

THE TRIUMPHANT

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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November/ December 2025



November 2025							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
26 6 th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy OXI DAY Celebration Fundraising Committee Meeting	27 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Greek School Online	l '		30 4:45pm Greek School in person	31	1 Holy Unmercenaries 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine	
5 th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 17 Year Memorial for John Gallas Memorial Service for Philoptochos Members 12:00pm General Assembly Meeting	Youth Greek School	4 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Bible Study	5 4:00pm Youth Greek School Online	6 4:45pm Greek School in person	7	Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel 6:30pm Great Vespers	
9 7 th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 1 yr Memorial for Bill Kounoupis Philoptochos 12:00pm Spaghetti Dinner		11 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting via Zoom	12 4:00pm Youth Greek School Online	13 St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople 8:30am Orthors 9:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Senior Fellowship 4:45pm Greek School in person	14	15 Christmas Advent Fast Begins	
16 Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Teaching Liturgy Trisagion Serivce for Ed and Angeliki Jones 12:30pm Philoptochos meeting	Youth Greek School Online	18 12:00pm Soup Kitchen 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Bible Study Fr. John Vazquez presenting	19 4:00pm Youth Greek School Online	20 4:45pm Greek School in person	21	22 St. Iakovos of Evoia 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	
9th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	Online	Peast of St. Katherine 8:30am Orthros 9:30pm Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Paraklesis 6:30pm Bible Study	26 Feast of St. Stylianos 4:00pm Youth Greek School Online	27 Thanksgiving	28	29	
30 Andrew the First-Called Apostle 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy							

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7 10 th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Parish Council Elections	8 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Greek School Online	9 St. Anna 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	10 4:00pm Youth Greek School Online	Fellowship 4:45pm Greek School in person	12 St. Spyridon 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	13 1:00pm Mediterranean Cooking Demo
14 11 th Sunday of Luke 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 3 yr Memorial for Toly Svolos	15 St.Eleftherios 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Greek School Online	16 12:00pm Soup Kitchen 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	17 Daniel the Prophet & Ananias, Azarias, & Misail, the Three Holy Youths 4:00pm Youth Greek School Online	School in person	19 St. Aglaia the Righteous of Rome 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	20
21 Sunday before Nativity 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Greek School/ Sunday School Christmas Pageant	22	23	24 Great and Royal Hours of the Nativity and Vesperal Liturgy 6:00pm Christmas Eve Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ-	25	26	27
28 Sunday after Nativity 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	29	30	31 St. Basil's Feast Day 6:00pm Orthros & Divine Liturgy St. Basil's – Troy, NY			

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

Phone: (518) 393-0742

Office Hours: M-Th: 9 am - 2 pm

Sunday Service: Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Full Google Calendar: https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/calendar/google-calendar

TEACHING DIVINE LITURGY

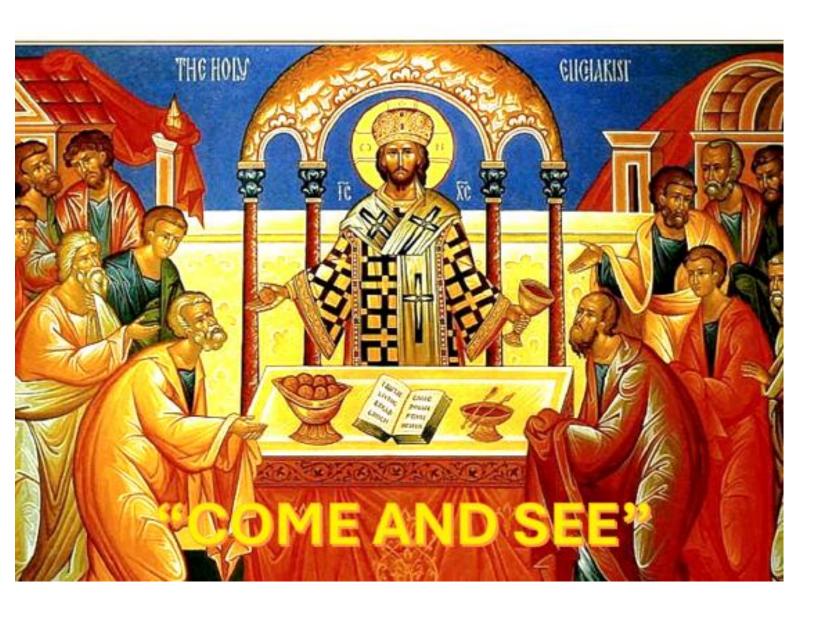
Sunday, October 19 at 9:30 am – The Preparation

