

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Very Reverend Archimandrite, Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers, Dean



Today is: Sunday, December 2, 2018

14th Sunday of Luke

**Habakkuk the Prophet / Cyril of Phileus
Αββακούμ Προφήτης / Κύριλλος ο Φιλεώτης**

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 2** **14th Sunday of Luke**
8:45 am The Orthros, 10:00 am The Divine Liturgy
- *40-Day Memorial Service for the repose of the soul of Konstantinos Tassos. May his memory be Eternal!*
- *10-year Memorial Service for the repose of the soul of Eftihios Kalatsantonakis. May his memory be Eternal!*
- *Artoklasia for the family of Dr. Nicolas Nicolaou*
- *40-Day Blessing for new born child of Kotsos family*
- *PARISH ELECTIONS immediately after the end of the Divine Liturgy till 3:00pm.*
- Tues., Dec. 4** **St. Barbara the Great Martr**
8:30 am The Orthros, 9:30 am the Divine Liturgy
- Thurs., Dec. 6** **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker**
8:30 am The Orthros, 9:30 am the Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Dec. 9** **10th Sunday of Luke**
8:45 am The Orthros, 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy
- Wed., Dec. 12** **St. Spyridon the Wonderworker**
8:30 am The Orthros, 9:30 am the Divine Liturgy
- Sat., Dec. 15** **St. Eleftherios the Great Martyr**
8:30 am The Orthros, 9:30 am the Divine Liturgy
- 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
- Mon., Dec. 24** **The Royal Hours of Christmas & Vespereal 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

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

- Κυρ. 2 Δεκ.** **Κυριακή Δεκάτη Τετάρτη Λουκά**
8:45π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον του αιμνήστου αδελφού ημών Κωνσταντίνου Τάσσου. Είθε η μνήμη αυτού να είναι αιωνία!*
- *Μνημόσυνον δέκα ετών του αιμνήστου αδελφού ημών Ευτυχίου Καλαντζαντονάκη. Είθε η μνήμη αυτού να είναι αιωνία!*
- *Σαραντισμός νεογεννήτου της οικογενείας Κόντσου*
- *ΕΚΛΟΓΕΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ μετά το πέρας της Θ. Λειτουργίας έως και τις 3μ.μ.*
- Τρίτ. 4 Δεκ.** **Αγίας Βαρβάρας της Μεγαλομάρτυρος**
8:30π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Πέμπ. 6 Δεκ.** **Αγίου Νικολάου του Θαυματουργού**
8:30π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Κυρ. 9 Δεκ.** **Κυριακή δεκάτη Λουκά**
8:45π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Τετ. 12 Δεκ.** **Αγίου Σπυρίδωνος του Θαυματουργού**
8:30π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Σαβ. 15 Δεκ.** **Αγίου Ελευθερίου του Μεγαλομάρτυρος**
8:30π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Κυρ. 16 Δεκ.** **Κυριακή ενδεκάτη Λουκά**
8:45π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
Χριστουγεννιάτικη σχολική εορτή του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου
- Κυρ. 23 Δεκ.** **Κυριακή πρό των Χριστουγέννων**
8:45π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Δευτ. 24 Δεκ.** **Βασιλικές Ώρες των Χριστουγέννων και Θ. Λειτουργία Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου**
8:30π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Τρίτη. 25 Δεκ.** **ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ**
8:45π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sunday, Dec. 2** **Parish Elections**
@ the office of the Cathedral immediately after the end of the Divine Liturgy till 3:00pm
- Sunday, Dec. 9** **Philoptochos General Assembly Meeting**
@ the Philoptochos Hall immediately after the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, Dec. 9** **Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ, Christmas Tree Lighting @ 5:30-9pm**
@ the Metropolis of NJ Headquarters (Episkopion) 215 East Grove Street, Westfield, NJ
- Tuesday, Dec. 11** **Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30pm**
*@ Effie's Restaurant
1127 Pine Street, Philadelphia*
- 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

