

# BULLETIN

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# Sunday of the Holy Cross

March 19, 2023



Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Holy Cross, The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, Demetrios the New Martyr. Holy Cross procession will commence at the end of Divine Liturgy.

> Join us after Divine Liturgy for our Greek School Greek Independence Day celebration!



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# **HYMNS OF THE DAY**

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Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἡνέῳξας τῷ Λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἕλεος.

# <u>Τῆς Ἐορτῆς</u>

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

# Apolytikion of St. George

Ως τών αιχμαλώτων ελευθερωτής, και τών πτωχών υπερασπιστής, ασθενούντων ιατρός, βασιλέων υπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστώ τώ Θεώ θήναι τάς ψυχάς.

#### <u>Κοντάκιον</u>

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῷ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ώς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἱνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

#### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, you abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

#### For the Feast

Save, O Lord, your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

# 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 Champion General, I your city now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

#### Epistle Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the

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## Gospel Reading Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

# **Today in Church**

#### **Usher Assignment**

Sunday, March 19, 2023Norina McGowen, Phil McGowenSunday, March 26, 2023Roubina Morgan, Dino Orfan

**2023 PARISH COUNCIL**: Brian Goodale, President; Maria Dostis, Vice President; Alexandra Casey, Treasurer; Balwant Kingra, Secretary; Lucy Brady, Arji Cakouros, Dimitri Koutsopoulos, Maria Stamoulis, Dino Orfan

#### Sunday of the Holy Cross

The Sunday of the Holy Cross is the Third Sunday of Great Lent, also called Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross. On this Sunday, services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week and the holy Resurrection.

Please support our brothers and sisters at Christ the Savior by supporting their fundraiser.





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# **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, March 19, 2023	8:30am Orthros – Sunday of the Holy Cross 9:30am Divine Liturgy Procession of the Holy Cross Greek Independence Day Celebration 5:00pm Vespers – St. Nicholas, Pittsfield (Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός)
Monday, March 20, 2023	5:30pm Great Compline 7:00pm Lenten Lecture – Fr. Sophronios Vomend Lenten meal after lecture
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	7:00am Soup Kitchen Bag Lunches sponsored by Jennie & Jim Vlahakis in memory of Mrs. Stavroula Avramidis 5:45pm Youth Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2023	5:00pm Adult Greek School via Zoom 7:00pm Presanctified Liturgy – Holy Cross, Middletown
Thursday, March 23, 2023	4:30pm Greek School
Friday, March 24, 2023	6:30pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Salutation to the Virgin Mary
Saturday, March 25, 2023	8:30am Orthros – Annunciation of the Theotokos 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sunday, March 26, 2023	8:30am Orthros-Sunday of St. John Climacus 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Sunday Vespers – Christ the Savior, Ballston Lake (Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Get on a waiting list now for April 30- Greek Independence Day Parade in NYC. Contact Fr. Neofitos to reserve your space.

Sunday, April 30 we will be departing from 8:30 am at Latham Farms and returning about 10 pm. This is the first year St George will be marching in many years. We are sharing the bus with St. Sophia Church.

There are limited seats so priority will be given to our Greek School students and their Families, everyone else will go on a waiting list and in the next few weeks we will confirm. Greek School Students free- \$40 for Adults- \$20 for children 12 and under not enrolled.