

St. George Greek Orthodox Church Sunday Bulletin

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Sunday, March 23rd 2025 - Sunday of the Holy Cross

Κυριακή 23 Μαρτίου - Κυριακή Γ' τῶν Νηστειῶν (τῆς Σταυροπροσκυνήσεως)

Apolitikion: 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!

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.

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: 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.

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

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς: 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.

Ἁγίου 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: Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Αναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Coffee Hour : offered today by Philoprochos Ladies.

Ἵρα του Καφε: Προσφέρεται σήμερα ἀπὸ τις Κυρίες της Φιλοπτώχου.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 23	Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am 5:30 - 6:30pm	Sunday of the Holy Cross Vespers of Contrition
Tuesday, March 25	Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am	Annunciation of the Theotokos
Wednesday, March 26	5:30 - 6:30pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 28	6:30 - 7:30pm	4th Salutations
<u>Λειτουργικὸν Πρόγραμμα</u>		
Κυριακή, 23 Μαρτίου	Ορθρος 8:30πμ/Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30πμ 5:30- 6:30 μμ	Κυριακή Γ' τῶν Νηστειῶν (τῆς Σταυροπροσκυνήσεως) Κατανυκτικὸς Ἑσπερινὸς τῆς Μετανοίας
Τρίτη, 25 Μαρτίου	Ορθρος 8:30πμ/Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30πμ	Εὐαγγελισμὸς τῆς Θεοτόκου
Τετάρτη, 26 Μαρτίου	5:30- 6:30 μμ	Προηγιασμένη Ἑσπερινὴ Θεία Λειτουργία
Παρασκευή, 28 Μαρτίου	6:30- 7:30 μμ	Δ' Χαιρετισμοί

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the 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 honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 4:14-16, 5:1-6 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

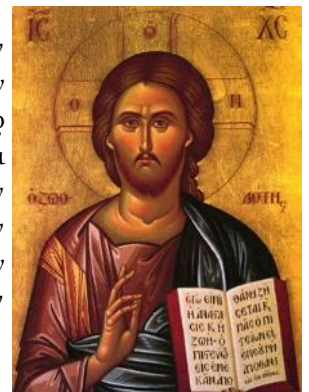
Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοίότητα, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρηρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περιίκεται ἀσθενείαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρῶν. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν, Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

The Gospel According to 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."

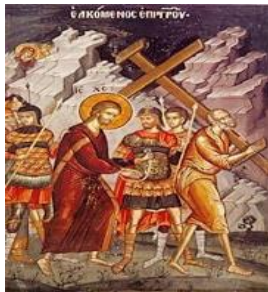
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἂν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἂν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμούς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτόν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday of the Holy Cross-March 23



With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent. Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.

Annunciation of the Theotokos-March 25

Six months after John the Forerunner's conception, the Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, a town of Galilee, unto Mary the Virgin, who had come forth from the Temple a mature maiden (see Nov. 21). According to the tradition handed down by the Fathers, she had been betrothed to Joseph four months. On coming to Joseph's house, the Archangel declared: "Rejoice, thou Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." After some consideration, and turmoil of soul, and fear because of this greeting, the Virgin, when she had finally obtained full assurance concerning God's unsearchable condescension and the ineffable dispensation that was to take place through her, and believing that all things are possible to the Most High, answered in humility: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And at this, the Holy Spirit came upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her all-blameless womb, and the Son and Word of God, Who existed before the ages, was conceived past speech and understanding, and became flesh in her immaculate body (Luke 1:26-38). Bearing in her womb the Uncontainable One, the blessed Virgin went with haste from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea, where Zacharias had his dwelling; for she desired to find Elizabeth her kinswoman and rejoice together with her, because, as she had learned from the Archangel, Elizabeth had conceived in her old age. Furthermore, she wished to tell her of the great things that the Mighty One had been well-pleased to bring to pass in her, and she greeted Elizabeth and drew nigh to her. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she felt her six-month-old babe, Saint John the Baptist, prophesied of the dawning of the spiritual Sun. Immediately, the aged Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and recognized her as the Mother of her Lord, and with a great voice blessed her and the Fruit that she held within herself. The Virgin also, moved by a supernatural rejoicing in the spirit, glorified her God and Savior, saying: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," and the rest, as the divine Luke hath recorded (1:39-55).



