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

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers Presiding Priest



Today is: Sunday, April 4, 2021

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

#### SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

George of Maleon / Plato the Studite Γεώργιος ὁ ἐν Μαλεῷ / Πλάτων τῆς Στουδίου 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.

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TODAY SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

Frid., April 9 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Service starts at 8:30am

4th Salutations to the (Theotokos) the Mother of God

Service starts at 6:30pm

Sun., April 11 SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN OF CLIMACUS

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

Mon., April. 12 The Great Compline Service

Service starts at 6:00pm

Wed., April 14 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Service starts at 8:30am

Frid. April 16 THE ACATHYST HYMN

Service starts at 6:30pm

Sun., April 18 SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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

Mon., April. 19 The Great Compline Service

Service starts at 6:00pm

Wed., April 21 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Service starts at 8:30am

Sat. April 24 Saturday of Lazarus

8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Services are livestreamed through the Facebook account:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Philadelphia

#### ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΠΡΟΣΚΥΝΗΣΕΩΣ

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

Παρ. 9 Άπριλ. Η Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

Ἡ άκολουθία άρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.

Δ΄ Χαιρετισμοί πρὸς τὴν Θεοτόκον

Ἡ άκολουθία άρχίζει στις 6:30μ.μ.

Κυρ., 11 Άπριλ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΚΛΙΜΑΚΟΣ

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

Δευτ., 12 Άπριλ. Τὸ Μέγα Άπόδειπνον

Ἡ άκολουθία άρχίζει στις 6:00μ.μ.

Τετ., 14 Άπριλ. Ἡ Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

Ἡ άκολουθία άρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.

Παρ., 16 Άπριλ. Ὁ Άκάθιστος Ύμνος πρὸς τὴν Θεοτόκον

Ἡ άκολουθία άρχίζει στις 6:30μ.μ.

Κυρ., 18 Άπριλ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΟΣΙΑΣ ΜΑΡΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΑΣ

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

Δευτ., 19 Άπριλ. Τὸ Μέγα Άπόδειπνον

Ἡ άκολουθία άρχίζει στις 6:00μ.μ.

Τετ., 21 Άπριλ. Ἡ Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

Ἡ άκολουθία άρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.

Σαβ. 24 Απριλ. Σάββατο τοῦ Λαζάρου

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

Οὶ ἀκολουθίες μεταδίδονται ζωντανά μέσω τοῦ διαδιχτύου ἀπό τὸ Facebook:

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Sat., April 10 District Oratorical Festival

@ St. Luke, Broomall

Tues., April 13 Parish Council Meeting

@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ 6:30pm

Tues., May 18 Parish Council Meeting

@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ 6:30pm

Sun., May 16 Spring Parish Assembly

@ the end of the Divine Liturgy @ the

Cathedral Social Hall

Sun., May 23 Greek/Sunday School Graduation

@ the end of the Divine Liturgy

#### THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrew 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also, Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

#### Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Ἐβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παῦλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 4.14-16, 5.1-6

Άδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν άρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς ούρανούς, Ίησοῦν τὸν υὶὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ομολογίας. Ού γαρ έχομεν άρχιερέα μη δυνάμενον συμπαθησαι ταῖς άσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ομοιότητα, χωρίς αμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἴνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν είς εὕκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ άρχιερεύς, έξ άνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ άνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρη δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ὰμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς άγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, έπεὶ καὶ αύτὸς περίκειται άσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην όφείλει, καθώς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἀμαρτιῶν. Καὶ ούχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμήν, άλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Άαρών. Ούτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς ούχ ἑαυτὸν έδόξασεν γενηθῆναι άρχιερέα, άλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αύτόν, Υὶός μου εἶ σύ, έγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθώς καὶ έν επέρω λέγει, Σὺ ὶερεὺς είς τὸν αίῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

#### THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

#### ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Εκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον ὰγίου Εύαγγελίου τὸ άνάγνωσμα 8.34-38, 9.1

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος Εἴ τις θέλει όπίσω μου έλθεῖν, άπαρνησάσθω ὲαυτὸν καὶ άράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αύτοῦ, καὶ άκολουθείτω μοι. ὂς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αύτοῦ σῶσαι, άπολέσει αύτήν' ὂς δ΄ ἂν άπολέση τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν έμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εύαγγελίου, οὖτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ώφελήσει ἄνθρωπον έὰν κερδήση τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῆ τὴν ψυχὴν αύτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος άντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αύτοῦ; ὂς γὰρ έὰν έπαισχυνθῆ με καὶ τοὺς έμοὺς λόγους έν τῆ γενεᾳ ταύτη τῆ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ὰμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὸ υὶὸς τοῦ άνθρώπου έπαισχυνθήσεται αύτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ έν τῇ δόξη τοῦ πατρὸς αύτοῦ μετὰ τῶν άγγέλων τῶν ὰγίων. Καὶ έλεγεν αύτοῖς' άμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι είσί τινες τῶν ὧδε έστηκότων, οἴτινες ού μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἔως ἂν ἴδωσι την βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ έληλυθυῖαν έν δυνάμει.



