



THE TRIUMPHANT

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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September / October 2024



Our St. George Ministry Leaders

September 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------|---|
| 1 Ecclesiastical New Year 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Rosemary Jean Legorius 40-day memorial Kosta Marmarinos 40 day memorial | Parish Office Closed – Labor Day | 3 5:30pm Hellenic Center: Greek Dance Practice | 4 4:00pm Beginner Greek via Zoom 6:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom 7:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom | 5 | 6 11:00am Festival | 7 11:00am Festival |
| 8 Nativity of the Theotokos 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Konstantina Pantazis 2 year memorial 11:00am Festival | 9 | 10 6:00pm St. Sophia's Albany Agiasmos Philoptochos meeting | 11 4:00pm Beginner Greek via Zoom 6:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom 7:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom | 12 | 13 | 14 The Elevation of the Venerable and Life- Giving Cross 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy |
| 15 Sunday after Holy Cross 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Trisagion Service for Kathy Koines | 16 | 17 Soup Kitchen Bag Lunch Prep 7:00 am | 18 4:00pm Beginner Greek via Zoom 6:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom 7:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 1 st Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Blessing of the School Year after the Divine Liturgy First day of Sunday School Philoptochos Meeting 12:30 pm | 23 | 24 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting | 25 4:00pm Beginner Greek via Zoom 6:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom 7:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom | 26 The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:45pm First Full Day of Classes/Parent Orientation | 27 | 28 5:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Orthodoxy 101 |
| 29 2 nd Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 25 year Memorial for Anna Kounoupis | 30 | | | | | |

October 2024

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| 6 3rd Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School following Holy Communion Choir appreciation lunch | 7 Philoptochos Card Making Party 6:00 pm | 8 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Dinner Q & A | 9 4:00pm Beginner Greek via Zoom 6:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom 7:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom | 10 12:00 pm Senior Fellowship 4:45pm In person Greek School | 11 | 12 5:30 Vespers 6:30pm Orthodoxy 101 |
| 13 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Katina Kontakos One year memorial Trisagion Service for Family of Katherine Orfan | 14 Parish office closed - Columbus Day | 15 Soup Kitchen Bag Lunch Prep 7:00 am 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting via Zoom | 16 4:00pm Beginner Greek via Zoom 6:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom 7:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom | 17 4:45pm In person Greek School | 18 | 19 5:30 Vespers 6:30pm Orthodoxy 101 |
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| 27 7th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy "OXI Day" Celebration after Divine Liturgy | 28 Holy Protection of the Theotokos | 29 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Dinner Q & A | 30 4:00pm Beginner Greek via Zoom 6:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom 7:00pm Intermediate Greek via Zoom | 31 4:45pm In person Greek School | | |

Our 2024 Graduates



Our St. George Sunday School Teachers



From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

Why.....

My beloved. Every year we celebrate our festival, our holidays, our children and Greek school, etc...

Why? Why are we here? Why do we do what we do?

In this issue of the Triumphant. We have outlined why we are a church, why we participate, why we belong.

We have attempted to line up the why of each of our programs and how they contribute to the mission of the church. We hope you enjoy this very different issue of the Triumphant. Join us in ministering to those in need. Help spread the good word to all corners of Schenectady and the world.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... Matthew 28:18

Whoso eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6

Seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

Let's keep God First.



- For Salvation
- For Redemption
- For Transcendence
- For Community
- To Practice Love "For God IS love"

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 1John 4:7-21

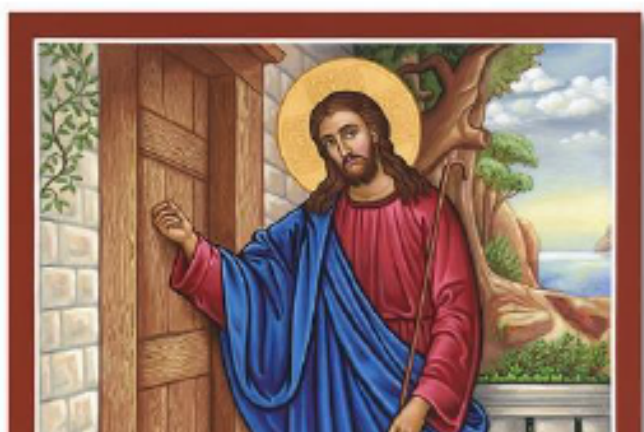
Adult Religious Education Calendar 2024-25

- 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

| | |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |
| Bible Study | 3/4/2025 |
| Off | 3/11/2025 |
| Dinner Q and A | 3/18/2025 |
| Bible Study | 3/25/2025 |
| Dinner Q and A | 4/1/2025 |
| Off | 4/8/2024 |
| Off | 4/15/2024 |
| Off | 4/22/2024 |
| 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.

