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Presiding Priest



Today is: Sunday, August 15, 2021

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
Η ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

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.

of Cathedral ask that you the website the go to 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

TODAYTHE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Aug. 22 9th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Aug. 29 COMMEMORATION OF THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wed., Sept. 1 The Beginning of the Indiction (New Church Year)
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Sept. 5 11th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wed., Sept. 8 The Nativity of Virgin Mary 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Sept. 12 SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Tues., Sept. 14 The Elevation of the Holy Cross 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Sept. 19 SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ Η ΚΟΙΜΗΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ 8:45π.μ. ὁ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 22 Αύγ. ΕΝΝΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΊΟΥ 8:45π.μ. ὸ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 29 Αύγ. Η ΑΠΟΤΟΜΗ ΤΗΣ ΤΙΜΙΑΣ ΚΕΦΑΛΗΣ ΤΟΥ **ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ** 8:45π.μ. ὁ "Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τετ., 1 Σεπ. Άρχή τῆς Ἰνδίκτου (Άρχή τοῦ Νέου Έκκλησιαστικοῦ ετους)
8:45π.μ. ὁ εία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 5 Σεπ. ΕΝΝΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΊΟΥ 8:45π.μ. ὁ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τετ., 8 Σεπ. Τὸ Γεννέθλιον τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου 8:45π.μ. ὁ είσουργία Οεοτόκου 70ρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 12 Σεπ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΗΣ ΥΨΩΣΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ 8:45π.μ. ὁ "Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τρίτ., 14 Σεπ. Ἡ Ὑψωσις τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ 8:45π.μ. ὁ είσοργία 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 22 Αύγ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΥΨΩΣΙΝ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ 8:45π.μ. ὁ "Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tues., Sept. 7 Parish Council Meeting

@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm

Sun. Sept. 12 Sunday/Greek School Holy Water Blessing

@ the Cathedral @ the end of the Divine

Liturgy

Sat., Sept. 18 Greek School first day of classes

Sun., Sept. 19 Sunday School first day of classes

Mon., Sept. 20 Metropolis of NJ Clergy-Laity Congress

@ the Venetian Garfield, NJ

Oct. 23-Nov. 3 Apostolic Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch

Bartholomew in the USA

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

Sunday, Sept. 4 Wedding, Jarrod Popovic / Athena Paxinos @ 3:00pm

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Philippians
15:1-7

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 2.5-11

Άδελφοί, τοῦτο γὰρ φρονείσθω έν ὑμῖν ὂ καὶ έν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ὂς έν μορφῇ θεοῦ ὑπάρχων, ούχ ὰρπαγμὸν ἡγήσατο τὸ εἶναι ἶσα θεῷ, άλλ' ἑαυτὸν ἐκένωσεν, μορφὴν δούλου λαβών, έν ὁμοιώματι ἀνθρώπων γενόμενος· καί σχήματι εὑρεθεὶς ὡς ἄνθρωπος, ἐταπείνωσεν ἑαυτόν, γενόμενος ὑπήκοος μέχρι θανάτου, θανάτου δὲ σταυροῦ. Διὸ καὶ ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸν ὑπερύψωσεν, καὶ ἐχαρίσατο αὐτῷ ὄνομα τὸ ὑπὲρ πᾶν ὄνομα· ἴνα ἐν τῷ όνόματι Ἰησοῦ πᾶν γόνυ κάμψῃ ἐπουρανίων καὶ ἐπιγείων καὶ καταχθονίων, καὶ πᾶσα γλῶσσα ἑξομολογήσηται ὅτι κύριος Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, είς δόξαν θεοῦ πατρός.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Εκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκάν ὰγίου Εύαγγελίου τὸ άνάγνωσμα 10.38-42, 11.27-28

