

**GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY
ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

***CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!
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Today is: Sunday, January 1, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

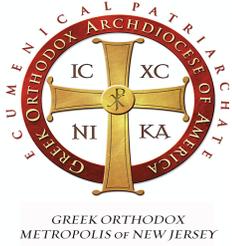
HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

***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.



SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
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My beloved parishioners and friends of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral,

Whether you are returning Greek Orthodox to our legendary St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, or a newcomer to Philadelphia, or the Greater Delaware Valley, or someone with an emerging interest in the Orthodox Faith, I, the Parish Council and 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 Divine Liturgy back in 1912 in the original church and continuing through their 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 Principals 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** **THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD**
Saint Basil the Great Archbishop of Caesarea the Wonderworker
 THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR
8:45am Orthros, 9:45am Divine Liturgy
- Thur., Jan. 5** **The Royal Hours of the Epiphany with the St. Basil's Vesperal Liturgy, and the Holy Water Service**
Service starts at 8:30am
- Fri., Jan. 6** **THE HOLY EPIPHANY**
with the Service of the Holy Water
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sat., Jan. 7** **St. John the Baptizer**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Jan. 8** **SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- *Memorial Service for the deceased members of the Andrea Petrides Family. May their memory be eternal!*
- Sun., Jan. 15** **12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Tues., Jan. 17** **St. Anthony the Great**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Wed., Jan. 18** **St. Athanasius of Alexandria**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Jan. 22** **15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am 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!*

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ

Η ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΗΜΩΝ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ
Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Καισαρείας
τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ

ΑΡΧΗ ΤΟΥ ΝΕΟΥ ΕΤΟΥΣ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τετ., 5 Ἰαν.

Οἱ Βασιλικές Ὁρες τῶν Θεοφανίων μετὰ τοῦ
Ἑσπερινοῦ τῶν Θεοφανίων καὶ τῆς Θείας
Λειτουργίας τοῦ Μ. Βασιλείου, καὶ τοῦ ἁγιασμοῦ
τῶν ὑδάτων

Ἡ ἀκολουθίες ἀρχίζουν στὶς 8:30π.μ.

Πεμ., 6 Ἰαν.

ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ

8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία, καὶ ἐν
συνεχείᾳ ὁ ἁγιασμός τῶν ὑδάτων

Παρ., 7 Ἰαν.

Ἁγίου Προδρόμου καὶ Βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου

8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 8 Ἰαν.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

- *Ἱερό Μνημόσυνον γιὰ τὰ τεθνεώτα μέλη τῆς*
Οἰκογενείας Ἀνδρέου Πετρίδη. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῶν νὰ
εἶναι αἰωνία!

Κυρ., 15 Ἰαν.

ΔΩΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τριτ., 17 Ἰαν.

Ἁγίου Ἀντωνίου τοῦ Μεγάλου

8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τετ., 18 Ἰαν.

Ἁγίου Ἀθανασίου τοῦ ἀπὸ Ἀλεξανδρείας

8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 22 Ἰαν.

ΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 29 Ἰαν.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΧΑΝΑΝΑΙΑΣ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Ἱερό Μνημόσυνον Σπυρίδωνος*
Τσόκα. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 8** **Cathedral Vasilopita Cutting and Philoptochos Sisterhood Luncheon. Proceeds benefit St. Basil Academy, Garrison, NY**
@ the Social Hall immediately after the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Tues., Jan. 10** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.
- Sun., Jan. 15** **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**
Demati Brotherhood Vasilopita Cutting
@ the Social Hall immediately @ the end of the Divine Liturgy
- 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

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

Jan. 7 BAPTISM Demetra Papaefthimiou & Neerav Mehta @ 12pm

Apr. 22 BAPTISM Georgia Papalouka @ 11am

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

May 13 WEDDING Christos Voutsakis & Deitre Kurtz @ 3pm

May 20 WEDDING Demetrios Maidanos & Thomai Gastopoulos @ 1pm

June 11 WEDDING Robert Nepa & Mariel Salked @ 2pm

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 21 WEDDING Demetrius Gerad & 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 Plmer & Eleni Papadaniil @ 2pm