Dear Friends,

It has been an amazing summer and now we are gearing up for the new year, the festival, and more!!!!

Here are the upcoming Religious Education class schedules.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You are welcome to attend any classes any time. I do ask that you commit to one for the full year. You can try out 2 or 3 classes but after that, we want you in or out.

We have our Tuesday nights and our new Saturday night worship and class.

Respectfully,

Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis



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: frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com

Dinner and Q and A Schedule (mark your calendars)

Tuesdays

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| | Dinner Q and A 12/17/2024 | Dinner Q and A 3/18/2025 |
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| Bible Study 10/22/2024 | Off 1/14/2025 | Off 4/15/2024 |
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| Off 11/12/2024 | Dinner Q and A 2/4/2025 | Dinner Q and A 5/6/2025 |
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| Bible Study 12/3/2024 | Dinner Q and A 2/25/2025 | Dinner Q and A 5/27/2025 |
| Off 12/10/2024 | Bible Study 3/4/2025 | Services: Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Every Tuesday is at 5:30pm |
| | Off 3/11/2025 | |



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Why Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary? (Tuesdays 5:30 pm)

- For Love
- For Protection
- For Retreat

On Tuesdays throughout the year, starting on September 24, 2024 at 5:30 pm, we will be praying this beautiful service. This is a service for the living and we offer prayers for the entire world. This is where names of Orthodox and non-Orthodox can be submitted for commemoration. The prayers are intercessory to the Virgin Mary asking for her to ask her Son and our God Jesus Christ to heal our ailing souls and bodies.

Why Dinner and Q and A with Father? (Select Tuesdays 6:30 pm)

- Christ centered content
- Good Food
- Good Company
- Casual Discourse

On select Tuesdays, after Paraklesis service, we gather in the Hellenic Center and enjoy fellowship through dinner and then casual conversation. Sometimes Fr. Neofitos is the Father and sometimes we host other guest priests visiting who guide our gathering. Questions can be submitted anonymously or not and we will do our best to answer the questions which come up, throughout the year.

Learning how to apply the bible, our faith, and the law of God in this world is a guiding theme of this gathering. Our participants have made this program very enjoyable and of course, delicious.

Why Bible Study? (Select Tuesdays 6:30 pm in-person or zoom)

- Study the Bible
- Edify the Soul
- Bookclub with the best book in the history of the world

On select Tuesdays, after Paraklesis service, we remain in the church for class. This year we are reviewing the four gospels using The Synopsis of The Four Gospels as well as our Orthodox Study Bible. Reviewing the parallel accounts of all 4 gospel writers will give us insight to the writers' point of view, motivation, target audience, main messaging, etc... God's Providence and will can be awarded to us as we drink of the Living water, Jesus Christ.

A synopsis is a book which puts the the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke...also John) in columns, so that one can see more readily the agreements, disagreements, omissions, changes, etc. amongst them. Really good synopses try to integrate the Gospel of John as well. This is a really good synopsis.

We are ordering the bibles soon so please let us know if you need an Orthodox Study Bible (\$40) and the Synopsis of the 4 gospels (\$35).



Bible Study

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

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

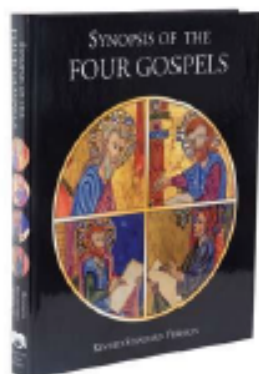
Synopsis of the Four Gospels Bible. Place your order with Father Neofitos.

\$35 Synopsis \$40 Orthodox Study Bible

All you need is your Orthodox Study Bible and NEW Synopsis of the Four Gospels Bible.