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, είσῆλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς είς κώμην τινά γυνη δέ τις όνόματι Μάρθα ὑπεδέξατο αύτὸν είς τὸν οἶκον αύτῆς. καὶ τῆδε ἦν άδελφὴ καλουμένη Μαρία, ἣ καὶ παρακαθίσασα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ίησοῦ ἤκουε τὸν λόγον αύτοῦ. ἡ δὲ Μάρθα περιεσπᾶτο περὶ πολλὴν διακονίαν' έπιστᾶσα δὲ εἶπε' Κύριε, ού μέλει σοι ὅτι ἡ άδελφή μου μόνην με κατέλιπε διακονεῖν; είπὲ οὖν αύτῇ ἵνα μοι συναντιλάβηται. άποκριθεὶς δὲ εἶπεν αύτῆ ὁ Ἰησοῦς' Μάρθα Μάρθα, μεριμνᾶς καὶ τυρβάζη περὶ πολλά ἐνὸς δέ έστι χρεία Μαρία δὲ τὴν άγαθὴν μερίδα έξελέξατο, ήτις ούκ άφαιρεθήσεται άπ' αύτῆς. Έγένετο δὲ έν τῷ λέγειν αύτὸν ταῦτα έπάρασά τις γυνὴ φωνήν έκ τοῦ ὄχλου εἶπεν αὐτῷ' μακαρία ἡ κοιλία ἡ βαστάσασά σε καὶ μαστοὶ οὓς έθήλασας. αύτὸς δὲ εἶπε' μενοῦνγε μακάριοι οὶ άκούοντες τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ φυλάσσοντες αύτόν.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2021

...the greatest of these is love

esus spoke of love and showed compassion. He taught us by his example to love one an-Jother 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 εσπλαγχνίσθη (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.

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 Stewardship is everything 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.



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Christian Stewardship 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 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?



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

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 ANNOUNCEMENT

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Philoptochos events:

Saturday, September 25, Philoptochos Annual Tea event in the afternoon (More details will be coming soon)

Saturday, November 13, Philoptochos **Bid & Buy** event in the Cathedral Social Hall



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 though 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

Tuition for Cathedral School Students

1st Child: \$300 2nd Child: \$250 3_{rd} 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 tristate 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 *Ellinomathea* 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.

FROM THE DESK OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHIBISHOP OF AMERICA ELPIDOPHOROS

My dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

Even now as I am addressing toy you, the fires are still ravaging our beloved mother country Greece. And when this horror is over, thousands of our Greek brethren will be left without their homes and possessions.

It is for this reason that I am calling on every parish across our sacred Archdiocese this Sunday to take-up a special collection for this purpose — the same day on which we celebrate the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

I am also inviting whoever wishes to make a direct donation, to do so by visiting the website of our Archdiocese.

An accounting of all funds raised for this purpose will be made public, so that every person of goodwill can see how their generosity has effectuated positive results on the ground in Greece.

May God, the Comforter, through the Holy Intercessions of the Virgin Mother of God, whose sacred Dormition we will celebrate in a few short days, send speedy relief to the people of Greece, and bring to an end this terrible inferno that continues to devastate our *Ellada*, την Ελλάδα μας.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

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August 10, 2021

My beloved Parishioners:

Filled with joy and love in Christ, we were elated with the presence of Archbishop of America Elpidophoros, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in America and Patriarchal Vicar of the Metropolis of New Jersey, in His first historic visit to our beloved Parish of St. George Cathedral in Philadelphia. It has been over 30 years since a Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America has visited exclusively Philadelphia. This hierarchical thirst has been quenched by His Eminence, who like Jacob's Well, bestowed upon us refreshment and spiritual rejuvenation.

It is challenging to express not only my personal elation, but especially the collective jubilation and emotion of all our faithful who were present in this first visit and Divine Liturgy of His Eminence at St. George Cathedral, who took the time among his manifold responsibilities to visit us, to break bread with us, exchange ideas, and bless us with His genuine Archpastoral love and concern. As the Spiritual Father of the Parish entrusted with the care of this flock in this vineyard of our Lord, I could not be more proud or thankful for the contribution of members of this congregation who labored tirelessly for the success of this most historic visit.

Although I cannot express my gratitude to everyone, I need to single out a few:

Archon John Sarkioglu and Penny Sarkioglu, for organizing the hotel and restaurant accommodations of His Eminence's visit.

