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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Today is: Sunday, November 25, 2018

13th Sunday of Luke

**Catherine the Great Martyr / Mercurius the Great Martyr
Μεγαλομάρτυς Αικατερίνη/ Μεγαλομάρτυς Μερκούριος**

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 25** **13th Sunday of Luke**
8:45am The Orthros, 10:00am The Divine Liturgy
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY!
- *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!*
- *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 Kontsos family*
- *PARISH ELECTIONS immediately at the end of the Divine Liturgy*
- 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 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

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

- 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!*
- *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*
- 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

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

- 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 Letter to Galatians

3:23-29; 4:1-5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

3: 23-29; 4: 1-5

Ἀδελφοί, πρὸ τοῦ δὲ ἔλθειν τὴν πίστιν, ὑπὸ νόμον ἐφρουρούμεθα, συγκεκλεισμένοι εἰς τὴν μέλλουσαν πίστιν ἀποκαλυφθῆναι. Ὡστε ὁ νόμος παιδαγωγὸς ἡμῶν γέγονεν εἰς Χριστόν, ἵνα ἐκ πίστεως δικαιωθῶμεν. Ἐλθούσης δὲ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκέτι ὑπὸ παιδαγωγόν ἐσμεν. Πάντες γὰρ υἱοὶ θεοῦ ἐστε διὰ τῆς πίστεως ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Ὅσοι γὰρ εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Οὐκ ἔνι Ἰουδαῖος οὐδὲ Ἑλλήν, οὐκ ἔνι δοῦλος οὐδὲ ἐλεύθερος, οὐκ ἔνι ἄρσεν καὶ θῆλυ· πάντες γὰρ ὑμεῖς εἷς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Εἰ δὲ ὑμεῖς Χριστοῦ, ἄρα τοῦ Ἀβραὰμ σπέρμα ἐστέ, καὶ κατ' ἐπαγγελίαν κληρονόμοι. Λέγω δέ, ἐφ' ὅσον χρόνον ὁ κληρονόμος νήπιός ἐστιν, οὐδὲν διαφέρει δούλου, κύριος πάντων ὢν· ἀλλὰ ὑπὸ ἐπιτρόπους ἐστὶν καὶ οἰκονόμους, ἄχρι τῆς προθεσμίας τοῦ πατρὸς. Οὕτως καὶ ἡμεῖς, ὅτε ἦμεν νήπιοι, ὑπὸ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου ἦμεν δεδουλωμένοι· ὅτε δὲ ἦλθεν τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, γενόμενον ἐκ γυναικός, γενόμενον ὑπὸ νόμον, ἵνα τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράσῃ, ἵνα τὴν υἰοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to St. Luke
18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα
18: 18-27

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολὰς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἔν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ῥαφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

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.

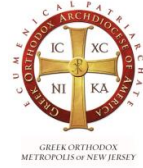
Upcoming meetings of the Philoptochos Society are as follows:

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.



**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 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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