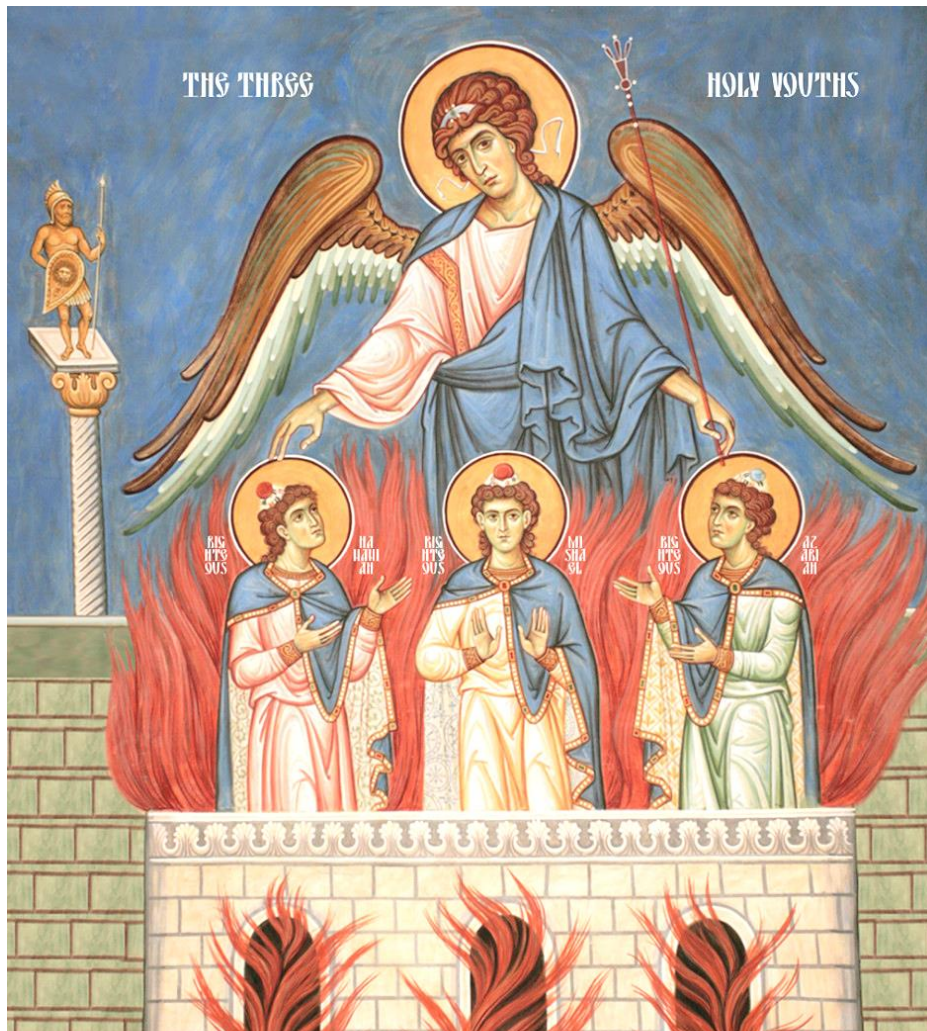




THE TRIUMPHANT

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
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November / December 2022



Evening Vigil – Agrypnia

For Sts. Daniel the Prophet & Ananias, Azarias, & Misail, the Three Holy Youths & St. Dionysius of Zakynthos

