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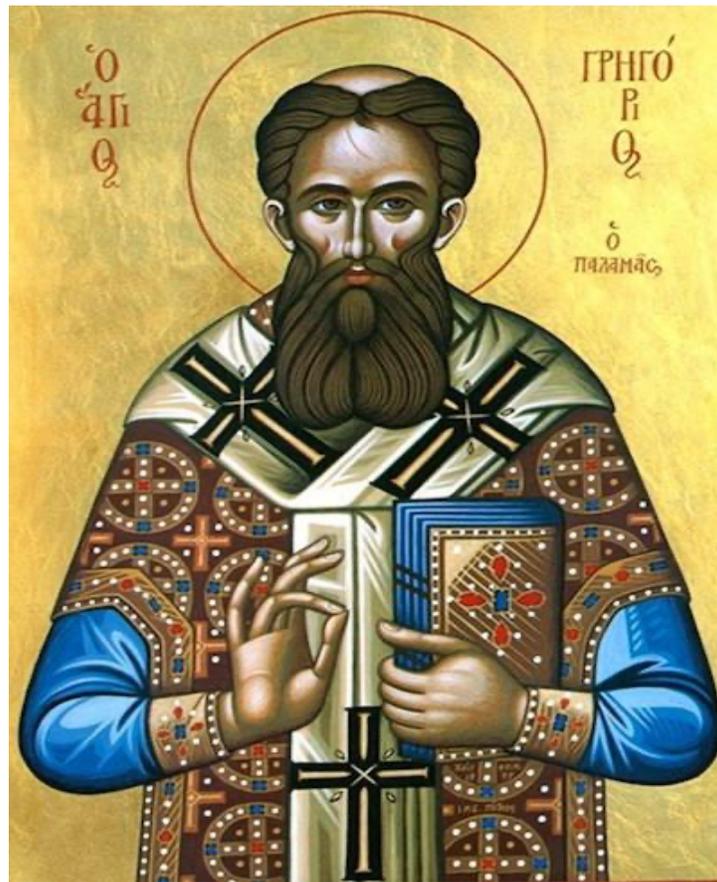
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Today is: Sunday, November 14, 2021

8TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Philip the Apostole / Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika

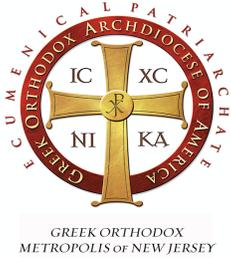
**Φιλίππου τοῦ Ἀποστόλου / Γρηγορίου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Θεσσαλονίκης τοῦ
Παλαμά**

***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.

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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

8th SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

Sun., Nov. 21

THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS TO THE TEMPLE

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

- *Memorial Service Sofia Tsimouris. May her memory be eternal!*

Sun., Nov. 28

13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

Tus., Nov. 30

St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle

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

Sat., Dec. 4

St. Barbara the Great Martyr

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

Sun., Dec. 5

10TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

Mon., Dec. 6

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

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

Thu., Dec. 9

The Conception of St. Anna

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

Sun., Dec. 12

12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

Wed., Dec. 15

St. Eleftherios the Hieromartyr

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

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ	ΟΓΔΟΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 21 Νοεμ.	ΤΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - <i>Ἐτήσιο Μνημόσυνον Σοφίας Τσιαμούρη. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!</i>
Κυρ., 28 Νοεμ.	ΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Τρίτ., 30 Νοεμ.	Ἁγίου Ἀνδρέου τοῦ Πρωτοκλήτου 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Σαβ., 4 Δεκ.	Ἁγίας Βαρβάρας τῆς Μεγαλομάρτυρος 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 5 Δεκ.	ΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Δευτ., 6 Δεκ.	Ἁγίου Νικολάου του Θαυματουργοῦ 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Πεμπ., 9 Δεκ.	Ἡ Σύλληψη τῆς Ἁγίας Ἄννης 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 12 Δεκ.	ΔΩΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Τετ., 15 Δεκ.	Ἁγίου Ἐλευθερίου τοῦ Ἱερομάρτυρος 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sat. Nov., 13** **Divine Liturgy Celebration of Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ for Patron Saint of the Metropolis St. John Chrysostom**
@ the Metropolis Headquarters @ 9:00am.
- Sun., Dec. 12** **Greek/Sunday School Christmas Celebration and Philoptochos Bakesale**
@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Metropolis of New Jersey Ambassadors Event**
@ the Merion, Cinnaminson, NJ at 4:30pm.
- Sun., Dec. 5** **Parish Elections**
@ the Cathedral Office, @ the end of the Divine Liturgy until 3:00pm.
- Thur. Dec. 16** **Metropolis of New Jersey Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration**
@ the Metropolis of NJ headquarters
- Sun., Jan. Dec. 9** **100th Anniversary Vasilopita Cutting and Philoptochos Sisterhood Luncheon. Proceeds benefit St. Basil Academy, Garrison, NY**
@ the Social Hall immediately after the end of the Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