Sunday, November 16 at 9:30 am – Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, February 1 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



From the Desk of Fr. Neofitos

OPΘOΔOΞIA = OPΘOΠPΑΞIAOrthodoxy = Orthopraxy (Right Faith = Right Action)

"What shall I render to the Lord for all His gifts He has given to me?" τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκέ μοι;

Our faith is lived through action. Orthodoxy is not only belief—it is a life of offering. We can give back to God through prayer, time, fasting, service, sacraments, and by offering:

- Names for Prayer Υπέρ Υγείας / Υπέρ Αναπαύσεως (form on candle stand)
- Prosforo Bread offered for Holy Communion
- Communion Wine Sweet Greek wine
- Vigil Lamp Oil Extra Virgin Olive oil for the altar lamps
- Incense A symbol of prayer rising to Heaven
- Koliva Wheat offered for memorials
- Artoklasia Five loaves offered for the living or Saints

Every offering is blessed by God and returned to us for our spiritual growth. Let us live our faith through these sacred actions of love and thanksgiving.

• Flyers and order forms are available at the candle stand. You can call the church office to make an offering by calling 518-393-0742.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Neofitos

Liturgical Offerings Order Form



Communion Wine \$20.00



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



Prosforo \$20.00



\$20.00 -\$50.00



Koliva -Memorial for the Departed \$100.00



Artoklasia- \$50.00

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

Item	Donation

SNOW BALL

3rd Annual Dinner & Dance Fundraiser

To benefit St. George School of Greek Language & Culture

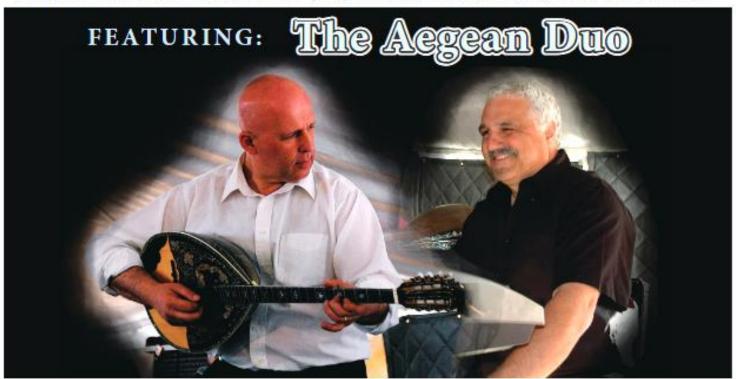
Saturday, January 17th, 2026 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

> Hellenic Center 510 Liberty Street Schenectady, NY

> > Adults: \$50.00 Youth: \$25.00

Cash Bar • Basket Raffle

Reserved tables of 8 (with payment in full) are available on a first come - first reserved basis CONTACT ATHENA PAGNOTTI AT (518) 708-7695 TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY





ST. GEORGE SCHOOL OF GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE 2025-2026 CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY 4:45-6:45 PM

SEPTEMBER

9/21 (Sunday) Blessing of the School Year **10AM** 9/25 First Full Day of Classes

OCTOBER

10/2 Class 10/9 Class 10/16 Class 10/23 Class 10/30 Class

NOVEMBER

11/6 Class 11/13 Class 11/20 Class 11/27 NO Class -Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

12/4 Class 12/11 Class 12/18 Class 12/25 NO Class -Christmas Day

JANUARY

1/1 NO Class - New Years 1/8 Class 1/15 Class 1/22 Class 1/29 Class

FEBRUARY

2/5 Class 2/12 Class 2/19 NO Class - Winter Recess 2/26 Class

MARCH

3/5 Class 3/12 Class 3/19 Class 3/26 Class

APRIL

4/2 Class 4/9 NO Class - Holy Week 4/16 Class 4/23 Class 4/30 Class

MAY

5/7 Class 5/14 Class 5/21 Class 5/28 Last Day of Classes



SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, 10/12 Trip to St. Nicholas NYC

