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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Very Reverend Archimandrite, Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers, Dean



Today is: Sunday, December 16, 2018

11th Sunday of Luke

**Haggi the Prophet / Modestos Abbot of Jerusalem
Αγγαίος Προφήτης / Μόδεστος, επίσκοπος Ιεροσολύμων**

Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral,

Whether you are a returning Greek Orthodox to our legendary St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, a newcomer to Philadelphia or the Greater Delaware Valley, or someone with an emerging interest in the Orthodox Faith, I, the Parish Council and all the parishioners and families of St. George Cathedral welcome you to our home where we have been serving for close to 100 years. Since the days of the first D. Liturgy back in 1911 in the original church and continuing through the current St. George Cathedral, the people of Orthodox faith have gathered together for prayer, faith foundation, worship, service to the poor and fellowship. As a parish community, some of our proudest moments come through the children served through our Religious Education and Greek School programs creating the next generation of Orthodox to serve here locally and to share the message of Christ throughout the world.

Our schools commit to teach as Jesus did; instilling a love of our Orthodox faith and love of neighbor. St. George Cathedral Religious and Greek Schools create a caring, respectful environment which promote the learning of language, history and tradition and religion, and develop faithful Christians and responsible citizens. The schools strive to reach each child through an engaging environment filled with hands on teaching and a true compassion for sacred life. Instilling a love for God, the teachings of Jesus and a true passion for learning are the most important lessons we can share with our children.

I ask that you go to the website of the Cathedral at: <http://saintgeorgecathedral.org/ministries/hellenic-language> for the Greek School and: <http://saintgeorgecathedral.org/ministries/religious-education> for the Religious Education School for an opportunity to learn more about our Cathedral Schools. Please contact the Director of the Religious Education School, Eleni Belisonzi at: ebelisonzi@gmail.com and Maria Marinou, the Director of the Greek School, at: mmf_graph@yahoo.gr or for both the office of the Cathedral at: 215-627-4389 for more information. They look forward to hearing from you!

I certainly hope you will acquaint yourself with what our schools have to offer by exploring our website and find something that interests you as well as encourage you to become an active member of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any other member of the parish staff, by calling the Parish Office at (215-627-4389) or office@stgeorgecathedral.org.

God Bless you all,

**Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers
Dean of the Cathedral**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Sun., Dec. 16** **11th Sunday of Luke**
8:45 am the Orthros, 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy
Sunday School Christmas Pageant
- Sun., Dec., 23** **Sunday Before Christmas**
8:45 am the Orthros, 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy
- *6 Month Trisagion Service for the repose of the soul of George Baxevanidis. May his memory be Eternal!*
- *4 Year Memorial Service for the repose of the soul of Andrian Kavvadias. May her memory be Eternal!*
- *12 Years Memorial Service for the repose of the soul of Athanasios Kavvadias. May his memory be Eternal!*
- Mon., Dec. 24** **The Royal Hours of Christmas & Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**
Service starts @ 8:30am
- Tue., Dec. 25** **CHRISTMAS**
8:45 am the Orthros, 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy
- Sun, Dec. 30** **Sunday after Christmas**
8:45 am the Orthros, 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy
- Tues, Jan. 1** **New Year's Day, The Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the Great**
8:45 am the Orthros, 9:30 am the Divine Liturgy
- Sat. Jan 5** **The Royal Hours of the Epiphany, Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, and Blessing of Holy Water**
Service Starts at 8:30 am
- Sun, Jan. 6** **EPIPHANY DAY**
8:45 am the Orthros, 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy
& Blessing of the Water
Vasilopita Cutting & Philoptochos Sisterhood Luncheon benefit St. Basil Academy, Garrison, NY
- Mon. Jan. 7** **The Synaxis of St. John the Baptist**
8:30 am the Orthros, 9:30 am the Divine Liturgy