Our Chefs, Andreas Petrides and Kostas Kravaris, and all who assisted in the kitchen preparing the wonderful and delicious hors d'oeuvres and pastries for His Eminence's reception at the Cathedral Social Hall.

And the Ladies of the Philoptochos Sisterhood and the members of the Parish Council who offer their time and talent to organize the reception and serve the individuals on the tables.

His Eminence enjoyed immensely his visit to our Cathedral and asked me personally to convey to all of you His Love and support, and that He will remember everyone in His prayers. He promised me also personally that He will be coming to visit us again during the Centennial celebration of our Cathedral in 2022.

We wish His Eminence many healthy years more of faithful ministry and leadership of the flock here in America.

Έλπιδοφόρου, τοῦ Σεβασμιωτάτου καὶ Θεοπροβλήτου Άρχιεπισκόπου τῆς Αγιωτάτης Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Αμερικῆς, Υπερτίμου καὶ Ἐξάρχου Ὠκεανῷ ν Ατλαντικοῦ τε καὶ Εἰρηνικοῦ, ἡμῶν δὲ Πατρός καὶ Ποιμενάρχου, πολλά τὰ ἔτη!

Elpidophoros, the Most Reverend Archbishop of the Holy Archdiocese of America, Primate and Exarch of the lands of the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, our Spiritual Father and Shepherd, many years!

In His Service,

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers

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June 20, 2021

Dear friends and Parishioners of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral,

It is with much enthusiasm and joy that we write this letter to you as we are approaching 2022, which marks the historic occasion and the beginning of the 100th Anniversary celebration of our Cathedral. This coming year is very significant for us Orthodox Christians; this Greek Orthodox Community is a witness to Orthodoxy for 100 years in the City of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley region. We also celebrate you, the faithful and dedicated members of our Cathedral, for your unwavering stewardship and generous support of our beloved Orthodox Christian faith and community for 100 years. You are the chosen people of God whom he entrusted the care of this most fertile Orthodox Christian seed, our Cathedral. You are "born anew [in this Divine Institution] not of perishable seed, but imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God." (1 Peter 1:23). You have planted the seeds of our ministries and watered and nurtured these ministries for 100 years. But to God belongs all glory for it is He "Who gives the growth."

There are many events and opportunities planned throughout the year and we hope you will join us as we honor our Orthodox Cathedral and the historic accomplishments of our community. Please see the attached Calendar of Events. In addition to the many celebrations, we are creating a beautiful anniversary historic publication titled, "Our First One Hundred Years at Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral." This historic book will contain highlights of the vision and growth of our Parish over the past 100 years along with pictures, articles and memorabilia as well as documenting the activities of our parish during 2022. If your family was a member of Saint George Cathedral at any point in the last hundred years, we ask you to submit a few paragraphs and photos that ascribe their contribution. The material will be published in a commemorative book and exhibited during the Grand Banquet on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

In addition, as we commemorate the history, faith, and events of our Cathedral over the past 100 years, we invite you also to become advocates of our efforts. Please see the attached form. There will be a section dedicated to the stewards of our Parish known as the *Advocates of Saint George Cathedral*. There are several levels of sponsorship available and we would like each of you with your families to tell us your story. Through your acknowledgment and commitment, we will use these funds to support the Cathedral Restoration Fund. This Fund provides the monetary support for restoring the Cathedral building. As you may imagine, if we fail to continually address the necessary repairs and maintenance of our Cathedral building in a timely manner, the cost of doing so on an emergency basis will become overwhelming. Your support will enable

us to incur these expenses in a manageable timeframe. We ask you to make a commitment and pledge of support for the restoration efforts of our Cathedral so that she may continue to provide us with a Spiritual Temple of worship and an opportunity to serve and witness our Orthodox Christian faith and Hellenic Tradition. Please forward material to Dr. Kostis Kourelis @: kkourelis@gmail.com or mail them to the Cathedral Office: Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Anniversary, 256 South 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or email them to the Cathedral Office @: office@saintgeorgecathedral.org. For more info, please call the Cathedral office @: 215-627-4389.

