochos News

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS MARCH 2022

*By Jan Gallas*

"When we come together for each other, it's amazing what we can accomplish." Philoptochos has enjoyed some special successes in the last couple of months. Our Dignity Drive took off and we delivered 500 underwear items to Bethesda House in no time at all. Totals will be announced shortly since the drive continues until early May. Still time for you to make a donation to one of the blue bins in the Hellenic Center.

The 29 stuffed heart pillows were delivered to Albany Medical Center for this year. Very much appreciated by all of the recipients of these caring items. The pillows will be given to patients in the Cardiac Care Unit and Pediatrics Department. Receiving the pillows on behalf of AMC is Kim Read, Administrative Assistant & Contributions Coordinator

Don't forget to continue to get your items together for our July Garage Sale. Flyer with additional info included here - times of the sale and including a Bake Sale.

We added a new dimension of Literacy to our mission. We are now participating in "Reading is Fun" – reading to elementary students in Schenectady Public Schools. This has become a most rewarding addition to include Literacy in our list of charities. There are plenty of students who would love to have you read to them. Anyone looking for further information, please be sure to ask me. Students are given the books they read to take home to their own libraries. Won't you consider joining us?? Tutoring sessions are only a half hour once a week. Open Door Bookstore on Jay St. supports RIF.

Many sincere thanks to all of you who have paid your Annual Dues on time. We are now ready to send our info to National and District Philoptochos for this year. Our last general meeting for this year will be May 22 at Noon in the Hellenic Center. Please plan to attend.

Our next upcoming event is the "Indoor Picnic and Auction" to be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022. We invite our sister Chapters in Albany and Troy. Normal picnic fare of hot dogs and all. If you haven't attended this event, be sure to do so this year. Our Auctioneer will be ready to take your money. There are always lovely gifts to bid on.

Soon, our year will wind up – Salvation Army Bag Lunches will be completed. Student toiletries will have been delivered for the school year. Underwear has been given to help the Homeless....and many other important events will have come and gone as we enjoyed wonderful successes in 2021-2022.

Many sincere thanks to everyone who has volunteered to continue our important work. Special thanks to Fr. Neofitos for his guidance and support throughout the year. Our Philoptochos Board will meet during the summer to develop our Calendar for 2022-2023. If you are not a member of this worthwhile organization of the church, please consider joining us. We are thankful and grateful for all of the wonderful people at St. George Church. We are "Friend of the Poor" in so many ways throughout each year...

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

### Help us support the Reading is Fun program

The Open Door is partnering with the Reading is Fun program, which mobilizes volunteers to reinforce reading-readiness as well as conversational and vocabulary skills with Schenectady's students in pre-K through 3rd grade.

The program has 71 volunteers reading with 152 students in Schenectady's 11 elementary schools.

During the month of April, customers may choose a book to donate to RIF and receive a 20% discount. The RIF Program is in need of early reader books with diverse characters (we can help you choose!)





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# GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, July 23, 2022**

**9:00 am — 3:00 pm**

**Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty Street, Schenectady**

**Bake Sale (Greek Pastries & Traditional)  
Light Lunch Fare**



Kitchen & Household Items  
Home Décor & Lamps  
Children's Toys & Baby Items  
Clothing & Purses & Shoes  
Bedding & Towels (no bed pillows)  
Luggage & Sports Items  
Hobby & Craft Items  
Books & Tools  
Small Furniture Items  
**NO ELECTRONICS!**

We will graciously accept your donations but reserve the right to discard items that may not be considered sellable. At the conclusion of the sale, ALL items will be distributed to local charitable organizations

For questions and information text/call Jan Gallas (518-596-0821)





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### **FELLOWSHIP GROUP MAY/JUNE, 2022** *by Eliana Georgelos*

Greetings from the Fellowship group!

Christos Anesti! Χριστός Ανέστη!  
Alithos Anesti! Αληθώς ανέστη!

On the last Sunday of April, less than two weeks ago as this is written, we celebrated Pascha, the holiest day of our faith...the day of Christ's resurrection. It was a wonderful feeling to see so many people in church attending Holy Week services. And after 50 days, on the seventh Sunday after Easter we celebrate Pentecost, the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on Christ's disciples after His Ascension. Our Orthodox faith has so many beautiful and meaningful celebrations.

Our most recent Fellowship meeting took place on Thursday, April 14th. Since we were still fasting prior to Pascha, our lunch consisted of Steve Giakoumis's famous Lenten fasolada (yum, SO delicious!), plus Ciabatta bread, tossed salad and a Lenten orange cake for dessert. Photos of our meeting can be found below.

The Fellowship group wishes to extend prayers of healing to Fellowship member Dina Nikolaides who is recuperating from injuries sustained in a serious car accident in Greece. We send Dina our very best wishes for a complete recovery. We miss you Dina, and look forward to seeing you back in our fold again.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to our good friend and communicant Liz (Elizabeth) on the passing of her beloved George. George Moskos and Liz attended services together almost every Sunday until George's medical issues required numerous hospitalizations and ultimately his placement at the Fulton Center Nursing Facility in Gloversville. George passed from this life on his Name day April 25th, the Feast of Saint George. May his memory be eternal!

