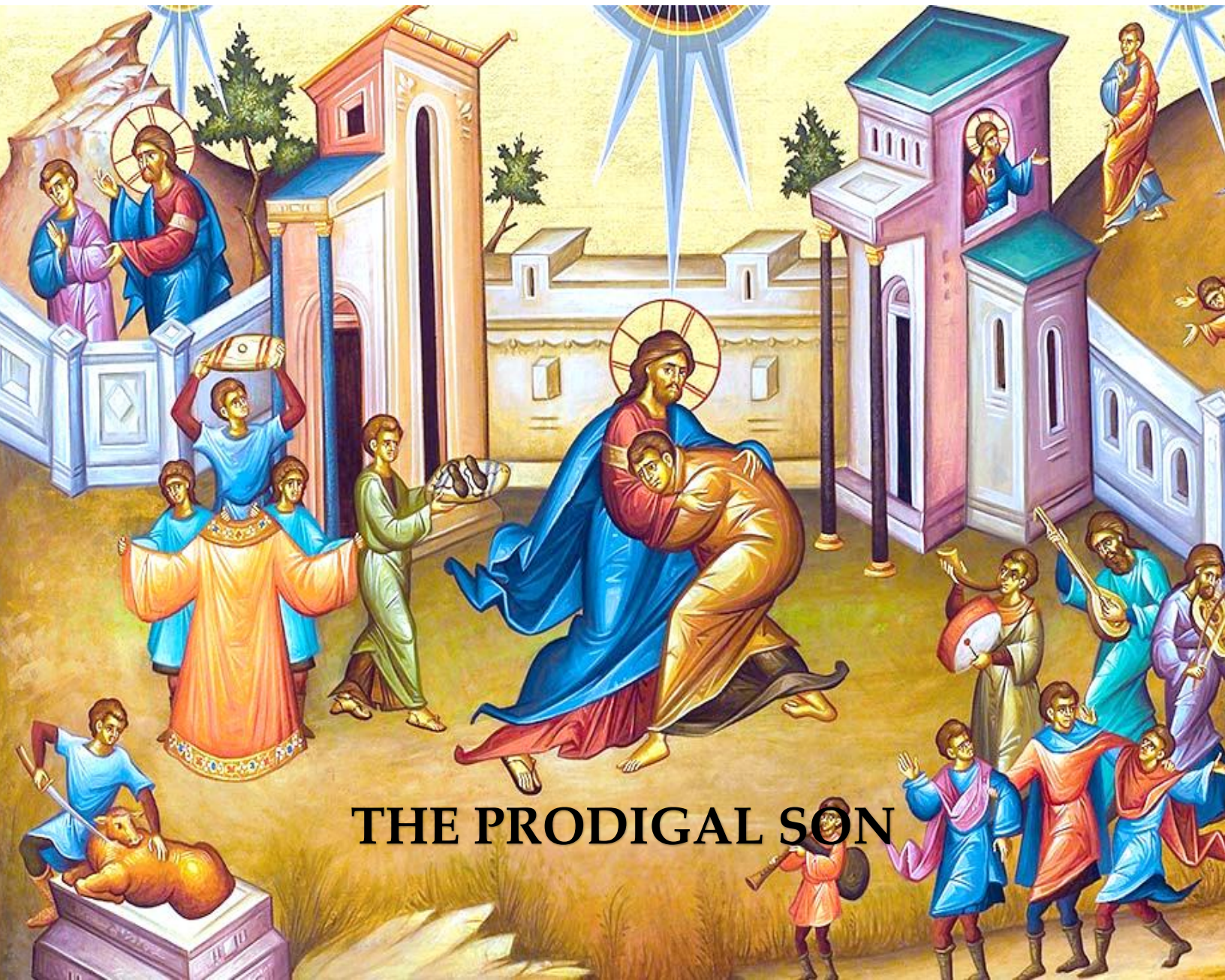




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March / April 2024



THE PRODIGAL SON

A Blessed Great Lent! Καλή Σαρακοστή!



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March 2024

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee Triodion Begins 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	26 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Dinner & Q & A with Father	27	28 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School	29 4:30pm In person Greek School 5:00pm Confession	1	2
3 Sunday of the Prodigal Son 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	4 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Bible Study-Topic: Orthros, Matins	5 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	6 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School	7 4:30pm In person Greek School	8 5:30pm Daughters of Penelope Meeting	9
10 Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	11 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Dinner & Q & A with Father	12	13 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School	14 11:30am Senior Fellowship Meeting 4:30pm In person Greek School 5:00pm Confession	15	16 2 nd Saturday of the Souls 8:30am Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Memorial
17 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday) 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Vespers Lenten Meal hosted by the Parish following vespers	18 Clean Monday – Great Lent Begins 5:30pm Great Compline 6:30pm Dinner & Q & A with Father	19 7:00am Soup Kitchen Prep	20 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy	21 4:30pm In person Greek School 4:30pm Small Vespers 5:00pm Confession	22 6:30pm 1 st Salutations to the Virgin Mary	23 3 rd Saturday of the Souls 8:30am Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Memorial
24 Sunday of Orthodoxy 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Carly Thompson Chrismation 12:15pm Philoptochos Meeting 5:00pm Vespers St. Basil Watervliet	25 Annunciation of the Theotokos 8:30am Orthros & Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Great Compline 6:30pm Bible Study-Topic: Orthros, Matins	26	27 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy	28 4:30pm In person Greek School 4:30pm Small Vespers 5:00pm Confession	29 6:30pm 2 nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary	30
31 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 40 day memorial for Penney Pagonos 5:00pm Vespers St. George South Glens Falls						



