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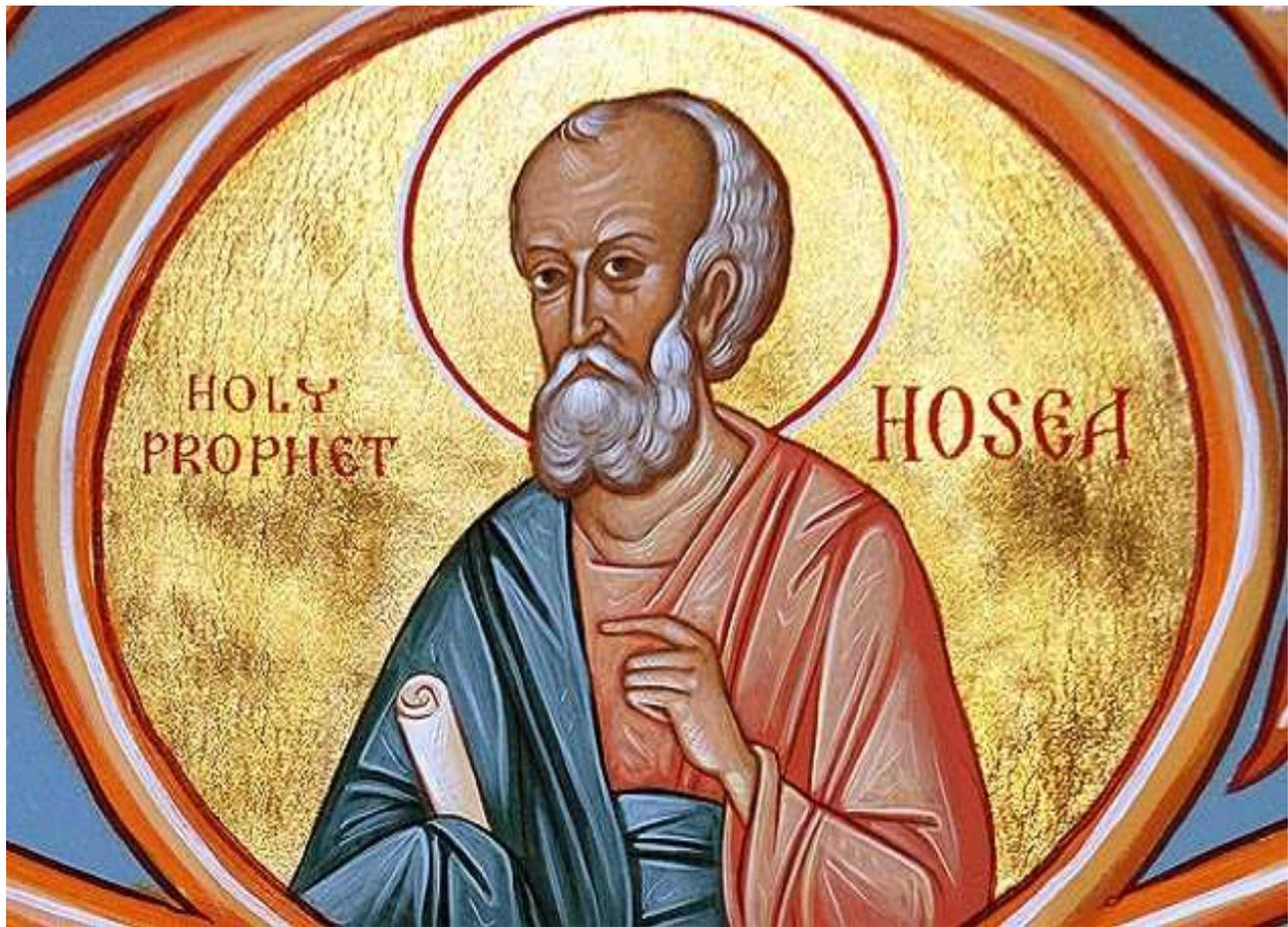
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Today is: Sunday, October 17, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE SEVEN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Andrew the Righteous Martyr / Hosea the Prophet

Ἀνδρέου του Μάρτυρος / Ὡσηοῦ τοῦ Προφήτου

***Thank you for worshiping at St. George Greek
Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia.***

The work of the Cathedral in service to the Eastern Orthodox faithful and predominately the Greek Orthodox faithful to the city of Philadelphia is made possible entirely through private support. The gifts of people from across the country are behind every worship service, public ministry and the work of maintaining this historic landmark. It is only through your generosity that the Cathedral can fully live into its priorities of welcoming, deepening, convening, and serving.