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

Bible Study Schedule (mark your calendars)



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Off 10/15/2024

Bible Study 10/22/2024

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Dinner Q and A 4/1/2025

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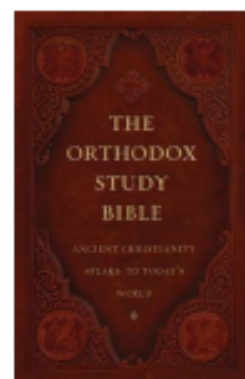
Bible Study 4/29/2025

Dinner Q and A 5/6/2025

Off 5/13/2024

Bible Study 5/20/2025

Dinner Q and A 5/27/2025



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Why Vespers? (Saturdays at 5:30 pm)

- Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ
- Good Preparation for Liturgy
- Festive and solemn Byzantine Chant

Vespers is a beautiful service which we pray for the entire world. This service is short and contains the WHY of what is celebrated the next day. Saturday night is the beginning of Sunday because first, there was night, and then God created day. Saturday night vespers celebrates the Resurrection with hymns chanted sweetly to our Risen Lord. It is a foundational preparation for our main worship service, the Divine Liturgy.

Why Orthodoxy 101? (Saturdays at 6:30 pm)

- Good preparation for worship practices
- Learn the tenets of our faith
- The Saints
- Important Councils and the Church
- Experience and learn from others on the same journey



Well, this might not be the first time you've seen a class like this but, it is necessary to offer information and training to the congregation about how to practice our faith. We have some converts to the faith and also a few catechumens that could benefit from a 101 course. All of us are students in the faith and if we are honest, in a low grade. This class will be geared toward the novice and neophyte but open to all.

Why Confession?

(Any time by appointment and Saturdays before or after service & class)

- For Forgiveness of Sins
- For Life Everlasting
- Cleansing of soul and body
- Start a Spiritual relationship with a Spiritual Father



Confession is a vital sacrament of our church. It is biblically based and has a foundational utility of forgiveness and healing. The priest facilitates and ministers the sacrament in private. It begins and ends with a set of prayers. The penitent shares their sins with God through the priest during this time. Discussion may ensue if necessary. This is an opportunity to begin a spiritual child – spiritual father relationship with your priest. Advice and direction can be offered during this time for fasting, praying, reading, etc. It is also a private opportunity for questions about our lives.

Confession is avoided many times and not practiced enough. It is also a sign that if the devil wants you to avoid something, you should probably do that thing. The devil hates confession and the return on the sinner to God.

*I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. **Ezekiel 33:11***

Confession is important but not as grave as some may think. Consider it a like a shower or changing clothes. You begin to smell if you don't do it often. This is why many confess their sins often so they may receive all the other sacraments of the church like Holy Communion and Holy Unction.



Saturday Nights

Starting Saturday, September 28, 2024

5:30 pm Vespers

6:30 pm Orthodoxy 101

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Schenectady, NY

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...



YOUTH APPLE PICKING FALL KICKOFF EVENT **At Bowman Orchards**

Meet us at: Bowman Orchards
147 Sugar Hill Rd
Rexford, NY 12148

October 5, 2024 - 10AM

Apple Picking | Pumpkins | Apple Cider
Donuts | Farm Store | Hay Ride |

To RSVP please text Pres. Catherine
845-428-0932





GREEK SCHOOL CALANDER

2024-2025

Every Thursday 4:45-6:45 PM

| September | October | November | December | January | Events |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 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 | 12/5 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 5:30 PM Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday 12/22 at 11AM Christmas Pageant, Bake Sale Sunday, 3/30 at 11AM Greek Independence Day Celebration |
| February | March | April | May | June | |
| 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 | 5/1 Class 5/8 Class 5/15 Class 5/22 Class 5/29 Last Day of Classes | 6/5 End of the year BBQ and moving up ceremony (5:30-8:00 PM) | |

Why Greek School?

- Learn to speak, read and write Greek
- Learn Traditional Greek dances
- Make lifelong Orthodox friends
- Be immersed in the Greek Culture and traditions
- Greek is an ancient language that is still preserved to this day and spoken far and wide.
- Many scholars study the Greek language in order to be able to read ancient texts in their original language.
- Greek roots form a significant portion of the English vocabulary, especially in fields like medicine, science, law, and social studies.
- Be able to appreciate and love the Greek language in the church services, valuing the continuity of tradition, but also hearing and understanding the subtle meanings, the rhyme and rhythm that are often lost in translation.
- Greek is a language that makes singing and poetry sound so much more beautiful due to its richness and generous use of vowels.
- Preserving our language and traditions is so much easier when it happens with a solid group of peers and friends.