Friday, December 16, 2022

8:00pm – 1:00am

Vespers, Artoklasia, Orthros, Divine Liturgy



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

November 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 5th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10 yr Memorial for Nikolaos Sikamiotis 40 Day Memorial for William Yavornicky Evans OXI Day Celebration following Divine Liturgy City Mission Mitten Tree	31 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/ Bible Study	1 5:30pm Youth Zoom Meeting	2 5:00 pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	3 4:30pm Greek School	4	5
6 7th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Memorial for John Gallas Memorial for Deceased Philoptochos Members Special Tray Collection for Ecumenical Patriarchate General Assembly	7 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/ Bible Study	8 5:30pm Youth Zoom Meeting	9 Artoklasia Memorial Feastday of St. Nektarios 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	10 11:30am Senior Fellowship 4:30pm Greek School	11	12 10am Spaghetti Dinner Set up
13 8th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Spaghetti Dinner	14 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/ Bible Study	15 5:30pm Youth Zoom Meeting	16 5:00 pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	17 4:30pm Greek School	18	19
20 9th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 12:15pm Philoptochos Meeting	21 The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple 8:30 Orthros 9:30 Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/ Bible Study	22 5:30pm Youth Zoom Meeting	23 5:00pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	24 Thanksgiving – Parish office closed	25 Feastday of St. Catherine the Great 8:30 – 10:30am Orthros and Divine Liturgy	26 Feastday of St. Stylianos
27 13th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	28 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/ Bible Study	29 5:30pm Youth Zoom Meeting	30 Feast of St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Adult Greek School via Zoom			



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4 10th Sunday of Luke Feastday of St. Barbara the Great Martyr 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Stewardship Sunday	5 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/ Bible Study	6 Feastday of St. Nicholas 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Youth Zoom Meeting	7 5:00pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	8 11:30am Senior Fellowship 4:30pm Greek School	9 Feastday of St. Anna 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	10 11:00am – 3:00pm Christmas Boutique
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18 Sunday before the Nativity 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Christmas Pageant & Bake Sale following Divine Liturgy	19 Feast of St. Aglaia 8:30am Orthros & Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/ Bible Study	20 5:30pm Youth Zoom Meeting	21 5:00pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	22 No Greek School – Christmas Break	23 Great and Royal Hours 8:30am	24 Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ 6:00pm Christmas Eve Services – Orthros, Divine Liturgy & Carols
25 Holy Nativity 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	26	27 No Youth Zoom Meeting – Christmas Break	28 5:00pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	29 No Greek School – Christmas Break	30	31



ST. GEORGE'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

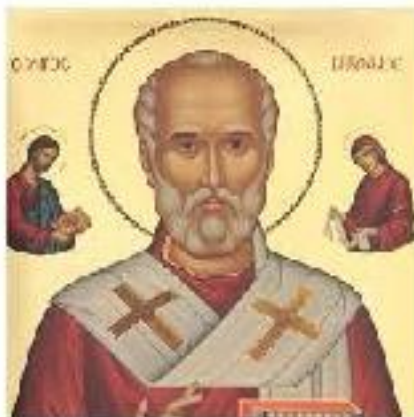
Christmas Tree Lighting

December 2nd 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

ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΙΑ = ΟΡΘΟΠΡΑΞΙΑ, Orthodoxy = Orthopraxy (right faith – right action)

In our last bulletin I wrote: "What shall I render to the Lord for all His gifts He has given to me? (English)
τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκέ μοι; (Greek) The answers I proposed were gratitude, time, fasting, sacraments, service, community, talents, and treasure.

Orthodoxy is more than just a set of beliefs and rules. It is a way of life. It is a set of Liturgical actions which spark our faith and bring us closer to letting God's light into our souls. Some of these specific actions will be outlined in this section of our bulletin throughout the year. In this issue I would like to focus on the offerings we can make in church.

Names for prayers for the living and reposed - During the Divine Liturgy, the names of our loved ones are commemorated for their health and salvation and for the repose of the departed. First names are written only in 2 separate sheets or columns labeled for the living and for the reposed (**Υνέρ Υγείας** – Health & **Υνέρ Αναπαύσεως** – Reposed)

Prosforo- In addition to names, you may also offer the Prosforo. Prosforo means offering in Greek. It is a small loaf of leavened bread used in the Divine Liturgy. After the consecration of the holy gifts, the main piece called "the lamb" becomes the body of Christ. He is the Lamb of God which is offered for the salvation of the world.

Communion Wine - This is usually a Greek sweet wine. Mavrodafni or Byzantino Nama, or Commandaria are some of the types and brands of wines that churches use.

Altar Vigil Lamp – This is an offering of Extra Virgin Olive Oil which is used to light all our vigil lamps. The "eternal flame" or ἀκοιμητῶν is the vigil lamp that is lit all day and all night, daily. It sits on the Altar because the reserve sacrament of Holy Communion is kept in the tabernacle.