We invite you to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Visit: www.stgeorgecathedral.org to sign up for our weekly newsletter. You can also make a gift to help keep the Cathedral strong -- either as the plate is passed or by using our online giving program.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please know that your presence with us today has been a blessing.

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 1912 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: <https://www.saintgeorgecathedral.org/language.html> for the Greek School and: <https://www.saintgeorgecathedral.org/education.html> for the Religious Education School for an opportunity to learn more about our Cathedral Schools. Please contact the Principles of the Religious Education School, Eleni Belisonzi at: ebelisonzi@gmail.com and Agnes Zidros, the Directors of the Greek School at: Saintgeorgeagnes@verizon.net or for both the office of the Cathedral at: 215-627-4389 for more information, or to arrange a tour. 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

TODAY	SUNDAY OF THE SEVEN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - <i>Trisagion Christos Pappas. May his memory be eternal!</i>
Mond., Oct. 18	St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Wend., Oct. 20	St. Gerasimos from Cephalonia 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sun., Oct. 24	6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - <i>3-Year Memorial Service Eugenia Morakis. May her memory be eternal!</i> - <i>11-Years Memorial Service Joseph Stratos. May his memory be eternal!</i> - <i>Trisagion Christos Pappas. May his memory be eternal!</i>
Tues., Oct. 26	St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sun., Oct. 31	5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - <i>40-Days Memorial Service Christos Pappas. May his memory be eternal!</i>
Mond. Nov. 1	Sts. Cosmas and Damian the Unmercenaries 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sun., Nov. 7	7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Mond. Nov. 8	The Synaxis of the Archangels 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Tusd., Nov. 9	St. Nectarios of Penapolis 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sun., Nov. 14	8th SUNDAY OF LUKE 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΗΣ ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΟΔΟΥ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - <i>Τρισάγιον Χρήστου Παππά. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i>
Δευτ., 18 Ὀκτ.	Ἁγίου Αποστόλου καὶ Εὐαγγελιστοῦ Λουκά 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Τετ., 20 Ὀκτ.	Ἁγίου Γερασίμου τοῦ ἀπὸ Κεφαλληνίας 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 24 Ὀκτ.	ΕΚΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - <i>Τριετές Μνημόσυνον Εὐγενίας Μωράκη. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i> - <i>Μνημόσυνον ἔντεκα ἐτῶν Ἰωσήφ Στράτος. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i> - <i>Τρισάγιον Χρήστου Παππά. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i>
Τρίτ., 26 Ὀκτ.	Ἁγίου Δημητρίου τοῦ Μυροβλήτου 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 31 Ὀκτ.	ΠΕΜΠΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - <i>Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Χρήστου Παππά. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i>
Δευτ., 1 Νοεμ.	Ἁγίων Κοσμὰ καὶ Δαμιανοῦ τῶν Ἀναργύρων 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 7 Νοεμ.	ΕΒΔΟΜΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Δευτ., 8 Νοεμ.	Ἡ Σύναξις τῶν Ἀρχαγγέλων 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Τρίτ., 9 Νοεμ.	Ἁγίου Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεως 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 7 Νοεμ.	ΟΓΔΟΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct. 23-Nov. 3 **Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in the USA**

Tues., Nov. 2 **Thyraxia (Opening of the Doors) from His All-Holiness The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine**
in Manhattan, NY

Sun., Nov. 7 **Parish Assembly**
@ the Cathedral Social Hall, at the end of the Divine Liturgy

IOCC Grand Banquet at Adelfia Restaurant
1750 Clement Bridge Rd., Woodbury, NJ, @ 5:00pm

Sat., Nov. 13 **Philochochos Bid & Buy Event**
@ the Cathedral Social Hall, @ 6:00pm

Sat. Nov. 20 **Rebetiki Vradia**
@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ 7:00pm

Sun., Dec. 5 **Parish Elections**
@ the Cathedral Office, @ the end of the Divine Liturgy until 3:00pm.