- Nov. 21 Wedding Parikas/Ioakimidis @ 2pm
- Dec. 4 Wedding Theodorakopoulos/Tsavaris @ 4pm
- Dec. 5 Baptism Thomazos Family @ 1:30pm
- Dec. 11 Wedding Marcucci/Konugres @ 3:00pm

THE EPISTLE READING

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

4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Πρώτης Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

4.9-16

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν ὡς ἐπιθανατίους· ὅτι θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ ἀγγέλοις, καὶ ἀνθρώποις. Ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἰσχυροί· ὑμεῖς ἔνδοξοι, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄτιμοι. Ἄχρι τῆς ἄρτι ὥρας καὶ πεινῶμεν, καὶ διψῶμεν, καὶ γυμνητεύομεν, καὶ κολαφιζόμεθα, καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν, καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσίν· λαιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν· διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα· βλασφημούμενοι παρακαλοῦμεν· ὡς περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων περίψημα ἕως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. Ἐὰν γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγοὺς ἔχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ' οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταί μου γίνεσθε.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Luke

10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

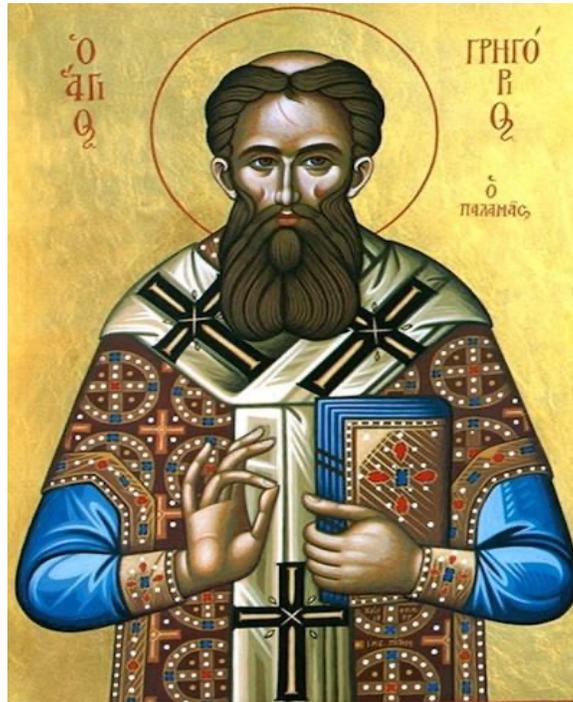
ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκάν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

10.25-37

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νομικός τις ἀνέστη ἐκπειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· ἐν τῷ νόμῳ τί γέγραπται; πῶς ἀναγινώσκεις; ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου, καὶ τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν· εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· ὀρθῶς ἀπεκρίθης· τοῦτο ποίει καὶ ζήσῃ. ὁ δὲ θέλων δικαιοῦν ἑαυτὸν εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν· καὶ τίς ἐστὶ μου πλησίον; ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἄνθρωπός τις κατέβαινεν ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλήμ εἰς Ἱεριχώ, καὶ λησταῖς περιέπεσεν· οἱ καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτὸν καὶ πληγὰς ἐπιθέντες ἀπῆλθον ἀφέντες ἡμιθανῆ τυγχάνοντα. κατὰ συγκυρίαν δὲ ἱερεὺς τις κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ ἐκείνῃ, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἀντιπαρῆλθεν. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευΐτης γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν ἀντιπαρῆλθε. Σαμαρείτης δὲ τις ὁδεύων ἦλθε κατ' αὐτόν, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ προσελθὼν κατέδησε τὰ τραύματα αὐτοῦ ἐπιχέων ἔλαιον καὶ οἶνον, ἐπιβιβάσας δὲ αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον κτῆνος ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς πανδοχεῖον καὶ ἐπεμελήθη αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν αὐρίον ἐξελθὼν, ἐκβαλὼν δύο δηνάρια ἔδωκε τῷ πανδοχεῖ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὃ τι ἂν προσδαπανήσης, ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ἐπανέρχεσθαί με ἀποδώσω σοι. τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν τριῶν πλησίον δοκεῖ σοι γεγονέναι τοῦ ἐμπεσόντος εἰς τοὺς ληστάς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὁ ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ' αὐτοῦ. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πορεύου καὶ σὺ ποίει ὁμοίως.

St. Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessaloniki



This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise, it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359. His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2021

...the greatest of these is love

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

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

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

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

Compassion can often mean kindness and sympathy. In these verses, it means something deeper and much more powerful. "And he had compassion" is translated from the Greek *ἐσπλαγχνίσθη* (*esplachNEEsthe*) 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).