We are all so excited about the improvements that are taking place in our church. The side room looks beautiful with its new coat of paint. The icon stand that our custodian Sean has built to house the new icons that so many of us have ordered is almost complete. The church ceiling is being painted a beautiful blue color which will remind us of the blue sky under heaven. And soon we will begin the process of replacing the ceiling tiles in the Hellenic Center, a project that couldn't take place until the roof was first repaired. As parishioners, we should all try to step up and support these projects with our donations. One easy way of doing so is to support the Ahepa and Fundraising Committee's June 4th Tri City Valley Cats baseball game and picnic. St. George will benefit from the sale of these tickets at \$45 each. Look for the flyer posted in our church bulletin for further information. This is a wonderful way to both have a fun experience and to support our church at the same time.

Our next Fellowship meeting will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2022. We will enjoy a pizza and salad lunch. Of course a delicious dessert will follow. At our meeting last month, we voted to increase the price of our lunches from \$3 per person to \$5. The cost of food has risen dramatically this past year, and our \$3 donations were not covering the cost of the food, thus the price increase. As always, we encourage all St. George parishioners to join our group. Annual dues are \$25 per couple or individual.

May and June are months for graduations, weddings, traveling and picnics. The Fellowship group wishes you all a happy, healthy and safe summer.











ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK



**OUR CHURCH. OUR SPIRITUAL HOME.**

St. George Greek Orthodox Church  
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

4/28/2022

Dear Friends of St. George,

Xristos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

Our St. George Church is our spiritual home. It is a place of prayer, comfort, spiritual healing, and celebration. You may have been brought here on your 40<sup>th</sup> day, or it may have been the destination of your spiritual journey. For both, St. George is a spiritual home to which we may always return. We are brothers and sisters in Christ – a family. One day, God will ask His stewards, us, “What have you done for my church under your watch with the gifts I have given you?”

This past year we continued ministry programs in the areas of Youth, Seniors and Outreach. The Greek School we initiated in 2020 brought us 42 registrations this year and many happy and satisfied families. Our 2021 Festival broke most financial records even though we were technically in a pandemic. Our Greek dance performers, which ranged from ages 5 – 38, numbered about 30 with 3 separate groups involved. We completed a lecture series for the first time in the history of St. George. In the coming year we expect to launch a Sunday School and add a Liturgical study of our Divine services to our religious education series of book club and bible study. The building and grounds improvements are too many to list in this letter but joining our email and mailing list will keep us all up to date with the latest and upcoming enhancements.

We ask you to support these worthy ministries. Giving to His Church is a way of thanking God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, “What are the dues?” but “How can I thank God for my many blessings?” We are stewards of the Gospel and the stewards of our parish. We see our church, not as it is, but as it could be. We offer our treasure and ourselves sacrificially, so that, as members of the Body of Christ, we may reach our full potential in Him.

Please consider completing the attached Commitment Card and returning it to the church office. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to the commitment your family will be making. A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of your commitment and an expression of thanks for the many blessings in your family’s life.

Respectfully,

***Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis***

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# WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

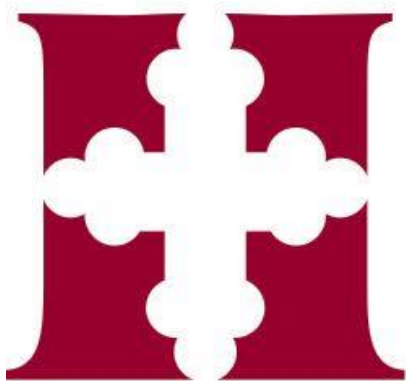
## 2022 Stewardship Pledges

We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2022 stewardship pledge as of May 6, 2022. Your continued and consistent support will help our church continue to grow and prosper.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington  
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brady  
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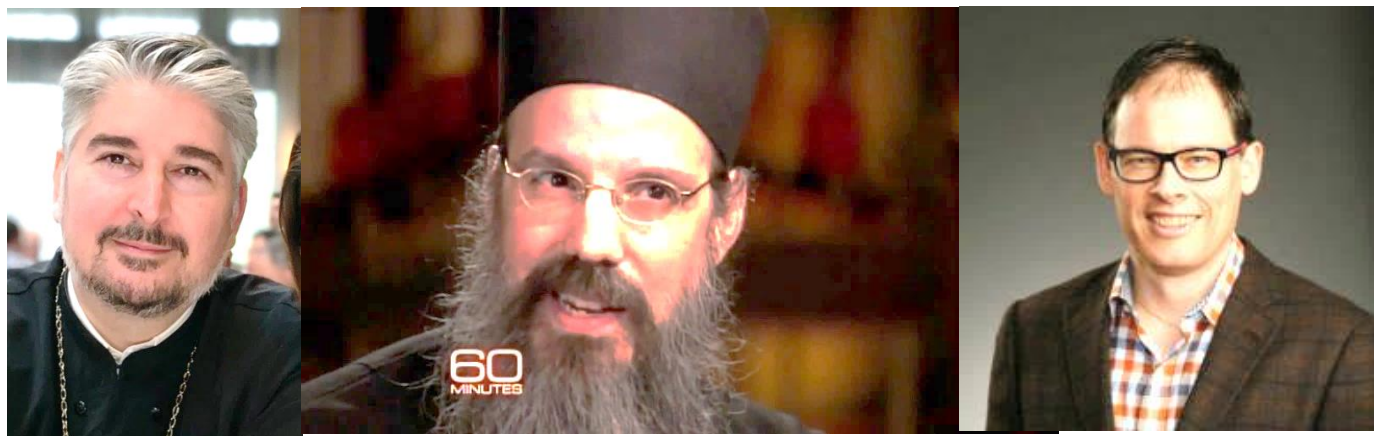
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### Lenten Lectures 2022

