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Today is: Sunday, November 18, 2018

9th Sunday of Luke

**Plato of Ancyra / Martyr Romanos
Πλάτων ο Μάρτυς / Μάρτυς Ρωμανός**

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, Nov 18** **9th Sunday of Luke**
8:45am The Orthros, 10:00am The Divine Liturgy
- Wed. Nov. 21** **The Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am D. Liturgy
Artoklasia Elpida Markary family
- Sun, Nov 25** **13th Sunday of Luke**
8:45am The Orthros, 10:00am The Divine Liturgy
Artoklasia Service for the Bougioukas family
- Fri. Nov. 30** **St. Andrew the Apostle the First Called**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am the Divine Liturgy
- 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!
- 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. Spyidon the Wonderwoker**
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

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

- Κυρ. 18 Νοεμ.** **Κυριακή ενάτη Λουκά**
8:45π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- Τετ. 21 Νοεμ.** **Τα Εισόδια της Θεοτόκου εν τω Ναώ του Κυρίου**
8:30π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
Αρτοκλασία εκ της οικογενείας Ελπίδος Μακάρη
- Κυρ. 25 Νοεμ.** **Κυριακή δεκάτη τρίτη Λουκά**
8:45π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
Αρτοκλασία εκ της οικογενείας Μπουγιούκα
- Παρ. 30 Νοεμ.** **Αποστόλου Ανδρέου του Πρωτοκλήτου**
8:30π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία
- 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!
- 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
- Κυρ. 16 Δεκ.** **Κυριακή ενδεκάτη Λουκά**
8:45π.μ. Ο Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sunday, Nov 18** **Saint George Cathedral Parish General Assembly and Senior Housing Elections**
@ the Social Hall of the Cathedral @ the end of the D. Liturgy
Three (3) members to the Board of Senior Housing is to be elected at the end of the Parish Assembly for a 3-year term.
- 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
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

- Saturday, Dec. 1** Wedding Calakos/Floratos @ 4:00pm
- Sunday, Dec. 16** Confirmation to Orthodoxy (Service of the Chrismation) Hanna Keely.

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Ephesians

4: 1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίου Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

4: 1-7

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα, εἷς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to St. Luke
12: 16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα
12: 16-21

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῆ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῆ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τί νῦν ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

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 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.

The Philoptochos will be taking orders for Baked Goods and Vasilopitas for the holidays. Please place your orders early, call **Pauline at 215-272-4572**.

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.



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 please
call Pauline Manos at 215-272-4572

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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