Oct. 1 WEDDING Strepthem Whalen & Katherine Hatsidais @ 2pm

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

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians

2:8-12

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

2.8-12

Ἀδελφοί, βλέπετε μή τις ὑμᾶς ἔσται ὁ συλαγωγῶν διὰ τῆς φιλοσοφίας καὶ κενῆς ἀπάτης, κατὰ τὴν παράδοσιν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ οὐ κατὰ Χριστόν· ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ κατοικεῖ πᾶν τὸ πλήρωμα τῆς θεότητος σωματικῶς, καὶ ἐστε ἐν αὐτῷ πεπληρωμένοι, ὅς ἐστιν ἡ κεφαλὴ πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας· ἐν ᾧ καὶ περιετμήθητε περιτομῇ ἀχειροποιήτῳ, ἐν τῇ ἀπεκδύσει τοῦ σώματος τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν τῆς σαρκός, ἐν τῇ περιτομῇ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, συνταφέντες αὐτῷ ἐν τῷ βαπτίσματι, ἐν ᾧ καὶ συνηγέρθητε διὰ τῆς πίστεως τῆς ἐνεργείας τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἐγείραντος αὐτὸν ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to Luke

2:20-21; 40-52

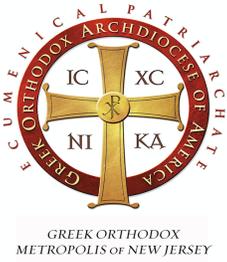
At that time, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκά ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

2.20-21, 40-52

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ὑπέστρεψαν οἱ ποιμένες δοξάζοντες καὶ αἰνοῦντες τὸν Θεὸν ἐπὶ πᾶσιν οἷς ἤκουσαν καὶ εἶδον καθὼς ἐλαλήθη πρὸς αὐτούς. Καὶ ὅτε ἐπλήσθησαν αἱ ἡμέραι ὀκτῶ τοῦ περιτεμεῖν τὸ παιδίον, καὶ ἐκλήθη τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦς, τὸ κληθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀγγέλου πρὸ τοῦ συλληφθῆναι αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ. Τὸ δὲ παιδίον ἠΰξανε καὶ ἐκραταιοῦτο πνεύματι πληρούμενον σοφίας, καὶ χάρις Θεοῦ ἦν ἐπ' αὐτό. Καὶ ἐπορεύοντο οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ κατ' ἔτος εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ τῇ ἑορτῇ τοῦ πάσχα. καὶ ὅτε ἐγένετο ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα κατὰ τὸ ἔθος τῆς ἑορτῆς καὶ τελειωσάντων τὰς ἡμέρας, ἐν τῷ ὑποστρέφειν αὐτούς ὑπέμεινεν Ἰησοῦς ὁ παῖς ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ, καὶ οὐκ ἔγνω Ἰωσήφ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ. νομίσαντες δὲ αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ συνοδίᾳ εἶναι ἦλθον ἡμέρας ὁδὸν καὶ ἀνεζήτησαν αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς συγγενέσι καὶ ἐν τοῖς γνωστοῖς· καὶ μὴ εὐρόντες αὐτὸν ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ ζητοῦντες αὐτόν. καὶ ἐγένετο μεθ' ἡμέρας τρεῖς εὔρον αὐτὸν ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καθεζόμενον ἐν μέσῳ τῶν διδασκάλων καὶ ἀκούοντα αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπερωτῶντα αὐτούς· ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες οἱ ἀκούοντες αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῇ συνέσει καὶ ταῖς ἀποκρίσεσιν αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐξεπλάγησαν, καὶ πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ εἶπε· τέκνον, τί ἐποίησας ἡμῖν οὕτως; ἰδοὺ ὁ πατήρ σου καὶ γὰρ ὁδυνώμενοι ἐζητοῦμέν σε. καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτούς· τί ὅτι ἐζητεῖτέ με; οὐκ ἤδαιτε ὅτι ἐν τοῖς τοῦ πατρός μου δεῖ εἶναί με; καὶ αὐτοὶ οὐ συνῆκαν τὸ ῥῆμα ὃ ἐλάλησεν αὐτοῖς. καὶ κατέβη μετ' αὐτῶν καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς Ναζαρέτ, καὶ ἦν ὑποτασσόμενος αὐτοῖς. καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ διετήρει πάντα τὰ ῥήματα ταῦτα ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτῆς. Καὶ Ἰησοῦς προέκοπτε σοφία καὶ ἡλικία καὶ χάριτι παρὰ Θεῷ καὶ ἀνθρώποις.



