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Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
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February 23, 2026. From our Pilgrimage to Constantinople and Northern Greece

CHRIST IS RISEN
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Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Greek School Greek Independence Day Celebration & Coffee Hour after Divine	30 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Online Greek School	31 5:30pm Great Compline 6:30pm Bible Study	1 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy	2 4:45pm Greek School in Person	3	4 Lazarus Saturday 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Holy Week Youth Retreat - Divine Liturgy, Palm Cross Making
5 Palm Sunday 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon Sunday School 5:30pm Bridegroom Service	6 Holy Monday No class – Holy Week 5:30pm Bridegroom Service	7 Holy Tuesday 5:30pm Bridegroom Service	8 Holy Wednesday 3:00pm Holy Unction Service 5:30pm Holy Thursday Bridegroom Service	9 Holy Thursday 9:30am The Mystical/ Last Supper - Vespers Liturgy 5:30pm The 12 Gospels - The Passion of Christ	10 Holy Friday 9:00am Royal Hours 3:00pm Apokatheiosis 6:00pm Epitaphios, Lamentations and Procession	11 Holy Saturday 9:30am Vespers Liturgy 11:00pm Resurrection Service
12 Great & Holy Pascha 10:30am Agape Service 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt & Snacks	13 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Online	14 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	15 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School	16 4:45pm Greek School in Person	17	18
19 Thomas Sunday 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 12:30pm Philoptochos Meeting	20 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Online	21 12:00pm Soup Kitchen 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	22 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School 6:30pm Great Vespers - Nameday of the Church	23 Feast of St. George 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:45pm Greek School in Person	24	25 8:00am – 10:00am Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Memorial for Nicholas Behiri 11:00am Nicholas Miller baptism
26 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women 7:00am Orthros 8:00 am Divine Liturgy Trisagion Service for Greg Georgelos & Loula (Argyro)D'Jimas Sunday School Greek Independence Day parade NYC Early Start and Finish	27 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Online	28	29 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School	30 4:45pm Greek School in Person		



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3 Sunday of the Paralytic 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Spring General Assembly Meeting	4 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Online Greek School	5 Feastday of St. Ephraim 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	6 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School	7 4:45pm Greek School In-Person	8	9
10 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School	11 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Online Greek School	12 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	13 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School	14 12:00pm Senior Fellowship 4:45pm Greek School In-Person	15	16
17 Sunday of the Blind Man 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Trisagion Service for Ed (Pavlo) & Angeliki Jones	18 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Online Greek School	19 12:00pm Soup Kitchen 6:00pm Orthros and Divine Liturgy - Leavetaking of Pascha	20 Apodosis of Pascha 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School	21 Holy Ascension Feastday of Sts. Constantine & Helen 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:45pm Greek School In-Person	22	23
24 Fathers of the 1 st Council 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Last day of Sunday School	25 Father visiting Cemetery 6:00pm Level 3 Youth Online Greek School	26 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	27 4:00pm Online Youth Greek School	28 4:45pm Greek School In-Person	29	30 Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
31 Holy Pentecost 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy						

St. George Flower Donations

Great Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and St. George's Feast

Contact Camille in the church office at 518-393-0742 or email office@saintgeorgegoc.com.

Donations can also be made online at <https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/>
(go to **give now** tab and click flower donations on the drop menu)

Please be sure to contact the office to specify which holiday your donation is for.
Shaded items below have already been donated

