

## St. George Greek Orthodox Church Sunday Bulletin

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### **Sunday, January 26 th 2025 - 15th Sunday of Luke**

Κυριακή 26 Ιανουαρίου 2025 - Κυριακή ΙΕ' Λουκά

### **WE WELCOME HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS OF NEW JERSEY**

**Apolitikon:** When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

**Hymn of Saint George:** "O Great among martyrs and trophy-bearing George, the liberator of captives and defender of the poor, the physician of the sick and the champion of kings; Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

**Kontakion:** You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

**Απολυτίκιον:** Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπὸ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

**Ἀγίου Γεωργίου:** Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**Κοντάκιον:** Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίαςας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὐς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

**Coffee Hour:** is offered today from Aristotle Academy Greek School, in honor of the Three Hierarchs and the Greek Letters Day.

**Ὡρα του Καφέ:** προσφέρεται σήμερα ἀπὸ το Ἑλληνικό Σχολεῖο της Ακαδημίας του Αριστοτέλη προς τιμὴν των Τριῶν Ἱεραρχῶν καὶ της ἡμέρας των Ἑλληνικῶν Γραμμάτων.

**The luncheon for Metropolitan & his guests** is gracefully donated by Mrs. Dora Hionis.

**Το γεῦμα για τον Μητροπολίτη & τους καλεσμένους του** εἶναι μία ευγενική προσφορά της Κυρίας Ντόρας Χιῶνη.

### **Liturgical Schedule**

Sunday, January 26  
Thursday, January 30

Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am  
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**15th Sunday of Luke**  
**Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs**

### **Λειτουργικόν Πρόγραμμα**

Κυριακή, 26 Ιανουαρίου  
Σάββατο, 30 Ιανουαρίου

Ὁρθρος 8:30πμ/Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30πμ  
Ὁρθρος 8:30πμ/Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30πμ

**Κυριακή ΙΕ' Λουκά**  
**Οἱ Ἅγιοι Τρεῖς Ἱεράρχες**

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING.

*The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15*



Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### *Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα*

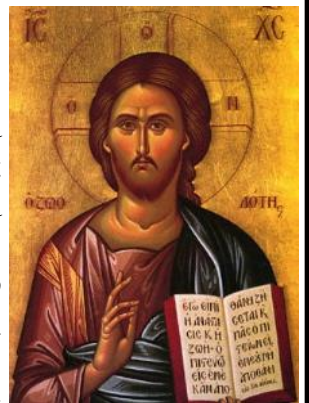
Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνεΐᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

### *The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10*

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.

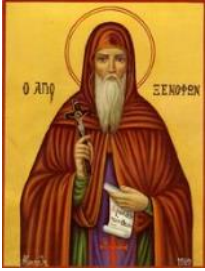
### *Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19:1-10 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα*

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μείναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἁμαρτωλῷ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.



## **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

### *Xenophone & his Companions-January 26*



This Saint, a wealthy nobleman of Constantinople, was filled with piety toward God. He had two sons, Arcadius and John, whom he sent to Beirut to study law. But they were shipwrecked during their voyage; barely saved, they forsook all things and departed for Palestine. Saint Xenophon and his wife Mary, ignorant of what had happened, went in search of their sons. On finding them in Jerusalem, dressed in the habit of monks, they also took up the monastic life. And thus, having completed their lives in holiness, they departed for the Lord about the beginning of the sixth century. Saint Xenophon and his sons reposed at Saint Sabbas Monastery, and Mary at the Monastery of Saint Theodosius.

