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May/ June 2023



ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!
CHRIST IS RISEN!





Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

May 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Greek Parade NYC	1	2 5:45pm Zoom Youth Meeting 6:30p Fundraising Meeting	3 5:30pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	4 4:30pm Greek School	5	6
7 Sunday of the Paralytic 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Spring General Assembly meeting following Divine Liturgy	8 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/Bible Study	9 5:45pm Zoom Youth Meeting	10 5:30pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	11 4:30pm Greek School	12	13
14 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Trisagion Service for Ed & Angeliki Jones	15 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/Bible Study	16 7:00am Soup Kitchen Bag Lunches 5:45pm Zoom Youth Meeting	17 11:00am Visit / Trip to St. Nicholas Shrine 5:30pm Adult Greek School via Zoom	18 4:30pm Greek School	19 6:00pm St. Sophia's Greek Festival	20 12:00pm St. Sophia's Greek Festival
21 Sunday of the Blind Man 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm St. Sophia's Greek Festival 12:15pm Philoptochos Meeting 5:30pm Wedding	22 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Book Club/Bible Study	23 6:30pm Parish Council	24 5:30pm Adult Greek School via Zoom 6:00pm Ascension Vespers 7:00pm Festival Meeting	25 Holy Ascension 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:30pm Greek School	26	27
28 Fathers of the 1st Coucil 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	29 Memorials at the cemetery 9:00am Parkview – old Greek Section 10:30am Parkview – new Greek Section 12:30pm Other cemeteries	30	31 5:30pm Adult Greek School via Zoom			



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28 Fathers of the 1st Council 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	29 Memorials at the cemetery 9:00am Parkview – old Greek Section 10:30am Parkview – new Greek Section 12:30pm Other cemeteries	30	31	1 Last day of Greek School 4:30pm Greek School Year End Event	2	3 The Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Three Year Memorial for Chris Dafniotis
4 Holy Pentecost 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Honoring our Graduates Honoring our Ministry Leaders	5	6 6:00pm Leadership Dinner- New Rochelle	7	8 Philoptochos Year End Picnic	9	10
11 The Sunday of all Saints 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	12	13	14	15 11:30pm Senior Fellowship Meeting	16	17
18 2nd Sunday of Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Trisagion for Theresa, Andrew & William Yavornicky	19	20 7:00pm Soup Kitchen Bag Lunches 6:30pm Parish Council	21	22	23	24
25 3rd Sunday of Matthew 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	26	27	28	29 Sts. Peter, Paul the Holy Apostles 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	30 Synaxis of the Holy Apostles 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH





NYC Greek Independence Day Parade April 30, 2023



St. George Theotokos Summer Camp

510 Liberty Street Schenectady, NY 12305



August 7 to Friday, August 11, 2023

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Registration Fee: *\$60 for one child (5-12y)

*\$100 for two children and a third/fourth child is free.

*\$30 for Counselors in Training (teens ages 13-18y)

We are planning on having several field trips during the week including a trip to Via Aquarium, a trip the Museum of Science and Industry, and a day at Collins Park!

Register now on our website!

<http://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/>



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From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

My sermon, comments, from our Easter Midnight Service

In a few moments we will darken the church and we will be in silence waiting for the resurrection. «Τὴν Ανάσταση» I ask that we be prayerful. Keep our eyes toward the altar and on Jesus Christ and His holy light. His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his arrest, the beatings, the passion, the crucifixion, the death, and resurrection were for the salvation of our souls. Let us remember that as we receive His holy light and later this MIDNIGHT as we receive his body and blood during the most beautiful liturgy of the entire year.

My brothers and sisters Christ is Risen! If you have to go, go with the love of Christ - the light of Christ, and with the joy of the resurrection. For those who will stay and receive the risen Lord, His body and blood, we pray for all our illumination. I will make one final comment. I have been with you for 3 1/2 years and these years have been amazing. I have visited the sick, the homebound, and in many cases the dying. There are those of them that would do anything to be in your shoes right now to be here this evening and any and every church service. They wish their legs could bring them this far but sadly they can't. They wish their families could bring them this far but sadly most don't have that support. They are prisoners of their bodies and their situations HOWEVER their wish and their will is anchored here with the love of God and their church!!!! Many of us are free and healthy to worship to pray and to fast but choose not to exercise our love for God in this way. As Jesus warned in many parables and sometimes spoke plainly - those of us who do not produce fruits worthy of Him will be thrown into the fire. If we do not know and love the Lord in this life, He will not know us on the glorious day when we will all meet our loved ones again and our Creator. Let us not squander our resources with casual lukewarm apathy any longer. Let us embrace our God and one another and our enemies in the hope of the resurrection.