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April 2024

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30pm Great Compline 6:30pm Dinner & Q & A with Father	2	3 4:00 pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy	4 4:30 In person Greek School 4:30pm Small Vespers 5:00pm Confession	5 6:30pm 3 rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary	6 9:00 am District Clergy Laity – Holy Resurrection
7 Sunday of the Holy Cross 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Greek School Independence Day Program 5:00pm Vespers St. Nicholas Pittsfield	8 5:30pm Great Compline 6:30pm Bible Study Topic: Orthros, Matins	9 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting via Zoom	10 4:00 pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy Assumption, Windham	11 11:30am Senior Fellowship Meeting 4:30 In person Greek School 5:00pm Confession	12 6:30pm 4 th Salutations to the Virgin Mary	13
14 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy NYC Greek Parade 5:00pm Vespers St. George Albany	15 5:30pm Great Compline 6:30pm Dinner & Q & A with Father	16 7:00am Soup Kitchen Prep	17 4:00 pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy Kimisis, Poughkeepsie	18 4:30 In person Greek School 4:30pm Small Vespers 5:00pm Confession 6:00pm The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	19 6:30pm Akathist Hymn	20 Lenten Youth Retreat St. Basil's Troy
21 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Vespers Christ the Savior Ballston Lake	22 5:30pm Great Compline 6:30pm Bible Study Topic: Orthros, Matins	23 Feast of St. George	24 4:00 pm Online Youth Greek School 5:00pm Online Adult Greek School	25 4:30 In person Greek School 4:30pm Small Vespers 5:00pm Confession	26 5:00 pm Holy Week Retreat & Folding of the Palms	27 Saturday of Lazarus 8:30am Orthros & Divine Liturgy
28 Palm Sunday 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Bridegroom Service	29 6:30pm Bridegroom Service	30 6:30pm Bridegroom Service				



OCMC Presentation by:
Fr. Stephanos Ritsi
*OCMC Assistant Missionary Director
& Former Missionary to Albania*



Special Missions Presentation by:
Theodora Veronis
OCMC Missionary at Project Mexico

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FORGIVENESS VESPERS & DINNER



St. George Greek Orthodox Church

107 Clinton Street | Schenectady, NY 12305

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

FREE WILL OFFERING ENCOURAGED
(Proceeds will benefit OCMC ministries around the world.)



Sunday, Mar. 17

Forgiveness Vespers at 5:00 PM
Dinner & Program at 6:30 PM

For questions, please contact:

Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis at frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com or
OCMC Event Coordinator Elaine Drikakis at elained@ocmc.org



TO REGISTER OR DONATE, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT WWW.OCMC.ORG/SCHENECTADY.

Sunday evening Lenten Vespers Services (5:00 pm) 2024

- **Forgiveness Sunday 3/17-** St George Schenectady (107 Clinton St, Schenectady)
- **Sunday of Orthodoxy 3/24-** St. Basil Watervliet (6 Lansing Ave, Watervliet, NY 12189)
- **St. Gregory Palamas 3/31-** St. George South Glens Falls (55 Main St, South Glens Falls)
- **Holy Cross 4/7 -** St Nicholas Pittsfield (1304 North St, Pittsfield, MA 01201)
OCA Bishop of New England, Bp. BENEDICT (Churchill) presiding
- **St. John of the Ladder 4/14 -** St George Albany (1 St Georges Pl, Albany, NY 12202)
- **Youth Retreat Saturday 4/20 -** St. Basil Troy (909 River St, Troy)
- **Sunday of Mary of Egypt 4/21 -** Christ the Savior Ballston Lake (349 Eastline Rd, Ballston Spa)
- **Palm Sunday 4/28** New Skete in Cambridge (273 New Skete Lane, Cambridge, NY)

We are excited to announce our Sunday evening Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers services. We welcome both Orthodox and non-Orthodox to attend. Each service is followed by a Lenten meal. This is a great opportunity to meet and reunite with local Orthodox Christians for prayer and fellowship as we journey together on our way to Holy Pascha.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood



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From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

"Behold, The Man" (Pilate)

Welcome all to the Triodion period. It is a period that spans from the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee until Holy Saturday and the Resurrection of our Lord. It is also the service book we use during this period and it contains multiple daily services for this 11-week period. The main theme of the Triodion is repentance. In summary, it is about our return to the "Kingdom prepared for us". The hymns and prayers constantly refer to humanities' repentant journey spanning from Adam and Eve's exile out of Eden, all the way to our reentry into Paradise and the Kingdom of Heaven through our Lord's loving sacrifice, passion, death, resurrection, and glorious second coming. This period is filled with services, service to our fellow man in need (almsgiving), fasting, personal prayer, reading, and the sacrament of confession, and holy unction. Our God is a good God and He loves us. Even if we feel are far away from Him, He awaits patiently and lovingly for our return. He is waiting for us, always, with His arms outstretched, as we see in the icon of the Crucifixion. Christ is giving us a hug with His loving sacrifice for the remission of our sins and for eternal life.

Our Creator yearns for us. Let us look at the parable of the Prodigal Son which summarizes our return to God. Jesus speaks of a Father who split his inheritance among his sons. The younger took his inheritance early and squandered it in prodigal living. He did not do anything wise with it. He wasted his money. For us today this could symbolize when we waste our time, talent, and treasures. The son ran out of the wealth and then, famine struck. He ended up working with pigs and he ate from their food.

Great Lent is a reminder to repent. It is our opportunity to self-reflect and see where we are "eating with the swine" and have a repentant moment



and turn our behavior and energies toward returning to God. In the rest of the story, we see the repentance of the younger son. You might have heard the story many times before.

I would like to point out the different steps of repentance in this parable so that we can apply them to our lives.

Step one is to admit we are a sinner. It says, "But when he came to himself. Εις εαυτόν Δε ελθών ειπε"... He was living with pigs and then had an AHA moment. He snapped out of it. He realized he was not being HIMSELF. His best self.

"My father's servants have food to spare but I am sitting here hungry, starving. I will arise and go to my father. And I will say "I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired Servants." The admission is the first step. Looking in the mirror and realizing that maybe we muddied ourselves with some of our behaviors. Where have I muddied my baptismal robe, the white radiant robe of my soul? And he arose and came to his father. Step two is action, confession, or admission of guilt. Asking for forgiveness.

Our sins are not forgiven with our own prayer but by the Grace of God through the sacrament of the priesthood within Holy Confession which Jesus established.

Our God has left us a living breathing church for our healing. We must use and practice the sacrament of confession. We must come to our senses and be honest with ourselves and then with God. Just like we do not lie to our doctor, we should not lie to God, ourselves, or the world. The priest, who is in essence representing God and the world, under the blessing of the hierarchy, offers us God's absolution of sins.

And finally, step three, changing our life and getting the job done. There is a difference between coming



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to the realization, speaking the realization, and taking the steps toward acting out the change in our heart. The son acted after his realization and went back to his father. He had humble expectations and with boldness to approach, he asked for forgiveness.

What came next in the parable was a joyous occasion. The beloved father, "at a distance, saw His son – and had compassion - Μακράν απέχοντος οἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατήρ αὐτοῦ – ἐσπλαγχνίσθη". The father suffered long for his son. Waiting and peering at the horizon in hope for his son's safe return.

