

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Today is: Sunday, December 30, 2018
Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

Anysia the Martyr / Gideon the New Martyr
Ανυσία Οσιομάρτυς / Γεδεών Νεομάρτυς

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. 30** **Sunday after Christmas**
8:45am the Orthros, 10:00am the Divine Liturgy
- Tues., Jan. 1** **New Year's Day, The Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the Great**
8:45am the Orthros, 9:30am the Divine Liturgy
- Sat., Jan 5** **The Royal Hours of the Epiphany, Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, and Blessing of Holy Water**
Service Starts at 8:30 am
- Sun., Jan. 6** **EPIPHANY DAY**
8:45am the Orthros, 10:00am the Divine Liturgy
& Blessing of the Holy Water
Vasilopita Cutting & Philoptochos Sisterhood Luncheon benefit St. Basil Academy, Garrison, NY
- Mon., Jan. 7** **The Synaxis of St. John the Baptist**
8:30am the Orthros, 9:30am the Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Jan. 13** **Sunday after Epiphany**
8:45am the Orthros, 10:00am the Divine Liturgy
Stewardship Sunday
- Thurs., Jan. 17** **St. Anthony The Great**
8:30am the Orthros, 9:30am the Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Jan. 20** **12th Sunday of Luke**
8:45am the Orthros, 10:00am the Divine Liturgy
Godparent Sunday
- Frid., Jan. 25** **St. Gregory the Theologian**
8:30am the Orthros, 9:30am the Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Jan. 27** **15th Sunday of Luke**
8:45am the Orthros, 10:00am the Divine Liturgy
- Wed., Jan. 30** **The Three Hierarchs**
8:30am the Orthros, 9:30am the Divine Liturgy
Greek Letters Celebration

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

- 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
- Κυρ., 13 Ιαν.** Κυριακή μετά των Θεοφανείων
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυριακή αφιερωμένη στο πρόγραμμα της ετήσιας εισφοράς
- Πέμπ., 17 Ιαν.** Αγίου Αντωνίου του Μεγάλου
8:30π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Κυρ., 20 Ιαν.** 12^η Κυριακή του Λουκά
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυριακή αφιερωμένη στους αναδόχους
- Παρ., 25 Ιαν.** Αγίου Γρηγορίου του Θεολόγου
8:30π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Κυρ., 27 Ιαν.** 15^η Κυριακή του Λουκά
8:45π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Τετ., 30 Ιαν.** Των Τριών Ιεραρχών
8:30π.μ. ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. η Θεία Λειτουργία
Εορτή των Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Thursday, Jan. 3** **Metropolis of New Jersey Vasilopita Cutting**
@ the Metropolis Headquarters
215 East Grove Street, Westfield, NJ
- Sunday, Jan. 6** **Vasilopita Cutting and Philoptochos Sisterhood luncheon benefiting 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. 13** **Demati Brotherhood Vasilopita Cutting**
@ the Social Hall at the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, Jan. 20** **Godparent Sunday**
@ the Cathedral
- Sunday, Jan. 27** **Greek Letters Celebration**
@ Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington Delaware
@ 4:00pm

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

- Saturday, January 19** **Wedding Sullivan/Carlin** **4:00pm**
- Sunday, January 27** **Baptism- Mila Andrews** **1:30pm**

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 1:11-19

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. Οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἀνθρώπου παρέλαβον αὐτό, οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην, ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἠκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν ἀναστροφήν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν· καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοὶ ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι· οὐδὲ ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπῆλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἱστορῆσαι Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε. Ἐτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to Matthew 2: 13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 2: 13-23