We hope to see you and all the children tomorrow at our AGAPI vespers service and Easter egg hunt In the morning at 10:30 AM. We hope that you can purchase food and spread the word about our takeout chicken and roasted lamb barbecue next Saturday. Next Saturday at 6:30 PM we will celebrate great vespers for Saint George and on Sunday we will celebrate the divine liturgy for Saint George. We pray and hope we can celebrate together this great feast of our miraculous patron St. Who has allowed and performed so many miracles even to this day for our humble presence. Glory be to God. Christ is Risen.

Great Lent and Triodion begins with the story of the prodigal son. Our prodigality is exposed when we very easily squander our health and freedom and do not approach Christ with our humble offering. Many think: "Father, I am not living in sin like the prodigal son." The riches and resources we squander are not only our purity of soul, our money, our time.... It is our gratitude and love that is squandered. Our prayer is that all are numbered among the logical sheep and we give our love and gratitude to our Lord, our fellow human, and ourselves. *Seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33*

Look at all the miracles God and Saint George have gifted us. Let's keep up the good work and put God First.

EAT WITH THE GREEKS



THE FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE



EASTER EGG HUNT







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Ελληνικό Σχολείο Αγίου Γεωργίου St George School of Greek Language and Culture

On Sunday, March 19, 2023 Our Greek School Students Celebrated the double holiday of Greek Independence Day and The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary with poems, songs and traditional Greek dances. The theme of the celebration was the secret school «το Κρυφό Σχολειό» and the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos. Along with their songs and poems each student presented the first letter of each verse of the Akathist Hymn which corresponds to the 24 letters of the Greek alphabet. The traditional Greek dances were executed beautifully. The children danced Podaraki and Kalamatiano and the older group topped off the celebration with an excellent rendition of Tsirigotikos.

On April 30 our Greek School marched in the New York City Greek Independence Day Parade on 5th Avenue for the first time in many years. It was a wonderful adventure. We had about 60 children, parents, grandparents, parish council members and parishioners of our church brave the pouring rain and march with so much pride and enthusiasm. The Saint George float was generously donated by an anonymous donor for the Greek School and was decorated with a beautiful painting of our church - painted by Diamanto Ktenas.

On Thursday, June 1st we will have our End of the Year Party and Moving Up Ceremony as the 2022-2023 school year comes to an end.

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. In-person Greek School will begin again on Thursday, September 21, 2023. The online youth and adult Greek school programs will be starting around the same week. Please click here to register for Greek School. **Register now on our website!** <http://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/>



Κατηχητικό Σχολείο Αγίου Γεωργίου Saint George Sunday School Opening September 2023 Ages 4-18

We are excited to announce that Sunday School will be starting again on September 17, 2023. Sunday school will be held every other week. Students will attend church services and after Holy Communion we will have a 40-minute lesson upstairs in the classrooms. Please click here to register for Sunday school.

Register now on our website!
<http://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/>



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

2023 Stewardship Pledges

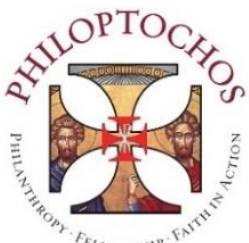
We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2023 stewardship pledge as of May 1, 2023. Your continued and consistent support will help our church continue to grow and prosper. To become a full member of our church, please fill out the Pledge form on the previous page and return it to the office.