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 Ephesians

6: 10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα
6: 10-17

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνδυναμοῦσθε ἐν κυρίῳ, καὶ ἐν τῷ κράτει τῆς ἰσχύος αὐτοῦ. Ἐνδύσασθε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, πρὸς τὸ δύνασθαι ὑμᾶς στῆναι πρὸς τὰς μεθοδείας τοῦ διαβόλου. Ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἡμῖν ἡ πάλη πρὸς αἷμα καὶ σάρκα, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὰς ἀρχάς, πρὸς τὰς ἐξουσίας, πρὸς τοὺς κοσμοκράτορας τοῦ σκότους τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου, πρὸς τὰ πνευματικὰ τῆς πονηρίας ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις. Διὰ τοῦτο ἀναλάβετε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, ἵνα δυνηθῆτε ἀντιστῆναι ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῆς πονηρᾶ, καὶ ἅπαντα κατεργασάμενοι στῆναι. Στῆτε οὖν περιζωσάμενοι τὴν ὀσφὺν ὑμῶν ἐν ἀληθείᾳ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν θώρακα τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ ὑποδησάμενοι τοὺς πόδας ἐν ἐτοιμασίᾳ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐπὶ πᾶσιν ἀναλαβόντες τὸν θυρεὸν τῆς πίστεως, ἐν ᾧ δυνησέσθε πάντα τὰ βέλη τοῦ πονηροῦ τὰ πεπυρωμένα σβέσαι. Καὶ τὴν περικεφαλαίαν τοῦ σωτηρίου δέξασθαι, καὶ τὴν μάχαιραν τοῦ πνεύματος, ὃ ἔστιν ῥῆμα θεοῦ·

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to St. Luke
18: 35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα
18: 35-43

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ ἐγγίζειν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἱεριχὼ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν· ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων· Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ Δαυΐδ, ἐλέησόν με· καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν· υἱὲ Δαυΐδ, ἐλέησόν με. σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν λέγων· τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.

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 OCTOBER 2018

Budget Commitment	Total Pledged	Paid to Date	# of Stewards
\$100,000	\$ 75,055.00	\$68,530.00	163

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

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 Αδελφότητας 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 αδελφότητας 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.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 16, 2018. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer to help.

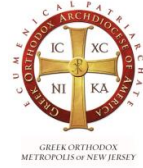
Upcoming meetings of the Philoptochos Society are as follows:

Sunday, December 9, 2018

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.



**HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN EVANGELOS OF NEW JERSEY**

*Cordially invites
The Reverend Clergy and their families, Parish Council Members,
Members of the Philoptochos Sisterhood, Religious Education and
Greek School Teachers and all heads of Parish Organizations, the
Orthodox Faithful and Friends of the Metropolis
to the*

**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
&
OPEN HOUSE**

*Sunday, December 9, 2018
5:30- 9:00pm*

at the

*Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Headquarters
215 East Grove Street
Westfield, NJ*





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

please



Greek Orthodox Metropolis
of New Jersey



The Metropolis of New Jersey Delaware Valley Youth Commission cordially invites

all GOYANs to the Annual Nativity Retreat & Service Project

Hosted at: St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church - 615 Mercer Street, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Saturday, December 8th, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Join us to share a few hours of fellowship with fellow GOYANs and remember the meaning that

our Lord Jesus Christ's Birth teaches us: We are not alone, We are Safe and Supported and We are Loved!!

Presentation, and Open Discussion on Tragedy, Trauma

and how it affects each person differently. God alone is the source of our healing!

by George Moutis, GOYA Advisor - St. George Asbury Park NJ



Service Project to Benefit Saint Basil Academy

Gift Cards of any amount to: Staples, Sears, Lowes, Walmart, Target, & Home Depot

St. Basil Academy is the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Home for Children in need and provides a loving Christian environment where resident children are nurtured to adulthood.

Please RSVP to Rania Pappas by December 4 at: St.ThomasCherryHillGOYA@gmail.com

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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