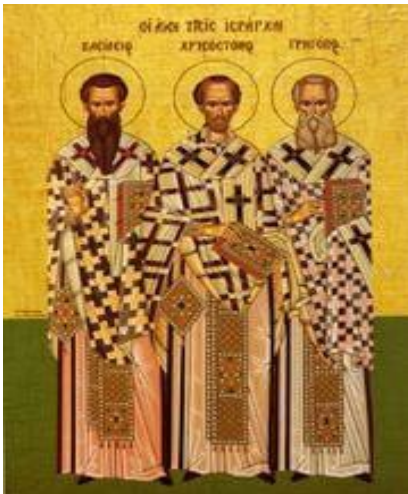
### *Ephraim the Syrian-January 28*

Saint Ephraim was born in Nisibis of Mesopotamia some time about the year 306, and in his youth was the disciple of Saint James, Bishop of Nisibis, one of the 318 Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council. Ephraim lived in Nisibis, practicing a severe ascetical life and increasing in holiness, until 363, the year in which Julian the Apostate was slain in his war against the Persians, and his successor Jovian surrendered Nisibis to them. Ephraim then made his dwelling in Edessa, where he found many heresies to do battle with. He waged an especial war against Bardaisan; this gnostic had written many hymns propagating his errors, which by their sweet melodies became popular and enticed souls away from the truth. Saint Ephraim, having received from God a singular gift of eloquence, turned Bardaisan's own weapon against him, and wrote a multitude of hymns to be chanted by choirs of women, which set forth the true doctrines, refuted heretical error, and praised the contests of the Martyrs. Of the multitude of sermons, commentaries, and hymns that Saint Ephraim wrote, many were translated into Greek in his own lifetime. Sozomen says that Ephraim "Surpassed the most approved writers of Greece," observing that the Greek writings, when translated into other tongues, lose most of their original beauty, but Ephraim's works "are no less admired when read in Greek than when read in Syriac" (Eccl. Hist., Book 111, 16). Saint Ephraim was ordained deacon, some say by Saint Basil the Great, whom Sozomen said "was a great admirer of Ephraim, and was astonished at his erudition." Saint Ephraim was the first to make the poetic expression of hymnody and song a vehicle of Orthodox theological teachings, constituting it an integral part of the Church's worship; he may rightly be called the first and greatest hymnographer of the Church, who set the pattern for these who followed him, especially Saint Romanos the Melodist. Because of this he is called the "Harp of the Holy Spirit." Jerome says that his writings were read in some churches after the reading of the Scriptures, and adds that once he read a Greek translation of one of Ephraim's works, "and recognized, even in translation, the incisive power of his lofty genius" (De vir. ill., ch. CXV). Shortly before the end of his life, a famine broke out in Edessa, and Saint Ephraim left his cell to rebuke the rich for not sharing their goods with the poor. The rich answered that they knew no one to whom they could entrust their goods. Ephraim asked them, "What do you think of me?" When they confessed their reverence for him, he offered to distribute their alms, to which they agreed. He himself cared with his own hands for many of the sick from the famine, and so crowned his life with mercy and love for neighbor. Saint Ephraim reposed in peace, according to some in the year 373, according to others, 379.



### *Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs-January 30*

#### *Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom*



This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

# Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Sunday, January 26 9:00am Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**

*Archpastoral Visit of his Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey*

Sunday January 26	12-6:30pm	<b>Basketball Semi -Finals &amp; Finals @ Holy Trinity Wilmington</b>
Sunday, January 26	after service	Aristotle Academy Celebration of Greek Letters Day
Sunday, January 26	after service	JOY/HOPE Dance practice
Monday, January 27	5:30pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes
Tuesday, January 28	6:30-9pm	GOYA Dance Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 28	6-9pm	Sights & Sounds practice
Tuesday, January 28	6:30pm	<b>Book reading</b>
Wednesday, January 29	6:30-9pm	GOYA Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 29	6-8 pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Adult Classes
Thursday, January 30	5:30-7:30pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes
Friday, January 31	6:00-7:30pm	JOY/HOPE Dance practice
Saturday, February 1	10am-12pm	Sights & Sounds practice
Saturday, February 1	11am-4pm	GOYA Dance Rehearsal