Sun., Dec. 14 **Metropolis of New Jersey Ambassadors Event**
@ the Merion, Cinnaminson, NJ at 4:30pm.

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus

3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

3.8-15

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιῖστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ᾧσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Luke

8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκάν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

8.5-15

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπεῖραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὃ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αὐτῶν ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν κατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἴη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γινῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολή· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλούτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

Schedule of the Visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America will welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States for an official visit which will begin on October 23, 2021, and continue through November 3, 2021. The visit, originally scheduled for May 2020, was postponed due to the worldwide pandemic. This is the third official visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States.

In addition to His All-Holiness, the official delegation will include His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon, His Eminence Metropolitan Iosif of Proikonissos, His Eminence Metropolitan Ioustinos of Nea Krini and Kalamaria, Director of the Private Patriarchal Office V. Rev. Grand Ecclesiarch Aetios, Rev. Deacon-in-Line Kallinikos Chasapis, Director of the First Patriarchal Office Prof. Dr. Konstantinos Delikostantis, businessman Mr. Panagiotis Xenokostas, businessman Mr. Panteleimon (Laki) Vingas, journalist Mr. Hakan Çelik, Mr. Panagiotis Grafiadelis, and Mr. Temistokli Karanikola.

The official visit will begin in Washington, DC and is expected to include meetings, luncheons, and official dinners with the President of the United States, Joe Biden, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Ambassador of Greece to the United States Alexandra Papadopoulou, and Turkish Ambassador to the United States Hasan Murat Mercan. Events scheduled in Washington, DC include a Pan-Orthodox Patriarchal Chorostasia at Saint Sophia Cathedral; followed by the inaugural induction of the Senators for Orthodoxy and Hellenism; a Luncheon with the Hierarchs; a Dinner Tribute by the Order of AHEPA; the Blessing of the Permanent Exhibition of Orthodox Christian Cultural Heritage at the Museum of the Bible, and an Ecumenical Reception on Capitol Hill by the National Council of Churches.

On October 27, the official delegation will arrive at Pittsburgh International Airport for an official welcome and then visit Evgenia's House of Hope in Weirton, WV. Following will be a Doxology at the Church of All Saints in Weirton and a luncheon hosted by the Psaros family with local clergy and lay leaders.

Later that same day, the visit will continue at South Bend International Airport in South Bend, IN, with an Official Welcome and dinner with Archon Merkourios and Libby Angeliades.

On Thursday, October 28, a welcome Doxology will be held at St. Andrew Church, followed by a meeting with the University of Notre Dame President and a cultural concert

in honor of His All-Holiness at Notre Dame. In the evening, His All-Holiness will receive an honorary degree from the University.

On Friday, October 29, the Official Delegation will travel to New York City, where Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will address the Archdiocesan Council, National Philoptochos Board, and the Order of St. Andrew National Council. The Nicholas J. Bouras Award and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Dinner for Founders will be held in the evening, where an award will be presented to Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

The following day, Saturday, October 30, the Official Delegation will meet with clergy and presvyteres of the Archdiocese and students of Holy Cross School of Theology at the Chiotos Family Hall of Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. In the evening, the Delegation will attend the Patriarch Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet honoring Dr. Albert Bourla, Dr. Ugur Sahin & Dr. George Yancopoulos at the Grand Ballroom, New York Hilton Hotel with toast master, former Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Honorable Alex Azar.

On Sunday, October 31, the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Elpidophoros and members of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese will be celebrated at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, followed by the Investiture of the 2020/2021 Archon Classes of the Order of Saint Andrew by His All-Holiness

Later in the evening, His All-Holiness will be hosted for dinner by the faithful spiritual children and compatriots of Constantinople, Imvros, and Tenedos in the United States.

On Monday, November 1, the American Jewish Committee will present the highest award to His All-Holiness for interreligious relations and advancing Orthodox-Jewish relations. Following, the Ecumenical Patriarch will offer an Agiasmos and blessing of Archdiocesan Staff in the Chapel of St. Paul, followed by a lunch hosted by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for Religious Leaders of New York and a dinner at the Antiochian Archdiocese hosted by Metropolitan Joseph in honor of His All-Holiness.