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January 1, 2023

Dear members of St. George Cathedral:

We are thankful for our many faithful givers. **The beginning of January until the end of March of 2023 is the annual campaign period of the Cathedral's Stewardship Program.** Some of you may be familiar with the procedure. For others, stewardship may be a mystery. We traditionally think about stewardship and pledging at this time of year, because it is the appropriate time to plan for the whole year and meet our prepared budget. Through the Stewardship Program we support St. George Cathedral's mission and programs, as well as the administration of the church, but just as importantly, through this support, we express our commitment to and belief in this worshipful Orthodox Community. We sustain the Cathedral's presence in the city of Philadelphia not only with our monetary contributions towards the budget, but with our talent and time as well, and we sustain the Orthodox Church and its life with ourselves.

When we begin to talk about annual pledging, people sometimes ask why, if they put money in the trays on Sunday. It is important to formalize it as an annual pledge. Annual pledges support everything we do and are at the Cathedral, and it is, unfortunately, only 20% of total revenues of the Cathedral. These pledges support our Religious Education and Greek School programs, the buildings and grounds of the Cathedral, improvements, and restorations of all the facilities. The tray-offerings from visitors and parishioners provide welcome support, however, because these gifts are not as predictable as annual pledges are, they are not as easily incorporated into the budgeting process.

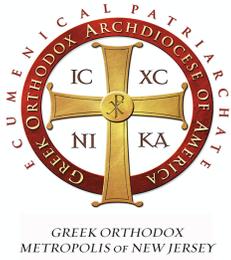
The theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign is: *"Giving Thanks, Eucharistic Stewardship."* Stewardship as an act of our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do those things that reflect our faith to others, living our faith through our actions.

Please join us at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 15, 2023, as we dedicate this Sunday to the Stewardship and Outreach Campaign for 2023, by bringing your enclosed pledge card and re-commit in spirit to our Cathedral.

Our prayers are for you and your families to have a very blessed, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

In Incarnate Christ our Lord,

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1^η Ιανουαρίου 2023

Άγαπητά μέλη του Ἱεροῦ Καθεδρικοῦ Ναοῦ τοῦ Ἁγίου Γεωργίου Φιλαδελφείας:

Παρακαλῶ, βρείτε ἐσωκλειστωσ στὴν ἐπιστολὴ αὐτή, τὴν κάρτα τῆς ἐλευθέρως εἰσφορῆς (Stewardship Card) γιὰ τὸ ἔτος 2023.