Sunday, 10/26 at 11 AM OXI Day Celebration

Friday,12/5 at 7PM Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, 12/21 at 11AM Christmas Pageant

Saturday, 1/17 Snow Ball

Sunday, 3/22 at 11AM Greek Independence Day Celebration

Thursday, 6/4 End of Year Celebration

5:30-8PM

Saint George Schenectady Sunday School Calendar 2025–2026

Register now on our website! http://www.saintqeorqegoc.com/ or click here

Sunday School will meet in person, for 40 minutes after Holy Communion, every other week starting on September 21, 2025:

September

9/21 Blessing of the School Year after the Divine Liturgy -First Day of Sunday School

October

10/5 Sunday School 10/19 Sunday School

10/26 Greek School "Oxi Doy" Celebration after Divine Liturgy

November

11/2 Sunday School 11/16 Sunday School 11/30 Sunday School

December

Friday 12/5 Christmas Tree Lighting 12/14 Sunday School 12/21 Christmas Pageant

January

1/4 Sunday School 1/18 Sunday School

February

2/1 Sunday School (God Parent Sunday) 2/15 Sunday School

<u>March</u>

3/1 Sunday School (Sunday of the Holy Cross) 3/15 Sunday School (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

** 03/22 Greek School Greek Independence Day Celebration and Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy **

April

4/4 Saturday of Lazarus
10AM-1:30PM Youth Divine Liturgy,
Palm Cross Making and Youth Retreat
4/5 Sunday School (Palm
Sunday)
04/12 Pascha
10:30AM -12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt
after the Agape Service
04/26 Sunday School

May

5/10 Sunday School 5/24 Last Day of Sunday School

Thursday 06/04 5:30-8:00PM Sunday School & Greek School End of the Year Celebration 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



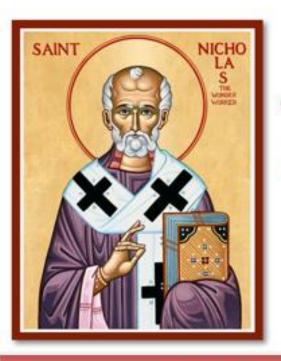
ST. GEORGE'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Christmas Tree Lighting

December 5th at 7:00PM

In Honor of St. Nicholas, our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
will begin at 7:00PM with Christmas Tree Lighting and Artoklasia
(Sweet bread) Blessing followed by Christmas Caroling
and Hot Cocoa in the Hellenic Center

ALL ARE WELCOME





Charity Offering - Things of My Very Own

Parents are asked to shop for 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.

2025 Stewardship **Pledge Form**

You may return your filled out pledge card by mail, bring it to church on Sunday, or submit it online at

Dafnia3@yahoo.com.

This information remains confidential.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become a member of the parish?

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacrame or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and

Why must I commit to give a specific amount? Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?

During the course of a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment - we are glad you are a



Eternal Life begins Now

"The Church is the unity of all worlds, earthly and heavenly, of angels and men, of the living and the dead. We obtain real communion with God and we participate in God's uncreated energy. God does not stay in heaven, directing history from there. He directs the world with His uncreated governing energies. We do not aim at appeasing God, but to heal ourselves, so that the vision of God becomes light for us and not fire Furthermore in the Church we live eternal life starting from now. We do not simply await the life to come, but we experience and enjoy it from the present. The Kingdom of God, according to the Fathers, is not life beyond the grave, but communion with God, above all, the vision of the uncreated Light."

Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos The Illness and Cure of the Soul in the Orthodox Tradition







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Your Own from Your Own



We Offer to You

2025 PLEDGE FORM

Information

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

STEWARDSHIP NUMBER BAPTIZED ORTHODOX? | yes | no

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

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

MORIT E DHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

□yes □no MAY WE ADD YOU TO OUR EMAIL LIST?

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

OCCUPATION

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

Treasure

Budget

Our annual expenses for 2025 will be approximately \$400,000.

Stewardship donations in 2024 were approximately \$80,000.