St. George's School of Greek Language & Culture

Starting September 26 for students K- 8th grade

Join us for lessons in:



Greek culture and
traditions



Basic conversational skills,
modern Greek reading and
writing



Traditional Greek dance
(in-person only)

In person:

Thursdays 4:45-6:45pm

Online:

Wednesday evenings 4-7pm

Scan for registration form



or visit

sites.google.com/view/st-george-greek-school/home

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for students in 9th grade - adults

Join us for lessons in:

Greek culture

Basic conversational skills

Modern Greek reading, writing,
and speaking skills



Wednesdays starting Sept. 4

Beginners: 5:00pm

Intermediate: 6:00pm

Advanced: 7:00pm

Remote instruction only



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Saint George Schenectady Sunday School

Calendar 2024-2025

Register now on our website! <http://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/> or
click here <https://forms.gle/LXp93ip9S7H9u2Zr7>

Sunday School will meet in person, for 40 minutes after Holy Communion, every other week starting on September 22, 2024:

September

9/22 Blessing of the School
Year after the Divine Liturgy -
First Day of Sunday School

October

10/6 Sunday School
10/20 Sunday School

**10/27 Greek School "Oxi Day"
Celebration after Divine Liturgy**

November

11/3 Sunday School
11/17 Sunday School

December

12/1 Sunday School
Friday 12/6 Christmas Tree
Lighting
12/22 Christmas Pageant

January

1/5 Sunday School (*Eve of
Theophany*)
1/19 Sunday School

February

2/2 Sunday School
(*God Parent Sunday*)
2/16 Sunday School

March

3/9 Sunday School
(*Sunday of Orthodoxy*)
3/23 Sunday School
(*Sunday of the Holy Cross*)

** 03/30 Greek School Greek
Independence Day Celebration and
Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy **

April

4/6 Sunday School
4/12 Saturday of Lazarus
10AM-1:30PM Youth Divine Liturgy,
Palm Cross Making and Youth
Retreat
4/13 Sunday School
(*Palm Sunday*)
04/20 Pascha
10:30AM -12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt
after the Agape Service
04/27 Easter Pot-luck

May

5/4 Sunday School
5/18 Last Day of Sunday
School

Thursday 06/05
5:30-8:00PM Sunday School
& Greek School End of the
Year BBQ and Certificates

CLASSES AND PROGRAM:

Our Sunday school aims to help young people understand what we believe, why we believe it, and how to express and live out those timeless beliefs in the 21st century.

We will be using "**Orthodox Pebbles**" and additional educational resources to create a well-rounded and engaging curriculum that will help students develop an understanding and desire to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the riches of our Orthodox Faith.

Some topics that will be visited regularly are:

- * Understanding and discussing the Sunday Gospel,
- * Learning short prayers and hymns from the Divine Liturgy
- * Hands-on activities about the customs and traditions of the church
- * Activities about Feasts, Fasts, and Saints and Discussions about Contemporary Social Issues

TEACHING DIVINE LITURGY

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



Why Stewardship? – Become a full member of the church today

In a world that does not prioritize the importance of Stewardship, we as Christians, need to understand what Stewardship is and how to practice it. It's fairly simple. I look at it in this way, how will I respond to God on Judgement Day when asked about what I have done for the Church with the Time, Talent and Treasure that was given to me during my life. Stewardship is a guide to do what is expected of us by God with the ultimate goal of entering the glory of heaven. We should ask ourselves have we given of our Time to help fulfill the needs of the Church as well as faithfully attending services and receiving the Sacraments throughout the year? Have we shared our Talents and the things that we are good at doing with the Church? Have we worked at improving a talent in order to fulfill a function of the Church? Have we contributed to the great commission of spreading the gospel to all corners of the Earth? Then there is Treasure. Have we put much thought in how much we give to the Church financially or is the amount we give a mere afterthought after all our other bills are paid. Understanding the importance of Stewardship helps us to self reflect and improve upon how we give of ourselves through the 3 T's.

It's a guide of God's expectations of us. After all, all that we have is given to us by God.

We are grateful for those members listed below who have submitted their 2024 stewardship pledge as of August 31, 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 a Pledge form and it to the office.