Synaxis in honor of the Archangel Gabriel-March 26



This festive Synaxis is celebrated to the glory of the Archangel Gabriel, since he ministered to the marvelous mystery of God's incarnate dispensation.

Martyr Matrona of Thessaloniki-March 27

This martyr was the servant of a certain Jewish woman named Pantilla, the wife of the Governor of Thessalonica. When Matrona refused to follow her mistress into the synagogue Pantilla beat her so severely that she died in a few days, and thus received the crown of her confession.



Hilarion the New-March 28



Saint Hilarion took up the monastic life from his youth and lived in seclusion. Later, as Abbot of the Monastery of Pelecete in Asia Minor (believed to be in Bithynia, not far from Triglia), he suffered much from the Iconoclasts, and reposed in the year 754.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 23	after service	JOY/HOPE dance practice
Sunday, March 23	2:00pm	Aristotle Academy Celebration for Greek Independence Day
Monday, March 24	5:30pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes
Tuesday, March 25	6:30pm	Book Reading Club
Wednesday, March 26	6-8 pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Adult Classes
Thursday, March 27	5:30-7:30pm	Aristotle Academy Greek School Classes
Sunday, March 30	after service	GOYA Cookie Fundraiser



Save the day

Wednesday, April 9 6pm & 7pm Bible Study GOYA/ADULT
 May 2-4 Saint George Spring Festival

THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey cordially invites you to the

Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Benefit Luncheon

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
 1200 Klockner Road, Trenton (Hamilton), New Jersey, 08619

March 29, 2025 | 11:00am | \$125 per ticket

Scan or Click for Ticket and Sponsorship Information

PHILADELPHIA GREEK INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS 2025

PARADE
 SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

PARADE GRAND MARSHALS
 DRAKE & MARIA BEHRAKIS

10:00 AM DOXOLOGY SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL	1:00 PM FORMATION 22 ND STREET & BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY	2:00 PM STEP-OFF/PARADE MARCHING TOWARDS GRANDSTANDS AT 18 TH & LOGAN CIRCLE
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The Federation of Hellenic- American Societies of Philadelphia & Greater Delaware Valley

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**.

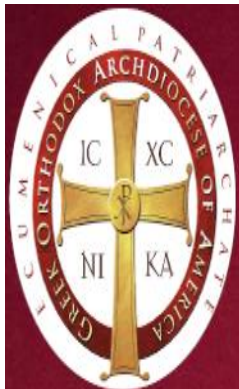
Artoclasia is available for purchase to celebrate a name day or special occasion from the Philoptochos Society, **5 loaves for \$50**.

Prospora & Holy Communion Wine for Memorial are available for purchase for **\$50**.

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
for the Feast Day of
St. George the Great Martyr

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:00 A.M.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

30 E Forge Road

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The Orthodox Christian respects and loves the clergy. Knowing that the clergy are servants of God and man, devoting their life for the salvation of Christ's flock. The Orthodox Christian expresses his gratitude and respect to them on every occasion. The Holy Apostle Paul writes: "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God, consider the outcome of their life and imitate their faith; Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings. Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give an account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you" (Hebrews 13:7-9, 13, 17).

No one should slander, disrespect, criticize, lie, or attempt to discredit and undermine the sacred mission of his ministry. Instead, the Orthodox Christian should make every effort to share and support his ministry. All who are in responsible positions i.e., members of the parish council, heads of the various parish ministries, committee chairmen, employees of the parish, etc. within the parish must always seek his ap-

proval or blessing before making any decision or taking any action. As the head of the parish, he is totally responsible to God and the Metropolitan of all that takes place within his parish. Orthodox Christians that understand their Christian faith trust and cooperate with their priest and do not challenge his Office and his every decision.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1 Timothy 5:17

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

Church, for us Orthodox Christians, is the holiest of all places. It is the place where we come face-to-face with our Lord, thereby, demanding the utmost in respect and conduct. While in Church, WE DO NOT chew gum, candy, etc., and WE DO NOT cross our legs or move around and carry on a conversation, especially in the Narthex of our Church.