## Save the day

**Sunday, February 2**

**GODPARENTS' SUNDAY**

**GOYA Fundraiser (Chicken fingers & fries)**

**All Star Banquet @ St. Demetrios, Upper Darby Girls@2pm, Boys@3pm, Coaches@4pm, Banquet@5pm**

Saturday, February 8	<b>Academy of Aristotle Annual Dinner Dance</b>
Sunday February 9	<b>AHEPA Annual Cheesesteak Fundraiser (Super Bowl Sunday)</b>
February 14-16	<b>Music &amp; Dance Festival in Philadelphia</b>
Monday, March 2	<b>St. John Chrisostom Oratorical festival</b>
March 22	<b>Sights &amp; Sounds @ Holy Trinity Wilmington</b>

# 2025 House Blessing Schedule

Please call the church office at 610-459-0366 to schedule your house blessing. Consult the schedule below for dates and times in your area. If your location is not listed please call the office to arrange a specific date and time. Please note that an appointment is required in order to have your home blessed.

**Also, know that Fr. Zissis will make every effort to bless all those who request it.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Area/Zip Codes</u>
Monday, January 27	10AM-5PM	Collingdale/Drexel Hill/Folsom/Holmes
Tuesday, January 28	10AM-5PM	Delaware
Wednesday, January 29	10AM-5PM	Media
Thursday, January 30	10PM-5PM	New Jersey
Friday, January 31	9AM-5PM	Extra Day



**Please remember, if you have already obtained a civil divorce, you must also receive an Ecclesiastical Divorce from the Church**

This brief process is confidentially handled by the parish priest. You must complete this process in order to be in good standing with the Church, meaning that you may not partake in the Sacramental life of the Church, (example: being a sponsor at a wedding or baptism, receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Holy Unction, serving on the Parish Council, voting at Parish Assemblies and entering into another marriage).

Please consider your personal situation and be in good standing with the Church. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Zissis directly.

**Pastoral Visits - A Request to All Parishioners:**

If you desire a pastoral visit in case of a hospitalization, or for someone who is homebound, in a nursing facility, or in prison, please have an immediate family member notify the Church office 610.459.0366 or if it is an emergency you can contact Fr. Zissis at 617.990.4390 so that a visit can be arranged.

***If you need prayers for Health, Healing or any other Concerns*** please contact Father Zissis for spiritual advise and to arrange the appropriate services or sacraments, according to our Holy Orthodox Church.

**Prospora Liturgy of Preparation, Proskimidia, Service of Prothesis. Offering Prospora and names at the Liturgy.**

Take the prospora to church with a list of names for the priest to mention during the Divine Liturgy. Put the first names of the living in one column of your note (including those who have baked the bread, and others you want remembered) and the names of any deceased in another column.

**PROSPHORA/ARTOCLASIA**

If you wish to donate the **Prospora** for a special feast day or your name day, they are available for purchase at **\$10.00 each**.

**Artoclasia** is available for purchase to celebrate a name day or special occasion from the Philoptochos Society, **5 loaves for \$50**.

**Prospora & Holy Communion Wine for Memorial** are available for purchase for **\$45**.

For all **Memorial services and Artoclasia**, we kindly ask that you also supply **wine and oil for the Altar**.

**Please contact the church office or any Philoptochos member for your orders.**





Greek Orthodox  
Metropolis of New Jersey

# Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

## Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 26, 2025

9:00 A.M.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

30 E Forge Road

Media, PA 19063





**His Eminence  
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey  
Cordially invites all the dedicated Faithful  
of the Delaware Valley Region to the Annual**

***Greek Letters Day Celebration***

***Honoring the Three Hierarchs of our Orthodox Church***



***St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory the Theologian***

**Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 4:00 pm**

**St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church**

**229 Powell Lane, Upper Darby, PA 19082**

**Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 610-352-7212**

**by January 17, 2025**

## *Orthodox Christian Stewardship Program*

*Dear Parishioners,*

*With our church, we often imagine only what is humanly possible, but if we do our part in faith, God will lovingly return to us much more than we could ever imagine. This is the true meaning of “Your own from Your own.” We will see our church, not as it is, but as it could be, with our humble gifts multiplied by God’s generosity and love.*