We are most confident that through your efforts and zeal, our Church of St. George will indeed be ready to meet the challenges, which lay ahead, and as St. Paul reminds us: "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7). Let us continue the legacy of our forefathers. Let us work together for the future generations of our Cathedral achieving our plan and vision for the next 100 years. May our loving God "...who gives us richly all things to enjoy," (1 Timothy 6:17) bless and multiply your generosity with all the good things from above.

In His Grace,

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers Presiding Priest of the Cathedral Archon John Sarkioglu 100th Anniversary Com. Co-Chairman Dr. Kostis Kourelis 100th Anniversary Com. Co-Chairman



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Ιουλίου 20, 2021

Αγαπητοί φίλοι και Ενορίτες του Ελληνικού Ορθοδόξου Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίου Γεωργίου,

Με ενθουσιώδη χαρά απευθυνόμαστε σε όλους σας με αυτήν την ημετέραν επιστολήν καθώς πλησιάζουμε το έτος 2022, ένα έτος που σηματοδοτεί και αποτελεί την έναρξη της ιστορικής επετείου των εορτασμών της εκατονταετηρίδος από συστάσεως της ελληνορθοδόζου κοινότητος του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού του Αγίου Γεωργίου της πόλεως Φιλαδελφείας και της ευρυτέρας περιοχής της κοιλάδος του Delaware. Αυτό το έτος εορτάζουμε επίσης και εσάς, τα πιστά και αφοσιωμένα μέλη του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού, που για τα τελευταία εκατό έτη προσέφεραν και προσφέρουν την ακλόνητη πίστη τους και γενναιόδωρη προσφορά τους στην αγαπημένη τους κοινότητα. Είστε οι εκλεκτοί πιστοί του Θεού στους οποίους ο Χριστός μέσω της Εκκλησίας του ανέθεσε την φροντίδα και διατήρηση αυτού του εύφορου Ορθοδόξου Χριστιανικού σπέρματος, του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού. Και όπως αναφέρει ο απόστολος Πέτρος στην πρώτη του Επιστολή: «άναγεγεννημένοι οὐκ έκ σπορᾶς φθαρτῆς, άλλὰ άφθάρτου, διὰ λόγου ζῶντος Θεοῦ καὶ μένοντος είς τὸν αίῶνα» (1 Πέτρου 1.23). Εσείς φυτέψατε τους σπόρους των διαφόρων προγραμμάτων του Καθεδρικού, εσείς τους ποτίσατε και τους φροντίσατε τα τελευταία εκατό χρόνια με πίστη και αφοσίωση για εσάς και τα παιδιά σας· αλλά μη ξεχνάτε ότι στον Θεό ανήκει όλη η δόξα, διότι «οὔτε ὁ φυτεύων ἐστί τι οὔτε ὁ ποτίζων, ἀλλ' ὁ αὐξάνων Θεός» (Ι Κορ. 3.7)

Κατά τη διάρκεια αυτού του έτους έχουν προγραμματιστεί διάφορες εκδηλώσεις, καθώς τιμούμε τον Καθεδρικό μας Ναό και τα ιστορικά και θρησκευτικά αυτού επιτεύγματα, και που ελπίζουμε ότι η συμμετοχή σας θα λαμπρύνει αυτές. Δείτε παρακαλώ προς γνώσιν σας το συνημμένο πρόγραμμα των εκδηλώσεων εορτασμού. Εκτός των διαφόρων εορταστικών εκδηλώσεων της εκατονταετηρίδος σκοπεύουμε και στην εκτύπωση μιας επιμελημένης ιστορικής εκδόσεως με τον τίτλο, «Τα πρώτα εκατό έτη του Ελληνορθοδόζου Καθεδρικού Ναού του Αγίου Γεωργίου». Αυτή η έκδοση θα εμπεριέχει στιγμιότυπα των οραματισμών και της προόδου της ιστορικής κοινότητος του Αγίου Γεωργίου για τα τελευταία εκατό έτη, με εικονογραφικό περιεχόμενο, αρθρογραφία και αναμνηστικές φωτογραφίες, καθώς και στιγμιότυπα των εκδηλώσεων κατά τη διάρκεια του εορταστικού έτους 2022. Εάν η οικογένειά σας αποτέλεσε μέλος του Καθεδρικού Ναού του Αγίου Γεωργίου κατά τη διάρκεια των τελευταίων εκατό ετών, εκζητούμε θερμώς να μας παρουσιάσετε σχετικό φωτογραφικό υλικό και κάποια περίληψη της συμβολής σας ώστε τα στοιχεία αυτά να συμπεριληφθούν στην έκδοση αυτή. Το υλικό θα δημοσιευτεί σε ένα αναμνηστικό τόμο και θα παρουσιαστεί επισήμως κατά τη διάρκεια της γωροεσπερίδος αφιερωμένη στην εκατονταετηρίδα, Οκτωβρίου 2022.