On Tuesday, November 2, His All-Holiness will preside at the Thyranixia (Opening of the Doors Ceremony) at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. Later, His All-Holiness will receive a presentation from the IJCIC at the New York Hilton. To end the day, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros will host a dinner to celebrate the 30-year Anniversary of the Enthronement of His All-Holiness at the Loeb Boat House in Central Park.

The Official visit will conclude on Wednesday, November 3 with breakfast and a meeting with the Holy Eparchial Synod at the headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and a Farewell send-off at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2021

...the greatest of these is love

Jesus spoke of love and showed compassion. He taught us by his example to love one another and to be compassionate toward those in need. In the Gospels, we read of the compassion of Jesus:

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick (Matthew 14:14).

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him (Matthew 20:34).

...he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34).

Compassion can often mean kindness and sympathy. In these verses, it means something deeper and much more powerful. "And he had compassion" is translated from the Greek ἐσπλαγγνισθη (esplachNEEsthee) and comes from the root word in Greek for "guts." In other words, it is compassion and concern that are felt in one's guts – a compassion that is felt in a deeply physical way. Compassion felt in this way compels us to respond with love and deep concern.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus says "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him..." (Luke 10:33).

In the parable of the Prodigal Son Jesus says, "But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." (Luke 15:20).

These stories reflect the love and compassion that Jesus has for his people. His compassion inspires and challenges each one of us to live compassionately.

This understanding of the full meaning of compassion in the New Testament means that another person's suffering becomes our own suffering. Compassion in this sense can change the way we live and care for others and for our community. When we feel this physical type of compassion, we are fully and physically engaged. We serve others and care for our community with love.

Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe." Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices.

To love in the way Saint Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth, when he says, "...the greatest of these is love," means we can't live without compassion for others. Love and compassion are not expressed only in our offerings of money and other support. Love and compassion are not something we give in order to receive something in return. Pride has no place in acts of love and compassion.

The love that Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Christians at Corinth is an expression of stewardship. Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe." Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices. Stewardship is about love and love is about stewardship.



Christian Stewardship is about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. God has given each of us special and unique gifts. And through Holy Scripture He teaches us all that we have is a loan. He lends everything to us, and reminds us that

one day He will ask us to give a detailed accounting of what we have done with the gifts He has given us. Archbishop Anastasios of Albania has noted that "we find ourselves by offering ourselves." Have we learned the blessedness of generously giving to others of all we have?



One day, a person complained to his priest that the Church and Christianity is one continual "give, give, give." To which the priest replied, "Thank you very much for the finest definition of

Christianity I have ever heard. You're right, Christianity is all about a constant "give, give, give." God giving His only Son to the world to show His unconditional love. His Son Jesus giving His life on the cross to forgive our sins and destroy death. Then our Lord's disciples giving all they had to make sure God's Good News of love was preached to all people everywhere. They not only gave away their homes and businesses, but even gave up their lives as martyrs in gratitude to God!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The Philoptochos will be selling loukoumades on Sunday, October 17th and following this we will have a meeting in the Philoptochos Room.

Our annual Bid & Buy will take place on Saturday, November 13th. We are accepting donations of prizes or monetary contributions.

Starting in November we will be collecting gently used men's clothing and also toiletries for the St. John's Hospice in Philadelphia for the Homeless. Please help us by contributing to this good cause. We will be collecting items until Christmas.

**ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
&
PHILOPTOCHOS “AI MYROPHORAI”
FOOD DRIVE**

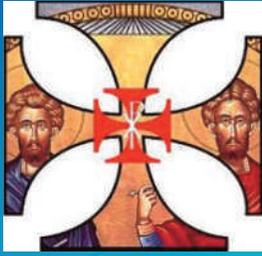
**Saint John’s Hospice Care
1221 Race Street.
Philadelphia, PA**



Please support the efforts of the Parish of Saint George Cathedral along with the Philoptochos of the Cathedral “Ai Myrophorai” by contributing imperishable food, toiletry products, or funds to the Hospice Care Center for homeless people Saint John’s.