*We ask you to support these worthy ministries with your pledge.*

*Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, “What are the dues?” but “How can I thank God for my many blessings?” We see our church, not as it is, but as it could be. We offer our treasure and ourselves sacrificially, so that, as members of the Body of Christ, we may reach our full potential in Him.*

*Before completing your Commitment Card and Information Form, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. We ask kindly you to support these worthy ministries of our Parish with your pledge. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of your commitment and an expression of thanks for the many blessings in your life.*

*Well done, Good and Faithful Servant!*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Rev. Fr. Zissis Lappas*



**Since we are still receiving contributions for 2024, (because of mailing delay), the yearly Stewardship update will be available soon.**



Fr. Zissis would like to express his gratitude to the two anonymous families who donated the amount of **\$30,000** for the new Ecclesiastical Liturgical items.

Their thoughtfulness and generosity  
are very much appreciated.

May God bless their families always !

*Thank you*  
for your donation





*"...but make me worthy, Your sinful and unworthy servant, to offer these Gifts unto You. For You are the Offerer and the Offered, Who accepts and is distributed, O Christ our God..."*

*Priestly prayers before Holy Communion*

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, can I have ten dollars?" The father, wanting to understand, told the boy "Yes, but can you tell me what you plan to do with ten dollars?" The little boy replied quietly, "Daddy, I need the money to buy you a present."

We are not so different from that little boy. In every Divine Liturgy, when our gifts of bread and wine are blessed and lifted up in offering to God our Father, we hear the words, "Your own from Your own we offer to You." We acknowledge that, just like the little boy buying a gift for his father,

everything we have and everything we offer to God first comes from Him. In the Divine Liturgy, we offer bread and wine to God with thanksgiving. He returns them to us as His body and blood in Holy Communion as we receive Jesus Christ within us.

### See our Church as it Could Be.

One church member was heard to say, "I just want the church to be here long enough to have my funeral here." This is a church in survival mode, just paying the bills. We ask, "What does it cost?" "What are the dues?" "How much do I owe?" These are earthly questions. A better question would be, "What can I give so that my church can become all it is meant to be – the Body of Christ on earth." With a vision for the future of our parish we can say, "I want the church to be here for my grandchildren's grandchildren."

As Orthodox Christians, we see the world as God's gift, as a sacrament of God's presence and a means of communion with Him. This way we are able to offer back to God, in thanksgiving and love, the many gifts we receive from Him. Like the boy in the New Testament who offered the five loaves and two fish and Jesus multiplied them to feed the 5,000, God receives our humble gifts and multiplies them to feed the world.

When we see great need in our community and in the world, we may ask, "If God is so loving, then why is there so much poverty and suffering in the world? Where is God when we need Him?" Sometimes the need is so overwhelming that to help at all seems impossible, but in the miracle of the five loaves and two fish, we are taught to offer what we have, no matter the amount, and miracles will happen.



So it is with our church, we often imagine only what is humanly possible. If we do our part in faith, God will lovingly return to us much more than we could ever imagine. This is the true meaning of "Your own from Your own." We will see our church, not as it is, but as it could be, with our humble gifts multiplied by God's generosity and love. With our faithful offering, we will see in our church as they did in the early Church, "...the Lord added to their number daily, those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

*"This Ekklesia exists when the dispersed, divided, self-preoccupied people unite and become a family, where people see one another as brothers and sisters with God as their common father, and try to share whatever they have and whatever they are, and be united in heart and soul"*

*-P. Faros in Functional and Dysfunctional Christianity*

#### Icon:

Jesus Christ Blessing the Five Loaves and the Two Fish provided courtesy of [afentoulis.com](http://afentoulis.com)

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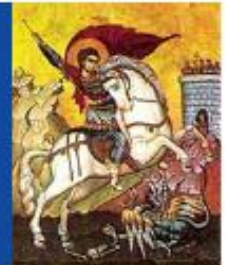


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## GATHER MY PEOPLE TO MY HOME • COME AND SEE 2025 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ's work at St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Media, PA for 2025

A total annual amount of:  \*\$800  \$1,000  \*\*\$1,400  \$1,500  \$2,000  \$3,000  \$5,000  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ semi-annually    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*The family average contribution needed to fund St. George's operating expenses is \$1,400. Please plan to give in proportion to your God-given income and family circumstances. \*Average yearly contribution.

