



# SUNDAY BULLETIN

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6th Sunday of Luke

October 24, 2021



Today, we celebrate the occasion of October 28th, 1940 when Greece said NO, "OXI" (O-hee) to surrendering and bravely fought for freedom. Our Greek School students have been learning about this holiday and have prepared several crafts in remembrance of OXI day which will be displayed in the church hall during coffee hour. We will also play a short video from the OXI day foundation in honor of the holiday during coffee hour. We will chant a doxology and the Greek National Anthem after Divine Liturgy.



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*Ελληνικό Σχολείο Αγίου Γεωργίου*

*Schenectady, NY*

*Ζήτω η 28η Οκτωβρίου 1940!*



### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀγίας Σκέπης τῆς Θεοτόκου**

Τῆς Σκέπης σου Παρθένε ανυμνούμεν τὰς χάριτας, ἦν ὡς φωτοφόρον νεφέλην εφ'απλοῖς υπέρ ἔννοιαν, καί σκέπεις τόν λαόν σου νοερώς, ἐκ πάσης τῶν ἐχθρῶν ἐπιβουλῆς, σέ γάρ σκέπην καί προστάτην καί βοηθόν, κεκτήμεθα βωωντές σοι. Δόξα τοῖς μεγαλείοις σου Ἀγνή, δόξα τῇ θείᾳ σκέπῃ σου, δόξα τῇ πρός ἡμᾶς, προμηθεΐᾳ Ἄχραντε.

O Virgin, we extol the great grace of thy Protection, which thou didst spread out like a bright cloud beyond all understanding; for thou dost invisibly protect thy people from the foe's every assault. Since we have thee as our shelter and certain help, we cry to thee with our whole soul: Glory to thy great deeds, O most pure Maid. Glory to thy shelter most divine. Glory to thy care and providence for us, O spotless one.



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## Archiepiscopal Encyclical: The Commemoration of OXI Day

Τὴν Σκέπην σου, Παρθένε, οἱ πιστοὶ μεγαλύνομεν.... (Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆ 28ῆ Ὀκτωβρίου, Τῶν Νικητηρίων)

Your Protection, O Virgin, do we the faithful magnify.... (Apolytikion for October 28th, the Feast of Victory)

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the anniversary of our magnificent Feast of Victory – τὰ Νικητήρια of the Theotokos, who on October 28, 1940, came to the aid of Greece and her noble people. We honor those Greeks who, as the Lord enjoined in His commandment, 'let their "yes" be "yes," and their "no" be "no"' (Matthew 5:37). On this day, the Greek People said a resounding "Yes" to freedom, to conscience, and to justice; even as they roared OXI to the forces of fascism, tyranny, and hatred.

Eighty years later, there are a diminishing few who remember in real time this heroic hour that cost Greece so dearly, and who lived through the days that followed: the suffering, the struggle, and the oppression that were wreaked on the Birthplace of Democracy. But all of us – and not only us but the entire world – have been blessed with the legacy of the sacrifices of full measure that adorn the mountain passes, the fields of honor, and the island bastions of freedom.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said: "When the entire world had lost all hope, the Greek people dared...." Indeed, they did! They dared to stand up against the monstrous waves of cruelty unleashed upon Europe. They dared to hope against hope in the Holy Protection of the Virgin whose colors blaze on the banner of the Nation. They dared to say "No" to evil, and risked their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, as once did other lovers of liberty.

My beloved Christians, let us honor their sacrifice with our prayers for their eternal memory, their everlasting rest, and our commitment to ever remain under the Protection of the Holy Virgin. May we always exercise and defend in righteousness and true piety, the duties and responsibilities of Democracy with decency, dignity, and in defiance of those who would attempt to seize our freedom.

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS Archbishop of America



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## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοὶ ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόνηρωπε.

### Τῶν Ἁγίων

Τὰς ἀληθδόνas τῶν Ἁγίων, ἃς ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἔπαθον, δυσωπήθητι Κύριε, καὶ πάσας ἡμῶν τὰς ὀδύνας, ἴασαι φιλόνηρωπε δεόμεθα.