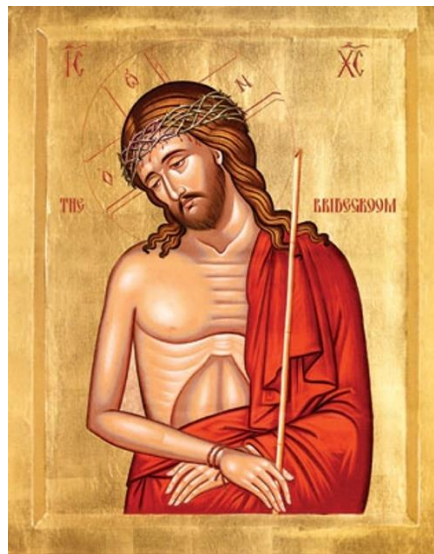
The father prayed and wept. He got on his knees for his child while he was gone. He must have made many offerings to God in supplication and mercy for his son. Our Father in heaven also prays for us. He hopes that we will run to Him when we stray from our holy path He intended for us. He never gives up hoping in us. He hopes that this world will not destroy us. He believes in us. Do we believe in Him?

When we take one step toward Him, he takes 100 toward us, just as the loving father, "Filostorgos Pateras" ran to his lost son when he returned. The core of our Lord's salvific plan, the reason He is risen, is for us to be free of our sins and have eternal life. Just like the Father in the parable put on his son the best robe, gave him a ring, put shoes on his feet, killed the fatted calf and had a party, in the same way we receive His eternal blessings. "My son was dead, and he is now alive. He was lost and now he is found." Our Father is waiting for us always; Before Lent, during Lent, and after Lent. This is a time for our own self-reflection. Let us look at our behaviors, and not just fast, and pray, and give charity like the Pharisee. Let us increase our compassion, our teamwork, and not just focus on what we are giving up for Lent. We say, "Christ is in our Midst"! Our Father is here present and looking for us. He is waiting for us.

His warm embrace is not far off but HERE in our midst. His arms are outstretched on the Cross, waiting for us, ALWAYS. Let us not be mere observers, but partakers in this joy that is everlasting.

Let us bring our families into the family of God, often, this Easter of 2024. Let us boldly approach without fear of condemnation. Our St. George church is thriving and growing. We shant take these gifts for granted. We must embrace our Lord as the salvation and master of our lives. We must show up and show up for the right reasons. The future of St. George rests in our hands and we must be passionate about our creator and teach our children that this world alone will fail them. Our only hope is in the Lord. We are more than just earthly matter. We have a soul and we must not cut it off from the soul saver. Let us together "Behold, The Man" this Holy period and experience joy in His comforting embrace. Amen

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming in the middle of the night; and blessed is the servant He shall find awake and watching; unworthy is the other He shall find being lazy. So beware, O soul of mine, be not overcome by sleep, so that you not be handed over to death and be shut out from the Kingdom. Come to your senses and cry aloud: Holy, holy, holy are You our God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.



Ἴδου ὁ Νυμφίος ἔρχεται ἐν τῷ μέσῳ τῆς νυκτός, καὶ μακάριος ὁ δούλος, ὃν εὐρήσει γρηγοροῦντα, ἀνάξιος δὲ πάλιν, ὃν εὐρήσει ῥαθυμοῦντα. Βλέπε οὖν ψυχὴ μου, μὴ τῷ ὕπνῳ κατενεχθῆς, ἵνα μὴ τῷ θανάτῳ παραδοθῆς, καὶ τῆς βασιλείας ἔξω κλεισθῆς· ἀλλὰ ἀνάνηψον κράζουσα· Ἅγιος, ἅγιος, ἅγιος εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν. Διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL OF GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURE

We are pleased to announce the hiring of a new teacher to our Greek School program, Suzanne Loparnos. Suzanne is a graduate of St. Demetrios (Greek) parochial school in Jamaica, NY. She is a graduate of St. John's University and is a Speech Pathologist by profession. Additionally, Suzanne teaches adult Greek language on-line for a private institution. Her daughter, Styliani "Stella", is a student in Ms. Ioanna's class. Welcome Suzanne!

The Greek School Board also welcomes two new board members; Scott Brady and Lambrianos Nikiforidis. Each brings strong talent in the areas of non-profit and academic program administration. Welcome Scott and Lambros!



**The Greek Independence Day Program at St. George
will take place on Sunday, April 7th, in the Hellenic Center.
The Parent Association will be hosting coffee hour for the event.**

We have a very exciting season ahead and the Parent Association is busy with efforts to attend the **annual Greek Independence Day Parade in NYC** on Sunday, April 15th. The Parent Association and Board of Directors are also planning a **Spring plant sale** and a **Tsoureki Bread sale** for the Palm Sunday weekend, April 25 – 28th. Stay tuned to the parish for more information!

In other news, our Dance School Instructor, Balwant Kingra, is looking into new dance costumes for our youth.

We look forward to sharing our faith during Lent at the Sunday evening Lenten vespers, beginning March 17th at St. George in Schenectady. Participation in these services gives our children an opportunity to see how the different churches celebrate, as we move from week to week to different locations, and it also allows them to visit friends at other parishes. We encourage the whole family to participate.













Father Neofitos will be holding a special Lenten retreat for all youth and families on Friday, April 26 at 5 pm. All are invited to participate!

The Greek School Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month during the school year. For more information, contact Athena Pagnotti.



OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week MARCH 3rd	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 10th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 17th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 24th	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 31st	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 7th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 21st	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Hello Everyone,

Our new Stewardship pledge form for 2024 is enclosed. We ask that:

- 1) All families fill out the new pledge form and especially the Time and Talent section. We would like to inventory all your talents and skills you are capable of and wish to offer your church when able.
- 2) Please consider your giving level. Below are some examples to consider:

\$2000 is \$39 per week or \$166 per month

\$1500 is \$29 per week or \$125 per month

\$1000 is \$20 per week or \$83 per month

\$750 is \$14 per week or \$62 per month

\$500 is \$10 per week or \$42 per month

\$400 is \$8 per week or \$34 per month

- 3) Please return the pledge form and envelope to the office via mail, email, or walk it in.

Our God has given us everything. What do we give back? Thank you for considering your 2024 pledge. May God guide our hearts.

Respectfully,

Fr. Neofitos

2024 Stewardship Pledges

We are grateful for those members listed below who have already submitted their 2024 stewardship pledge as of February 25, 2024. 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 enclosed and return it to the office.

