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***CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!  
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**Today is: Sunday, January 22, 2023**

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**Timothy of the 70 Apostles / Martyr Anastasios from Persian  
Τιμόθεος ἐκ τῶν ἑβδομήκοντα Ἀποστόλων / Μάρτυς Ἀναστάσιος**

***Thank you for worshiping at St. George Greek  
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**Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please know that your presence with us today has been a blessing.**

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- TODAY**                      **15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Wed., Jan. 25**                **St. Gregory the Theologian Archbishop of Constantinople**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Jan. 29**                **SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
- *40-Days Memorial Service Spyros Tsokas. May his memory be eternal!*
- Thu., Feb. 2**                 **THE ENTRANCE OF THE LORD TO THE TEMPLE**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Feb. 5**                 **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE**  
**THE TRIODION BEGINS**  
**GODPARENT SUNDAY**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Fri., Feb. 10**                **St. Haralambos the Martyr**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Feb. 12**                **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Sat., Feb. 18**                **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Souls**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy, and Trisagion
- Sun., Feb. 19**                **JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE SUNDAY)**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
- *3-Year Memorial Service Frideriki Badekas. May her memory be eternal!*
- Sat., Feb. 25**                **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Souls**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy, and Trisagion
- Sun., Feb. 26**                **FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE SUNDAY)**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

# ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

<b>ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ</b>	<b>ΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Τετ., 25 Ἰαν.</b>	<b>Ἁγίου Γρηγορίου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Κων/πόλεως</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 29 Ἰαν.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΧΑΝΑΝΑΙΑΣ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία <i>-Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Ἱερό Μνημόσυνον Σπυρίδωνος Τσόκα. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i>
<b>Πεμπ., 2 Φεβ.</b>	<b>Η ΥΠΑΠΑΝΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΗΜΩΝ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 5 Φεβ.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΤΕΛΩΝΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΦΑΡΙΣΑΙΟΥ</b> <b>ΑΡΧΗ ΤΡΙΩΔΙΟΥ</b> <b>ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΩΝ ΑΝΑΔΟΧΩΝ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Παρ., 10 Φεβ.</b>	<b>Ἁγίου Χαραλάμπους τοῦ Θαυματουργοῦ</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 12 Φεβ.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΣΩΤΟΥ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Σαβ., 18 Φεβ.</b>	<b>Πρώτο Σάββατο τῶν Ψυχῶν</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία, καὶ Τρισάγιον
<b>Κυρ., 19 Φεβ.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΠΟΚΡΕΩ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία <i>- Τριετές ἱερό Μνημόσυνον Φρειδερίκης Μπαδέκα. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i>
<b>Σαβ., 25 Φεβ.</b>	<b>Δεύτερο Σάββατο τῶν Ψυχῶν</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία, καὶ Τρισάγιον
<b>Κυρ., 26 Φεβ.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΤΥΡΙΝΗΣ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 22**            **ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL GREEK LETTERS CELEBRATION**  
*@ the Cathedral @ the end of the Divine Liturgy.*
- METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY GREEK LETTERS CELEBRATION**  
*@ St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church, Broomall, PA @ 4:00pm.*
- Sun., Feb., 5**            **GODPARENT SUNDAY CELEBRATION**  
*@ the Cathedral @ the end of the Divine Liturgy.*
- Thursday, Feb., 9**    **VASILOPITA CELEBRATION, GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY**  
*With the presence of his Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, @ the Metropolis Headquarters, Westfield, NJ, @ 6:30pm.*
- Fri., Feb. 17**            **COCO & KOLIVA FAMILY NIGHT**  
*@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ 5:30pm.*