All of these activities tend to distract those around us and lead our soul away from the mystical experiences of the Divine Liturgy. Our movements about the Church, at their appointed times, should be done with the utmost respect for the place in which the Lord dwells.

WHEN ARE WE NOT TO ENTER THE NAVE of our CHURCH?

As we are entering God's Home, we must always keep in mind that during the following times, WE MUST NOT ENTER THE NAVE of our Church NOR COME TO THE FRONT of the Church to light a votive candle:

**During the Small Entrance (when the procession with the Gospel takes place)*

**During the EPISTLE Reading*

**During the GOSPEL Reading*

**When the priest is censuring and is facing the Congregation*

**During the GREAT ENTRANCE (when the procession of the Holy Gifts takes place)*

**When the priest is blessing the Congregation*

**During the recitation of the Nicene Creed ("I believe...")*

**During the Consecration of the Holy Gifts*

**During the recitation of the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father...")*

**During the Priest's sermon*



WHEN DO WE KNEEL ?

* **We do not kneel** on Sundays during the consecration of the Holy Gifts as Sundays are resurrectional in nature

***We do kneel** on Weekday services except from Easter until the Pentecost

– However, for many decades in our Churches, the Faithful have had the pious tradition of kneeling, even if it has been technically and theologically wrong to do so.

After receiving Holy Communion, **we step away from the Chalice before doing our Cross**

We fast year-round on Wednesdays and Fridays; Saturdays are not fasting days

WHILE IN CHURCH, REMEMBER to...

**Wear appropriate attire to enter God's House*

**Silence your mobile devices*

**Sit with your legs uncrossed*

**Refrain from chewing gum, mints, or candy*

**Remove lipstick when receiving Holy Communion or when venerating and kissing the icons*

**Follow the direction of the Priest for standing & sitting*

**Maintain quiet in the Sanctuary*

**Refrain from greeting others while in the Church during and exiting from the Divine Liturgy -that is reserved for Fellowship Hour AFTER services*

**Refrain from applauding*

**Not to occupy the hallways or community center during the Divine Liturgy. Instead...*

**Enter God's House formally with reverence and respect*

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

Offering Prayer



Lord our God, as you welcomed the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah and Abraham, the incense of Aaron and Zachariah, do welcome also, from the hands of us sinners, these offerings, so that in clear conscience we may always offer to you gifts and the resources of our labor, for your glorification, for the alleviation of sufferings and hunger, for the ministry to your people, by the grace, mercy and philanthropy of your only begotten Son with whom You are blessed from ages to ages. Amen.

Προσευχή Προσφοράς

Κύριε Θεέ, όπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δεχθείς από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να Σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας για την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξιλασμό του λαού Σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Ending: March 19, 2025

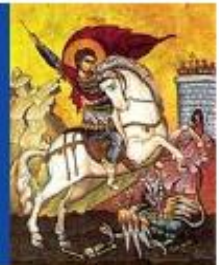


<u>YEAR</u>	<u># FAMILIES</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>FAMILY AVG.</u>
2025	145	\$ 97,085	670
2024	129	\$ 80,913	627
	16	\$ 16,172	43

* Our daily expenses to sustain St. George is \$1,500



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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 **\$1,500 \$2,000 \$3,000 \$5,000 Other _____
 \$ _____ weekly \$ _____ monthly \$ _____ quarterly \$ _____ semi-annually \$ _____ annually

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date Submitted: _____

**The family average contribution needed to fund St. George's operating budget is \$1,500.
 Please plan to give in proportion to your God-given income and family circumstances.

2025 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM • PAYMENT OPTIONS

Stewardship payments can be made by the following methods:

- Automatic Payments using Bill Pay from your bank.
 (Preferred Option)
 Use steward number as the account number
- Electronic payments via Square or Venmo
 Link available on www.StGeorgeMedia.Org
- Check mailed to St. George Office
- Stewardship Envelopes Dropped off in Church Service Basket
 (Check or Cash)

Venmo Link

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PLEDGE AMOUNT

MONTHLY <i>(12 Payments)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
QUARTERLY <i>(4 Payments)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$750	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
OTHER FREQUENCY	Number of payments _____			\$ _____ Amount per payment		

I wish to contribute to St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Media, PA utilizing one of the options on this commitment form for supporting the 2025 Christian Stewardship Program.