Date	Feast Day	Description	Donation
2026		LENTEN LIST	
Sunday, March 15, 2026	Sunday of Holy Cross Veneration of Holy Cross	Daffodil Tray	\$120
Friday, March 20, 2026	4th Salutations	Flower Frame for Icon	\$85
Wednesday, March 25, 2026	Annunciation of the Theotokos	Flower Frame for Icon	\$85
Friday, March 27, 2026	5th Salutations-Akathist Hymn	Flower Frame for Icon	\$85
Sunday, March 29, 2026	St. Mary of Egypt	Flower Frame for Icon	\$85
Saturday, April 4, 2026	St. Lazarus Saturday	Flower Frame for Icon	\$85
Sunday, April 5, 2026	Palm Sunday (a.m.)	Palms	
Sunday, April 5, 2026	Palm Sunday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Icon	\$85
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Holy Wednesday	7 Candles, Oil, Flour (King Arthur), Cotton Balls	
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Flower Frame for Last Supper Icon	\$85
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	\$150
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	Wreath/Crown for Crucified Christ	\$150
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Crucifixion Icon	\$85
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	3 Candles for Crucifix	
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Holy Thursday (p.m.)	12 Candles for Gospel Readings	\$60
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Holy Thursday (a.m.)	Eggs (1/2 case) (Large Brown)	
Friday, April 10, 2026	Holy Friday	Epitaphio flowers , which includes the following: Cut Lilies, Carnations, Roses, Daphne, Laurel, Rose petals, etc.	
Friday, April 10, 2026	Holy Friday (afternoon)	Rose or Orange Blossom Water (2)	
Friday, April 10, 2026	Holy Friday (afternoon)	White Full Size Sheet	
Friday, April 10, 2026	Holy Friday (afternoon)	Flower Frame for Apokathilosis Icon	\$85
Friday, April 10, 2026	Holy Friday (p.m.)	Red Roses (for Choir & Chanters)	
Friday, April 10, 2026	Holy Friday (p.m.)	Flower petals (myrofores baskets)	
Friday, April 10, 2026	Holy Friday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Extreme Humility Icon	\$85
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Holy Saturday (a.m.)	Flower frame for Proti Anastasi Icon	\$85
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Potted Lilies (12)	
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower Frame for Anastasi Icon	\$85
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	\$90
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower shelf for Panagia Icon (Altar)	\$90
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower Shelf for St. John the Baptist (Altar)	\$90
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Holy Saturday (p.m.)	Flower Shelf for St. George Icon	\$90
Sunday, April 12, 2026	Easter Sunday	Items for Easter Egg Hunt	
Thursday, April 23, 2026	St. George	Flower shelf for Jesus Icon (Altar)	\$90
Thursday, April 23, 2026	St. George	Flower shelf for Panagia Icon (Altar)	\$90
Thursday, April 23, 2026	St. George	Flower Shelf for St. John the Baptist (Altar)	\$90
Thursday, April 23, 2026	St. George	Flower Shelf for St. George Icon	\$90

Holy Week Schedule 2026

Saturday, April 4 - Saturday of Lazarus

*8:30 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy

*9:30 am Holy Week Youth Retreat - Divine Liturgy, Palm Cross Making

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

*8:30 am Orthros

*9:30 am Divine Liturgy

*5:30 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Monday, April 6

*5:30 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 7

*5:30 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday, April 8

*3:00 pm Holy Unction Service

*5:30 pm Holy Thursday Bridegroom Service

Holy Thursday, April 9 - The Mystical/ Last Supper

*9:30 am Vespereal Liturgy

*5:30 pm The 12 Gospels - The Passion of Christ

Holy Friday, April 10

*9:00 am Royal Hours

*3:00 pm ~~Apokathelosis~~

*6:00 pm ~~Epitaphios~~, Lamentations and Procession

Holy Saturday, April 11

*9:30 am Vespereal Liturgy

*11:00 pm Resurrection Service

Sunday, April 12 - Great and Holy Pascha

*10:30 am Agape Service

*11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt and Snacks

Services for the Feast of St. George

Tuesday, April 22

*6:30 pm Great Vespers for St. George

Wednesday, April 23 - Feast of St. George

*8:30 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy



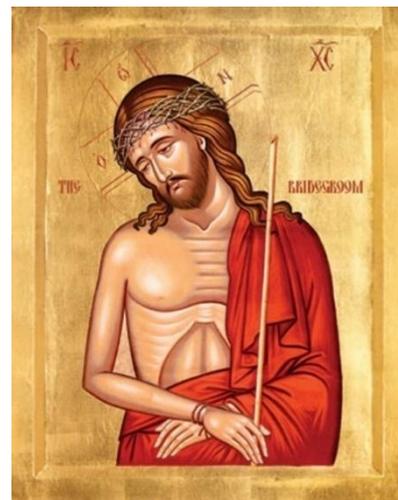


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From the desk of Fr. Neofitos

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 δοῦλος, ὃν εὐρήσει γρηγοροῦντα, ἀνάξιος δὲ πάλιν, ὃν εὐρήσει ραθυμοῦντα. 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 Θεός ἡμῶν. Διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.