Mr. & Mrs. George Alatzas
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantin Avgerakis
Ms. Athina Beaury
Mr. John Behiri
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Behiri
Ms. Susan Birbilis
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brady
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bratsos
Mrs. Ifigenia Brown
Mr. & Mrs. James Bump
Ms. Arji Cakouros
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chamberas
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Christou
Mr. Andreas & Mrs. Sophia Christou
Miss Arianna Christou
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou
Mrs. Catherine Contompasis
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Contompasis
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis
Miss Demetra Corsones
Dr & Mrs. Peter Cospito
Mr. & Mrs. George Cotzas
Mrs. Rena Counavelis
Miss Joanne Diamantis
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Ms. Olga Delorey
Mr. Gerry Dermentzys
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Diamantopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Engwer
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Mrs. Janet Gallas
Mr. Arthur Georgelas
Mrs. Helena Georgelas
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Mr. & Mrs. Brian Goodale
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Mr. & Mrs. Owen Huggins
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Mrs. Catherine Julius
Ms. Antonia Kananis
Mrs. Fanny Karamanos
Ms. Balwant Maria Kingra
Mrs. Maria Kontakos
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kontogiannis
Ms. Kaliopi Kounoupis
Mrs. Voula Kounoupis
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kouray
Mr. Dimitrios Koutsopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. David Lambert
Mr. & Mrs. Trifon Laskaris

Mr. William Manikas
Mr. & Mrs. Phil McGowen
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Menagias
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mikropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Nikolaidis
Mr. Simeon Nikolaidis
Mr. Constantine Orfan
Mrs. Katherine Orfan
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Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pagones
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Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas





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PHILOTOCHOS NEWS MARCH 2023

By Jan Gallas

This Spring our District Philoptochos challenged us to fill backpacks with food for less fortunate children in our area. We took this one step further by collecting food items and delivering to our local Keane Elementary School in Schenectady. To date we have 26 people who have donated over 600 food items for these needy children. Special thanks to everyone who made this drive another huge success for our St. George Philoptochos Chapter.

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. If you have not paid your dues, please make every effort to get this responsibility done. Our last general meeting for this year will be May 21 at 12:15 pm in the Hellenic Center. Please plan to attend.

All three local Philoptochos Chapters will attend the Annual Banquet for City Mission of Schenectady on May 1. We have a table reserved so we can all sit together in support of this most important mission in our area. Special thanks to St. George, St. Sophia and St. Basil Churches for coming together for this event.

Our last get together for this Philoptochos year is the "Indoor Picnic and Auction" to be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 in the Hellenic Center. We invite our sister Chapters in Albany and Troy every year. Normal picnic fare of hot dogs and all. If you haven't attended this event in the past, be sure to do so this year. Our Auctioneer will be ready to take your money. There are always lovely gifts to bid on. Proceeds from this event go to support IOCC, a regular commitment of Philoptochos Chapters all over the US.

The most important item for you to be thinking about now is that this year is our Bi-annual Elections. We are in need of someone who will step up to become President. This is a two-year commitment or more if you choose. Should you have any questions about this important position, please make every effort to speak to Fr. Neofitos. Elections are to be held at our May meeting. I have enjoyed working with all of you these last couple of years. It's now time for someone else to bring their thoughts to our group.

Soon, our year will come to an end. Salvation Army Bag Lunches will be completed. Student toiletries will have been delivered for the school year. Food has been gathered for families in our schools, and many other important events will have come and gone as we enjoyed wonderful accomplishments in 2022-23.

Sincerest thanks to everyone who has volunteered to continue our important work. Special thanks to Fr. Neofitos for his guidance and support throughout the year. 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...

Donors for the Weekend Backpack Food Drive: Eleni Behiri, Lucy Brady, Arji Cakouros, Georgia Chamberas, Panayiota Christou, Cathy Contompasis, Dena Contompasis, Olga Delorey, Joanne Diamantis, Elaine Euripidou, Jan Gallas, Eliana Georgelos, Lucy Goodale, Helen James, Toni Kananis, Xanthi Katsigiannis, Bobby & Connie Koutsopoulos, Anna Ktenas, Zannetta Laskaris, John & Evelyn Makulski, Aleka Menagias, Anna Morlock, Dina Nikolaidis, Katherine Orfan, Athena Pagnotti, Gladys Paravalos.







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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

By Eliana Georgelos

Greetings from the Fellowship group!

As I write this, we are in the midst of Holy Week. Having experienced the 40 day period of Lent, we will soon celebrate the holiest of days, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our April Fellowship meeting did not take place this month because it fell during Holy Week. So instead of gathering to share a meal and socialize, we instead spent this week in prayer and in contemplation of the miracle of Christ's resurrection.