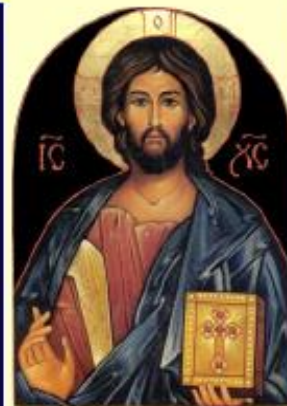
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By signing below I am committing to pledge and submit my commitment to St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Media PA

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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To help defray the cost of decorating the Epitaphio please send cash or check to the Church for “Epitaphios Flowers”.

THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS









WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR DONATIONS FOR 2025 EASTER FLOWER FUND!



WE WANT TO THANK MRS VICKIE MARAGOUidakis FOR HER BEAUTIFUL FLOWER DESIGNS OF THE ICONS AND ARRANGEMENTS THAT SHE CREATES FOR ST. GEORGE CHURCH !

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHAI Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!	 BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHAI (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

2025 ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY EASTER CARD

Great Lent is here, so it's that time of year again to think of submitting your names for the
Annual St. George Community Easter Card.

The minimum suggested donation is **\$30.00** per family, although larger offerings in support of your church and its ministries are also appreciated. This card is mailed to the entire St. George Community. In these days when printing and postage costs are making personal cards more and more expensive, you can include your greetings to the whole community and support your church at the same time!

Please complete the form below and submit it with your check, made payable to "St. George Greek Orthodox Church". Please write "Easter Card Donation" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

Donation must accompany form. We wish you and your family *Kali Anastasi, a Blessed Resurrection.*

(Donation Minimum \$30.00)

Name as listed on card: _____

Name of person submitting this form: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ email address: _____

Amount Paid: Cash:\$ _____ Check\$ _____ Check#: _____

Please mail to: St George Greek Orthodox Church, 30 East Forge Rd., Media, PA 19063

Please submit no later than April 6, 2025. **Donation must accompany form.** Thank you.



2025 EASTER FLOWER LILIES



This year you may donate towards the **Easter Flower Lilies** "*in memory of*" or "*in honor of*" your loved one(s). The Lilies will adorn our blessed St. George Church during the Holy Week and Easter. Following their bloom, they will be planted outdoors in the Church Gardens, where they will flower annually.

Also the names of the "in Memory of" will be read during the Holy Friday Services. "In honor of" names will be read during the Resurrection Service.

If you wish to donate towards The Easter Flower Lilies, please complete the following form and submit to the Church.

Please submit no later than April 6, 2025. **Donation must accompany form.** Thank you.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Name of person submitting this form: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ email address: _____

Number of Lilies: _____ @ \$25.00 each _____

Amount Paid: Cash:\$ _____ Check\$ _____ Check#: _____

Philoptochos Society -- Ai Miroforoi
Easter Bread & Spanakopita Order Form - 2025

SOLD TO: _____ PAID _____ (Check/Cash)

TELEPHONE: _____ AMOUNT DUE: _____

Firm Due Date for Orders: _____ **TAKEN** _____
Sunday, April 5th, 2025 10:30am-1:30pm

Pick-up Date: Sunday, April 13 2025 (Palm Sunday)



Checks Payable to: *Philoptochos Society*

ITEM	COST	Quantity	Total
Round loaves, Nine (9)-inch with Red Egg	\$15		
Round loaves— Ten (10)-inch with Red Egg	\$17		
Long Braided Loaves	\$15		
Spanakopita - Large (Frozen)	\$55		
TOTAL			

Return this form to: Mrs. Angie Santora or call 610-656-2942 OR Mrs. Diane Nayman or call 610-574-0382

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.

Introducing the St. George Senior Fellowship!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new ministry dedicated to the seniors of our parish! The St. George Senior Fellowship is a ministry designed to foster spiritual growth, fellowship, and support for our beloved senior members ages 60 and older (or 55+ if interested).

Our Mission:

To provide a space for our seniors to connect, grow in faith, and engage with our church family through regular gatherings, educational discussions, and social events.