The Catechetical Paschal Homily of our Father Among the Saints, St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

If there are devout and God loving people here, let them enjoy this beautiful, radiant festival. If there are prudent servants, enter joyously into the Lord's joy. Whoever may be spent from fasting, enjoy now your reward. Whoever has toiled from the first hour, receive today your just settlement. If any came after the third hour, celebrate gratefully. If any of you arrived after the sixth, have no misgivings, you have lost nothing. If some have been as late as the ninth, come forward, do not be at a loss. If any of you have arrived only at the eleventh hour, do not be dismayed for being late. The Master is gracious: He accepts the last even as the first; He gives rest to those of the eleventh as well as to those who have labored from the first; He is lenient with the last while looking after the first; to the one He gives, to the other He gives freely; He accepts the labors and welcomes the effort; honors the deed, but commends the intent. So, all of you, enter into the joy of our Lord: first and second, share the bounty. Rich and poor alike, celebrate together. Sober or heedless, honor the day. Those who fasted and those who did not, rejoice today. The table is full, everyone fare sumptuously. The calf is fatted; no one go away hungry. Everyone, savor the banquet of faith; relish the riches of His goodness. No one need lament poverty, for the kingdom is seen as universal. No one need grieve over sins; forgiveness has dawned from the tomb. No one need fear death; the Savior's death has freed us from it. While its captive He stifled it. He despoiled Hades as He descended into it; **It was embittered** when it tasted His flesh. Foreseeing this, Isaiah proclaimed: "Hades," he said, "**It was embittered** when he met You below." **It was embittered** because it was abolished. **It was angered** because it was mocked. **It was embittered** because it was slain. **It was embittered** because it was shackled. It received a body and encountered God. It took earth and came face to face with heaven. It took what it saw and fell by what it could not see. Death, where is your sting? Hades, where is your victory? **Christ is risen, Truly He is Risen!** and you are overthrown. **Christ is risen, Truly He is Risen!** and demons have fallen. **Christ is risen, Truly He is Risen!** and angels rejoice. **Christ is risen, Truly He is Risen!** and life rules. **Christ is risen, Truly He is Risen!** and not one dead remains in the tomb. For Christ, having risen from the dead, has become the firstfruits of those that slept. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever. Amen.

Εἴ τις εὐσεβῆς καὶ φιλόθεος ἀπολαύτω τῆς καλῆς ταύτης καὶ λαμπρᾶς πανηγύρεως, εἴ τις δοῦλος εὐγνώμων, εἰσελθέτω χαίρων εἰς τὴν χαρὰν τοῦ Κυρίου αὐτοῦ. Εἴ τις ἔκαμε νηστεύων, ἀπολαύτω νῦν τὸ δηνάριον. Εἴ τις ἀπὸ τῆς πρώτης ὥρας εἰργάσατο, δεχέσθω σήμερον τὸ δίκαιον ὄφλημα. Εἴ τις μετὰ τὴν τρίτην ἦλθεν, εὐχαρίστως ἑορτασάτω. Εἴ τις μετὰ τὴν ἕκτην ἔφθασε, μηδὲν ἀμφιβαλλέτω· καὶ γὰρ οὐδὲν ζημιούται. Εἴ τις ὑστέρησεν εἰς τὴν ἑνάτην, προσελθέτω, μηδὲν ἐνδοιάζων. Εἴ τις εἰς μόνην ἔφθασε τὴν ἑνδεκάτην, μὴ φοβηθῆ τὴν βραδύτητα· φιλότιμος γὰρ ὢν ὁ Δεσπότης, δέχεται τὸν ἔσχατον, καθάπερ καὶ τὸν πρῶτον. Ἀναπαύει τὸν τῆς ἑνδεκάτης, ὡς τὸν ἐργασάμενον ἀπὸ τῆς πρώτης. Καὶ τὸν ὑστερον ἐλεεῖ, καὶ τὸν πρῶτον θεραπεύει, κἀκεῖνῳ δίδωσι, καὶ τούτῳ χαρίζεται. Καὶ τὰ ἔργα δέχεται, καὶ τὴν γνώμην ἀσπάζεται. Καὶ τὴν πρᾶξιν τιμᾷ, καὶ τὴν πρόθεσιν ἐπαινεῖ· οὐκοῦν εἰσέλθετε πάντες εἰς τὴν χαρὰν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν, καὶ πρῶτοι καὶ δεῦτεροι τὸν μισθὸν ἀπολαύετε. Πλούσιοι καὶ πένητες μετ' ἀλλήλων χορεύσατε. Ἐγκρατεῖς καὶ ράθυμοι τὴν ἡμέραν τιμήσατε. Νηστεύσαντες καὶ μὴ νηστεύσαντες, εὐφράνητε σήμερον. Ἡ τράπεζα γέμει τρυφήσατε πάντες, ὁ μόσχος πολὺς μηδεὶς ἐξέληται πεινῶν. Πάντες ἀπολαύετε τοῦ συμποσίου τῆς πίστεως. Πάντες ἀπολαύσατε τοῦ πλοῦτου τῆς χρηστότητος. Μηδεὶς θρηνεῖτω πένιαν· ἐφάνη γὰρ ἡ κοινὴ βασιλεία. Μηδεὶς ὀδυρέσθω πταίσματα· συγγνώμη γὰρ ἐκ τοῦ τάφου ἀνέτειλε. Μηδεὶς φοβείσθω θάνατον· ἠλευθέρωσε γὰρ ἡμᾶς τοῦ Σωτῆρος ὁ θάνατος. Ἔσβεσεν αὐτόν, ὑπ' αὐτοῦ κατεχόμενος. Ἔσκύλευσε τὸν Ἄδην, ὁ κατελθὼν εἰς τὸν Ἄδην. Ἐπῖκρανεν αὐτόν, γευσάμενον τῆς σαρκὸς αὐτοῦ, καὶ τοῦτο προλαβὼν Ἡσαΐας, ἐβόησεν·