It was wonderful to see so many faithful attending church on Palm Sunday and staying for the fish dinner sponsored by AHEPA and our newly formed chapter of the Daughters of Penelope. The Daughters, led by president Balwant Kingra, is a wonderful organization whose mission is to promote Hellenism, Philanthropy and other important causes. Balwant thanked everyone for attending the dinner and invited women who are not already members to join. Chris Euripidou prepared the meal, a delectable fish fillet served over mashed potatoes and accompanied by green beans, beets, and an exquisite aioli sauce. So delicious! Για στα χέρια σου, Chris!

We thank God that our Fellowship group remains strong and vibrant. We have, however, missed the presence of our friends Paul and Joann Pagiotas due to separate health issues that caused each of them to be hospitalized at different times. They are now recuperating, and we hope to have them back in our midst very soon. May you both have speedy recoveries, Paul and Joann, and know that we send you prayers of healing!

Our next meeting will not take place until June 15, 2023. We needed to cancel our May meeting completely due to our president being unavailable during that month. And although our June meeting would have taken place on June 8th, the Philoptochos end of the year picnic is scheduled on that date, so we will instead have our Fellowship lunch and meeting on the following Thursday, June 15th. As usual, our meal will be served at 11:30 am followed by a short meeting.

Our community is blessed to have such amazing chefs in our midst who share their mouthwatering creations with us. This year, for the very first time, we put on a "to go" spit roasted lamb and Greek style roasted half chicken dinner fundraiser to benefit our church. Chris and Mike Euripidou and Peter Kalil prepared the meats, accompanied by sides of roasted Greek style potatoes and carrots. This "Eat with the Greeks! A Takeout Feast!" took place on Saturday, April 22, 2023, the eve of St. George's Feast Day. Prepackaged boxes of assorted Greek pastries were also sold. This was an inaugural fundraiser for our church which thankfully was quite successful and generated a nice profit. We hope to repeat this on an annual basis. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this endeavor such a success!

For those new to our group who are not familiar with our lunches, we ask for a donation of \$5 per person to cover the cost of the food we serve. Annual membership dues are \$25 per couple or individual. Since dues are collected during the month of March, most of us paid our dues last month. For those who have not done so, we will be happy to receive your payment the next time we meet. And as always, we welcome all St. George parishioners to join our group. Please see Eliana if you would like to join.

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

Με υγεία και ευτυχία!





Camp Saint Paul

• SUMMER 2023 REGISTRATION •

Opens:
February 25th
12 Noon

Session 1: 06/25 - 07/01
Session 2: 07/02 - 07/08
Session 3: 07/09 - 07/15
Session 4: 07/16 - 07/22
Session 5: 07/23 - 07/29

Register at: campsaintpaul.org

Questions? Email us: campstpaul@goarch.org



Fr. Neofitos, Presvytera Catherine, and George are serving week 4 of **Camp Saint Paul**. Let's all go the same week!







Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon
Served by members of Daughters of Penelope and Ahepa



SAVE THE DATES: SEPTEMBER 8, 9, & 10 ST. GEORGE GREEK FESTIVAL



Ἀπόδοσις τῆς Εορτῆς τοῦ Πάσχα



St. Andrew's Brotherhood
Leave-taking of Pascha Service
Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm
Matins and Divine Liturgy

Location: Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
440 Whitehall Road, Albany NY 12208

2023
ST. SOPHIA

GREEK FESTIVAL

MAY 19TH
6 - 10PM

MAY 20TH
12PM - 10PM

MAY 21ST
12PM - 6PM

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HOMEMADE

GREAT GREEK FOOD

EAT IN
TAKE OUT

June 9th, 10th
and 11th

SAINT BASIL GREEK FESTIVAL
909 RIVER STREET, TROY

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
107 Clinton Street
Schenectady, NY 12305



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The Final ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

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

Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 pm

Ninth Hour and Ascension Vespers



Ψυχοσάββατο Saturday of the Souls

Bring your own Koliva or call the office at
518-393-0742 or email

office@saintgeorgegoc.com to order a
plate.

\$10 donation.

Saturday, June 3rd
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy plus memorial