St. John’s Hospice is a Catholic Social Service located in Center City Philadelphia. Established in 1963 by Monsignor Anthony J. O’Neill and the little brothers of Good Shepherd, Saint John was created as an outreach ministry to serve and assist the poor and homeless in the community. Saint John’s continues to provide crucial, life-sustaining services with dignity, respect and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. They take care daily close to 200 homeless people.

For contributions, please contact the Cathedral office @ 215-627-4389, or Jenny Kravaris @ 610-716-4502.



The Ladies Philoptochos Society
“Ai Myrophoroi”
of Saint George Cathedral

presents

Bid ‘n Buy

Tour of Europe



Saturday, November 13, 2021
5:30pm



St. George Greek
Orthodox Cathedral
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215-470-3754 or
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Donation: \$25.00
Free Street Parking!

*You are invited to join us for dinner, a chance to
win great prizes and an evening of celebration!*

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St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Ground Zero, Manhattan, NY

With the presence of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

JOIN US ON A CHARTERED BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY TO TAKE
PART IN THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.

NOVEMBER 2, 2021



AFTER SERVICE, WE WILL BE HAVING LUNCH AT KELLARI
RESTAURAN AND THEN RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US, PLEASE CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE @ 215-627-4389 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

\$50/person (includes bus reservation and lunch)

Departs 7:30 AM and returns by 4:30 PM

Please reserve your spot by 10/29/2021



Join us in Sunday School!

At the St. George Cathedral Religious Education School, our goal is to give your child a foundation and connection to their Greek Orthodox faith, culture and community.

Class I (Ages 4-5)

Emphasis on learning about God through bible stories, crafts, songs and books. Learn to identify Jesus, Panagia and make the sign of the cross.

Class II (Ages 6-9)

Focus on God's love and how we share it with our neighbor. Learn to look up a Bible passage by Chapter and Verse, identify important Saints through iconography, and the Lord's Prayer.

Class III (Ages 10-14)

Discuss weekly Gospel reading and how it relates with various events in 2021-22. Focus on the 10 Commandments, 7 Sacraments and the Feast days of the Church.

**We welcome all students
ages 4-14**

Registration is Open!

To register or for more information
please reach out to the church office

215-627-7389

office@saintgeorgecathedral.org

Classes are immediately
after Holy Communion

September 19 – May 22



Annual Events

Welcome back, *Agiasmos Service* • Christmas Pageant • Christmas Party
Greek Parade • Social Outings • Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession
Lenten Retreat • Godparent Sunday • Graduation/Promotion

St. George Cathedral Greek School

Director/Instructor: Agnes Zidros

Under the auspices of the Very Reverend Archimandrite
Ambrose Bitziadis Bowers Dean, St. George Cathedral

www.SaintGeorgeCathedral.org

"Learning the Greek Language is like
discovering the roots of education."



Greek School Info

Registration:

Registration for the Greek Language
School for 2021-2022 school year is
now open. Please call the cathedral
office: 215-627-4389 or email

office@saintgeorgecathedral.org

Location:

256 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Located in historic Center City
Philadelphia, a block from Washington
Square and two blocks from
Independence Hall and the Liberty
Bell.

Tuition for Cathedral School Students

1st Child: \$300

2nd Child: \$250

3rd Child: \$250

Tuition for Non-Cathedral Students

1st Child: \$600

2nd Child: \$550

3rd Child: \$550

Hours:

Saturdays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saint George Cathedral

Greek School strives to instill a deep love and appreciation of the Greek language, religion, culture and arts. The program supports learning within an environment of high moral values and with a deeply rooted commitment to Hellenic ideals and tradition. It is structured to offer a well-rounded Greek education which places a strong emphasis on conversational skills, while offering instruction in grammar, reading, writing, history, mythology and culture. Children are also taught traditional Greek dances.

Our Goals: To engage and nurture the students through Greek language instruction to develop confidence, instill pride and promote faith and fellowship. **Our Tools:** We incorporate educational supplements such as songs, prayers, poems and crafts to integrate Language Arts with Greek History, culture and faith. **Character Building:** Through various participation events at both the local and tri-state area level, our children learn public speaking through poem and speech presentations. They also develop leadership skills and friendships for a lifetime.