Ποιὸ εἶναι τὸ ποσὸ τὸ ὁποῖο πρέπει νὰ προσφέρω μέσω τοῦ προγράμματος τῆς ἐλευθέρως εἰσφορῆς; Αὐτὸ εἶναι τὸ ἐρώτημα τὸ ὁποῖο τὰ μέλη τῆς κοινότητος τοῦ Καθεδρικοῦ Ναοῦ συχνὰ διερωτῶνται. Κατὰ τὰ τελευταῖα χρόνια ἕνας μεγάλος ἀριθμὸς μελῶν τοῦ Ναοῦ μας, ἔχει ἀρχίσει νὰ προσφέρει μὲ ἀγάπη καὶ γενναιοδωρία μέρος τοῦ εἰσοδήματός του πρὸς τίς ἀνάγκες τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας. Ἐλπίζουμε συν καιρῶ, καὶ ἄλλοι ἐνοριῖτες τοῦ Καθεδρικοῦ μας Ναοῦ νὰ ἐνταχθοῦν στὸν αὐξανόμενο αὐτὸ ἀριθμὸ συνδρομητῶν, ὄχι μόνον μὲ τὴν χρηματικὴ τους καταβολή, ἀλλὰ καὶ μὲ τὴν παρουσία τους στὰ ἱερά Μυστήρια τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, καὶ τὴν στελέχωση τῶν διαφόρων προγραμμάτων τῆς Κοινότητος. Ἡ προσφορά αὐτή, εἶναι ἕνας τρόπος ἀφοσιώσεως τῶν πιστῶν πρὸς τὴν Ὁρθόδοξη παράδοση καὶ πνευματικὴ προσφορά τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου στὴν πόλη τῆς Φιλαδελφείας.

Ἡ ὑπαρξὴ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τοῦ Ἁγίου Γεωργίου θα ἦταν ἀδύνατη, ἐάν ἕνας μεγάλος ἀριθμὸς ἐνοριτῶν δὲν θὰ συμμετεῖχε ἐνεργά στὸ ἐτήσιο πρόγραμμα τῆς ἐλευθέρως εἰσφορῆς. Ἡ ἐτήσια δέσμευσή σας, ἐπιτρέπει στὸ Ἐκκλησιαστικὸ Συμβούλιο -τὸ ὄργανο αὐτοῦ τοῦ Ναοῦ τὸ ὁποῖο ἐσεῖς ἐπιλέγετε μέσω τῶν ἐτησίων κοινοτικῶν ἐκλογῶν- νὰ προετοιμάζει ἐπαρκῶς τὸν ἐτήσιο προϋπολογισμό ἐσόδων καὶ ἐξόδων γιὰ τὸ νεὸ ἔτος. Ἄν καὶ τὸ ἔτος 2022 ἔχει σχεδὸν οἰκονομικὰ ὀλοκληρωθεῖ, ἐντοῦτοις, συνεχίζουμε σθεναρά νὰ ἀγωνιζόμαστε γιὰ τὴν συντήρηση τῶν πολλαπλῶν παλαιῶν κτηριακῶν ἐγκαταστάσεων τῆς Κοινότητός μας, καθὼς καὶ τὴν λειτουργία τῶν διοικητικῶν καὶ πνευματικῶν προγραμμάτων αὐτῆς, τῶν ὁποίων τὰ ἐξοδα εἶναι ὑπέρογκα.

Ἡ ἀρχὴ τοῦ νέου ἔτους εἶναι ἡ κατάλληλη ἐκείνη στιγμή στὸ νὰ θέσετε ὑπὸ προγραμματισμὸ τίς ἀπαραίτητες προτεραιότητές σας. Τώρα εἶναι ἡ στιγμή νὰ πεῖτε ὅτι, ἡ Ἐκκλησία τοῦ Καθεδρικοῦ Ναοῦ τοῦ Ἁγίου Γεωργίου εἶναι μέσα στὶς σημαντικὲς προτεραιότητες τῆς ζωῆς σας, καὶ ὅτι μόνον μέσω αὐτῆς, μπορούμε νὰ λάβουμε τὴν πνευματικὴ ἐκείνη τροφή τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου Πίστεως, γιὰ ἐσᾶς, καὶ τίς οἰκογένειές σας. **Ἐλάτε λοιπὸν μὲ τίς οἰκογένειές σας τὴν Κυριακή, 15 Ἰανουαρίου 2023 στὸν Καθεδρικό Ναὸ μὲ τὴν συμπληρωμένη ἐσωκλειστὴ κάρτα ἐλευθέρως εἰσφορῆς, γιὰ νὰ παρευρεθεῖτε στὴ ἐτήσια ἐκδήλωση τῆς κοινότητός μας ἀφιερωμένη στὸ πρόγραμμα τῆς ἐλευθέρως εἰσφορῆς. Στὸ τέλος τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας θὰ γίνῃ ἡ καθιερωμένη συλλογὴ τῶν καρτῶν ἀπὸ τὰ μέλη τοῦ Ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ Συμβουλίου. Ἡ παρουσία σας θὰ εἶναι τιμὴ, ἐλπίδα καὶ εὐλογία γιὰ ὄλου μας.**