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Ὁ Ἄδης, φησίν, **ἐπικράνθη** συναντήσας σοι κάτω. **Ἐπικράνθη**, καὶ γὰρ κατηργήθη. **Ἐπικράνθη**, καὶ γὰρ ἐνεπαίχθη. **Ἐπικράνθη**, καὶ γὰρ ἐνεκρώθη. **Ἐπικράνθη**, καὶ γὰρ καθηρέθη. **Ἐπικράνθη**, καὶ γὰρ ἐδεσμεύθη. Ἔλαβε σῶμα, καὶ Θεῶ περιέτυχεν. Ἔλαβε γῆν, καὶ συνήντησεν οὐρανῶ. Ἔλαβεν, ὅπερ ἔβλεπε, καὶ πέπτωκεν, ὅθεν οὐκ ἔβλεπε. Ποῦ σου θάνατε τὸ κέντρον; ποῦ σου Ἄδη τὸ νίκος; **Ἀνέστη Χριστός, Ἀνέστη!** καὶ σὺ καταβέβλησαι. **Ἀνέστη Χριστός, Ἀνέστη!** καὶ πεπτώκασι δαίμονες. **Ἀνέστη Χριστός, Ἀνέστη!** καὶ χαίρουσιν Ἄγγελοι. **Ἀνέστη Χριστός, Ἀνέστη!** καὶ ζωὴ πολιτεύεται. **Ἀνέστη Χριστός, Ἀνέστη!** καὶ νεκρὸς οὐδεὶς ἐπὶ μνήματος. Χριστὸς γὰρ ἐγερθεὶς ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀπαρχὴ τῶν κεκοιμημένων ἐγένετο. Αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα καὶ τὸ κράτος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Kali Anastasi! Christ is Risen!

Beloved in the Lord,

As we shout "It was Embittered!" and "Truly He is Risen!" on Easter night we hear the triumphant voice of St. John Chrysostom calling all, early and late, faithful and struggling, into the joy of Pascha. This feast is not a reward for the perfect, but a gift of divine love. Whether we have labored from the first hour of Great Lent or arrived only now, the Master receives us with the same mercy. This is the justice of God. His mercy is very different than our mercy. It is not measured as ours, but revealed as boundless generosity, where grace outweighs effort and love overcomes all lack.

As we come to the end of the fast, we are reminded that our struggles, our prayers, and even our weaknesses have led us here to the empty tomb. Fasting was never the goal, but the path: a preparation of the heart to receive the victory of Christ. And what is that victory? That death is destroyed. Sin is forgiven. The Kingdom is opened to all.

"Let no one fear death," St. John proclaims, "for the Savior's death has set us free." Christ has descended into Hades and shattered its gates. He has taken what is ours, our mortality, and given us what is His, eternal life. This is our salvation: not something we earned, but something we are invited to receive.

And now, as we stand at the threshold of Holy Week, the Church calls us not to grow weary, but to press on with renewed purpose. Do not leave the journey unfinished. Complete the fast with humility and thanksgiving. Come and unburden your soul in Holy Confession, laying aside every sin so that you may stand with a clean heart before the risen Lord. Make the effort, set aside the time to be present at the sacred services of Holy Week. Walk with Christ to the Cross, so that you may truly stand in the light of His Resurrection.