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

- Κυρ. 16 Δεκ.** **Κυριακή ενδεκάτη Λουκά**
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
*Χριστουγεννιάτικη σχολική εορτή του Κατηχητικού
Σχολείου του Καθεδρικού Ναού*
- Κυρ. 23 Δεκ.** **Κυριακή πρό των Χριστουγέννων**
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Τρισάγιον έξη μηνών υπέρ αναπαύσεως του Γεωργίου
Μπαξεβανίδη. Είθε η μνήμη αυτού να είναι αιωνία!*
- *Μνημόσυνον τεσσάρων ετών υπέρ αναπαύσεως της
Ανδριανής Καββαδίας. Είθε η μνήμη αυτής να είναι
αιωνία!*
- *Μνημόσυνον δώδεκα ετών υπέρ αναπαύσεως του
Αθανασίου Καββαδία. Είθε η μνήμη αυτού να είναι
αιωνία!*
- Δευτ. 24 Δεκ.** **Βασιλικές Ώρες των Χριστουγέννων
και Θ. Λειτουργία Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου**
Η Ακολουθία αρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.
- Τρίτη. 25 Δεκ.** **ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ**
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Κυρ. 30 Δεκ.** **Κυριακή μετά των Χριστουγέννων**
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Τρίτ. 1 Ιαν.** **Νέον Έτος, Η Περιτομή του Κυρίου, και Αγίου
Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου**
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Σάβ. 5 Ιαν.** **Οι Βασιλικές Ώρες των Θεοφανίων, Θ. Λειτουργία
Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου, και Μεγάλος Αγιασμός**
Η Ακολουθία αρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.
- Κυρ. 6 Ιαν.** **ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ**
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
*Κοπή της Βασιλόπιτας, και εκδήλωση με γεύμα της
Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας για την Ακαδημία του Αγίου
Βασιλείου, Garrison , NY*
- Δευτ. 7 Ιαν.** **Η Σύναξις του αγίου Ιωάννου του Προδρόμου**
8:30π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sunday, Dec. 16** **Church School Christmas Pageant**
*@ the Cathedral immediately after the end of
the Divine Liturgy*
- Sunday, Dec. 16** **Christmas Bazaar**
@ the Cathedral Social Hall
- Saturday, Dec. 22** **Metropolis of New Jersey Christmas Concert**
*@ St. John the Divine, Metropolitan Cathedral
Tenafly, NJ*
- Sunday, Jan. 6** **Vasilopita Cutting and Philoptohos Sisterhood
luncheon benefit St. Basil Academy, Garrison, NY**
*@ the Social Hall immediately after the end of
the Divine Liturgy*
- Sunday, Jan. 13** **Stewardship Program Sunday**
@ the Cathedral
- Sunday, Jan. 20** **Godparent Sunday**
@ the Cathedral

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

- Sunday, Dec. 16** Confirmation to Orthodoxy (Service of the
Chrismation) Hanna Keely.

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 3:4-11

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἧς ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζῆτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογία ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλληνας καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν Χριστός.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to St. Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 14:16-24

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἐποίησε δεῖπνον μέγα καὶ ἐκάλεσε πολλούς· καὶ ἀπέστειλε τὸν δοῦλον αὐτοῦ τῇ ὥρᾳ τοῦ δείπνου εἰπεῖν τοῖς κεκλημένοις· ἔρχεσθε, ὅτι ἤδη ἔτοιμά ἐστι πάντα. καὶ ἤρξαντο ἀπὸ μιᾶς παραιτεῖσθαι πάντες. ὁ πρῶτος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀγρὸν ἠγόρασα, καὶ ἔχω ἀνάγκην ἐξελθεῖν καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτόν· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· ζεύγη βοῶν ἠγόρασα πέντε, καὶ πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αὐτά· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· γυναῖκα ἔγημα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὐ δύναμαι ἐλθεῖν. καὶ παραγενόμενος ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος ἀπήγγειλε τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα. τότε ὀργισθεὶς ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης εἶπε τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ· ἔξελθε ταχέως εἰς τὰς πλατείας καὶ ῥύμας τῆς πόλεως, καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς καὶ ἀναπήρους καὶ χωλοὺς καὶ τυφλοὺς εἰσάγαγε ὧδε. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ δοῦλος· κύριε, γέγονεν ὡς ἐπέταξας, καὶ ἔτι τόπος ἐστί. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος πρὸς τὸν δοῦλον· ἔξελθε εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ φραγμοὺς καὶ ἀνάγκασον εἰσελθεῖν, ἵνα γεμισθῇ ὁ οἶκος μου. λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐκείνων τῶν κεκλημένων γεύσεταιί μου τοῦ δείπνου. Πολλοὶ γὰρ εἰσιν κλητοί, ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As Christian Stewards we are called to give back to God from the “first fruits” of our labor. We support our parish and her ministries in an intentional way and not with only what is left after everything else has been taken care of.