Εὐχόμενοι ὅπως ἔχετε ἕνα εὐλογημένο, καὶ καθ' ὀλοκληρίαν χαρούμενο παρὰ Θεοῦ Νέον Ἔτος, διατελούμε,

Μετὰ πολλῆς γεννηθέντος Χριστοῦ ἀγάπης,

Ἀρχιμανδρίτης Ἀμβρόσιος Μπιτζίαδης-Μπόουερς
Ἱερατικῶς Προϊστάμενος



STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



IT IS BY OFFERING OUR BLESSINGS
BACK TO GOD THAT HE WILL BE ABLE
TO CONTINUE HIS FORGIVING, HEALING,
LIBERATING, EMPOWERING, TRANSFIGURING,
LOVING MINISTRY THROUGH THE CHURCH.
FOR GOD, INFINITE THOUGH HE IS,
HAS CHOSEN TO WORK THROUGH US,
THROUGH OUR GIFTS,
TO CONTINUE HIS SAVING WORK IN
THE WORLD TODAY.

STEWARDSHIP *Sunday*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

“WE ARE STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL AND THE STEWARDS OF OUR PARISH. WE SEE OUR CHURCH, NOT AS IT IS, BUT AS IT COULD BE. WE OFFER OUR TREASURE AND OURSELVES SACRIFICIALLY, SO THAT, AS MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, WE MAY REACH OUR FULL POTENTIAL IN HIM.”

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Giving Thanks Eucharistic Stewardship



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Seeing the world as God's gift...



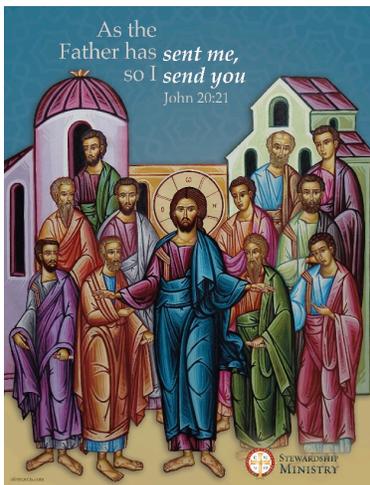
Through Holy Communion, we are drawn out of ourselves and embrace the mission of our parish. We carry the fire of God's love within us with the power to renew all things. When we understand the true meaning of the Holy Eucharist, we bridge the gap between liturgy and life, between the love of Jesus on 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."