Mr. & Mrs. George Alatzas
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brady
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chamberas
Mr. Andreas & Mrs. Sophia Christou
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Christou
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou
Mrs. Catherine Contompasis
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis
Miss Demetra Corsones
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Mrs. Joanne Dafniotis
Ms. Linda Davison
Ms. Olga Delorey
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Ms. Roubina Spyros-Morgan
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Mr. & Mrs. Van Stathis
Mrs. Olga Stryjski
Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas



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Come Meet Our Parish Council Team



“We have a vibrant, young, capable, and faithful parish council and I am honored to serve with them.” (Fr. Neofitos)

The Parish Council

By Father James W. Kordaris

(excerpt from article on <https://www.goarch.org/-/parish-renewal-outreach-and-evangelism-the-parish-council-on-the-front-lines>)

We are Conciliar

The Priest is head of the Parish and is charged with the guidance of the total Parish program. The parish council consists of the Priest, and the elected lay members, and is referred to as a board only when so required by local statute. In internal matters of the Church, we always use the designation of Parish Council . This is because one of the identifying traits of the Orthodox Church is that we are conciliar – decisions are made in council.

Setting An Example for the Parish

The duties of a parish council member (United Parish Regulations) include regular attendance at divine services and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, "...thereby setting an example for the parish." To set an example for the parish will require that we overcome the stereotype of the parish council member who is rarely seen in church. It is easy to be like Martha -- Jesus, the Son of God, came to dinner and Martha spent the entire time in the kitchen "anxious and troubled about many things".



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Brian Goodale (Officer- president) is the current President of the Parish Council at St. George. Through his wife Lucy (Laskaris) Goodale, he was introduced to the Orthodox faith, and converted and was baptized shortly thereafter. Professionally, Brian works for SUNY Empire State College as the Director of Academic Partnerships in the Office of Partnerships in the Office of the President. He has been at Empire State College since 2009. Prior to Empire State College, Brian had 15 years of higher education experience, including service at the University at Albany as the Director of Graduate Admissions for the School of Public Health, and the Assistant Director of International Graduate Admissions for the university. He started his career as an Admissions Counselor at SUNY Cobleskill. In addition, Brian has 21 years of volleyball coaching experience, including 17 years as the Head Women's Volleyball Coach at the College of Saint Rose (NCAA Division II). Brian earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at the University at Albany, where he also earned his master's degree. He graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing, and from SUNY Cobleskill with an associate of science degree in Business Administration. He and Lucy live in Clifton Park, NY with their son Tyler.



Alexandra Casey (Officer – Treasurer) My name is Alexandra Casey. I have been a member of Saint George for over 30 years. I grew up in the church, attended Sunday school, participated in youth programs, danced in the Dance Troupe, and attended Greek School. Currently, I am serving on the Parish Council as a Treasurer. I have been on the council for about six years. I wear many different hats throughout the day! I am a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a teacher, a helper, and a friend. I graduated from Russell Sage College with an MS in Childhood Literacy Education. I currently work at North Colonie Central School District as a third-grade teacher. My husband and I live in Burnt Hills, and we have one beautiful daughter, Gianna, who is 10 years old. When I am not working at school, I help my mother with the family business. Saint George is close to my heart, and I do all that I can to help. Serving for my church is an honor, and I am committed to fulfilling this mission given by Christ.



Maria Stamoulis. (Officer- Assistant Treasurer) Maria works for the State Education Department (SED) as an Auditor II within the Office of Audit Services. She conducts internal audits including the annual Internal Control Certification and monitors various initiatives including the financial reviews of the SED Business Portal. Prior to SED, Maria worked as a Senior Examiner for the State Comptroller's Office where she developed training and presented governmental accounting/financial topics including the property tax cap at local government conferences and OSC's accounting schools. Maria has been a member of Saint George since early childhood. She attended Greek School, Sunday School, and various youth activities. Currently, Maria serves as part of the festival committee on the parish council. She previously served as secretary on the council for four years. Maria graduated from Union College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and a Master's in Business Administration.



Balwant Maria Kingra (Officer- secretary) My name is Balwant Maria Kingra. I graduated from St. John's University in May of 2020 with a B.S. in Biology, with a goal to further my education in medicine in the near future. I have been involved at St. George's since I was young and when I moved back home from college I was interested in finding ways to continue my involvement. I have been a member of the Parish Council for almost 4 years, serving as the Secretary for the past 3 years. I have introduced a chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in Schenectady where I currently serve as the president. I have carried on the tradition from when I was young of teaching traditional folk dances during the summer in preparation of the children, teenage and young adult groups to perform at St. George's annual Greek Festival. I also teach throughout the year for our parish's Greek School program. I enjoy being involved with the parish and to see how it has flourished! I am always looking to see where I can lend a helping hand and bring people together, in turn continuing this through my church and faith.



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Constantine "Dino" Orfan (Officer – vice president) Maria Dostis (Vice President) - I was born in Cortland NY. We moved to Gloversville summer of 1976. I graduated in 1980. I entered the USAF as a Heating Systems Specialist stationed at Hanscom AFB outside Boston MA, and when my enlistment ended in 1984 I remained in MA as a licensed Steam Engineer until 1991 when I returned to Gloversville NY. In 1993 I joined the US Naval Reserves. In 1996 I switched to the NY Air National Guard and to my life long career of Law Enforcement & Security. After the events of 9/11 I was on active duty orders frequently and in 2005 I went on permanent active duty orders for the US Air Force Reserves, retiring from active duty service May 31, 2018 from Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee MA. For a year I lived in Fort Worth TX where I attended the Tarrant County Sheriff's Corrections Officer Academy and worked in Corrections until early 2019. I wanted to be within driving distance to family so I returned north to Newport ME until March 2022 when I decided to return to

Gloversville NY — My training is in Law Enforcement, Security, and Corrections and I'm well versed in working with the public — My education includes a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology, a Bachelor's Degree in Historical Studies and two Associate's Degrees. I served my country proudly for just over 31 years. Returning home I decided I want to become a part of "the solution". Today I am a newly elected member of the Fulton County New York Board of Supervisors representing Ward 1 of my home city of Gloversville New York. Additionally I am a volunteer at our downtown historic The Glove Theatre.