### 2025 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM • AUTOMATIC PAYMENT OPTIONS

The 2025 Stewardship Program offers the option of making your stewardship contributions via automatic charge to a personal credit card account. To sign up for this option, fill out the information below:

<http://www.venmo.com/StGeorgeMedia>

<https://stgeorgemedia.pa.square.site/>



#### Electronic Checking/Savings Transfers are no longer available.

Credit Card Transfers

#### On Line and Mobile Banking

Offers you the best in security, simplicity and convenience, while St. George receives 100 percent of your donation with no fees deducted. St. George is charged a 3.6% collection fee when you use your credit card.

#### Credit Card Transfers

Type of Card:  MasterCard  Visa  Amex  Discover  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Digit Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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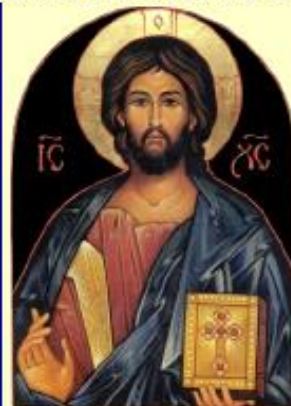
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**Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 2 P.M.**

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# MONDAY, MARCH 2 2025



## SENIOR DIVISION

(GRADES 10-12)

### TOPIC 1

His All-Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch, is recognized as the highest Primate in the Church. This title signifies a unique leadership role within the Orthodox Church, where authority and primacy are balanced with equality among Patriarchs. Discuss the practical implications versus the theoretical aspects of His All-Holiness' role in the Orthodox Church. What does it mean for him to be both "first among equals" and "first without equals"?

### TOPIC 2

The Seven Ecumenical Councils are regarded as seven of the most important parts of Church History, which came after the completion of the Bible. Pick one of the Council's and explain why it is important.

### TOPIC 3

The Bible is full of figures, both good and bad, who, while not talked about frequently, can be hugely helpful in understanding both salvation history and our place in it. Pick a lesser-known figure from the Bible, explain who they are, how they fit into the Biblical narrative, and what we can learn from them.

### TOPIC 4

While every church building is different, there are specific guidelines and practices that describe how and why they are built the way they are. Research them, and then explain their theological significance.

### TOPIC 5

As the world grows increasingly tumultuous and fearful, today's youth appear to be more anxious about the future. Discuss Christ's role as the bringer of hope and how that fits into modern life.



# AFTER CHURCH SERVICE

## JUNIOR DIVISION

(GRADES 7-9)



### TOPIC 1

Philanthropy is an important part of the Church's mission. It involves more than giving money. Why is it important to support people in different ways besides just donating? In what ways can we offer support, and how can these other forms of help make a difference in the lives of individuals and the community?

### TOPIC 2

In Psalm 4, we are told to "be angry, but sin not." Why would we be encouraged to be angry? How does anger fit into the life of an Orthodox Christian?

### TOPIC 3

The Orthodox Church is filled with repetition: we sing "Lord, have mercy" dozens of times every service, we sing the Paschal Troparion all throughout Pascha, and we repeat the same Divine Liturgy every single time. What is the importance of repetition in the Orthodox Church?

### TOPIC 4

The Russian Orthodox novelist, Fyodor Dostoevsky, once said that "Beauty will save the world." What is the role of beauty in the Church and in the world at large?

### TOPIC 5

What is the symbolism of the liturgical vestments worn by a deacon, priest, and bishop, and how do these vestments reflect and correlate to their specific roles and responsibilities within the Divine Liturgy?