Do not be absent from these holy days. Do not let this grace pass by. The door is still open. The Master still calls. Come, finish the course. Come, be made whole. Come, and enter fully into the joy of your Lord.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!





PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

After Divine Liturgy

You must make a Reservation by March 31st.

For Reservations, please email Camille

office@saintgeorgegoc.com

or call the office at 518-393-0742

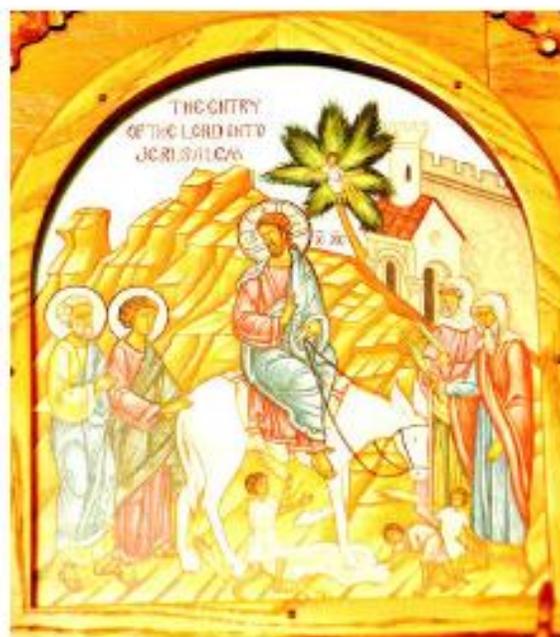
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(give now tab – choose Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon)

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

Schenectady, NY



The Fish Luncheon is offered by the Avgerakis Family

St. George Theotokos Summer Camp

510 Liberty Street Schenectady, NY 12305



Monday, August 3 to Friday, August 7, 2026
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Registration Fee: *\$70 for one child (5-12y)

*\$110 for two children and a third/fourth child is free.

*\$40 for Counselors in Training (teens ages 13-18y)

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

Summer Charity Collection

Register now on our website!

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



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2026 Stewardship Pledges

We are grateful for those members listed below who have already submitted their 2026 stewardship pledge as of March 25, 2026. 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. George Alatzas	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kalil
Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Avgerakis	Mr. & Mrs. Sisoos Knapp
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Avgerakis	Mrs. Maria Kontakos
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brady	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kouray
Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios Bratsos	Mr. & Mrs. Trifon Laskaris
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Casey	Mr. & Mrs. Dimitryos Markopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chamberas	Mr. Gus Marmarinos
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas & Sophia Christou	Ms. Erin Martino & Family
Ms. Arianna Christou & Mr. Yannis Christodoulides	Mr. Steve Mastromihalis
Mr. & Mrs. Euripides (Evan) Christou	Mrs. Cathy Menagias
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Contompasis	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Menagias
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Mrs. Katina & Anarygros Dikas	Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Nikolaidis
Mrs. Mary Dikas	Mr. Simeon Nikolaidis
Mr. Takis Dikas	Mr. Constantine Orfan
Mrs. Maria Dostis	Mrs. Athena Pagnotti
Ms. Daphne Economou	Mr. & Mrs. Kostantinos Papanikos
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Engwer	Mr. James G. Plackis
Ms. Christina Esposito	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Poveda
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Euripidou	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Poveda
Mrs. Janet Gallas	Mr. Edwin Premchan
Mrs. Helena Georgelas	Father & Presvytera Sarigiannis
Mrs. Eliana Georgelos	Mrs. Elena Sikamiotis
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Goodale	Mrs. Ourania Sokaris
Mrs. Frucina Ica Iancu	Ms. Roubina Spyros-Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones	Mr. Christos Trapalis
Ms. Antonia Kananis	Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Vlahakis
Mr. Evan Kananis	Mrs. Anastasia Zoulas



Contrition Vespers- March 8, 2026





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Archdiocesan District 2026 Lenten Clergy Retreat March 9, 10, 11 2026





**Archdiocesan District 2026 Lenten Clergy Retreat
March 9, 10, 11 2026**





**Greek Snow Ball 2026
Honoring George Cotzas**



2026 Vasilopita Cutting



St. George 2026 Parish Council



**2026 Theophania
Blessing of the Mohawk**



Sunday of Orthodoxy



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Come Meet Our Parish Council Team

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".