<https://onrealm.org/STGEORGEGREEKOR91825/-/form/pledge/stewardship>

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| Mr. & Mrs. George Alatzas | Mr. & Mrs. James Fishburn | Ms. Anastasia Mikropoulos |
| Mr. & Mrs. Peter Andrikopoulos | Mrs. Janet Gallas | Mrs. Antonia Mikropoulos |
| Ms. Kyriakoula Andrikopoulos | Mr. Arthur Georgelas | Ms. Antonia C. Mikropoulos |
| Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington | Mrs. Helena Georgelas | Ms. Demetra Mikropoulos |
| Mr. & Mrs. Konstantin Avgerakis | Mrs. Eliana Georgelos | Mr. Taso Mikropoulos |
| Ms. Athina Beaury | Mr. & Mrs. Peter Giakoumis | Mr. Theodore Mikropoulos |
| Mr. John Behiri | Mr. & Mrs. Steve Giakoumis | Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Nikolaidis |
| Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Behiri | Mr. & Mrs. Brian Goodale | Mr. Simeon Nikolaidis |
| Ms. Susan Biribilis | Dr. Jeffrey Hnath & Dr. Efrossini Kolios | Mr. Constantine Orfan |
| Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brady | Mr. & Mrs. Owen Huggins | Mrs. Katherine Orfan |
| Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios Bratsos | Mrs. Frusina Ica Iancu | Mrs. Joann Pagiotas |
| Ms. Arji Cakouros | Dr. & Mrs. Philip James | Mr. & Mrs. Vito Pagnotti |
| Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chamberas | Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones | Mr. & Mrs. Kostantinos Papanikos |
| Mr. Andreas & Mrs. Sophia Christou | Mrs. Catherine Julius | Mr. & Mrs. Nick Paravalos |
| Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Christou | Ms. Antonia Kananis | Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Poveda |
| Mr. & Mrs. Euripides Christou | Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Kolios | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Poveda |
| Mrs. Catherine Contompasis | Mrs. Maria Konatakos | Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rayburn |
| Ms. Catherine Contompasis | Ms. Kaliopi Kounoupis | Ms. Sophia A. Reynolds |
| Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis | Mrs. Voula Kounoupis | Fr. & Pres. Sarigiannis |
| Miss Demetra Corsones | Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kouray | Mr. LeGrande Serras |
| Dr. & Mrs. Peter Cospito | Mr. Dimitrios Koutsopoulos | Mrs. Elena Sikamiotis |
| Mr. & Mrs. George Cotzas | Mrs. Anna Ktenas | Ms. Aphrodite Slingerland |
| Mrs. Rena Counavelis | Mr. & Mrs. David Lambert | Mrs. Ourania Sokaris |
| Mrs. Joanne Dafniotis | Mr. & Mrs. Trifon Laskaris | Ms. Roubina Spyros-Morgan |
| Mrs. Valerie D'Amario | Mr. & Mrs. Pandelis Loparnos | Mr. & Mrs. Gerasimos Stamoulis |
| Ms. Linda Davison | Mr. William Manikas | Ms. Maria Stamoulis |
| Mr. & Mrs. Konstantin Deligiannis | Mr. Gus Marmarinos | Mrs. Stavroula Stamoulis |
| Ms. Olga Delorey | Ms. Erin Martino & Family | Mr. & Mrs. Van Stathis |
| Ms. Joanne Diamantis | Mr. Steve Mastromichalis | Mrs. Olga Stryjski |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Brad Engwer | Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Menagias | Mrs. Sophia Zanos |
| Ms. Christina Esposito | Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Menagias | Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas |
| Mr. Zachary Esposito | Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Menagias | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Michael Euripidou | Mr. Demetrios Michael | |

St. George Philoptochos



Why Philoptochos?

We are the arm of the church that

- serves the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fundraising efforts.
- promotes the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources.
- preserves and perpetuates Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs.
- promotes participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

Why Philoptochos? Why not?

CHOIR

Why Choir?

Participating in divine worship services as a choir member is a sacred responsibility, not to be taken lightly. Choir members, as other church musicians, offer their God-given talents to the faith for a variety of reasons. For most, it is a part of their stewardship – the giving of their “time and talents”. For others, it is something that is enjoyed and for still others, it is a social outlet. In Orthodox services, choir members represent the laity, responding to the liturgical dialogue set by the priest. This places a sacred responsibility on them during our worship services. They are called to be knowledgeable not only of the hymns and responses, but also about the correct order of the worship services. The choir is entrusted to be a participating part of the worship service, and its members must respond to the trust accordingly. Not all choir members are or need to be trained musicians, able to read music or have experience singing with a group. However, with love and practice, all can grow in their knowledge of the music and create a sound that matches the beauty of our services and their surroundings – the music, the chanting, the icons, the vestments all strive to be as perfect and beautiful as possible as we offer up worship to God.