The average pledge at our church for 2024 is about \$700

Challenge 1: Could you give \$25 each week? (\$1,300 annually)

Challenge 2: Can we collectively give 2% of our income?

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount for 2025:

□ weekly □ monthly □ quarterly □ One Time

Yearly Income	1%	2%
\$10,000	\$100	\$200
\$15,000	\$150	\$300
\$20,000	\$200	\$400
\$30,000	\$300	\$600
\$40,000	\$400	\$800
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,000
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$2,000

Yearly Income Percentage Guide to Giving

planned giving

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

Time & Talent

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

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

LITURGICAL

Choir

Chantin

Reader

Greeter/Usher

Koliva maker

_Artoklasia maker

Welcome Team

Outreach

Stewardship

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

Coffee Hour/Hospitality

Philoptochos - Soup Kitchen

Grief Bereavement Group

Int'l Orth Christian Charities

Seniors Ministry (Fellowship)

OCMC Mission Center

Friends of St. George

Visitation - Hospital

Prison Ministry

Blood Drives

Fundraising

Project Mexico

Baking Prosforon

Altar boys / Acolytes

EDUCATION

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

VOUTH

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- __Garden & Landscape
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Event Clean-up/Set-up
- Interior Repairs
- Exterior Repairs
- Roofing
- Hall Rentals
- Handyman
- "Thursday Morning Boys"

Building and Grounds Volu

- ADMINISTRATION __ Parish Council
- Development / Fundraising
- Office help
- Computer / Technical
- COMMUNICATIONS Web site & E-mail

Order of AHEDA

- Graphic Design
- Bulletin & Newsletter
- Public Relations
- Data Entry

Any	otner	talents	or	information	on	items	IIsted	above:

Stewardship

Become a full member of the church today for 2025. There is still time!

Stewardship is our expression of love and gratitude to God. It is not just about giving money. It is about offering our time, talents, and treasure to Christ and His Church. Everything we have is a gift from God, and stewardship is our opportunity to give back with faith, joy, and purpose.

Each of us has something valuable to offer. Whether it's serving, singing, teaching, visiting the sick, or supporting the Church financially, your contribution matters. Stewardship helps us grow closer to Christ, strengthen our parish community, and ensure a vibrant spiritual home for generations to come.

To become a steward or renew your commitment, please fill out a Stewardship Pledge Form or speak with Fr. Neofitos or a Parish Council member after the Divine Liturgy.

We are grateful to the members who have already submitted their 2025 Stewardship Pledge as of October 27, 2025. Your continued support helps our Church flourish.

To Submit your pledge online: https://onrealm.org/STGEORGEGREEKOR91825/-/form/pledge/stewardship

Mr. George Alatzas

Ms. Kyriakoula Andrikopoulos Mr. & Mrs. Peter Andrikopoulos Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Arrington Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Avgerakis

Mr. Jason Baker Mr. John Behiri

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Behiri

Ms. Susan Birbilis Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brady Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios Bratsos

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Ms. Arji Cakouros
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Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Esposito

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Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Georgelas

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Mr. James Stevens
Mr. Christos Trapalis
Mrs. Mary Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Whipple
Mrs. Sophie Zanaros

Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas

St. George Philoptochos





TO: ALL PARISHIONERS

FROM: Ladies Philoptochos Society

RE: ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

THIS YEAR WE ARE ONCE AGAIN OFFERING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND AND SHARE CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

THIS CARD OFFERS YOU THE SAVINGS OF BUYING CARDS AND STAMPS FOR OVER 100 OTHER FAMILIES. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CARD OF THE SAME QUALITY WE HAVE HAD IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

A **CONTRIBUTION OF \$15.00** IS REQUIRED. YOUR DONATION TO THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY WILL BENEFIT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS AMONG OTHER PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN ORDER TO HAVE ALL OF YOUR NAMES PRINTED ON THE CARD AND TO HAVE IT MAILED TO YOUR HOMES BY THE NATIVITY, <u>ALL NAMES</u> MUST BE RETURNED TO:

Ladies Philoptochos Society

Attention: Zanetta Laskaris and Erin Martino

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

107 Clinton Street

Schenectady, NY 12305

PLEASE DETACH THIS FORM AND RETURN BY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

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

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

"LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY"

Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner and Auction

Sunday, November 9, 2025

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!