Maria Dostis J. Maria Dostis previously a member of Church of Our Savior in Rye, NY and have been a member of St. George since 1979. Currently on the Parish Council and the Greek School Board. Previous Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Parish Council. Native of Chicago. I have lived in Kentucky, Florida, and New Jersey. I reside along the Mohawk River in Rexford and married to Mihahl Koliatsis of Kifissia, Greece. I hold a MS in Library and Information Science, Pratt Institute, MA in Education, and a BS from Murray Kentucky. Attended Columbia U, Fordham U and SUNY. Retired Professional Librarian, Educator and Grant Writer. Was married to James Vlamis at St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ. Chara Vlamis Burnett, daughter and grandchildren reside in Palo Alto, California. I enjoy travelling through the US and Europe. Passionate about children embracing the Hellenic religion, culture, and language.



Lucy Brady My name is Lucy Brady. I grew up in Flushing, NY and got married in 1988 to Scott, in St. Nicholas GOC. We moved to the Albany area in 1990 and then moved to Scotia in 1993. I have a daughter Maria who lives with her husband, James in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a daughter Christina who lives at home and a son, Jimmy who lives in Clearwater, Florida. I have been working at Capital Region BOCES for the past 26 years as a School Social Worker in Special Education. Being involved in the Family Support Council for many years has given me the opportunity to advocate for people with disabilities.

I have been an active member of St. George GOC for about 26 years. The Church has been an integral part of my family's life. We have been involved in various activities offered by the Church over the years. I have been a longtime member of the Philoptochos as well as the St. George Council. I enjoy traveling, going out to eat, spending time on the beach and of most recent, learning to Chant, with Presvytera Catherine as my teacher who has been a quite inspiration to me. I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful Church community as lead by our Priest, Father Neofitos.



Arjhiroula "Arji" Cakouros is a sound healer, musician, Reiki master and Dreamwork teacher based in Niskayuna, NY. Her personal commitment to supporting others in achieving radiant health is rooted in her ancestral Hellenic Asclepian and Pythagorean healing traditions. She has been assisting and collaborating with Sw. Laraaji NadaBrahmananda since 2008, offering Healing Sound events, concerts, and Laughter Immersion experiences in many venues worldwide. Arji served as faculty at the prestigious International Sound Healing Intensive in Colorado for the last nine years of its 25 year history, as well as on the faculty for the Sacred Sounds Institute Intensive held annually at Olympic National Park, Washington state, created by the multi-talented pioneer Sound Healer Vickie Dodd. Arji has been affiliated with the St. George parish since the early 70's and served as its first dance troupe organizer & choreographer in the initial years of establishing its annual fall Greek festival. She and her family became active at St. Sophia's in Albany from the early 1990's until her

return to St. George a few years ago. Arji looks very much forward to now serving this community which she so loves, as part of the parish council.



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS MARCH 2024

By Athena Pagnotti

Have you ever wondered what happens in Philoptochos meetings, or wonder what we do? Well...

- we have fun,
- enjoy each other's company, and
- accomplish great things together in the name of Christ!

**Please JOIN US for an OPEN MEETING
of the Ladies Philoptochos Society
on Sunday, March 24th,
at 12 noon in the Hellenic Center.**

Multi-generations of women (and men!) are experiencing opportunities to enjoy social activities with their **families** and **peer groups** through Philoptochos. It's not just your YiaYia's organization anymore but...

- bring your Yia Yia,
- your Mom and
- your Daughter!

Come and see what we are about, and join our organization if you feel inspired.

On the calendar:

03/17 Sunday Evening Lenten Vespers hosted at St. George

03/19 Soup kitchen sponsored by Zanetta & Trifon Laskaris in loving memory of Nefton and Lucia Laskaris, George & Sophia Alevras (parents).

03/19 Soup kitchen sponsored by Jim and Jennie Vlahakis in loving memory of Vasilios and Stavroula Avramidis (parents).

03/24 Philoptochos chapter OPEN MEETING, following Divine Liturgy

04/00 NO Philoptochos meeting in APRIL

04/16 Soup kitchen sponsored by Eliana Georgelos in loving memory of Greg Georgelos (husband) and Loula (Argyro) D'Jimas (mother).

04/28 Palm Sunday





Philoptochos Membership

Calling all women to join our noble journey!

For more than 90 years, generations of Philoptochos stewards have answered the call to serve the underprivileged, the homeless, the ill, and the infirm, offering comfort and hope to all those in need. Philoptochos needs to keep growing so that we can continue this mission of philanthropy through future generations. [Here's what it means to join us...](#)

Embrace...

- **Our legacy of service...** Beginning with our great grandmothers, Philoptochos has sought to “promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach, to preserve the sanctity of life and family, and to perpetuate our Orthodox faith and traditions.” This has been our mission since 1931, and it is our legacy for the future.
- **Our ministries...** Through our many ministries, our hands and hearts reach across this nation as well as across the oceans to serve others wherever and whenever there is a need. From supporting critically ill children to assisting families through our Social Services fund to responding to disasters across the globe, Philoptochos is always there.

Encourage...

- We encourage women of all ages, particularly younger members, who will inherit our legacy of service.
- We encourage your interests and talents and empower you to take a leadership role.
- We encourage our chapters to partner with other church organizations to fulfill a need in the community.
- As a new member, we will get to know you and discover what matters to you. We encourage your new ideas and respect them!

Expand...

- We are expanding our social media presence to include newer platforms, such as TikTok, that appeal to younger members.
- We are also moving to Venmo and other electronic payment options to facilitate member stewardship contributions.

Enjoy...

In Philoptochos, our work is not just about attending meetings. We find joy in our many hands-on projects, and we combine service with fun.

[And the relationships we build last a lifetime!](#)

Have we gotten your attention? If so, come join us! Whatever your passion or interest may be, there is a place for you in Philoptochos!



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Keane Elementary School Donations

We would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of you who so generously donated food items and toiletries to the families of William J. Keane Elementary School on Albany Street in Schenectady. You made a better life for those in need - these students and their parents appreciate our efforts and support.



LENTEN YOUTH RETREAT SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church 909 River Street – Troy, New York 12180

All children (Pre-K through Grade 12) and parents are invited to take part in our Annual Lenten Youth Retreat. The Retreat is for the youth and young adults in all the Orthodox Christian church communities in the Capital District. Parents are encouraged to participate as well!

Tentative schedule for the day:

Arrival time / Sign in	1:30 PM
Opening Prayer	1:50 PM
Youth Activities	2:00 – 4:30 PM
Ask a Priest & Clean-up	4:30 – 5:00 PM
Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Dinner	After Vespers

Please contact Fr. Neofitos for the registration packet. frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com.



