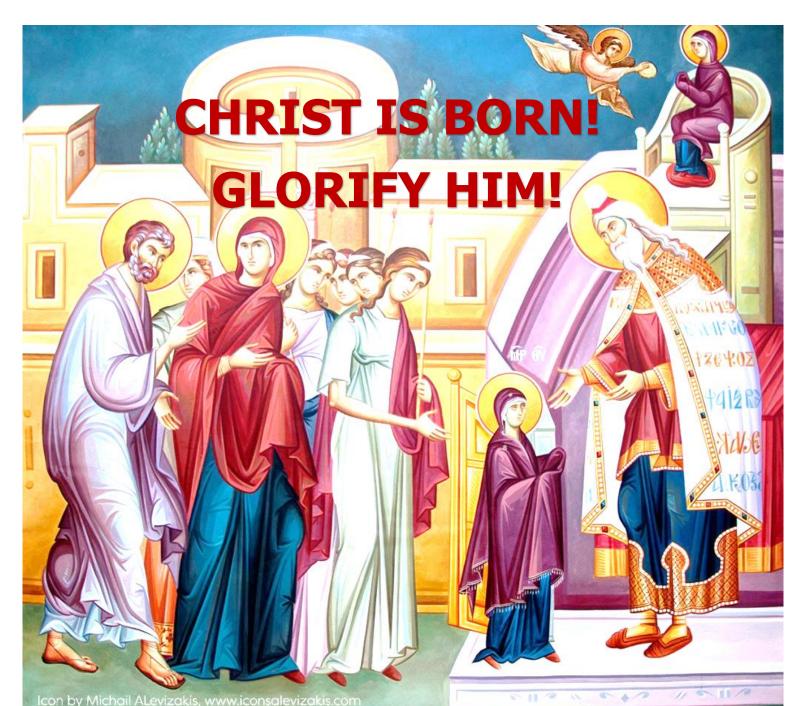


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Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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November / December 2024





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27 7 th Sunday of Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy "OXI Day" Celebration after Divine Liturgy	28 Holy Protection of the Theotokos	29	30 5:00 pm Youth Online Greek School via Zoom 4:00 pm Beginner Greek via Zoom 5:00 pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom 6:00 pm Advanced Greek via Zoom	31	1 Holy Unmercenaries	2 Archbishop Elpidophoros Nameday Liturgy Cathedral, NYC
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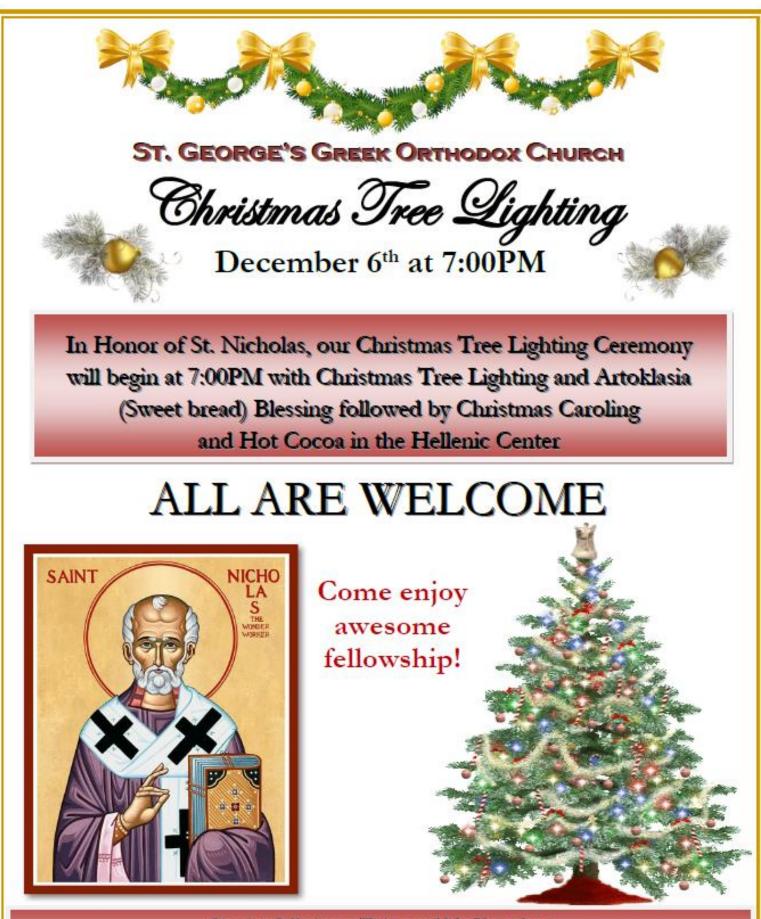
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Charity Offering – Things of My Very Own Parents are asked to shop certain items for Things of My Very Own. Please bring an ornament to hang in honor of your family or in memory of a loved one. Preferably non-breakable. If you do not have one, some will be available.