## **UPCOMING SACRAMENTS**

**Apr. 22 BAPTISM** Georgia Papalouka @ 11am

**Apr. 22 BAPTISM** Despina Zoga @ 2:30pm

**Apr. 30 WEDDING** Panagiotis Doulis & Ashley Desiere @ 2:30pm

**May 13 WEDDING** Christos Voutsakis & Deitre Kurtz @ 3pm

**May 20 WEDDING** Demetrios Maidanos & Thomai Gastopoulos @ 1pm

**June 11 WEDDING** Robert Nepa & Mariel Salked @ 2:30pm

**June 17 WEDDING** Iakovos Sotirios & Madison Marks @ 3pm

**June 18 WEDDING** Christopher Cullman & Salome Zangaladze @ 2pm

**June 23 WEDDING** Patrick Greider & Alexa Koumaras @ 4pm

**July 8 WEDDING** James Schooley & Kyriaki Vassil @ 3pm

**July 21 WEDDING** Demetrius Fives & Jillian Galagher @ 3pm

**Sept. 2 WEDDING** Chris Capellini & Maria Fisher @ 3pm

**Sept. 9 WEDDING** Patrick Rourke & Elena Carrigan @ 4pm

**Sept. 16 WEDDING** Nikola Kovovic & Marhgarita Gianniosis @ 3pm

**Sept. 17 WEDDING** Nicholas Palmer & Eleni Papadaniil @ 2pm

**Oct. 1 WEDDING** Stephen Whalen & Katherine Hatsidais @ 2pm

**Oct. 7 WEDDING** Daniel Casey & Alexa Tzaferos @ 3:30pm

**Oct. 21 WEDDING** Christopher Shields & Lea Tsoubanos @ 3pm

## **THE EPISTLE READING**

The reading is from St. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to Timothy

4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end, we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Πρώτης Επιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

4.9-15

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὄνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοι διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel reading is according to Luke

19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So, he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So, he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

## ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκάν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

19.1-10

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμὼν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἁμαρτωλῷ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

# *Giving Thanks* **Eucharistic Stewardship**



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## Seeing the world as God's gift...



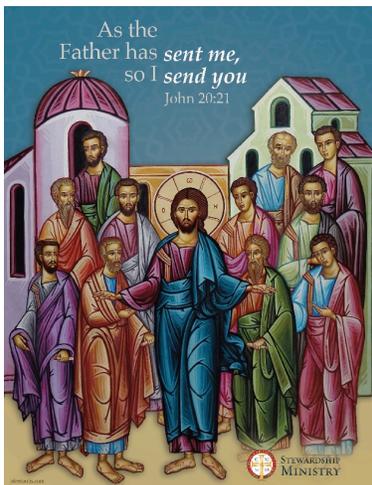
Through Holy Communion, we are drawn out of ourselves and embrace the mission of our parish. We carry the fire of God's love within us with the power to renew all things. When we understand the true meaning of the Holy Eucharist, we bridge the gap between liturgy and life, between the love of Jesus on cross and our daily lives, between our beautiful theology and practical stewardship. As Eucharistic Orthodox Christians, we see the world as God's gift. We offer the world back to God in thanksgiving with the words, "Thine own of Thine own we offer to Thee...."

"I don't get anything out of Church."

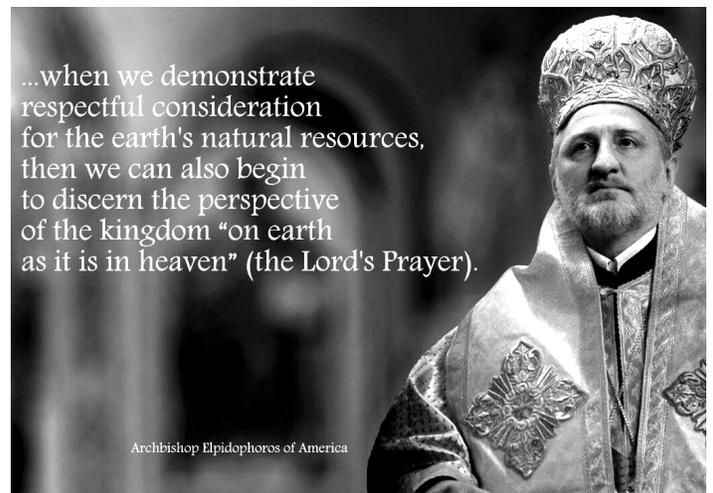


How many times have you heard people say, "I don't get anything out of liturgy"? The truth is that we don't come to church to *get* something, but to *give* ourselves – our whole being --- to God. We have to give ourselves as an offering to God and what we get in return is the presence of Jesus Christ within us. As we come to know Jesus this way, we are drawn into the communion of the Church.

## You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World



The base from which we serve as the *Voice of Christ in a Changing World* is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home, and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make our local church all that is can be.