Please support our church and make your commitment towards stewardship if you have not done so already. We appreciate your support and your help to promote our ministries.

STEWARDSHIP STATUS AS OF NOVEMBER 2018

Budget Commitment	Total Pledged	Paid to Date	# of Stewards
\$100,000	\$ 76,720.00	\$72,225.00	172

Thank you for signing a 2018 Orthodox Christian Stewardship Commitment Card to support the Ministries of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, in Philadelphia. Your Stewardship provides the foundation for our service in the Lord and has a direct effect on encountering the challenges of the future.

If you haven't signed a Stewardship Commitment Card, please take the time to make your offering today and enable our Church to continue to enhance the spiritual growth of Orthodox Christianity entrusted to our care.

May our Lord richly bless you in all your endeavors.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Today is our annual Christmas Bazaar

Please come to the hall and support our fundraiser. We have lunch, Christmas gift items and baked goods for sale.

The Philoptochos Ladies Society of St. George Cathedral in Philadelphia will be meeting every first Wednesday of the month to prepare baked goods. The ladies will be at the Philoptochos Room from **10am to 2pm** and anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome to come. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

(Με απόφαση της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητος Κυριών του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίου Γεωργίου Φιλαδελφείας, τα μέλη αυτής θα συναντηθούν εφεξής κάθε πρώτη Τετάρτη του μήνα, και περί ώρα 10^η π.μ. έως 2ας μ.μ., για την προετοιμασία των ετησίων ζαχαροπλαστικών παρασκευασμάτων. Όσοι θα ήθελαν να συμμετάσχουν σε αυτή την προσπάθεια της Φιλοπτώχου αδελφότητος είναι ευπρόσδεκτες, και η βοήθειά τους θα είναι πολύτιμη.)

Our Philoptochos Chapter will be having a Clothing and Personal Toiletries Drive for the holidays. There is a need for **new or gently used womens clothing** and also **personal toiletries** for unfortunate individuals in the Philadelphia area. Please help us to provide for those in need by making your donations to this worthy cause. We will be collecting in the church hall every week until Christmas. Items needed are: toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, deodorants, mouth wash, socks, gloves, hats, coats, sweaters, pants, shirts, etc.

Upcoming meetings of the Philoptochos Society are as follows:

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Sunday, February 24, 2019

All of them will be held at the end of the Divine Liturgy at the Philoptochos Hall.



BAKED GOODS

**The Philoptochos will be baking
for the Holidays and taking orders
for Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

We can offer the following:

Platter of mixed Homemade Greek Pastries: \$25.00

Platter of Homemade Baklava
\$40.00

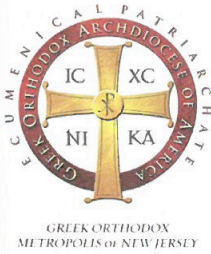
Vasilopita for the New Year



If you would like to place an order

call Pauline Manos at 215-272-4572

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Ecclesiastical Hymnology of Christmas*

by

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Under the direction of Protopsaltis and Choirmaster
Apostolos Combitsis

Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 6:00pm

St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Cathedral
353 East Clinton Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey 07670
(201) 567-5072

Reception will follow at the Community Center.

Welcome to Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Saint George is an historic Cathedral located in downtown Philadelphia, under the spiritual auspices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. We extend to you a warm and heartfelt Orthodox Christian welcome. Our Greek Orthodox Cathedral is dedicated to imitating the love and faithfulness of Jesus Christ by sharing the gospel with our words and living it with our lives. It exists to lead the faithful to the worship of the Holy Trinity according to the Faith and Tradition of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Our witnessing to our Faith is accomplished through the Sacramental life of the Church, its values and traditions, stewardship, fellowship, service, and Christian education.



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