From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

OPOOAOEIA = OPOOIIPAEIA, Orthodoxy = Orthopraxy (right faith = right action)

"What shall I render to the Lord for all His gifts He has given to me? (English)

τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίω περὶ πἀντων, ὧν ἀνταπἑδωκἑ μοι; (Greek)

Answers: 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 and also a flyer/ order form will always be at the candle stand and also available on our squaresite: <u>https://st-george-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/</u>. I would like to focus on the offerings we can make in church.

Prayer Requests- (Υπέρ Υγείας – Health & Υπέρ Αναπαύσεως – Reposed)

Also known as: Names for prayers for the living and reposed or Dyptichs. 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.



Prosforo- In addition to names, we 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 $\alpha \kappa o i \mu \eta \tau \omega v$ 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 just 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.



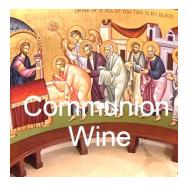
We can bring these items ourselves as an offering or they can be provided for you by order. Offerings to God are blessings that are reaped by us. Our Lord blesses our offerings, even though imperfect, He blesses them, transforms them, and returns them to us for our transformation. It is a spiritual exchange 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.





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



<u>Koliva - Memorial</u> <u>for the Departed</u> <u>\$100.00</u>



Artoklasia- \$50.00

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

Item	Donation

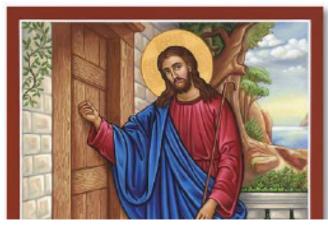
Adult Religious Education Calendar 2024-25

- Dinner Q and A with Father is at 6:30 pm in the Hellenic Center.
- Bible Study is at 6:30 pm in the Church. (a zoom option will be offered)
- Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary is on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Occasionally on certain holidays vespers will be celebrated instead.

Tuesdays

Bible Study	10/1/2024
Dinner Q and A	10/8/2024
Off	10/15/2024
Bible Study	10/22/2024
Dinner Q and A	10/29/2024
Dinner Q and A	11/5/2024
Off	11/12/2024
Bible Study	11/19/2024
Dinner Q and A	11/26/2024
Bible Study	12/3/2024
Off	12/10/2024
Dinner Q and A	12/17/2024
Off	12/24/2024
Off	12/31/2024
Bible Study	1/7/2025
Off	1/14/2025

Dinner Q and A	1/21/2025
Bible Study	1/28/2025
Dinner Q and A	2/4/2025
Off	2/11/2025
Bible Study	2/18/2025
Dinner Q and A	2/25/2025
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Bible Study	4/29/2025
Dinner Q and A	5/6/2025
Off	5/13/2024
Bible Study	5/20/2025
Dinner Q and A	5/27/2025



Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock.



Bible Study

Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays

Bible Study On select Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in church

Synopsis of the Four Gospels Bible. Place your order with Father Neofitos.

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Join our Group Today!!!! Email Fr. Neofitos: freefitos@saintgeorgegoc.com

SYNOPSIS OF THE FOUR GOSPELS

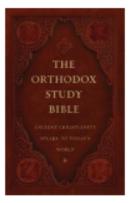
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Dinner Q and A 5/27/2025





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Dinner and Q and A with Father

Twice a month on select Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Hellenic Center

Join us as we explore our Orthodox Faith with a Fellowship Dinner and Q and A session with Father Neofitos Sarigiannis and other guest clergy members occasionally. Come ready with questions or submit your questions anonymously in our special Q and A box. Join our Group Today!!!! Email Fr. Neofitos: <u>frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com</u>

Dinner and Q and A Schedule (mark your calendars)

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Services: Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Every Tuesday is at 5:30pm



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Saturday Nights

Starting Saturday, September 28, 2024

5:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Orthodoxy 101

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Contact Fr. Neofitos for any questions

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The Sacrament of holy confession will be ministered before church and after class for those interested.