Ἀναχωρησάντων δὲ αὐτῶν ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου φαίνεται κατ' ὄναρ τῷ Ἰωσήφ λέγων· ἐγερθεὶς παράλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ φεῦγε εἰς Αἴγυπτον, καὶ ἴσθι ἐκεῖ ἕως ἂν εἶπω σοι· μέλλει γὰρ Ἡρώδης ζητεῖν τὸ παιδίον τοῦ ἀπολέσαι αὐτό. Ὁ δὲ ἐγερθεὶς παρέλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ νυκτὸς καὶ ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς Αἴγυπτον, καὶ ἦν ἐκεῖ ἕως τῆς τελευτῆς Ἡρώδου, ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· ἐξ Αἰγύπτου ἐκάλεσα τὸν υἱόν μου. Τότε Ἡρώδης ἰδὼν ὅτι ἐνεπαίχθη ὑπὸ τῶν μάγων, ἐθυμώθη λίαν, καὶ ἀποστείλας ἀνεῖλε πάντας τοὺς παῖδας τοὺς ἐν Βηθλεὲμ καὶ ἐν πᾶσι τοῖς ὀρίοις αὐτῆς ἀπὸ διετοῦς καὶ κατωτέρω, κατὰ τὸν χρόνον ὃν ἠκρίβωσε παρὰ τῶν μάγων. τότε ἐπληρώθη τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ Ἱερεμίου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· φωνὴ ἐν Ῥαμᾶ ἠκούσθη, θρῆνος καὶ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὄδυρμὸς πολὺς· Ῥαχήλ κλαίουσα τὰ τέκνα αὐτῆς, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελε παρακληθῆναι, ὅτι οὐκ εἰσίν. Τελευτήσαντος δὲ τοῦ Ἡρώδου ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ φαίνεται τῷ Ἰωσήφ ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ λέγων· ἐγερθεὶς παράλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ πορεύου εἰς γῆν Ἰσραὴλ· τεθνήκασι γὰρ οἱ ζητοῦντες τὴν ψυχὴν τοῦ παιδίου. Ὁ δὲ ἐγερθεὶς παρέλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς γῆν Ἰσραὴλ. ἀκούσας δὲ ὅτι Ἀρχέλαος βασιλεύει ἐπὶ τῆς Ἰουδαίας ἀντὶ Ἡρώδου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ, ἐφοβήθη ἐκεῖ ἀπελθεῖν· χρηματισθεὶς δὲ κατ' ὄναρ ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὰ μέρη τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς πόλιν λεγομένην Ναζαρέτ, ὅπως πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ τῶν προφητῶν ὅτι Ναζωραῖος κληθήσεται.

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

The Philoptochos will have a table today in the church hall selling Christmas Goods. Please support us in our fund raising for the poor.

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 και όσες θα ήθελαν να συμμετάσχουν σε αυτή την προσπάθεια της Φιλοπτώχου αδελφότητας είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι, και η βοήθειά τους θα είναι πολύτιμη.)*

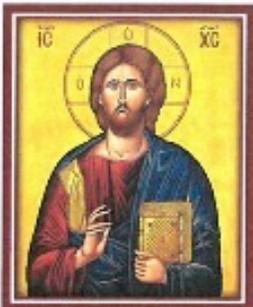
The Philoptochos will be cutting the Annual Vasilopita for the New Year on Sunday, January 6, 2019, benefiting St. Basil's Academy.

Upcoming meetings of the Philoptochos Sisterhood are as follows:

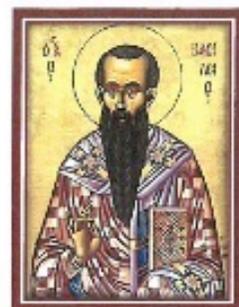
Sunday, January 27, 2019

Sunday, February 24, 2019

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



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2019 Vasilopita Celebration



His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey

*Cordially invites you and your family to the Metropolis Headquarters
to celebrate the New Year with the Cutting of the Vasilopita*

on

Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 6:00pm.

*Please join us on this beautiful evening so that as one Orthodox Christian
Family we may share the joy of the presence of our Lord in our midst
praying for a blessed and
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!!*

Kindly RSVP by December 28th, 2018 at speialevents@nj.goarch.org

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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