Materials: Students are provided textbooks, workbooks, supplementary materials and necessary supplies needed for their class.

Annual Events

Children participate in various events over the school year such as:

School Blessing: Agiasmos, September

October: OXI Day, October 28th

December: Christmas Fellowship

January: Three Hierarchs Day

March: Greek Independence Day Poems

March: Parade

Lazarus Saturday Palm Making

May: Closing Ceremonies

SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL PHILADELPHIA, PA GREEK SCHOOL CLASSES

The Greek School strives to instill a deep love and appreciation of the Greek language, religion, culture and arts. The program supports learning within an environment of high moral values in the legendary Cathedral of St. George in Philadelphia and with a deeply rooted commitment to Hellenic ideals and tradition.

The program includes:

- Beginner, intermediate and advanced level classes
- Lessons in Ancient Greek language, literature and philosophy
- A Greek language preparatory program for the *Ellinomatheia* annual exams
- Achieving fluency and socialization through conversation
- Greek literature, poetry and music
- Traditional Greek dancing and theatrical sketches

Greek Language Classes (Grades: 1 - 3)

Students will learn Greek language skills based on thematic units that are on their level. Conversational skills, reading and writing are taught in each language session. Each session will also include the following lessons: Greek mythology, theater, art (based on the daily theme), culture (customs, songs and dance).

Greek Language Classes (Grades: 4 - 5)

Students will learn Greek language skills based on thematic units that are on their level. Conversational skills, reading and writing are taught in each language session. Each session will also include the following lessons: Greek history, art (based on the daily theme), theater, music, culture (customs, songs and dance).

Enrichment Lessons (Grades: 4 - 6)

Literature, poetry, ancient Greek language, literature and philosophy, traveling all over Greece, music (selection of Greek songs) will be incorporated throughout the year, to enrich the language sessions.



The Greater Philadelphia Committee of IOCC invites you to the
10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT TO BENEFIT IOCC

Sunday, November 7, 2021

3:30pm Hors d'Oeuvres & Silent Auction • 5:00pm Dinner & Program

Come and learn about IOCC's programs around the world and how your support makes a difference in places like USA, Greece, and Ethiopia.

Adelphia Restaurant • Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom

1750 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford, NJ 08096

For tickets and sponsorships, see your parish rep or visit

iocc.org/philadelphia

Or make checks out to IOCC and mail to
 Connie Bandy, 2147 Robin Dr., Warrington, PA 18976
 Questions? Call or e-mail Connie: 215.343.4709, hbckb@msn.com



Tickets: \$65 per person

The following sponsorship opportunities are available:

- Grand Benefactor (\$5,000+) Will receive 12 tickets
- Great Benefactor (\$2,000) Will receive 10 tickets
- Benefactor (\$1,000) Will receive 8 tickets
- Sponsor (\$500) Will receive 6 tickets
- Patron (\$350) Will receive 4 tickets
- Friend (\$200) Will receive 2 tickets

Sponsorships received by Oct. 23 will be recognized in the program.

Pick up tickets from your parish rep:



AHEPA Camden Chapter 69 & The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia
Virtual College/Career Panel Networking Event

A great opportunity for students to learn more about specific college majors and careers, available scholarship opportunities while networking with local professionals

When: Saturday, October 23rd,
 Approximately 9:30am-3:30pm.

Where: Zoom (see registration link)

Who Should Attend; Any students in high school and college (parents also welcome) and any young professionals interested in being a panelist (see Panelist sign up link).

[Zoom Registration Link](#)



[Panelist Sign up link](#)
 (spots may be limited)



Schedule (Subject to Change)

9:30-10:15	Intro/ Special Topic Discussion: <i>Financing your Degree and other College Planning</i>
10:15-11:00	Panelist Discussion: <i>Education</i>
11:00-11:45	Panelist Discussion: <i>Business & Finance</i>
11:45-12:30	Panelist Discussion: <i>Medicine & Health Sciences</i>
12:30-1:15	Panelist Discussion: <i>Communications & Media</i>
1:15-2:00	Panelist Discussion: <i>Law</i>
2:00-2:45	Panelist Discussion: <i>Engineering & Sciences</i>
2:45-End	Open Topic Discussion: <i>Students' Choice</i>

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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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