Our Father is Waiting...

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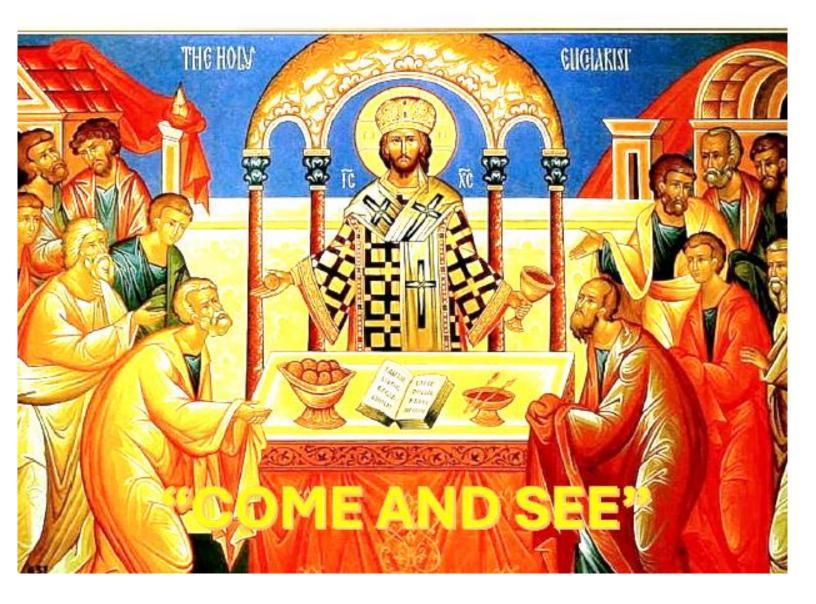
Sunday, October 20 at 9:30 am - The Preparation

Sunday, November 17 at 9:30 am - Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, February 2 at 9:30 am - Liturgy of the Eucharist

For You are the One Who both offers and is offered, the One Who is received and is distributed..."

From the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom





Stewardship Greetings from the Stewardship Committee. We hope that you are able to read through this Triumphant and appreciate all of the ministries that are offered at St. George under the guidance of Father Neofitos and Presvytera Catherine. It is such a blessing to see all of the activities that are taking place.

It is very important to note that The Church, depends on Stewardship Pledges to be able to meet the financial needs of the ministries and activities that are offered as well as the day to day operational expenses. The monies received from Pledges help pay the expenses of the Church. As the end of the 2024 year is fast approaching, please plan on fulfilling your Pledge commitment (by mid December (if possible)) as this would be helpful for accounting purposes.

Please remember that in addition to supporting the financial needs of the Church, your pledge is a personal commitment you have with God.

A list of our pledged members to date is included in this bulletin. If you have not had an opportunity to pledge as of yet, no worries. Just call the office for a pledge form to be mailed to you or ask for one the next time you attend church service. If you would like to increase your pledge, please let us know.

May God bless you and your families.

The Stewardship Committee

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Greek School and Sunday School Update



The Beginning of the School Year and OXI day celebration

Our Sunday School and Greek School began the new school year on Sunday, September 22 with the blessing of the school year. Father welcomed the children, blessed them and gave them a little icon to keep in their backpacks all year round.

Our Sunday school students have been learning about the four evangelists and the gospel. Sunday school meets twice a month and this year we have opened two classes - one for students ages 2-5 and one for students ages 6 and up. It has been a joy to see all of the little children attending and cheerfully learning about our Faith.

St. George School of Greek Language and Culture has been off to a good start. This year our school has two in person classes that meet every Thursday evening. The students range from ages 5 through 14. We also have three online classes as well as our online adult program. The online classes meet on Wednesday evenings. Our youth and adult students are placed in different levels, depending on their knowledge of the Greek language. It is such a joy to see our students growing and learning each year as they become more and more confident and independent with the language.