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FELLOWSHIP NEWS FOR MARCH/APRIL, 2024

By Eliana Georgelos

Greetings from the Fellowship group!

The months of March and April bring us the beginning of Lent on Monday, March 18 and the vernal equinox (the first day of Spring) on March 19. For the rest of March and throughout the entire month of April, we will be in the midst of Great Lent. During this time and throughout the 40 day period of Lent, we prepare for Easter with prayer, abstinence, fasting and the sacrament of confession. This year Easter falls on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Each year on the Sunday evening before the start of Holy Lent (also known as Forgiveness or Cheesefare Sunday) our church hosts a reception for all those who attend the vesper service that evening. Many of our Fellowship members will be involved with this reception either in donating food or working to set up, receive food items, and/or clean up afterwards. The Lenten foods we offer may not contain meat of any kind. However, fish, cheese and dairy items are permitted. Thus, we will have a wide range of wonderful food options available, from appetizers to entrees to desserts. We look forward to continuing the tradition of St. George being the most well attended of the local Orthodox parishes who participate in the Sunday Lenten series.

This year Forgiveness Sunday falls on March 17, 2024. In addition to all the delicious food being offered, our reception that evening will include special homilies and collections for the OCMC (Orthodox Christian Missions Center). Most of us have very little knowledge about Orthodox missions, so this gathering will bring to us a better understanding of how Orthodoxy is shared with others. We will have a special guest, Father Stephanos Ritsi, Assistant Missionary Director of OCMC, who will offer a special presentation about Orthodox missions around the world. Additionally, an Orthodox missionary will be joining us via Zoom to share more specific information with us. This promises to be a fascinating and enlightening experience for us all!

Following our January meeting, a decision was made to reorganize and change the format of the Fellowship group. We will no longer have membership dues, a bank account, or officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer). Our bank account will be closed and the balance turned over to the church. Furthermore, meals will no longer be prepared and consumed at the Hellenic Center. The decision to reorganize was made in order to take the responsibility and pressure away from those who have been so involved over the years in all the necessary activities of an official church group...collecting dues, maintaining a bank account, taking notes at meetings when various decisions were made, preparing and serving our meals and cleaning up afterwards, etc. As we aged, we simply became tired of these responsibilities. Thus the decision was made to continue our much beloved monthly gatherings but instead of meeting at the Hellenic Center, to gather instead at various restaurants in the area. Thus we can order off the menu, pay for our own meals, yet continue as a social group to enjoy one another's company.

Our first such luncheon took place on February 8, 2024 at the United Buffet on Watt Street in Schenectady with 13 members attending. We all enjoyed our lunch and the camaraderie that was a part of being together. We enjoyed the privacy of the back room of the restaurant which allowed us to move around, take photos and stay as long as we wished. A wonderful time was had by all! After discussing our options for next month, we decided to contact Tops American Grill in Rotterdam about having our March lunch gathering there on March 7 at 1:00 pm.

The month of March also brings us great excitement and joy with the coming birth of baby girl Sarigiannis, expected on March 6, 2024. Her arrival will perfectly round out the family of Father Neofitos, Presvytera Catherine, and soon-to-be big brother George. We extend our love and very best wishes to each of them. May God bless them all!

As Great Lent with its beautiful services approaches, the Fellowship group encourages all of you to join us in preparing for the coming of Holy Pascha with prayer, fasting, partaking in Holy confession and being generous and merciful to others.

Καλή Σαρακοστή!



Great Lent Schedule 2024

Week 1

Sunday, March 17 – Cheesefare/ Forgiveness Sunday

*5:00 pm Lenten Vespers followed by dinner and OCMC event

Monday, March 18 - Clean Monday

*5:30 pm Great Compline
*6:30 pm Dinner and Q and A with Father

Wednesday, March 20

*6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 21

*4:30 pm Small Vespers (Evening Service)
*5:00 pm Holy Confession

Friday, March 22

*6:30 pm 1st Salutations to the Virgin Mary
(Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)

Saturday, March 23 – 3rd Saturday of the souls

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service (Kolyva)

Sunday, March 24 - Sunday of Orthodoxy

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Procession of the icons
*5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at St. Basil Watervliet
(Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός)

Week 2

Monday, March 25 - Annunciation of the Theotokos

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
*5:30 pm Great Compline
*6:30 pm Bible Study: Topic: Orthros, Matins

Wednesday, March 27

*6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy and dinner

Thursday, March 28

*4:30 pm Small Vespers (Evening Service)
*5:00 pm Holy Confession

Friday, March 29

*6:30 pm 2nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary
(Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)

Sunday, March 31 - Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
*5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at St. George South GlensFalls (Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός)

Week 3

Monday, April 1

*5:30 pm Great Compline
*6:30 pm Dinner and Q and A with Father

Wednesday, April 3

*6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 4

*4:30 pm Small Vespers (Evening Service)
*5:00 pm Holy Confession

Friday, April 5

*6:30 pm 3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary
(Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)

Saturday, April 6

*9:00 am District Clergy Laity in Holy Resurrection, Brookville, NY

Sunday, April 7 - Sunday of the Holy Cross

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Procession of the Holy Cross
*5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at St Nicholas Pittsfield (Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός)

Week 4

Monday, April 8

*5:30 pm Great Compline
*6:30 pm Bible Study: Topic: Orthros, Matins

Wednesday, April 10

*6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy at Assumption in Windham, NY

Thursday, April 11

*5:00 pm Holy Confession

Friday, April 12 *6:30 pm 4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary- (Οι Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου)



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Sunday, April 14 - Sunday of St. John Climacus

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

*5:00 pm Vespers at St. George Albany

Greek Independence Day Parade

Week 5

Monday, April 15

*5:30 pm Great Compline

*6:30 pm Dinner and Q and A with Father

Wednesday, April 17

*6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy at Kimisis

Poughkeepsie, NY

Thursday, April 18

*4:00 pm Canon of St. Andrew

(Evening Service)

*5:00 pm Holy Confession

Friday, April 19

*6:30 pm Akathist Hymn

Saturday, April 20

*1:30 pm Pan- Orthodox Lenten Youth Retreat

Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church- Troy, NY

Sunday, April 21 - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

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

*5:00 pm Vespers at Christ the Savior Ballston

Lake

Week 6

Monday, April 22

*5:30 pm Great Compline

*6:30 pm Bible Study: Topic: Orthros, Matins

Wednesday, April 24

*6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 25

*4:30 pm Small Vespers (Evening Service)

*5:00 pm Holy Confession

Friday, April 26

*5:00 pm Palm Making and Youth Retreat –

Altar boys and Myrophores

Saturday, April 27 - Saturday of Lazarus

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

Sunday, April 28 – Palm Sunday

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

Fish Luncheon

*6:30 pm Bridegroom Service

Lenten Prayers and Hymns

Good Father, I made myself distant from You; do not forsake me, nor show me to be useless in Your kingdom. The vile enemy has denuded me; he has taken my wealth. The gifts of my soul I have squandered with abandon. So, having arisen, once again I return to You and cry, "Treat me as one of Your hirelings." For me You stretched out Your pure hands upon the cross to snatch me from the fearsome beast, and to vest me with that former dignified apparel, for You alone are great in mercy.