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Επιπλέον, καθώς εορτάζουμε την ιστορία και την Ελληνορθόδοξη παρουσία του Καθεδρικού Ναού τα τελευταία 100 χρόνια, σας προσκαλούμε θερμώς όπως γίνεται χορηγοί των προσπαθειών μας για την επιτυχή ολοκλήρωση των εορταστικών αυτών εκδηλώσεων. Δείτε παρακαλώ την συνημμένη φόρμα συμμετοχής χορηγίας. Υπάρχουν διάφορα επίπεδα που μπορείτε να συμμετάσχετε. Στην ιστορική αυτή έκδοση θα αφιερωθούν σελίδες όπου η παρουσία των χορηγών θα αναγραφεί. Τα χρήματα τα οποία θα συγκεντρωθούν θα δαπανηθούν εξ ολοκλήρου για την υποστήριξη των εργασιών συντηρήσεως του Καθεδρικού Ναού. Το κόστος της συντηρήσεως ανέρχεται στο ποσό των δύο εκατομμυρίων δολαρίων (\$2,000,000). Σας παρακαλούμε εκ βάθους καρδίας όπως γενναιοδώρως υποστηρίξετε τις προσπάθειες συντηρήσεως του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού, ώστε μέσω αυτού να συνεχιστεί η παρουσία της Ορθοδόξου πίστεως και Ελληνικής Παραδόσεως στην περιοχή της Φιλαδελφείας.

Το φωτογραφικό υλικό και κείμενο μπορείτε να το αποστείλετε στον Δρ. Κωστή Κουρέλη, στο: kkourelis@gmail.com, ή στο γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού 256 South 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, με την αναγραφή στην επιταγή: 100th Anniversary of St. George Cathedral. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, καλέστε το γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού στο: 215-627-4389.

Είμεθα πεπεισμένοι ότι μέσω των προσπαθειών και του ζήλου σας, η Εκκλησία του Αγίου Γεωργίου θα είναι όντως έτοιμη να αντιμετωπίσει τις μελλοντικές προκλήσεις των επομένων εκατό ετών, και όπως μας υπενθυμίζει ο απόστολος Παύλος: «ἔκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῆ καρδία, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐζ ἀνάγκης ἱλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾳ ὁ Θεός» (2 Κορ. 9.7). Ας γίνουμε συνεχιστές της κληρονομιάς των προγόνων μας. Ας γίνουμε δωρεοδότες για την υποστήριξη των επερχομένων γενεών του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού, πραγματοποιώντας ένα όραμα για τα επόμενα εκατό έτη. Είθε ο Θεός της αγάπης που «τῷ παρέχοντι ἡμῖν πάντα πλουσίως εἰς ἀπόλαυσιν» (1 Τιμ. 6.17) να ευλογεί και να πολλαπλασιάζει τη γενναιόδωρο προσφορά σας με κάθε τι καλό και ευλογημένο.

Μετά πολλής εν Χριστώ αγάπης,

Αρχιμ. Αμβρόσιος Μπιτζιάδης Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος Άρχων Ιωάννης Σαρκιόγλου Μέλος Επιτροπής της Εκατονταετηρίδος Δρ. Κώστας Κουρέλης Μέλος Επιτροπής της Εκατονταετηρίδος



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Ένα δωρεάν αντίγραφο του αναμνηστικού λευκώματος.