On Sunday, October 27, our students so proudly and beautifully presented poems and songs in honor of OXI day followed by traditional Greek dances. Our theme this year was about the Pindos mountains in northern Greece where the war began on October 28, 1940. The students learned about the geography of Greece and concluded the celebration with the song "Pindos" Here is the refrain from the song! $\Pi \dot{\alpha} v \omega \sigma \tau \eta \varsigma \Pi i v \delta \sigma v \eta \varsigma$

Coming up next, we have our Christmas tree lighting on Friday, December 6 at 5:30 PM. At the tree lighting, we decorate a huge Christmas tree and sing Christmas carols all together. Our Christmas Pageant and Bake Sale will be on Sunday, December 22 at 11 AM. Come and see our children bring to life the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ with poems, songs and Christmas carols.

All are welcome!

Presvytera Catherine Sarigiannis



St. George Philoptochos



Holiday season is fast approaching; the time of year to gather together and give thanks for all we have bountifully received (and hope to continue to receive), and to honor and celebrate the birth of Christ - the greatest gift ever offered. How will we mark these occasions this year? How will we celebrate?

If we remain rooted in gratitude for what we have received, there will be no stress, no depression, no anxiety over what is to come. This year, I invite you to Philotimo "honor your friends"; take pride in your offering to Christ, show empathy and generosity to one another without expecting anything in return, do what is right and honorable in a humble way, and conscientiously give offerings to the church. Our hearts are filled by these offerings far more than by holiday parties and material goods. I look forward to being present with my church family this holiday season. I wish you all peace and joy and love.

Since our business year opened this past September, Philoptochos has served monthly soup kitchens, created/delivered bimonthly hygiene kits for high school students, hosted memorial and regular coffee hours, and has made monetary donations to fight Cancer, relieve suffering from Natural Disasters, and many other worthy charities. Philoptochos members will adorn our church with festive decorations in the season ahead, so that when we all gather together, we can be reminded of the love we have for our Father's house and for one another. We are a small group with few financial resources, yet we are able to accomplish many good things through the consistent and steady pace of our efforts.

Philoptochos' Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser takes place on Sunday, November 10th. Please see the flyer within this bulletin. Ticket prices are very reasonable, so please invite your entire family, friends and neighbors, to enjoy a delicious luncheon and bid on some delightful raffle baskets. All proceeds from this event will go to support Philoptochos charities, and the entire event is generously underwritten by individual members of the organization. We also invite you to sign up for the community Christmas card. Please see Toni Kananis, Athena Pagnotti, Zanetta Laskaris or Lucy Goodale during coffee hour.

With Love in Christ,

Athena Pagnotti

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9/22 (Sunday) Blessing of the School Year 10AM 9/26 First Full Day of Classes	10/3 Class 10/10 Class 10/17 Class 10/24 Class 10/31 Class	11/7 Class 11/14 Class 11/21 Class 11/28 NO Class – Thanksgiving Vacation	12/S Class 12/12 Class 12/19 Class 12/26 NO Class - Christmas Vacation	1/2 Class 1/9 Class 1/16 Class 1/23 Class 1/30 Class	Saturday 10/5 at 10 AM Apple Picking Sunday, 10/27 at 11 AM OXI Day Celebration Friday 12/6 at	
February	March	April	May	June	7:00 PM Christmas Tree	
2/6 Class 2/13 Class 2/20 NO Class - Winter Recess 2/27 Class	3/6 Class 3/13 Class 3/20 Class 3/27 Class	4/3 Class 4/10 Class 4/17 NO Class – Holy Week 4/24 Class	S/I Class S/8 Class S/IS Class S/22 Class S/24 Last Day of Classes	6/S End of the year BBQ and moving up ceremony (S:30-8:00 PM)	Lighting Sunday 12/22 at 11AM Christmas Pageant, Bake Sale Sunday, 3/30 at 11AM Greek Independence Day Celebration	

Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner and Auction

Sunday, November 10, 2024

12:00 pm Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty St, Schenectady



Donation: \$12.00 Adults and \$7.00 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!