We are grateful for the wonderful lectures we received from these amazing and acclaimed speakers. It was our honor. Fr. John Vlahos, Fr. Maximos Constas, Dr. George Demacopoulos





# St. George Greek Orthodox Church June 4th Baseball outing with the TriCity ValleyCats



Join the St. George Greek Orthodox Church Parish and Fellowship as we celebrate our Community and Greek Heritage and Culture.

Join all of us, Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> as our Capital Region Hometown Heroes, the TriCity ValleyCats, take on their Can-Am Conference rivals - Trois-Rivieres Eagles.

**Pre-sale sign-up and tickets are available now.**

Add your name and donation to our growing list and share the news with your family and friends as well.

**Joseph L. Bruno Stadium (in Hudson Valley Community College)**

**80 Vandenburg Ave, Troy, NY 12180**

**"The Joe" - Picnic Pavilion**

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Game Time is 7:00 pm (arrive at 6:00pm for picnic)**

**Accommodates 20-300 guests.**

**Pricing: \$45 per adult/child 12 & under**

**\*Each guest attending a picnic at "The Joe" will receive a FREE ValleyCats cap!**

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Enjoy a delicious pre-game dinner, then head to your reserved box seats to enjoy the game! Each guest receives a souvenir ValleyCats cap!

**\*\_Each Person Receives: \*\_BBQ chicken, pulled pork, hot dog, pasta salad, coleslaw, dinner roll, soda or water. \*Menu is subject to change\***

***Picnic is served upon arrival between 1-hour prior to first pitch until posted game time which is 7pm.***

Event is organized by Ahepa chapter 125 and St. George Fundraising Committee. Ticket sale proceeds to go toward improvements in the church and the Hellenic center.



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# Summer Service Schedule

## Sunday Services:

**Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am**

### May

**Saturday, May 21** - Sts. Constantine and Helen

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, May 31** - Leave-taking of Pascha- St. Andrews brotherhood

\*6:00 pm Orthros and Divine Liturgy

**Location:** St. Sophia, Albany

### June

**Wednesday, June 1** - Leavetaking of Pascha

\*6:30 pm Resurrectional Canon/Paraklesis service with Ascension Vespers

**Thursday, June 2** - Holy Ascension of our Lord

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, June 11** – Saturday of the Souls

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy plus memorial

**Wednesday, June 29** - Sts. Paul and Peter

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

### July

**Monday, July 11** - St. Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Princess of Kiev and Euphemia the Great Martyr

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, July 20** - Prophet Elias

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, July 28** - St. Irene Chrysovalantou

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

### August - Dekapentavgousto

**Monday, August 1**

\*6:30 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Tuesday, August 2**

\*6:30 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Wednesday, August 3**

\*6:30 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Thursday, August 4**

\*6:30 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Friday, August 5**

\*6:30 pm Vespers for Transfiguration of Christ

**Saturday, August 6** - Transfiguration of Christ

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and blessing of the grapes

**Sunday, August 7**

\*6:30 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Monday, August 8**

\*6:30 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Tuesday, August 9**

\*6:30 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Wednesday, August 10**

\*6:30 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Thursday, August 11**

\*6:30 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Tuesday, August 10**

\*6:30 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Wednesday, August 11**

\*6:30 pm Small Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Thursday, August 12**

\*6:30 pm Great Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

**Sunday, August 14**

\*6:30 pm Great Vespers

**Location: The Assumption Church in Windham, NY**

**Monday, August 15 - The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary**

\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, August 16 - The Image of Christ Made-Without-Hands**

\* 9:10 am Hours and Divine Liturgy

**Location: Christ the Savior in Ballston Lake, NY**

**Saturday, August 27**

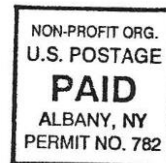
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\*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Phanouropita





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## The Final ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

Come join us as we  
"Close the Resurrection Season"  
with a special service on:

**Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Resurrectional Canon/Paraklesis  
service with Ascension Vespers**



## Ψυχοσάββατο Saturday of the Souls

Bring your own Koliva or join in the  
community tray for a \$7 donation.  
Call the office at 518-393-0742 or email  
[office@saintgeorgegoc.com](mailto:office@saintgeorgegoc.com).

**Saturday, June 1<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Orthros  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy plus memorial**