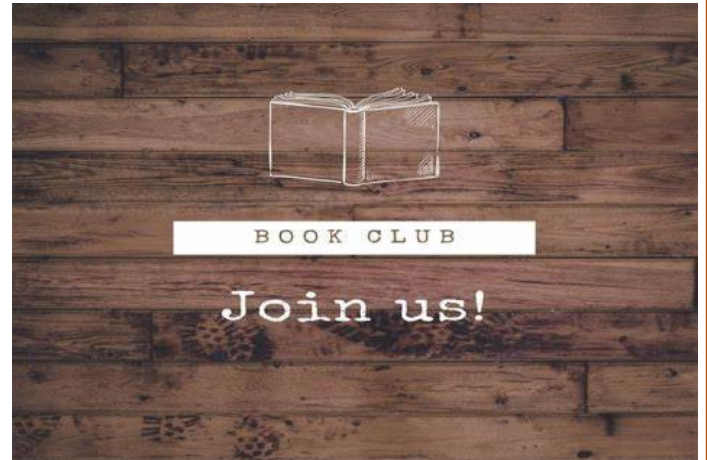
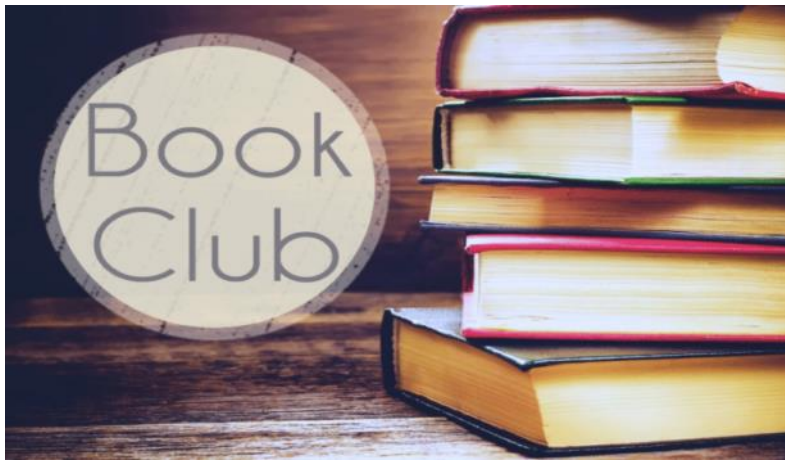
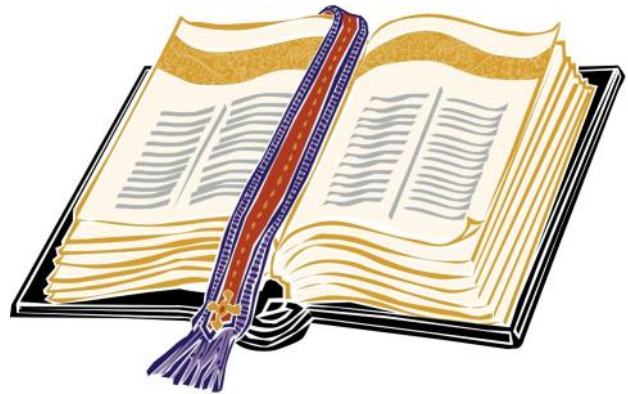
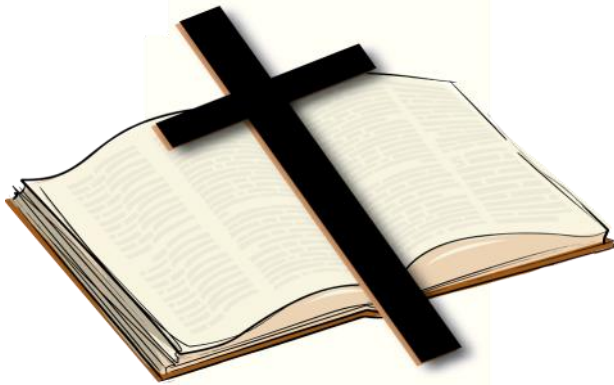
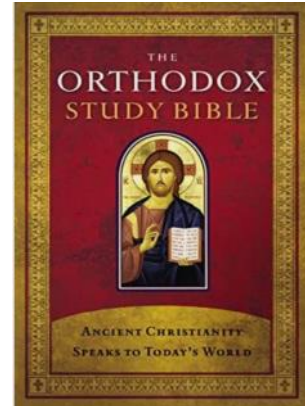
# Saint George's Bible Study