TO:ALL PARISHIONERSFROM:Ladies Philoptochos SocietyRE: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, <u>ALL NAMES</u> MUST BE RETURNED TO:

> Ladies Philoptochos Society Attention: Zanetta Laskaris St. George Greek Orthodox Church 107 Clinton Street Schenectady, NY 12305

PLEASE DETACH THIS FORM AND RETURN BY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

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

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY"



MEMORIAL SERVICES and PHILOPTOCHOS COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIP

(effective January 1, 2025)

Please call the church office (518-393-0742) to schedule a Memorial Service. The Ladies Philoptochos Society oversees the coffee hour every Sunday. After reserving the date with the Parish Priest, you need to contact Lucy Brady, Coffee Hour Chairperson, at 518-542-4391 if you wish to sponsor a Memorial Coffee Hour. Memorial Coffee Hours are by special arrangement only and it is your responsibility to make this request. Upon confirmation, the following should be expected:

Food

The food provided for a memorial is a combination of baked good items, cookies, cheese & crackers, fruit, etc. A quart of milk for the coffee and half gallon of orange juice for the children is included. The Ladies Philoptochos will purchase the food for you and present you with receipts for reimbursement. Should you prefer to offer a Memorial Coffee Hour on your own, please include milk for coffee and juice in addition to whatever food items you choose.

Coffee/Tea/Paper Goods

A flat fee for coffee, tea, and paper goods is charged. If there are multiple memorial coffee hours the cost is to be shared equally by the sponsors.

\$35.00 (one sponsor)

\$25.00 (per family if two or more sponsors)

Services

The Ladies of the Philoptochos Society will do the grocery shopping, set up, and serve your coffee hour. In addition, a sign is prepared with the name of the sponsorship family and the person in whose memory the coffee hour is being held.

Philoptochos Donation

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is a philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Church whose mission is to provide aid to the poor, the homeless, the sick and the disadvantaged. Our Ladies work very hard at each coffee hour to purchase, set up and serve the food.

Your kindness in making a generous donation to the Ladies Philoptochos Society in memory of your loved one, in addition to the cost of the coffee hour, would be deeply appreciated. For tax purposes, a letter acknowledging your donation will be provided.

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KOLIVA – Memorial for the Departed

Koliva is offered in memory of a loved one as a prayer for the repose and salvation of their souls on the following days:

40 Day Memorial

1 Year Memorial

Annual Memorial

Saturday of Souls, for our family members and friends who have departed

Koliva can be provided for your service, but you must place an order with the church office (518-393-0742) <u>at least one</u> week in advance. Philoptochos does not make Koliva and it is not automatically provided. The cost for a large tray is \$100.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

By Eliana Georgelos

Greetings from the Fellowship group!

We have all been enjoying the beautiful weather of summer and fall. On the weekend of September 6, 7 and 8, our annual St. George Greek Festival took place thanks to the many volunteers who came forward to help, including our numerous friends from the other

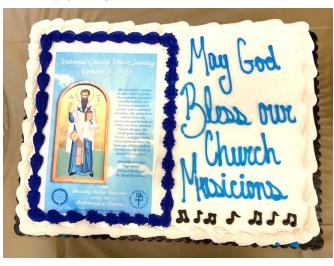


Orthodox churches in the area...St. Sophia in Albany, St. Basil in Troy, St. George in Glens Falls, and Christ the Savior in Ballston Lake. And of course, our own parishioners worked tirelessly, not only during Festival weekend, but throughout the summer with baking, purchasing supplies, selling raffle tickets, advertising, getting donations, and setting up. Despite the rain on Saturday, our festival was a huge success! Thank you to all our Fellowship members who worked unceasingly for so many hours in so many ways. We are so grateful to all of you whose commitment resulted in a wonderful outcome.

The months of September and October brought us beautiful weather here in the Northeast. However, the Southern states were not so lucky, with hurricanes Helene and Milton wreaking havoc in Florida and the Carolinas. Many of our St. George parishioners have friends and family living in those areas, and we worry every time we hear about hurricanes approaching. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who suffered not only the loss of their homes and possessions, but also losses of life. And we pray for so many who are still unaccounted for.

The Fellowship group did not meet in August or September due to the festival. On October 10th, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the United Buffet in Schenectady. A total of 16 Fellowship members and friends gathered together to share a meal and enjoy one another's company. Father Neofitos led us in prayer prior to the beginning of our meal. We were so happy that Presvytera, George and Eleni were all able to join us as well. Having these precious children in our midst brought special joy to our gathering. Because of the location, privacy, comfort level and variety of foods available, we decided that this venue works out very nicely for our group. Therefore we will meet at the United Buffet again next month. Our next Fellowship lunch falls on Thursday, the 14th of November and we will meet at noon, as usual. We invite all those who would like to join us to please do so. If you do not hear from Eliana with a reminder of our November luncheon date, please reach out to her if you are interested in joining us so that she can let the restaurant know how many to set up for. We are always provided with separate checks and a senior discount to those who qualify.