St. John Chrysostom writes, “When we sing church hymns, we must be careful that we do not pronounce only the words with our tongues while our hearts wander elsewhere”. This requires singers who are inwardly committed not just to the music but also, and primarily, to the Faith.

~Excerpted from National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

FELLOWSHIP

Why Fellowship?

Fellowship is defined as “a friendly association of people who meet to share companionship, sociability and mutual interests”. This happens to be a perfect description of our St. George Fellowship group. We are a group of seniors who value friendship and social connections to others. We love getting together because we truly like each other. A meal is always a part of our gatherings. We meet at various local restaurants on a monthly basis, not only to share a meal together, but also to enjoy one another’s company through lively conversation, prayer, and a fun atmosphere!



Blessing Of The Backpacks Sunday, September 22, 2024

Attention parents, teachers/educators and students of all ages

Please join us on Sunday, September 22 during Divine Liturgy for our “Blessing of the Backpacks”. Please bring your backpacks/bags to church to receive a blessing for the new school year!

All participants will receive an icon card to keep in their backpacks or their icon corner. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate and pray for our students and teachers/educators.

The Order of the Blessing: Following the Memorial Service Parents and Children will be invited to the solea for the blessing. Fr. Neofitos will welcome everyone and explain the blessing. We will chant the hymn of our Church, and the Pentecost Hymn, offer petitions for our students and families as they begin the new school year, and we will ask God’s blessing for them.

We will take a picture together and have everyone return to their pew with an icon card.

God bless you as you begin the new school year!



**Preview of the Greek
Festival – at Jay Street Park**



St. George Greek Dancers



FREE RAFFLE
1 BOX OF GREEK PASTRY
2 SOUVLAKI LUNCH
3 LOUNGEADES & DRINK

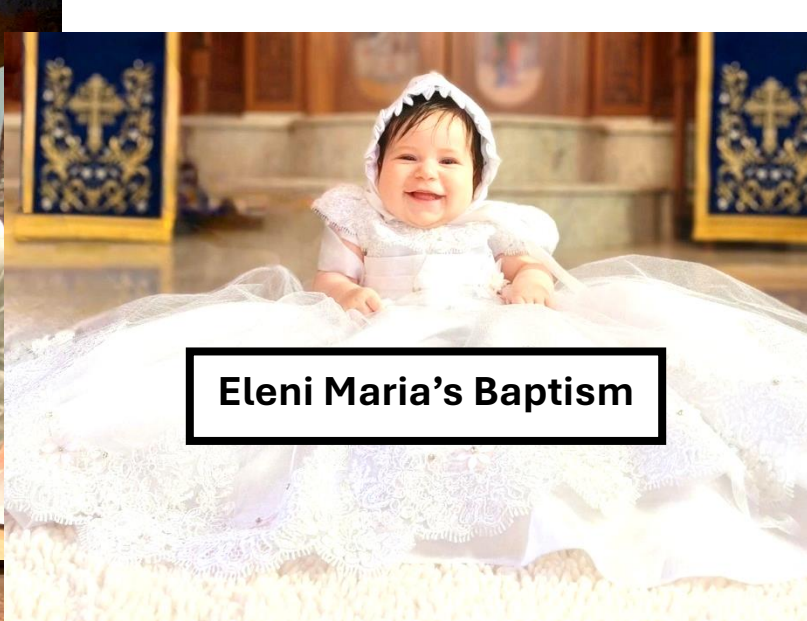
PICK UP AT
GREEK FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 6-8

**Greek School Year
End Program**



**Leavetaking of Pascha
St. Andrews Brotherhood**





Eleni Maria's Baptism



2024 Annual Servant Leadership Awards

Dino Orfan



Amanda Petri's
Baptism



**District Clergy
Meeting**



**Clergy – Laity
Congress - San Diego**



**Honoring Presvyteres –
Visit to Holy Cross, Whitestone**





Spanakopita Prep





Festival Baking

**2024 AHEPA golf outing and
National Convention**





**Decorating Epitaphio
for Panagia**





CRAFTERS WANTED

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 14, 2024

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**OFFERING HANDMADE ITEMS
and
GREEK PASTRIES**

VENDOR SPACE 8' x 8' (includes 6' table)

\$65 Per Spot + \$10 for Electricity

Extra Tables Available for \$5 each

**Hellenic Center
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
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Schenectady, NY 12305**

(All proceeds benefit St. George Greek Orthodox Church)

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