MEDITERRANEAN COOKING DEMONSTRATION

The Mediterranean Diet is a way of eating based on the authentic cuisine of countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea. The diet typically consists of the region's traditional fruits, vegetables, seafood, and olive oil, plus a glass or two of wine. Join us for a cooking demonstration of amazing recipes vital to the Mediterranean diet. You'll get first hand tips on how to make the recipes while enjoying a delicious lunch and learning from our chefs. It will be an afternoon to remember!

EVENT OVERVIEW

- Four-course luncheon and cooking demonstration including spanakopita, tourlou tourlou (vegetable stew), Greek salad, and baklava
- Door prizes, raffles, and shopping at our Agora for imported goods (honey, extra virgin olive oil, and oregano)

\$40

per person

Saturday December 13, 2025

1:00PM

THE HELLENIC CENTER



RSVP: Jan Gallas

Phone: 518-596-0821 Email: jgjgfl@aol.com

All proceeds will benefit St. George

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. If you were at the Festival, you saw how many beautiful items we received from our generous donors. Thank you also to those who made a cash donation. Everything we receive is sold for the Friends of St. George or in a few instances donated. Donations were given to Grass Roots Givers and the Evangeline Booth Miracle Home – two wonderful not-for-profit organizations which provide aid 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.

This year the Friends of St. George raised \$3,500 during the Festival and in the weeks leading up to it which is 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. This year alone, we have raised \$10,188.60 (to date) for the church.

We are grateful for our many wonderful "Friends". A heartfelt thank you from me and from our St. George Church. If you have any questions or would like to help, please see Gladys.





Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church of Whitestone, NY St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Schenectady, NY

Pilgrimage to Constantinople & Northern Greece - Registration Form

February 13 - February 23, 2026 (One form needed for each individual)

FIRST NAM	ИЕ	MIDDLE	
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E-MAIL AI	DDRESS:		
CELL PHO	NE:	What is your Home Parish?:	
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Room	mmate:	or Private Room	
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Total:	Double Room: \$3740	Single Room: \$4460	
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JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE PILGRIMAGE!



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF WHITESTONE, NY
AND
SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF SCHENECTADY, NY

PILGRIMAGE TO CONSTANTINOPLE & NORTHERN GREECE

February 13th-February 23rd, 2026

DESTINATION

- Constantinople Prigiponisa -
 - Sylivria- Souroti(St. Paisios) -
- Meteora Thessaloniki Kavala Panagia Soumela in Veria and much more!

PLEASE CALL THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!

718-767-2955

Scan QR code for details!







Bible Study

Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays (begins Tuesday, 9/23/2025)

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

(Zoom Link available for those far away)

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

Topics: Gospels of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross. Modern Day Saints.

BIBLE STUDY FALL SCHEDULE

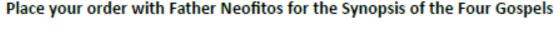
(mark your calendars)

Tuesdays

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\$40 Synopsis \$40 Orthodox Study Bible

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









There is still time to join us!

We will be back in February, March, and April!





2025- 2026 Christmas / Theophany Ornamentation Donations

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

Christmas

\$100 Christmas Tree \$25 Christmas Tablecloths \$80 St Nicholas Flower Frame

For Friday, December 19, 2025

\$90 Flower Shelf 1

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\$75 vase for Panagia

\$75 vase for Christ

\$80 Nativity Flower Frame

Theophany

For Friday, January 2, 2026 \$80 Theophany Flower Frame \$75 vase for Panagia \$75 vase for Christ

Christmas and Theophany Service Schedule 2025-26

Friday, December 5 7:00 pm Christmas Tree Lighting

Christmas Services

Wednesday, 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



Theophany Services

Monday, January 5 7:30 am Great and Royal Hours of Epiphany Vesperal Liturgy and

Great Blessing of the Waters

Tuesday, January 6 Holy Theophany

8:30 am Orthros

9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters

Wednesday, 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

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On January 6, 2026 Father Neofitos will begin blessing homes and businesses.

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Name -	
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