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.



Lucy Brady (Officer – Vice President) 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 an quite an inspiration to me. I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful Church community as led by our Priest, Father Neofitos.



My name is **Antonia Kananis**. I was born and raised in Schenectady, NY. I am a lifelong member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church. From a young age I was involved with my church. Starting with Sunday school, Greek school and the dance troupe. When I entered high school, I joined the choir and helped with the stewardship program. Today, I am still part of the Stewardship Committee, maintaining our new system along with posting payments. I also hold the position of Philoptochos Treasurer. I have two children Eleftheria and Evan.



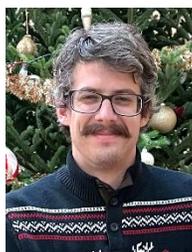
Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church



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 14 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.



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, 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 5 years, serving as the Secretary for the past 4 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.



Sisoë Knapp (Officer – Assistant Treasurer) I was born in 1995 in Hudson, NY as Tristin Knapp. I moved a lot and spent most of my formative years in Los Angeles, CA and Carson City, NV. Religion wasn't part of my upbringing, so I grew up agnostic. When I was in 10th grade, I moved back to Albany, NY where I met my future wife, Alexis Geisel, at the school bus stop. Eventually, we moved back to Los Angeles, CA so I could pursue a career in the field of software quality assurance, which I still work in today. While there, my wife convinced me to begin attending a Protestant church. We, once again, moved back to Schenectady, NY and continued to be Protestant, until I began learning about Orthodoxy in late 2024. My wife, daughter (Freya), son (Ronan), and I were all baptized in January of 2025. Joining the Church and having the opportunity to serve has been one of the greatest blessings the Lord has bestowed upon me.



Edwin Premchan - My name is **Edwin Premchan** I have been a member of St. George for a little over a year now. Growing up I was not raised in a Christian household but as I got older I realized that Jesus Christ is the answer to life so I started attending church services and I eventually found St George. I was baptized in August of 2025 and I decided to serve on the parish council because I wanted to try and give back to the church that welcomed me with open arms. I currently work as a fabrication manager at Fratelli Fabrication and my brother and I also run our family construction company. I moved to Schenectady when I was 10 years old with my parents and two siblings. In my free time I like to spend it outside in nature and doing a bunch of various projects whether that be renovating houses or doing little diy things around the house. I also love spending quality time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to serving on the council and I hope to learn and grow closer to God and everyone that attends St. George in this next year.

Maria Stamoulis. Maria works for the State Education Department (SED) as an Auditor Manager 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.

HOLY WEEK

YOUTH RETREAT 2026

Hellenic Center / Church

Saturday of Lazarus, April 4

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

-  Divine Liturgy
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-  Myrophores and Altar Boy Lesson