What to Expect:

- || Monthly gatherings with coffee and fellowship
- || Spiritual talks and Bible studies
- || Outings and social events
- || Support for homebound parishioners
- || Opportunities for mentorship and service

“Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.”

– Proverbs 16:31

More details will be shared soon! Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.



Senior Fellowship

They shall still bring forth
fruit in old age; they shall
be fat and flourishing;
Psalm 92:14



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.

- March 23** Sunday of the Holy Cross
March 30 Vasiliades family is sponsoring the coffee hour in memory of Emanouel M. Vasiliades.
- April 6** Marco & Ted Tourlitis are sponsoring the coffee hour in memory of their beloved mother Parthena Tourlitis.
- April 13** Palm Sunday Parish Council Luncheon
April 20 Easter
April 27 Markos Tsakiris & his Family are sponsoring the coffee hour in honor of St. Mark's Feast day.
- May 4** Myrrh-Bearing Women-Artoclasia
May 11 Mother's Day
May 18
May 25

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 .

Community Shelter Outreach

Dear Parishioners,

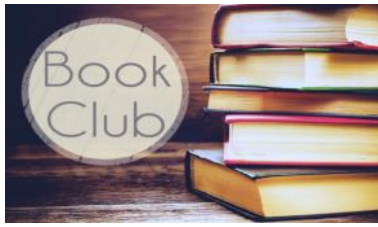


St. George has been providing a monthly meal for residents of Safe Harbor for over 20 years. However, due to the new climate of precaution, they cannot accept prepared/cooked – in advance meals unless they are restaurant prepared or catered by a licensed registered kitchen. Because this is not possible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

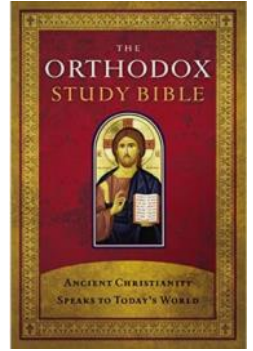
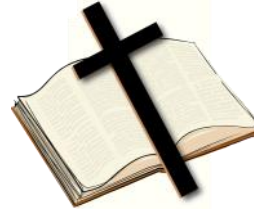
Very Special thanks in March to Niko Stephanides for his very generous supermarket gift card donations to Safe Harbor. What a wonderful way to begin our Lenten Season of love and giving.



You are all welcome to join our Book Reading Club, on **Tuesday, March 25 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

Saint George's Bible Study

Next Session is on Wednesday, April 9
GOYA Bible Study: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Adult Bible Study: 7:00pm-8:00pm
 For more information contact
Mikael Maras at 610-639-1202



St. George Media GOYA Presents: Cookie Fundraiser Sunday, March 30th



GET 1 COOKIE FOR \$2
OR
GET 3 COOKIES FOR \$5

JOY & HOPE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025



February Fun KOLIVA LESSON



MDF DANCE COMPETITION



Updates

Congratulations to our JOY & HOPE children for participating in MDF and getting 3rd place in the Primary group! They did an amazing job!!

Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY (AFTER CHURCH)

JOY & HOPE Dance Practice

MARCH 3RD (5:30PM)

Kathara Deftera (Clean Monday)
 Kite Flying in Church Parking Lot.

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!!

Sign up to receive email updates

HOPE
 Ages 4-2nd grade



JOY
 GRADES 3RD-6TH



Seeking Coordinator(s) for Moms, Pops & Tots Ministry

The Moms, Pops & Tots Ministry at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Media, PA, is looking for dedicated coordinators to help lead this special program! This ministry provides a loving and faith-filled environment for parents, grandparents, and caregivers with children ages 40 days to 4 years old. It is a wonderful opportunity for little ones to play, explore, and begin their spiritual journey while their families build lasting friendships and support one another. As a coordinator, you will help organize gatherings, plan simple activities, and create a welcoming space for our young families. No prior experience is needed—just a warm heart and a willingness to serve!

If you feel called to help shape this beautiful ministry, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Fr. Zissis at frzissis@stgeorgemedia.org for more information or to express your interest.

We appreciate your support in growing this vibrant community for our little ones and their families!



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