### Apolytikion of St. George

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ελευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν υπερασπιστῆς, ασθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων υπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### Κοντάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασσον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοὶ· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, \* and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. \* You rose on the third day, O Lord \* and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: \* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; \* glory to Your kingdom; \* glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

### For the Saints

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, as the only One who loves humanity.

### Apolytikion of St. George

Liberator of captives, defender of the Poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

### Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never fails, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.



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## **Epistle Readings 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

Brethren, the point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## **Gospel Readings Luke 8:26-39**

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

## **St. George Book Club/ Bible Study 2021**

**Join us on Monday October 25, 2021 at 6:30pm. Please email Father Neofitos to join our Book Club.**



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## Today in Church

Memorial for Fred and Irene LaViolette. May their memory be eternal.  
Greek School Bake sale following Divine Liturgy

Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Luke, Arethas the Great Martyr and His Fellow Martyrs, Sebastiane the Martyr, Maglorious of Sark.

## Church Usher Assignment

Sunday, October 24, 2021 Brian Goodale, Panos Rallatos  
Sunday, October 31, 2021 Arji Cakouros, Toni Kananis

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24, 2021	8:30 am Orthros – 6th Sunday of Luke 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Fred & Irene LaViolette Memorial Greek School Bake Sale
Monday, October 25, 2021	5:30 pm Vespers for St. Demetrios 6:30 pm Book Club/Bible Study
Tuesday, October 26, 2021	8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy - Feastday of St. Demetrios 5:30 pm Youth Meeting
Wednesday, October 27, 2021	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 2 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Adult Greek Language via Zoom Level 3
Thursday, October 28, 2021	6:00 am Workers Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos 7:00 am Breakfast & Coffee 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm All Students - Greek Language, Dance & Culture
Friday, October 29, 2021	4:30 -5:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 1 5:30 –6:30 pm Greek Language via Zoom Level 2

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**To Register for Greek School click below or visit:**

**<https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/about/greek-school>**



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## New Hellenic Center Booking Procedures

**It is with great joy we announce that our programs are growing strong and we are using our facilities more and more. Creating a system of booking events is necessary and we ask for your attention.**

1. If a group/ministry wishes to book the Hellenic Center for an event, the office must be contacted as well and the priest via email and or phone call. Please copy both Father and Camille on your email request: [frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com](mailto:frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com) and [office@saintgeorgegoc.com](mailto:office@saintgeorgegoc.com) or call 518-393-0742
2. One may check the NEW Google Facilities Calendar when considering a date for booking. <https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/calendar/google-calendar>. Please add this calendar to your google calendars.

Unapproved events present unnecessary conflicts and might even put our youth in danger. It is easy to avoid conflict by clearly communicating with the office and receiving office approval. If we are presented with an unsolvable conflict, the violating group will be asked to leave.

3. Once approval is granted, your event will be added to our Google Calendar and can be viewed here: <https://saintgeorgegoc.com/calendar/google-calendar>.

As our community continues to grow and open its doors, more and more organization of facility events will be required. We thank you in anticipation for your continued cooperation AND collaboration and we look forward to our growth and success.

## Father Neofitos' office hours

To make an appointment with Father during office hours, Mon – Thurs 9am-2pm, please call the office 518-393-0742. To make an appointment outside of office hours, please contact Father directly at 347-256-6723 or email [frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com](mailto:frneofitos@saintgeorgegoc.com).

# **WORKER'S DIVINE LITURGY**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021 AT 6AM**

**ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**107 CLINTON ST. - SCHENECTADY, NY**

**6AM DIVINE LITURGY**

**7AM BREAKFAST AND COFFEE**



**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS, BUSINESS MEN AND  
WOMEN, TO ATTEND OUR DIVINE SERVICES ONCE A MONTH BEFORE  
THE WORK DAY STARTS.**

**FOR SOME, THE WEEKEND IS DIFFICULT.**