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 12

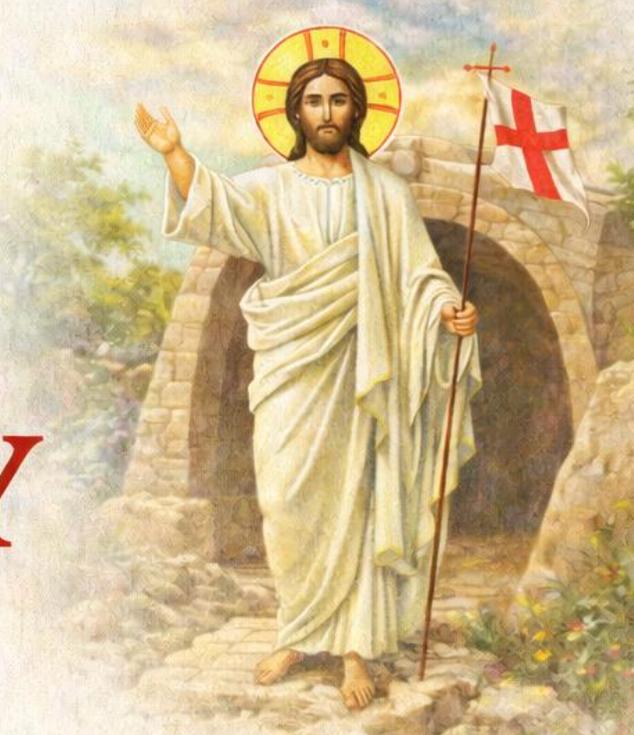
10:30 am Agape Vespers

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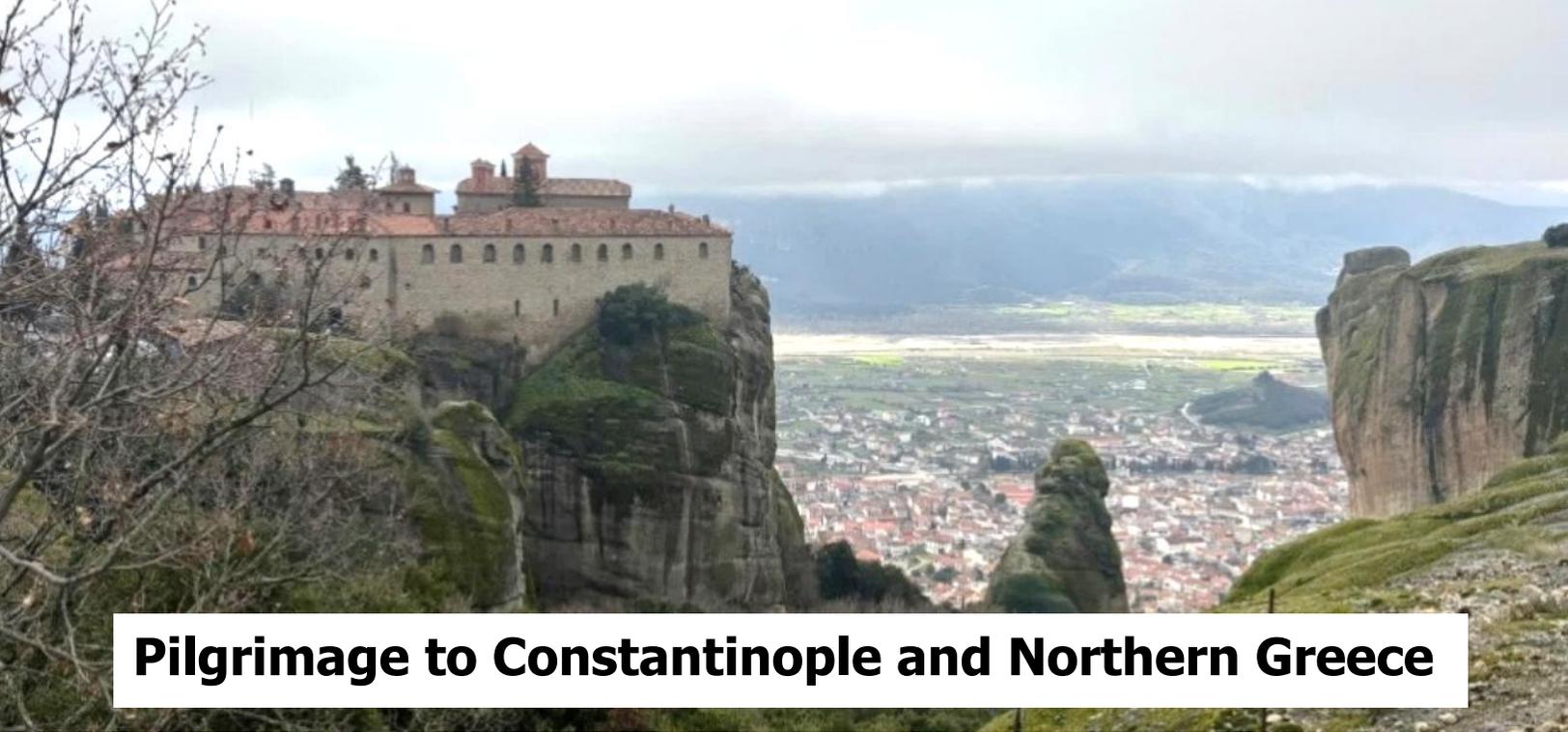


In March, I enjoyed the privilege of making the pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece with Fr. Neofitos and Fr. Nicolaos Paros of Holy Cross GOC of Whitestone, NY. I was happy to meet and spend time with one of our Philoptochos National Board members, Maria Skaidas.

The Pilgrimage was a beautiful way to begin this Lenten season. Our visit to Agia Sophia (Holy Wisdom) was moving and unforgettable. It stirred a range of emotions for many, and it brought to light the magnitude of struggle that Orthodox Christianity has endured.