Incense – From the time of Moses, God taught us an offering of charcoal and incense is pleasing to the Lord and fills the room as the Holy Spirit does.

Koliva – This is a memorial plate that can be offered for the reposed along with a Trisagion service or Memorial service. This is boiled wheat mixed with different ingredients. It symbolizes everlasting life and is based on a Bible verse, John 12:24, which reads: "...unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Koliva for saints can be offered as well.

Artoklasia – This is a sweet bread (5 loaves) that is offered as a prayer for the living. Artoklasia is usually offered for the Feast Day of a Saint or Nameday. It is offered with communion wine and Extra Virgin Olive Oil. These are 5 loaves which symbolize the miracle of multiplying the Fish and bread.

We can bring these items ourselves as an offering or pay for them to be provided for you. Offerings to God are blessings that are reaped by us. Our Lord blesses our offerings, even though imperfect, He blesses them, transforms them, and returns them to us for our transformation. It is a spiritual exchange which perpetuates our personal relationship with God. Our salvation and our Liturgical actions are linked. Our Faith must be lived and this takes action. These are just some of the actions our Lord has guided us to take for our path of the Cross. His entrance into this world is one of the greatest expressions of His love. Let us be grateful for the infinite opportunities we have to express our gratitude for all He has given us. We pray to see everyone at our many worship opportunities throughout the months of November and December. We are the ones in need of these offerings and of receiving His grace and illumination.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16



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Liturgical Offerings



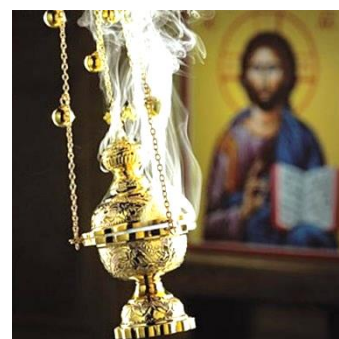
Communion Wine
\$20.00



*Altar Vigil Lamp
Candle –*
Ακοίμητον (for 1 week)
\$20.00



Prosforo
\$20.00



*Altar Incense
Offering –*
Μοσχοθυμίαμα
\$20.00 - \$50.00



*Koliva - Memorial
for the Departed*
\$100.00



Artoklasia- \$50.00

**You can also visit our
Square site and make
your donations online.**

**[https://st-george-greek-
orthodox-
church.square.site/](https://st-george-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/)**

To place an order and make your donation, please fill out the form below.

Item	Donation

TEACHING DIVINE LITURGY



Portable Icons Project: 20 new icons "Come and See"



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Join us Sunday, Dec 4, 2022 after Services for **Stewardship Sunday** and to kick off 2023!

2022 Stewardship Pledges

We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2022 stewardship pledge as of October 15, 2022. Your continued and consistent support will help our church continue to grow and prosper. To become a full member of our church, please fill out the Pledge form on the next page and return it to the office.

Mr. & Mrs. George Alatzas
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Andrikopoulos
Ms. Sonia Andrikopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington
Mr. John Behiri
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Behiri
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brady
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bratsos
Mrs. Ifigenia Brown
Ms. Arji Cakouros
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chamberas
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Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Christou
Ms. Ariana Christou
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou
Mrs. Catherine Contompasis
Ms. Cathy Contompasis
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis
Miss Demetra Corsones
Dr. & Mrs. Peter Cospito
Mr. & Mrs. George Cotzas
Mrs. Rena Counavelis
Mrs. Joanne Dafniotis
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew D'Aurizio
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantin Deligiannis
Ms. Linda Davison
Ms. Olga Delorey
Mr. Gerry Dermetzys
Miss Joanne Diamantis
Mrs. Katina Dikas & Family
Mrs. Mary Dikas
Mr. Takis Dikas
Ms. Maria Dostis
Mrs. Marguerite Doulides
Ms. Daphne Economou
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Engwer
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Euripidou
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitris Filippis
Mrs. Janet Gallas
Mr. Art Georgelas
Mrs. Helena Georgelas
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Georgelas
Ms. Nicole Georgelas
Mrs. Eliana Georgelos
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Giakoumis
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Goodale & Family
Mrs. Nancy Grivas
Ms. Dimitria Haridimos
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hogan
Mr. & Mrs. Owen Huggins
Mrs. Frucina Ica Iancu
Dr. & Mrs. Phillip James