November also brings the start of the Nativity fast which begins on the 15th of November and continues for 40 days until the day before Christmas, December 24th. During this time we fast from all meats and dairy products. This period of time should serve not only as a time of fasting, however, 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.





OXI Day Program: Greek School

The Blessing of the School Year

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Festival Volunteer Appreciation BBQ





FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE

by Gladys Paravalos

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for us to sell at YiaYia's Treasures at the Greek Festival and in our "boutique" in the Hellenic Center. I also thank everyone who made a cash donation for things that remained after the Festival which were given to Grass Roots Givers and the Evangeline Booth Miracle Home – two wonderful not-for-profit organizations which provide assistance and shelter to those in need. I won't list names, but you know who you are and, more importantly, God knows who you are.

The Friends of St. George raised \$4,093 during the Festival and in the weeks leading up to it. This was all profit. The monies are deposited into the church account and our transactions are tracked separately. We help the church do many things for which there are no funds in the operating budget. Over the years we've purchased altar items, furniture, candles, window shades, carpeting and cabinetry to name just a few.

We are grateful for our many wonderful "Friends". Thank you, thank you. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please see Gladys.





Altar Items Update: Our New Red Vestments, Altar Boy Robes, Microphones and Speaker System have also arrived.

To Donate for any future church items to be purchased, please speak with Fr. Neofitos.

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church Schenectady, NY

ST GEORGE

New Worship Schedule 2024-2025

<u>Sundays</u>: Orthros (Matins)- 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy- 9:30 a.m.

<u>Tuesdays</u>: Paraklesis (Intercessory Prayer) to the Most Holy Theotokos- 5:30 p.m.

<u>Saturdays</u>: Great Vespers- 5:30 p.m.

"I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." \"Ψαλώ τω Θεώ μου, έως υπάρχω." |



Ornamentation Donations

Please contact Camille at the church office to donate 518-393-0742 or email office@saintgeorgegoc.com

Christmas

For Monday, Dec 2, 2024 \$200 Christmas Decorations, lights, etc.... \$85 15' Christmas Tree \$25 Christmas Tablecloths \$70 St Nicholas Flower Frame

> For Friday, December 20, 2024 \$85 Flower Shelf 1 \$85 Flower Shelf 2 \$85 Flower Shelf 3 \$85 Flower Shelf 4 \$75 vase for Panagia \$75 vase for Christ \$70 Nativity Flower Frame

Theophany

For Thursday, January 2, 2025 \$70 Theophany Flower Frame \$75 vase for Panagia \$75 vase for Christ

Christmas and Theophany Service Schedule 2024-25

Friday, December 6	7:00 pm Christmas Tree Lighting					
	Christmas Services	EF (DSI (S)				
Tuesday, December 24	8:00 am Great and Royal Hours of the Nativity and Vesperal Liturgy 6:00 pm Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Carols					
Tuesday, December 31	6:00 pm St. Basil's Feast Day – Troy, NY Orthros and Divine Liturgy					
Theophany Services						
Friday, January 3	, January 3 8:30 am Great and Royal Hours of Epiphany					
Sunday, January 5	8:30 am Sunday before Epiphany – Orthros and Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters 6:30 pm Great Vespers of Holy Theophany					
Monday, January 6Holy Theophany8:30 am Orthros9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters						
Tuesday, January 7	Synaxis of St. John the Baptist 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy					
Our Sunday service hours are: Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am						
House and Business Blessings On January 6, 2025 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



St. George Greek Orthodox Church

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



Handcrafted Stitched Items, Jewelry, Wreaths, Fragrances, Purses & Accessories, Home Décor, Handcrafted Christmas Ornaments

Greek Pastry Sale & Lunch Items

Saturday, December 14, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION and PARKING!

Hellenic Center 510 Liberty Street, Schenectady, NY 12305 Handicapped Accessible

www.saintgeorgegoc.com











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