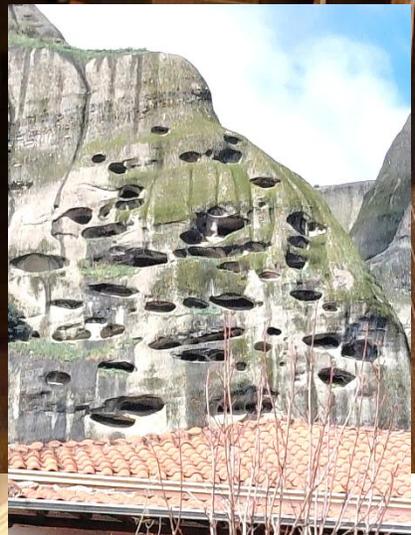
Please check the parish calendar for the regular business meetings of our Philoptochos chapter. All are welcome to attend. Come and see what we're all about! We are planning a special end of business year event for our members. Stay tuned!





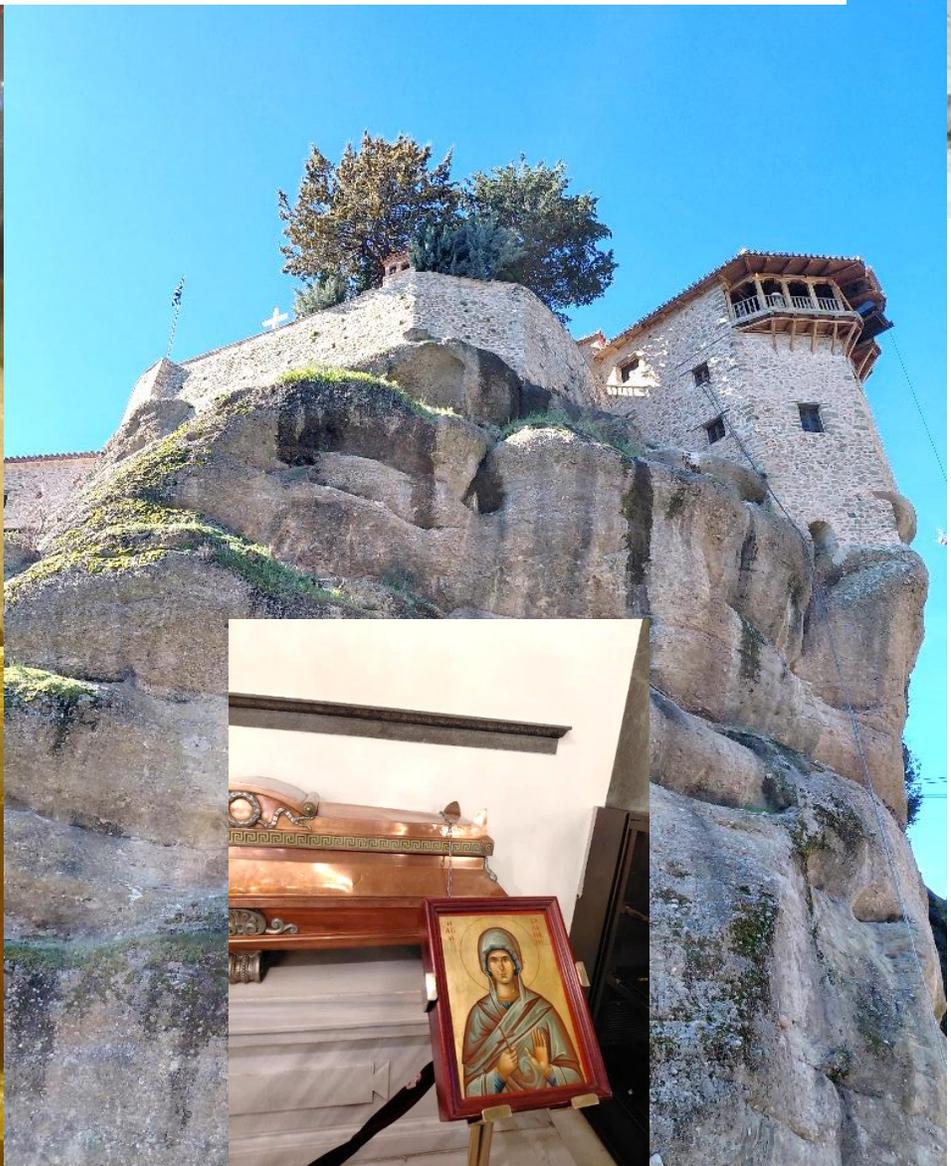
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