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones & Family
Mrs. Catherine Julius
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Kalil
Mrs. Evangelia Kalogeras
Ms. Antonia Kananis
Mr. Evan Kananis
Mrs. Fanny Karamanos
Mr. & Mrs. John Kennedy
Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Kolios
Mrs. Katina Kontakos
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Kounoupis
Ms. Kaliopi Kounoupis
Mrs. Voula Kounoupis
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kouray
Mr. & Mrs. H. Koutsopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. David Lambert
Mr. & Mrs. Trifon Laskaris
Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaViolette
Ms. Christine Legorius
Mrs. Rosemary Legorius
Mr. & Mrs. Paul LeMire
Mr. William Manikas
Mrs. Akrivi Markopoulos
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Mr. & Mrs. William McDonald
Mr. & Mrs. Philip McGowen
Mrs. Cathy Menagias
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Menagias
Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Menagias
Mr. Demetrios Michael
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Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morlock
Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Nikolaidis
Mr. Simeon Nikolaidis
Mr. Constantine Orfan
Mrs. Katherine Orfan
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pagiotas
Mr. & Mrs. Vito Pagnotti & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pagones
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Papanikos
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Paravalos
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rosetti
Fr. Neofitos & Pres. Catherine Sarigiannis & Family
Mr. Louis LeGrande Serras
Mrs. Elena Sikamiotis
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Ms. Maria Stamoulis
Mr. & Mrs. Van Stathis

Mr. James Stevens
Mrs. Olga Stryjski
Mrs. Themetria Svolos
Ms. Melissa Verrigni
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Vlahakis
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Whipple
Mrs. Sophia Zanaros
Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas

Did You Know?

Did you know that we have a Google calendar?

If you are wondering when services are or if there are services on any given day, you can check out our calendar right on our website.

<https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/calendar/google-calendar>

Did you know you can add our St. George Google Calendar to your calendars to view on your phone or device?

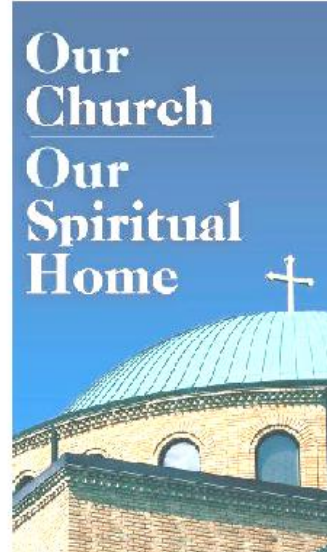
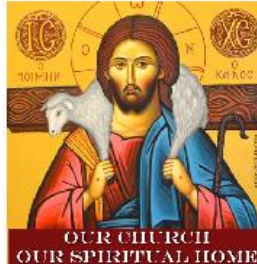
When you are in the page above, click on the icon in the lower- right corner and add our calendar to yours.

**Never miss an event!
Be aware of what is happening in our facility, church, and the Hellenic Center.**

Google
Calendar



We are only human and make mistakes. Please contact us in the office for any noted edits or additions. 518-393-0742.



We enter our spiritual home not to be entertained, but to be a part of a community of believers. We receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. As we pray, worship and serve together, we become His Body. To be truly a member of the Church as Body of Christ requires our presence and our engagement with one another -- in worship, study and service to others. We grow spiritually as a family. We give sacrificially as we acknowledge that all we have comes from God.

Christ's Paschal Question To You

Last Chance to join the St. George Family for 2022

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planned giving

☐ "I would like to speak with someone about how to remember the church in my will, trust, or estate plan."

PLEDGE CARD 2022

Information

If you are already a member, please fill out the shaded areas

NAME STEWARDSHIP NUMBER
 BAPTIZED ORTHODOX? yes no

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)
 BAPTIZED ORTHODOX? yes no

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS ☐ yes ☐ no
 MAY WE ADD YOU TO OUR EMAIL LIST?