Next Session is on Wednesday, February 5th

**GOYA Bible Study: 6:00pm-7:00pm**

**Adult Bible Study: 7:00pm-8:00pm**

For more information contact  
**Mikael Maras** at 610-639-1202



You are all welcome to join our Book Reading Club,  
on **Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 pm.**

The mission of our reading club is to share a good book and encourage each other in our Christian journey, deepen our faith and friendships.

**Reading Club Leaders**  
**Thomas & Sophia Restas**



## **PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY**

*Ai Miroforoi*

St. George Greek Orthodox Church



### **Greetings from the Ladies of Philoptochos**

Each Sunday after Liturgy, there is Coffee Hour. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The Philoptochos ladies will be setting up donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy. There will be a 3 month schedule for anyone interested in sponsoring Coffee Hour. If you are interested, please let the office know.

January 26 Academy of Aristotle is sponsoring the coffee Hour in honor of the Greek Letter Day

February 2 Godparents Day – GOYA Fundraiser( Chicken fingers & fries)

February 9 AHEPA Cheesesteak Fundraiser

February 16

February 23

March 2

March 9

March 16

Sunday of Orthodoxy - Philoptochos Luncheon(no memorials)

Roula Nikolaidis –Bateman and her family are sponsoring the coffee hour in memory of Hrisi 'Soula' Nikolaides.

Maria Nazarides and her family are sponsoring the coffee hour in memory of Theodoros Nazarides.

March 23

March 30

### **Coffee Hour Clean up**

Every Sunday after church, the congregation is offered Coffee hour with some sort of desserts and many times luncheons. We ask everyone to kindly assist in the cleanup of the hall by everyone disposing of their trash before leaving the Hall.

**Everyone's help in maintaining the cleanliness of our Hall is Appreciated!**

**We the Philoptochos thank you for your Assistance .**

### **DONATION REQUEST**

Donation of small water bottles and small juice boxes are needed for coffee hour. If you would like to donate either of these items please drop them off at St. George or bring them on a Sunday. Thank you.

**Just a friendly reminder that when you are receiving holy communion and / or kissing an icon, please not wear any type of lip product.**

**Thank you.**



ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

# GODPARENTS' SUNDAY

We invite Godparents to attend the Divine Liturgy and  
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FEBRUARY  
SUNDAY 2 AT 9:30 AM  
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**OVC**  
Orthodox Volunteer Corps

## **OVC SUNDAY – JANUARY 26**



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Michael Sider-Rose and Kyra  
Limberakis at:

[info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org](mailto:info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org)



[www.orthodoxvolunteercorps.org](http://www.orthodoxvolunteercorps.org)

### **LIVE YOUR FAITH. SERVE FOR A YEAR.**

Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC) is a yearlong domestic service program for Orthodox young adults and an official Agency of the Assembly of Bishops. We offer young adults from across the country an immersive year of service in Pittsburgh and Boston, working at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more. In addition, Corps Members receive weekly formation & training in Orthodoxy and community-based leadership development, live in community with other Orthodox young adults, and engage local parishes. Housing, transportation, and food are 100% covered.

OVC began in Pittsburgh in 2022 and expanded to Boston in 2024. To learn more, scan the QR code. Application deadline for Fall 2025 is February 20. Applicants must be 21-29 years old.