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December 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that you are all in good and sound health in these trying and difficult times!

Please see below instructions by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America pertaining the parish operations during COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Cathedral is being prepared and we are following the welcoming and seating processes as parishioners entering the Narthex. Parish Council members will be greeting and guiding you through the procedures designated by the Archdiocese as you approach the Cathedral.

- A Registration form is prepared for attending services for each individual or family memebrs.
- Please be sure to wear a mask when you enter the Cathedral and practice the social distancing rule of 6 feet apart, between individuals or families. Families can sit together.
- There will be no need to touch any door handles or other items (Only the main Cathedral door and the back door for handicap access will remain open throughout the Liturgy)
- Orthros on Sundays will be celebrated at 8:45am with Divine Liturgy following at 10:00am.
- A basket will be on either side of the candle stand in the Narthex for you to make your offerings and donations.
- After lighting candles, please revere the icon and do not kiss the icon.
- Father Ambrose will make announcements with directions for an orderly and safe approach for Holy Communion and then Dismissal.
- Antidoron will be given only by the priest. Parishioners will approach to receive antidoron without kissing the hand of the priest and wearing their masks.
- Call the Church Office for instructions regarding Memorials. If offered, Koliva must be placed on a tray in individual bags after the service.
- The pews have been cleaned and disinfected and hand sanitizer is placed in the Narthex.

If you are in a **high-risk category as defined by the CDC** (see link below), are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms or have had exposure to someone with symptoms, we urge you to remain home and enjoy the online services until you can safely return to the church. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html

Please approach with patience and understanding as we proceed together in worship.

In His Service.

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20 Δεκεμβρίου, 2020

Αγαπητοί ενορίτες του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίου Γεωργίου Φιλαδελφείας,

Εύχομαι και προσεύχομαι το γράμμα αυτό να σας εύρει όλους καλά και σε καλήν υγείαν.

Παρακαλώ δείτε συννημμένως τις σχετικές οδηγίες από την Ιερά Αρχιεπισκοπή Αμερικής κατά τη διάρκεια της ελεύσεώς σας στον Ιερό Καθεδρικό Ναό του Αγίου Γεωργίου. Οι οδηγίες αυτές επισυνάπτονται επίσης και στην σχετική ιστοσελίδα της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, και σας παρακαλούμε να τις διαβάσετε με προσοχή και να τις κατανοήσετε, διότι αφορούν την διατήρηση και προστασία της προσωπικής και οικογενειακή σας υγείας κατά τη διάρκεια της συμμετοχής σας στις λατρευτικές συνάξεις του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού.

Κατά τη διάρκεια της λατρείας μόνο η κεντρική πόρτα του Καθεδρικού Ναού θα είναι ανοιχτή, καθώς και η πίσω πόρτα αλλά μόνο γι' αυτούς που διαθέτουν κάποιο είδος αναπηρίας και δεν μπορούν να ανέλθουν τα σκαλοπάτια του Καθεδρικού Ναού. Η ΓΥΑΛΙΝΗ ΠΟΡΤΑ ΘΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΚΑΘ' ΟΛΗ ΤΗ ΔΙΑΡΚΕΙΑ ΚΛΕΙΣΤΗ. Όταν προσέρχεστε στον Νάρθηκα, παρακαλώ να ακολουθείτε τις οδηγίες που σας δίδονται από τα μέλη του Εκκλησιαστικού Συμβουλίου κατά τη διάρκεια της ελεύσεώς σας. Οι οδηγίες αυτές είναι οι εξής:

- 1. Συμπλήρωση των προσωπικών και οικογενειακών σας στοιχείων (εάν προσέρχεστε όλοι μαζί ως οικογένεια) στο βιβλίο εγγραφής των μελών που θα παρευρίσκεται στον Νάρθηκα.
- 2. Κατά την είσοδό σας στον Καθεδρικό Ναό και κατά τη διάρκεια της Θείας Λειτουργίας η περιοχή του στόματός σας θα πρέπει να είναι καλυμμένη με μάσκα, και η στάση σας στα στασίδια θα πρέπει να είναι σε απόσταση έξι (6) ποδών από τον επόμενο και προηγούμενο ενορίτη· εξαίρεση αποτελεί η προσέλευση των ενοριτών που προσέρχονται ως μια οικογένεια.
- 3. Οι πόρτες της εισόδου του Καθεδρικού θα ανοίγουν και θα κλείνουν από τα μέλη του εκκλησιαστικού συμβουλίου για τη δική σας ευκολία, και δεν θα χρειάζεται να τις αγγίζετε καθόλου.
- 4. Κάθε Κυριακή ο Όρθρος αρχίζει στις 8:45 π.μ., και η Θεία Λειτουργία στις 10:00 π.μ.
- Οι Δίσκοι/καλάθια θα βρίσκονται στα δυο άκρα του παγκαρίου για να ρίπτετε τον οβολό σας, καθώς και την δωρεά σας.
- 6. Εφόσον ανάψετε το κερί σας, μπορείτε να προσκυνήσετε εν συνεχεία τις εικόνες, χωρίς όμως να προσπαθήσετε να τις ασπασθείτε και φιλήσετε.
- 7. Το αντίδωρο θα δίδεται μόνο από τον ιερέα προς τους πιστούς. Η προσέλευσή σας για το αντίδωρο θα γίνεται με την μάσκα στο πρόσωπό σας. Είναι καλό να αποφεύγεται να φιλάτε το γέρι του ιερέως.
- 8. Για την τέλεση των μνημόσυνων των αγαπημένων σας προσώπων που έχουν μεταστεί στον Κύριο, παρακαλώ τηλεφωνήστε εγκαίρως το γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού για να λάβετε τις σχετικές οδηγίες για το πως να τα προετοιμάσετε. Η διαμοίρασις των κολλύβων στους συγγενείς και φίλους θα γίνεται μόνο εντός πλαστικών σακούλων. ΤΟ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ ΓΙΑ ΟΠΟΙΕΣΔΗΠΟΤΕ ΣΥΓΚΕΝΤΡΩΣΕΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΝΕΣΤΙΑΣΕΙΣ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟ ΠΑΡΟΝ ΘΑ ΠΑΡΑΜΕΙΝΕΙ ΚΛΕΙΣΤΟ.
- 9. Τα στασίδια θα είναι καθαρισμένα και απολυμασμένα πριν το άνοιγμα του Καθεδρικού Ναού, και απολυμαντικό διάλυμα θα βρίσκεται στο Νάρθηκα για την χρήση και απολύμανση των πιστών.
- Εάν έχετε προβλήματα υγείας και ανήκετε σε ευάλωτη κατηγορία, ή αν είστε άρρωστοι και έχετε έρθει σε επαφή με άτομα που είχαν συμπτώματα του κορωνοϊού (COVID-19),

### παρακαλούμε να παραμείνετε στις οικίες σας μέχρι την πλήρη ίανσή σας. Μπορείτε να παρακολουθήσετε όλες τις λατρευτικές συνάξεις από το Facebook του Καθεδρικού Ναού.

Σας ευχαριστούμε για την υπομονή και κατανόησή σας.

Ευχόμενοι όπως ο Κύριος βοηθά και στηρίζει πάντοτε όλους ημάς, διατελούμε,

Μετά της εν Χριστώ αγάπης,

Αρχιμ. Αμβρόσιος Μπιτζιάδης-Μπόουερς

Ιεαρατικώς Προϊστάμενος

#### 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 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 ἐσπλαγχνίσθη (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).

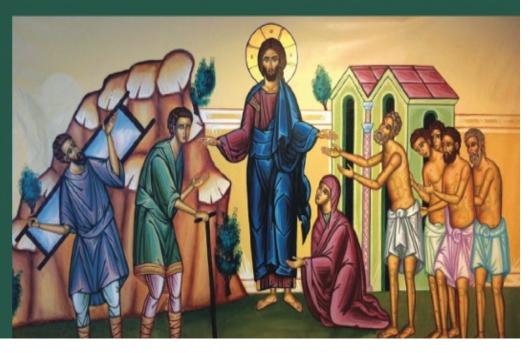
These stories reflect the love and compassion that Jesus has for his people. His compassion inspires and challenges each one of us to live compassionately.

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 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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#### PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENT

Under current conditions and restrictions due to COVID-19, Memorial receptions are forbidden in the Cathedral Social Hall. Therefore, anyone who is planning a MNEMOSINON (Memorial Service) is welcome to make a donation to the Cathedral Philoptochos Sisterhood "Ai Myroforai" for its philanthropic contributions and needs.

## 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



# St. George Cathedral Philoptochos "Ai Myrophoroi"

256 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107



in the rear parking lot of the church!!!

Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - 11am to 6pm Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - 11am to 6pm Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - 12pm to 3pm



Souvlaki



Spanakopita

Will be serving Souvlaki Sandwiches, Spanakopita, Desserts, Soft Drinks



Baklava

## Come and find Treasures!!!

Jewelry, Designer Bags, Slightly used clothes, New and Used Items for the Home and Much More

Vendors are welcome

For more information, call Jenny at 610-716-4502



# St. George Cathedral Philoptochos "Ai Myrophoroi"

## Easter Bake Sale



Tsourekia \$15.00

Koulourakia \$10.00 lb

Kourambiedes \$12.00 lb

*Baklava (12 pieces)* \$30.00

*Kataifi (12 pieces)* \$30.00

Dyed Eggs (Organic) \$10.00 (dozen)

## Please Place your orders by April 18, 2021

Call: Jenny Kravaris - 610-716-4502

Jean Volikas - 215-806-8509

Mary Ziogas - 215-470-3754

# St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral







## **GOD BLESS & PROTECT OUR HEROES**

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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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