## Stewardship of Creation



# Godparent & Godchild SUNDAY

**FEB 5 2023**  
At the end of  
the Divine Liturgy

All Godparents & Godchildren are invited to attend the Divine Liturgy & receive Holy Communion together

The spiritual relationship formed between a Godparent and Godchild at the baptismal font is a deeply spiritual and extremely important relationship. Godchildren look to their Godparents as spiritual mentors, and as someone who especially cares for them. Likewise, Godparents pledge to take responsibility for the spiritual formation of their Godchildren, and are called to love and care for them throughout their lives in the context of the Church.

Godparents Godchildren Sunday is a great opportunity for Godchildren and Godparents to strengthen their bond by attending Divine Liturgy together, returning to the Church, the very place that established nurtures their bond, and asking God's blessing.

On Godparent Godchildren Sunday, we renew our the Grace of baptism and the commitment we have made to the Church and to one another.

Join Us For  
Family Fun Night

# COCO & KOLIVA

Learn how we as Orthodox Christians remember our loved ones on Saturday of the Souls followed by a hands on Koliva making lesson. We will also enjoy dinner and show the movie Coco; a child friendly movie which reinforces the tradition of remembering our loved ones.

**Friday February 17**

**5:30 PM**

**Saint George Cathedral**

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**Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral**  
**Ladies Philoptochos Society**  
**“Ai Myrophoroi”**

Dear Members and Friends of Philoptochos Society,

Our Philoptochos' mission is to aid the poor, to help the destitute, to feed the hungry, to assist the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the church, by raising funds to fulfill our mission.

In the past, our chapter has donated to many charities through our National Ministry commitments, Metropolis Ministry commitments, aided in our local poor, donated to Breast Cancer Research, Children's Hospital, and is always ready to assist where the need may arise. We count on your help and participation to continue our mission of Philoptochos.

We are asking all the ladies of our Cathedral to become members of our chapter. We also would appreciate your donations if you cannot become a participating member.

As you know our Bid & Buy will be on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**, and it is our largest fundraising effort of our Philoptochos. **We are asking everyone to participate by donating new gifts, monies, or volunteering for the event.** Kindly, we ask you to share this information with family and friends. If you would like to participate in our efforts, please see Angela Malicki @ 267-253-0573, Jenny Kravaris @ 610-716-4502, Maria Ziogas @ 610-668-0870, or Jean Volikas @ 215-806-8509. We thank you all in advance for your help and support to make this event a successful one!



THE DVYC PRESENTS:

# BIBLE BOWL 2023

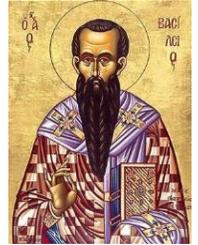
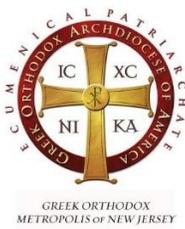
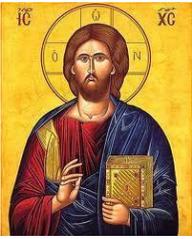
Host Parish: Saint Thomas, 615 Mercer Street, Cherry Hill, NJ  
Saturday, February 4th | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Welcome prayer, Quiz Game, Lunch, Service Project, Games  
Please bring a brand new pack of cotton socks

All Orthodox Youth PreK-6th grade encouraged to register  
Registration via Sign Up Genius by January 26th

Questions, contact: [St.ThomasJOY@gmail.com](mailto:St.ThomasJOY@gmail.com)

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## *2023 Vasilopita Celebration*



*His Eminence  
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America*

*Cordially invites the Reverend Clergy and their families,  
the Members of the Metropolis Council,  
the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew,  
the Members of the Metropolis Philoptochos Society,  
the Presidents of the Parish Councils and Parish  
Philoptochos Societies, and all heads of the Parish  
Organizations to the Metropolis Headquarters  
(215 E. Grove Street, Westfield, NJ) to celebrate  
the New Year with the Cutting of the Vasilopita*

*on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:30pm*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!**



# Holy Metropolis of New Jersey Altar Server Retreat

Instructed By:

His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia

On the Theme:

*Come, Receive the Light!*

Saturday, February 11, 2023

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church  
35 N Malin Rd, Broomall, PA 19008

**[Click Here to Register!](#)**

For More Information Contact Fr. Christ at:

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