**Nominate a young adult or apply yourself today!**

# SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024-2025



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**Congratulations to our St. George Boys Varsity Team for winning the 1st place at the Holy Trinity Tournament !!!**  
**First time in tournament history that St. George Media Varsity Boys has won!!!**





## CHESTER-DELCO AHEPA

### CHAPTER NO. 79

#### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – SPRING 2025

The “E” in Ahepa stands for “Educational.” That is a major mission of the organization.

For decades, Chester-Delco Ahepa Chapter No. 79 has been awarding scholarships to young adults affiliated with the local Ahepa and/or Daughters Chapters and/or with St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Media, PA. Over the years, scholarships totaling almost \$250,000 have been awarded to our worthy youth. In May, 2024 \$18,000 was awarded to 18 recipients.

In order to maintain and grow the Scholarship Program to accommodate the ever increasing numbers of worthy students, more funds are needed.

Chester-Delco Ahepa Chapter No. 79 is now actively soliciting tax deductible donations for scholarships and seeking the support of philanthropic and generous individuals and organizations so that we may have the resources to support these capable young people as they engage in their academic pursuits.

We are truly thankful for the generous donors who through the years have continued to support the ideals of the AHEPA and the growth of our Scholarship Program. We welcome others to assist in this worthy endeavor. May God Bless them all!

Donations of any size would be greatly appreciated and useful. To dedicate a named scholarship for the Spring of 2025, a minimum donation of \$1,000 is required to be received by the Chapter by March 3, 2025. Please make out your check to Chester-Delco AHEPA Chapter 79 and mail it to Bill Kalogredis, 195 Pheasant Run Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

If anyone wishes to establish a perpetual named scholarship, a \$30,000 donation is required. This may be paid over a time period of five or fewer years. Once the donated amount totals \$30,000, the awarding of the perpetual scholarship in the name of the donor’s choice will begin.

If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact Bill Kalogredis at (610) 701-4402 (or by email [@bkalogredis@lambmcerlane.com](mailto:bkalogredis@lambmcerlane.com)), George Kaffes at (610) 874-0705, or any Chester-Delco Ahepan.

Thank you!

Chester-Delco Ahepa Chapter No. 79

Dear St. George Parishioners and Friends,

It is "open season" to applying for a Chester-Delco AHEPA Chapter #79 2025 Scholarship. Please see the below for the Application and more information.

Our AHEPA Chapter believes it is important to play a role in supporting our young men and women as they work to accomplish their dreams and goals. They are our future.

With the anticipated 2025 Scholarship awards, Chester-Delco AHEPA will exceed \$250,000 in Scholarships awarded. This could not have been accomplished without the generosity and support of many. We thank you all.

If you have any questions about the Application process or how you may financially support the Scholarship Program, please feel free to reach out to any Chester-Delco AHEPAN.

Happy New Year for you and your loved ones!

With love in Christ.

Vasilios J. Kalogredis  
Chester-Delco Chapter #79 Scholarship Co-Chairman

<https://fs30.formsite.com/AHEPA79/y06fjrvngj/index>

## *Community Shelter Outreach*



Dear Parishioners,

St. George has been providing a monthly meal for residents of Safe Harbor for over 20 years. However, due to the new climate of precaution, they cannot accept prepared/cooked – in advance meals unless they are restaurant prepared or catered by a licensed registered kitchen. Because this is not possible for most of our parishioners, we will need to discontinue providing our monthly offering.

Thus, we have decided to continue to support the Safe Harbor mission by collecting monetary donations and/or grocery store gift cards. As we receive the donations, they will be forward to Safe Harbor to continue our commitment to help

those facing food insecurity.

If you are interested in donating, please make checks payable to Safe Harbor or bring Grocery store gift cards to our church office.

I will make sure that they are forward to the proper Safe Harbor coordinator.

**Very Special thanks in December to Harry and Eleni Lupia for their very generous super-market gift card donations to Safe Harbor. Their donation helped the residence with their Christmas dinner.**

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