Ένα αναμνηστικό κόσμημα με την επιγραφή του εορτασμού των 100 ετών του Καθεδρικού Ναού.

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Ένα αναμνηστικό κόσμημα με την επιγραφή του εορτασμού των 100 ετών του Καθεδρικού Ναού.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

In October 1922, our forefathers celebrated the first Divine Liturgy of St. George Cathedral in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania which has subsequently received the designation of "St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral." Throughout the year of 2022, we will be hosting the following events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Cathedral and Greek American Community and to recognize this historic occasion. **PLEASE MARK YOUR** CALENDARS:

- 1. (Sunday, January 9, 2022) Philoptochos and Parish Vasilopita Luncheon at the *Cathedral Social Hall*, at 12:00pm.
- **2. (Sunday, February 13, 2022)** 100th Anniversary Historic and Pictorial Presentation with a speaker at the *Cathedral Social Hall*, at 12:00pm.
- **3. (Sunday, March 6, 2022)** Philoptochos 100th Anniversary presentation with a speaker at the *Cathedral Social Hall*, at 12:00pm.
- **4. (Sunday, March 27, 2022)** March 25th Greek Independence Day celebration at the *Cathedral Social Hall*, at 12:00pm.
- **5. (Friday, April 29)** Philoptochos 100th Anniversary BID&BUY event at the *Cathedral Social Hall*, at 5:00pm.
- **6.** (June 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2022) 100th Anniversary Greek Festival at the *Cathedral premises*.
- **7. (Thursday, September 22, 2022)** College Students and Young Adults 100th Anniversary Wine and Cheese event at *ESTIA Restaurant, Philadelphia, PA*, at 6:00pm.
- **8.** (Tuesday, October **4, 2022**) 100th Anniversary Golf Tournament at *Bluestone Country Club*, *Bluebell, PA*, at 11:00am.
- 9. (SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022) 100th ANNIVERSARY GRAND BANQUET at The Ballroom at the Benn (John Papastefanou Music Band), at 6:00pm.
- **10.** (Sunday, October 16, 2022) 100th Anniversary Divine Liturgy at *St. George Cathedral*, Orthros starts at 8:45am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.
- **11. (Sunday, November 13, 2022)** 100th Anniversary dedication plaque and Veterans' Day commemoration at the *Cathedral*, at 12:00pm.
- **12.** (Saturday, December 10, 2022) Christmas 100th Anniversary Concert at *St. George Cathedral*, at 6:00pm. Contactor Demetrios Fousteris.



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Τον Οκτώβριο του 1922, οι πρόγονοί μας εόρτασαν την πρώτη Θεία Λειτουργία στον Καθεδρικό Ναό του Αγίου Γεωργίου, της πόλεως Φιλαδελφείας της Πεννσυλβανίας, ο οποίος εν συνεχεία έλαβε το όνομα «Ορθόδοξος Καθεδρικός Ναός του Αγίου Γεωργίου». Κατά τη διάρκεια του 2022, θα διοργανωθούν οι ακόλουθες εκδηλώσεις για τον εορτασμό της ιστορικής εκατοναετηρίδος από συστάσεως της Ελληνορθοδόξου Κοινότητος του Καθεδρικού Ναού, και τα διακόσια έτη από συστάσεως του κτηρίου του Καθεδρικού Ναού. ΠΑΡΑΚΑΛΟΥΜΕ ΣΗΜΕΙΩΣΕΤΕ ΤΙΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΕΣ ΗΜΕΡΟΜΗΝΙΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΑ ΕΟΡΤΑΣΤΙΚΑ ΓΕΓΟΝΟΤΑ ΣΤΟ ΗΜΕΡΟΛΟΓΙΟ ΣΑΣ:

- 1. **Κυριακή, 9^η Ιανουαρίου, 2022**, η Φιλόπτωχος αδελφότης και η Ενορία του Καθεδρικού θα εορτάσουν την εκατονταετηρίδα με την κοπή της παραδοσιακής Βασιλόπιτας. Ακολούθως γεύμα εις όλους θα παραταθεί *στο Κοινοτικό κέντρο του Καθεδρικού Ναού*, στις 12:00μ.μ.
- 2. Κυριακή, 13^η Φεβρουαρίου, 2022, ιστορική επετειακή και εικονογραφική παρουσίαση της εκατονταετηρίδος με την παρουσία διακεκριμένου ιστορικού ομιλητή της πόλεως Φιλαδελφείας, στο Κοινοτικό κέντρο του Καθεδρικού Ναού, στις 12:00 μ.μ.
- **3. Κυριακή, 6^η Μαρτίου, 2022,** ιστορική παρουσίασης εκ μέρους της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητος επ' ευκαιρία των εκατών ετών από συστάσεως της Αδελφότητος, με την παρουσία διακεκριμένου ομιλητή εκπροσώπου της Εθνικής Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητος, στο *Κοινοτικό κέντρο του Καθεδρικού Ναού*, στις 12:00μ.μ.
- **4. Κυριακή, 25^η Μαρτίου,** Εορτασμός Ημέρας Ελληνικής Ανεξαρτησίας στο *Κοινοτικό κέντρο του Καθεδρικού Ναού*, στις 12:00μ.μ.
- **5.** Παρασκευή, 29^η Απριλίου, 2022, εκδήλωσης ΒΙD&ΒUΥ της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητος του Καθεδρικού αφιερωμένη στον εορτασμό της εκατονταετηρίδος, στο Κοινοτικό κέντρο του Καθεδρικού Ναού, στις 5:00μ.μ.
- **6.** (**Ιουνίου 2, 3, 4 και 5, 2022**) Το Ελληνικό Φεστιβάλ της Κοινότητος του Καθεδρικού Ναού, αφιερωμένο στον εορτασμό της εκατονταετηρίδος.
- 7. (Πέμπτη, 22 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2022) Βραδινή εκδήλωση των Φοιτητών των Κολλεγίων και του ΥΑL επ' ευκαιρία του εορτασμού της εκατονταετηρίδος, στο εστιατόριο ΕSTIA, στην πόλη της Φιλαδελφείας, στις 6:00μ.μ.
- **8.** (**Τρίτη, 16^η Οκτωβρίου, 2022**) Γκόλφ Τουρνουά επ' ευκαιρία της εκατονταετηρίδος, στο *Blue Stone Country Club, Bluebell, PA*, στις 11:00π.μ.
- 9. <u>(Σάββατο, 15^η Οκτωβρίου, 2022)</u> Επίσημος χοροεσπερίδα επ'ευκαιρία του εορτασμού της εκατονταετηρίδος, με την παρουσία του Σεβασμιωτάτου Αρχιεπισκόπου Αμερικής κ. Ελπιδοφόρου, στο *Ballroom at the Ben* (με την ορχήστρα του Ιωάννου Παπαστεφάνου), στις 6:00μ.μ.
- 10. (Κυριακή, 16^η Οκτωβρίου, 2022) Επίσημος Θεία Λειτουργία, αφιερωμένη στην εκατονταετηρίδα, με την παρουσία του Σεβασμιωτάτου Αρχιεπισκόπου Αμερικής κ. Ελπιδοφόρου. Όρθρος αρχίζει στις 8:45π.μ., και η Θεία Λειτουργία στις 10:00π.μ.
- 11. (Κυριακή, 13^η Νοεμβρίου, 2022) Αφιέρωσης αναμνηστικής πλάκας στους βετεράνους, επ'ευκαιρία του εορτασμού της εκατονταετηρίδος στον *Καθεδρικό Ναό*, κατά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτουργίας, στις 12:00π.μ.
- **12.** (Σάββατο, 10^η Δεκεμβρίου, 2022) Χριστουγεννιάτικη συναυλία στον *Καθεδρικό Ναό*, επ'ευκαιρία του εορτασμού της εκατονταετηρίδος, στις 6:00μ.μ. Διευθυντής ορχήστρας κ. Δημήτριος Φουστέρης.



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