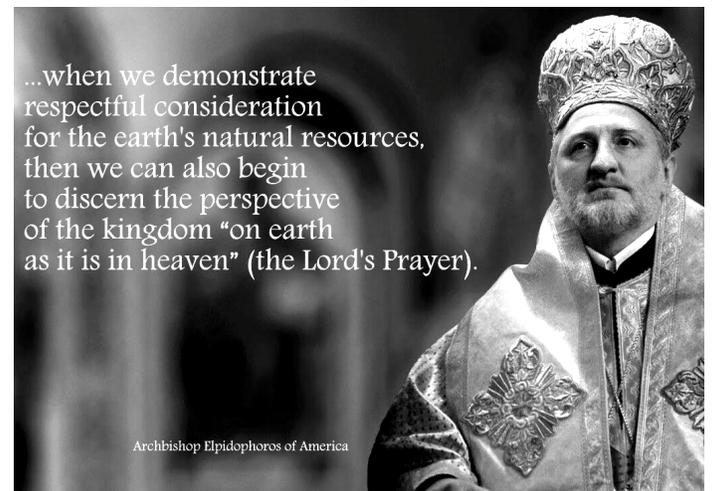


How many times have you heard people say, "I don't get anything out of liturgy"? The truth is that we don't come to church to *get* something, but to *give* ourselves – our whole being --- to God. We have to give ourselves as an offering to God and what we get in return is the presence of Jesus Christ 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 it can be.



Stewardship of Creation



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Sunday, January 8, 2023

Vasilopita Cutting and Philoptochos Sisterhood luncheon

Saint Basil Academy is a national not-for-profit philanthropic center for children and young adults in need. The mission of the institution is to provide a safe and supportive environment where the children and young adults in need are nurtured to become healthy members of society with vision and hope. Saint Basil Academy, located in the Hudson Valley of New York, also serves the faithful of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and other visitors from around the world.

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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



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SEEKING GREEK SPEAKING WOMEN & MEN TO BE TRAINED AS HOME HEALTH AIDES

FREE 13-Day Training through SARA Companion HomeCare Services

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In response to requests the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos receives for Greek-speaking home health aides, we are informing our Direct Archdiocesan District and New Jersey Metropolis Philoptochos affiliates about a FREE 13-day Home Health Aide Training Program offered by SARA Companion HomeCare Services to encourage Greek-speaking women and men to pursue this vocational career opportunity.

FREE HOME HEALTH AIDE (HHA) TRAINING

SARA Companion HomeCare Services

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SARA Companion HomeCare Services is a licensed home care agency that serves all of New York City, Nassau & Suffolk Counties. It operates a NYS Department of Health approved **Home Health Aide Training Program to educate new home health aides** and **provide job opportunities** for graduates who meet the standards of being a SARA (*Skilled Attentive Reliable Assistant*). **The free training** is conducted at the Valley Stream, NY office of SARA.

Student Information

- Training consists of classroom instruction and supervised, practical training in the laboratory and in an actual patient care setting.
- Students must attend all sessions in SARA's Valley Stream office.
- A pre-training orientation is conducted by the Registered Nurse Instructor (RN) on the first day of class.
- Students must meet all the following admissions criteria:
 - Be at least 18 years old
 - Authorized to work in the United States
 - Able to speak and write English
 - Provide references/Criminal History Record Check (CHRC)
 - Provide unexpired identification documents (*such as a driver's license, passport, etc.*)
 - Bring a physical exam that meets NYS Department of Health requirements which includes:
 - 8-10 Panel Drug Screening dated within the last 12 months
 - A negative PPD dated within last 12 months. (*The PPD diagnoses silent [latent] TB infection*)
 - ❖ If the PPD is positive, must bring a chest x-ray dated within last 10 years.
 - MMR (*measles, mumps, rubella*) results from within the last 10 years
 - NYS Department of Health requires students to have had one COVID-19 vaccination at start of training. At the time they are ready to begin work, they must have had the second one. Boosters are optional.

NEXT SCHEDULED TRAINING

Orientation: **Monday, January 9, 2023, 10:00 am - 12 Noon**

HHA training dates: **Tuesday, January 10 - Thursday, January 26, 2023, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. No weekends.**

Location: **SARA Companion HomeCare Services, 201 East Merrick Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580**

TO REGISTER

OR FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE TRAINING PROGRAMS, PLEASE CONTACT:

ELIZABETH KOMPOGIORGAS at 516.837.3388, ext. 705 or 516.996.996.8276

or by email at: elizabethk@saracompanions.com

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

Required documents must be brought in on the day of registration

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