Lord of the powers be with us for in times of distress we have no other help but you Lord of the powers have mercy on us.

****The Sacrament of Holy Confession is on Thursday nights at 5:00 pm and also may be requested and ministered after any service.***

Contact Fr. Neofitos at 347-256-6723 or the church office at 518-393-0742



Holy Week Schedule 2024

Saturday, April 27 - Saturday of Lazarus

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

Sunday, April 28 – Palm Sunday

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

Fish Luncheon

*6:30 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Monday, April 29

*6:30 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 30

*6:30 pm Bridegroom Service – Hymn of Kassiani

Holy Wednesday, May 1

*6:00 pm Holy Unction Service

Holy Thursday, May 2 - The Mystical/ Last Supper

*9:30 am Vespers Liturgy

*6:00 pm The 12 Gospels - The Passion of Christ

Holy Friday, May 3

*9:00 am Royal Hours

*3:00 pm Apokathelosis

*6:00 pm Epitaphios, Lamentations and Procession

Holy Saturday, May 4

*9:30 am Vespers Liturgy

*11:00 pm Resurrection Service

Sunday, May 5 – Pascha/Easter Sunday

*10:30 am Agape Vespers

*11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt and Snacks

Services for the Feast of St. George

Sunday, May 5 – Pascha/Easter Sunday

*10:30 am Agape Vespers and Great Vespers for St. George

Monday, May 6 – The Feast of St. George

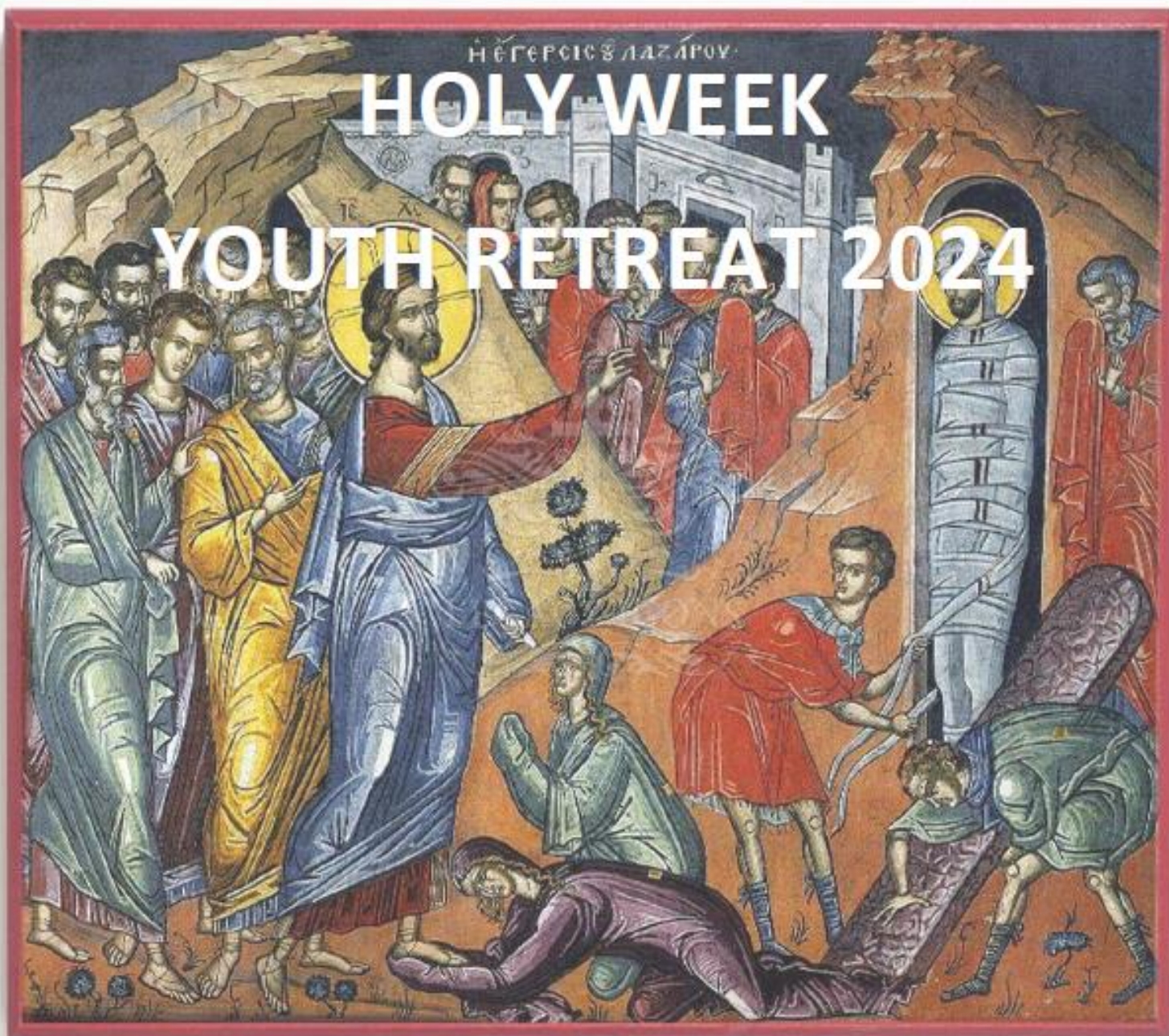
The Feast of St. George

*8:30 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Artoklasia

Friday, May 10- Ζωοδόχου Πηγής - Theotokos of the Life-giving Spring

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





Hellenic Center / Church

Friday, April 26 at 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Small Compline Service

Palm Making Lesson and Dinner

Myrophores and Altar Boy Lesson

RSVP with Fr. Neofitos at frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com

Please contact us through the evite or call 518-393-0742

St. George 107 Clinton St. Schenectady, NY



Surprise "Sprinkle" to welcome Baby Girl Sarigiannis!