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

OCCUPATION

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount for 2022:

\$ _____
☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly
☐ annually

Yearly Income Percentage Guide to Giving (pledge)

Yearly Income	1%	2%	3%	5%	10% (Tithing)
\$10,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$500	\$1,000
\$15,000	\$150	\$300	\$450	\$750	\$1,500
\$20,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$30,000	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000

God gives us everything.

How do we respond?

Our Family, Church, Our Spiritual Home is our responsibility.

Challenge

We ask you; we challenge you to give at least one percent of your household take-home pay.

Note: \$15,000 is the average yearly income for retirees in the U. S. (\$1,555 monthly).

The median household income for 2020 in the U. S. is \$65,000.

Leviticus 27:30 "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord: it is holy to the Lord."

time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

EDUCATION

- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Intro to Orthodoxy
- ☐ Publications
- ☐ Speakers
- ☐ Bookstore

YOUTH

- ☐ Dance Troupe
- ☐ Greek School Teacher
- ☐ Greek School Board
- ☐ Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Youth Advisor
- ☐ Camp Counselor
- ☐ Youth Group
- ☐ Young Adults

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- ☐ Garden & Landscape
- ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ Electrical
- ☐ Event Clean-up/ Set-up
- ☐ Interior Repairs
- ☐ Exterior Repairs
- ☐ Roofing
- ☐ Hall Rentals
- ☐ Handyman
- ☐ "Thursday Morning Boys"
- ☐ Building and Grounds Volunteers

ADMINISTRATION

- ☐ Parish Council
- ☐ Development / Fundraising
- ☐ Office help
- ☐ Computer / Technical

LITURGICAL

- ☐ Altar boys / Acolytes
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Chanting
- ☐ Reader
- ☐ Greeter/Usher
- ☐ Baking Prosforon
- ☐ Koliva maker
- ☐ Antoklasia maker

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- ☐ Welcome Team
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Coffee Hour/ Hospitality
- ☐ Visitation - Hospital
- ☐ Philoptochos - Soup Kitchen
- ☐ Prison Ministry
- ☐ Grief Bereavement Group
- ☐ Blood Drives
- ☐ Project Mexico
- ☐ Int'l Orth Christian Charities
- ☐ OCMC Mission Center
- ☐ Seniors Ministry (Fellowship)
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Friends of St. George
- ☐ Order of AHEPA

COMMUNICATIONS

- ☐ Web site & E-mail
- ☐ Graphic Design
- ☐ Bulletin & Newsletter
- ☐ Public Relations
- ☐ Data Entry

Any other talents or information you wish to list:

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL OF GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURE

The new school year has begun at St. George's School of Greek Language and Culture. Our youth, with their joy and enthusiasm in learning the Greek language, culture and dance, bring so much joy to our church and community. We are thankful to all our staff, parents, grandparents and volunteers who help create this wonderful program for our youth.

Below are some photos from the blessing of the school year, our first day of classes and the youth group kick off event - Apple Picking at Riverview orchards!

Upcoming Greek School events:

- Sunday, October 30, Our Greek School will celebrate OXI day with poems and songs after the Divine Liturgy.
- Sunday, December 18 will be the Greek School Christmas Pageant.
- Sunday, December 18 will also be the Greek School Vasilopita Bake Sale! See flyer for more information on how to preorder a Vasilopita.

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
Schenectady, NY



GREEK SCHOOL BAKE SALE!

Sunday, December 18, 2022
at the Hellenic Center
11AM - 1PM

- Vasilopita (Traditional New Years Bread with Coin) \$20
- Assorted Christmas Cookies and Desserts
- Bake Sale will be going on during the Greek School Christmas Pageant
- Come and See!

ORDER YOUR VASILOPITA TODAY!

Please email or text Presvytera Catherine to place your order: csarigiannis22@gmail.com or
845-428-0932 - 510 Liberty Street, Schenectady, NY 12305



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First Day of Greek School & Blessing of the Backpacks





Youth Fall Kick-off Event - Riverview Orchards



Church Music Sunday



Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner and Auction

Sunday, November 13, 2022

12:00 pm

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!







Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

HAPPY FALL to EVERYONE

By Jan Gallas

It's that time of year to get outside and enjoy the lovely weather and beautiful colorful trees. Our Board of Directors had a busy meeting in July. Following that meeting, we produced a final calendar for the 2022-2023 year that was approved and has been distributed to all members. Every member should have a copy in their possession by now. 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.

We came together for the Second Annual Ministry Sunday on September 25. Philoptochos participated by offering Halloween cookies for people to take home. We talked to many new people about the efforts we will accomplish this year. Special THANKS to Fr. Neofitos for his insight in bringing us together for this event again this year. We picked up FIVE new members that Sunday.

We have changed our meetings to be held at 12:15 in the Hellenic Center following Coffee Hour. 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. Please try to remember to let Cathy Contompasis whenever you have a change in your information.

We attended the first Philoptochos meeting of the year at St. Sophia. All three Chapters were in attendance.

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

1. Back by popular demand...Spaghetti Dinner on November 13. What a great time to invite family and friends to join us. Purchase your tickets from Jan Gallas or Toni Kananis at any Coffee Hour. Last year we served 92 people – hoping to break that record by serving 100 this year.
2. Christmas Card sign up – much work goes into getting these cards organized and mailed out. SPECIAL thanks to Gladys Paravalos for Chairing this event for so many years. Lucy Goodale and Zanetta Laskaris have volunteered to collect your sign-up form and donation this year.

Don't wait – sign up now.

3. The 8th 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.
4. This year St. George Church is planning to have a Holiday Boutique on Saturday, December 10. We are currently looking for Vendors. If you know someone who might be interested in having a booth, please have them call me IMMEDIATELY. Or, if YOU have a favorite craft to make – we will include it for sale at the booth Philoptochos will have. All profits go to support St. George Church. Any questions, please be sure to let me know.

Flyers for all of these events are included in this publication.

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. MANY THANKS in advance. Please know that your ideas and suggestions are always most welcome and appreciated!!

Our next monthly meeting will be Sunday, October 23 at 12:15 pm. Our November meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 20 at 12:15 pm. If you have never attended a Philoptochos meeting in the past, why not mark your calendar and attend a future meeting?? This way you will be part of the discussion and hear what nice events we have planned. As always, thank you for your support of our philanthropic efforts.

CRAFTERS WANTED

FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 10, 2022 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

OFFERING HANDMADE ITEMS and GREEK PASTRIES

VENDOR SPACE 10' x 10'

(includes 8' table) \$50 Per Spot + \$10 for Electricity
518-596-0821 (call or text) Email to JGJGFL@AOL.COM

**Hellenic Center St. George Greek Orthodox Church 510
Liberty Street Schenectady, NY 12305 (All proceeds
benefit St. George Greek Orthodox Church) Contact
Jan Gallas for Information**

Vendor Application
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
Holiday Boutique

Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty St., Schenectady, NY 12305
Saturday, December 10, 2022
10 am to 3 pm

NAME OF YOUR BUSINESS _____

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CELL NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Description of Items for sale _____

I would like one space for \$50 (10x10' with 6' table). If you don't need the table, check here _____

Please feel free to bring your own tables if you choose.

I will need electricity for an additional \$10 _____

- Spaces are assigned on basis of order of reservations received.
- Please make checks payable to St. George Church.
- No food items, used or resale, consignment items.
- Please arrive no earlier than 8 am for set up on Saturday, December 10, 2022.
- NO REFUNDS after December 1, 2022.
- Greek pastries and lunch items will be available for sale.

I, (print name) _____ assume all risks and
responsibility for my personal safety and that of anyone helping me, while renting space to sell
my wares at the Holiday Boutique at St. George Greek Orthodox Church at the above address
on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

Date _____ Vendor's Signature _____

***This application form must be returned with your check in order to be included in our Holiday
Boutique.***

All questions should be directed to Jan Gallas, 518-596-0821 (call or text) or JGJGFL@AOL.COM

Send this application along with your check made out to St. George Church to:

Jan Gallas
900 Rock City Rd. #435
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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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: Zanetta Laskaris and Lucy Goodale
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
107 Clinton Street
Schenectady, NY 12305*

PLEASE DETACH THIS FORM AND RETURN BY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

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

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
“LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY”



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

FELLOWSHIP NEWS FOR November/ December, 2022

By Eliana Georgelos

Greetings from the Fellowship group!