Philoptochos "Go Red Sunday" February 5, 2024

Iconographer Eftimios Altin Stoja presents icon on St. Nektarios to Father Neofitos for St. George Church



**OUR FIRST ANNUAL
SNOW BALL 2024**





Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Part-time work Opportunities at St. George

- Hall Rental Coordinator
- Custodian for Hall Rentals

Position 1: Hall Rental Coordinator: We are seeking a self-motivated individual or individuals to work with potential renters of our Hellenic Center and to start as soon as possible. The individual/s would be responsible for overseeing all or some rental events in our Hellenic Center.

He/she is expected to meet with potential renters, coordinate date availability and scheduling with our office, present a floor plan, maintain records, and work closely with our staff and volunteers.

Position 2: Custodian for Hall Rentals: We are seeking a self-motivated individual to set up before a rental, clean up and reset the facility after the rental and to start right away. To effectively communicate with renters and coordinate with our staff and volunteers.

Compensation for both positions: These positions are volunteer positions with possible commissions. More details will be provided in the interview.

Hours: Both positions are part-time and have flexible hours.

Qualifications: No experience necessary. Honest and trustworthy.

Hall Rental Coordinator - Administrative experience is a plus.

Custodian for Hall Rentals – janitorial experience is a plus.

Both positions can be executed by the same person.

More details will be provided at the interview. Please send resumes to Brian Goodale at brian.goodale@outlook.com and we will schedule an interview with you as soon as possible.

For any questions contact Fr. Neofitos at 518-393-0742.



Easter Sunday, May 5

10:30 am Agape Vespers

EASTER EGG HUNT

following the service

All Ages welcome

St. George Schenectady, NY



The Sacrament of Holy Confession

Our Father is Waiting...

Thursday Nights at St. George

4:30 pm Small Vespers

(4:00 pm Small Compline during Great Lent)

5:00 pm Confession

107 Clinton St.

Schenectady, NY

Contact Fr. Neofitos for any questions

frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com or 518-393-0742

2024 Lenten Ornamentation Donations

Thank you to all who have already pledged to donate the shaded items below. Please contact the church office, Camille, or Elaine Euripidou to donate. 518-393-0742 or elaine.euripidou@gmail.com.

Date	Feast Day	Description	Cost
Friday, March 22nd	1st Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	\$75
Monday, March 25th	Annunciation of the Theotokos	Flower Shelf	\$85
Friday, March 29th	2nd Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	\$75
Friday, April 5th	3rd Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	\$75
Sunday, April 7th	Sunday of Holy Cross Veneration of Holy Cross	Daffodil Tray	\$65
Friday, April 12th	4th Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	\$75
Saturday, April 20th	Akathist Hymn	Flower Frame for Icon	\$75
Sunday, April 21st	St. Mary of Egypt	Flower Frame for Icon	\$75
Sunday, April 28th	Holy Week	Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	\$85
Sunday, April 28th	Holy Week	Flower shelf for Panagia Icon (Altar)	\$85
Sunday, April 28th	Holy Week	Flower Shelf for St. John the Baptist (Altar)	\$85
Sunday, April 28th	Holy Week	Flower Shelf for St. George Icon	\$85
Sunday, April 28th	Palm Sunday (a.m.)	Palms	\$50
Sunday, April 28th	Lazarus Icon	Flower Frame for Icon	\$75
Sunday, April 28th	Palm Sunday (p.m.) Nymphios	Flower Frame for Icon	\$75
Wednesday, May 1st	Holy Wednesday	7 Candles, Oil, Flour (King Arthur), Cotton Balls	\$25
Thursday, May 2nd	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Flower Frame for Last Supper Icon	\$75
Thursday, May 2nd	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	\$165
Thursday, May 2nd	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	\$165
Thursday, May 2nd	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	\$165
Thursday, May 2nd	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Crucifixion Icon	\$75
Thursday, May 2nd	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	3 Candles for Crucifix	\$25
Thursday, May 2nd	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	12 Candles for Gospel Readings	\$72

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Thursday, May 2nd	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Eggs (1/2 case) (Large Brown)	
Friday, May 3rd	Holy Friday	Epitaphio flowers , which includes the following: Cut Lilies, Carnations, Roses, Daphne, Laurel, Rose petals, etc.	
Friday, May 3rd	Holy Friday (afternoon)	Cross of Flowers for Epitaphio	
Friday, May 3rd	Holy Friday (afternoon)	Rose or Orange Blossom Water (2)	
Friday, May 3rd	Holy Friday (afternoon)	White Full Size Sheet	
Friday, May 3rd	Holy Friday (afternoon)	Flower Frame for Apokathilosis Icon	\$75
Friday, May 3rd	Holy Friday (p.m.)	Red Roses (for Choir & Chanters)	\$25
Friday, May 3rd	Holy Friday (p.m.)	Flower petals (myrofores baskets)	\$35
Friday, May 3rd	Holy Friday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Extreme Humility Icon	\$75
Saturday, May 4th	Holy Saturday (a.m.)	Flower frame for Proti Anastasi Icon	\$75
Saturday, May 4th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Potted Lilies (12)	\$190
Saturday, May 4th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Anastasi Icon	\$75
Saturday, May 4th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	\$85
Saturday, May 4th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower shelf for Panagia Icon (Altar)	\$85
Saturday, May 4th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower Shelf for St. John the Baptist (Altar)	\$85
Saturday, May 4th	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower Shelf for St. George Icon	\$85
Sunday, May 5th	Easter Sunday	Items for Youth Easter Egg Hunt	

**Our annual Archdiocese District Clergy Laity
will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at:**

The Church of the Holy Resurrection

1400 Cedar Swamp Road

Brookville, NY 11545

Archdiocesan District Website: www.ny.goarch.org



SCHENECTADY AHEPA CHAPTER #125

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88th AHEPA FAMILY EMPIRE DISTRICT 6 CONVENTION

Friday, June 14th, 2024 & Saturday, June 15th, 2024

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*** AGENDA AND CONTACT INFORMATION ***

Friday, June 14

7:00 - 10:00 PM - Meet & Greet

Saturday, June 15

8:30 AM Registration and Breakfast

9:15 AM Convention Meetings

12:00 PM District 6 AHEPA & DOP Scholarship and Awards Luncheon

2:30 PM Convention Meetings Reconvene

4:00 PM Election of Officers

5:00 PM Convention Closing Ceremony

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