Our Fellowship news for this issue of the Triumphant was written during the month of October when the festival was behind us and we had all settled into our usual routines. But in August as I wrote the Fellowship news for our September/October issue of the Triumphant, we were in the midst of preparing for our annual Greek festival. The work involved in putting on this huge undertaking was overwhelming and we prayed for God's help in pulling it off successfully. We worried that we might not be able to do so. Would we have enough workers to man all the various booths? Would we have enough time to finish putting up all the booths, the tables/chairs under the tent as well as the signs and stanchions inside the Hellenic Center? Would the weather cooperate so that people would want to come out? And if people did come, would there be enough of them to bring us a successful outcome? As it turned out, God gave us the strength to accomplish everything that was necessary. Good friends outside the St. George community graciously came forward to volunteer their help. The weather turned out to be sunny and warm. Throngs of people attended, and our festival turned out to be a huge success. Glory to God!

After an absence of four months where we were unable to have meetings, our Fellowship group finally got together on 10/13 for our October meeting. Fifteen of us gathered together in the Hellenic Center (see photos by our official paparazzi, Olga Delorey). In Father Neofitos's absence, Steve Giakoumis led us in prayer before we sat down to eat. Our lunch consisted of sausage and peppers over rice pilaf, bread/butter, a delicious Greek salad lovingly put together by Dimitri and Maria Kolios, and a pineapple Bundt cake for dessert. But the best part of our gathering was just being together in a relaxing environment. Meeting in the Hellenic Center allows us to socialize without needing to worry about time constraints and/or keeping our voices down so as to not disturb others...issues that we would encounter in a restaurant.

Our next Fellowship meeting will take place on Thursday, November 10, 2022. We voted to have pizza and salad for lunch. Dina Nikolaides volunteered to order and bring in the pizzas and make the salad. Eliana will bring dessert. We will meet at 11:30 for our lunch followed by a short meeting during which we will plan on what to do for our Christmas luncheon.

November also brings the start of the Nativity fast which begins on November 15th and continues for 40 days until the day before Christmas, December 24th. This period of time should serve not only as a time of fasting, but also as one of prayer, reflection, forgiveness and repentance. The Fellowship group extends our very best wishes to all St. George parishioners and our friends in other Orthodox communities for a blessed Christmas season. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose birth we will soon celebrate, bless us all with peace, love, joy and good health.





October Fellowship Meeting

Greek Festival Testimonial from John and Evelyn Makulski:

Eliana,

What a wonderful time we had helping out at the Festival. I really can't explain it but there was something spiritual about the whole experience. Perhaps it was the feeling of being part of a wonderful family that the members of St. George have always and continue to genuinely extend to us. Perhaps it was knowing all this (the function of the festival) was to benefit a wonderful parish/family. Perhaps it was seeing the whole community having a wonderful time. Maybe it was seeing the whole family of St. George enjoying doing the work and using their talents so unselfishly. It was more than likely that everything combined gave us that feeling of our Lord and Savior being present at this festival.

Thank you for all the help you provided us. We truly feel blessed and privileged that we had this wonderful experience of working at St. George's Greek Festival

With Much Appreciation,

John & Evelyn (Makulski)





Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

46th 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
Peter Aliferis
Nicolitsa Avramidis
Billy Avramidis
Mike Avramidis
Stavros Avramidis
Jason Baker
Joan Blando
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Georgia Chamberas
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Evan Kananis
Toni Kananis
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Phil Menagias
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Theodora Mokhiber
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Aglaia Morlock
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Elaine Rodd
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George Siton
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Spiro Zoulas

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Christmas and Theophany Service Schedule 2022-23

Friday, December 23

8:30 am Royal Hours of the Nativity

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24

6:00 pm Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Carols

Christmas Day Services

Sunday, December 25

8:30 am – 11:00 am
Christmas Day Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 1st

8:30 am – 11:00 am
Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Vasilopita Cutting
Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am – 11:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the
Mohawk River



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

House and Business Blessings

On January 6, 2023 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

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