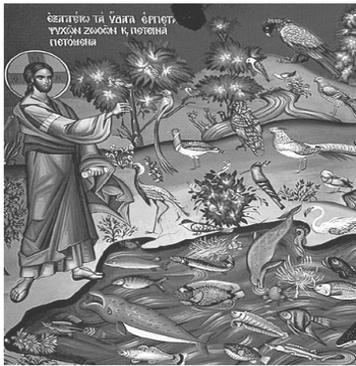
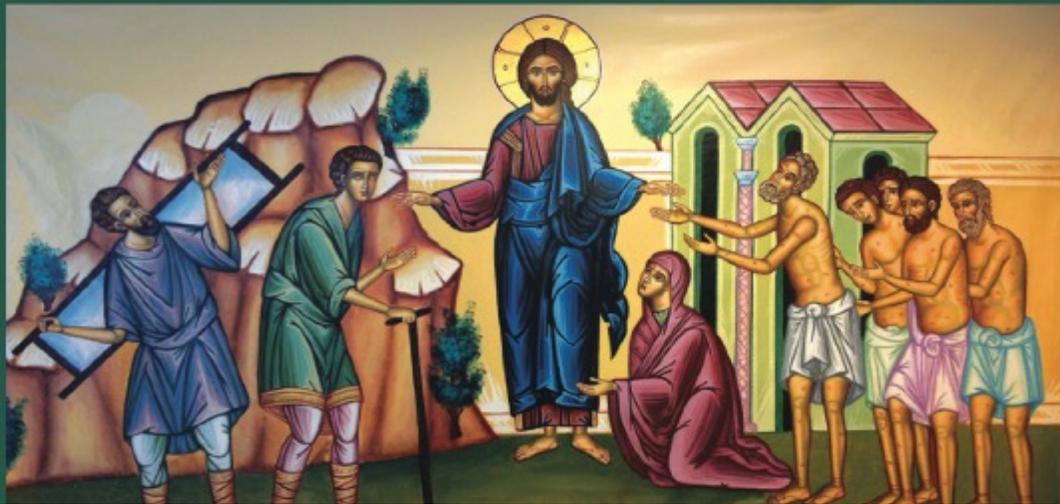
These stories reflect the love and compassion that Jesus has for his people. His compassion inspires and challenges each one of us to live compassionately.

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

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



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

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



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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
Ο ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ

October 7, 2021

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, the esteemed presidents and members of the Parish Councils, the gracious presidents and members of the Philoptochos Sisterhood, and the beloved presidents and members of the GOYA Chapters of the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey's Greek Orthodox Communities of the Delaware Valley Region:

It is with particular joy that I announce that the **11th Annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Delaware Valley Region Ambassador Awards Banquet** will take place at **The Merion** banquet hall, located at **1301 Route 130 South, in Cinnaminson, New Jersey**, on **Sunday, December 12, 2021**. Kindly know that the **Cocktail Hour** will begin promptly at **4:30 p.m.**, followed by **dinner** at **5:30 p.m.**

As in previous years, faithful from the parishes in the Delaware Valley Region of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey will be honored for their dedicated service and selfless contributions to their parish ministries. This year's honorees will be selected from the following eight categories: Ambassador of Hope, Ambassador of Faith, Ambassador of Love, Ambassador of Peace, Philoptochos honoree, Parish honoree, Youth Worker honoree and Essential Medical Worker honoree.

As always, the Ambassador Awards Banquet serves as an opportunity to come together as one Orthodox family and to appropriately recognize the efforts of all those who freely offer their time, talents and treasures for the glory of God and the support of His Church. And so, you are all wholeheartedly invited to attend this annual event, so that we may fittingly express our collective gratitude and appreciation for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Extending to all of you my archpastoral blessings and heartfelt prayers for much health and strength, peace and spiritual prosperity from above, I remain

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Starting in November, the Cathedral Philoptochos Sisterhood will be collecting gently used men's clothing and also toiletries for the **ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE** in Philadelphia for the Homeless. Please help us by contributing to this good cause. We will be collecting items until Christmas.

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

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



PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Please join us for lunch, Christmas shopping and the drawing of the Lagos bracelet raffle.

Order your sweets ahead for pick up at the bazaar.

All proceeds will benefit our social services to assist the poor.





LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL AI MYROPHOPAI ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE 2021

Assorted tray of pastries **\$ 35.00**

(baklava, kataifi, melomakarona, kourambiedes, koulourakia.)

Baklava tray (15 pieces)	40.00
Kataifi (15 pieces)	40.00
Melomakarona (12 pieces)	18.00
Kourambiedes (12 pieces)	18.00
Koulourakia (30 pieces)	10.00
Vasilopitta	20.00

Your **Vasilopitta** orders must be in by **December 5, 2021**

Please place your orders for baked goods before
December 10, 2021

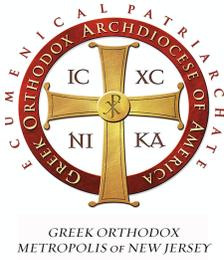
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November 3, 2021

My beloved Parishioners of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral,

The Season of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is once again upon us and brings to mind the delightful exchange of Holiday Greetings through our beautiful Christmas Cards. As always, our Cathedral will once again send to all its faithful and dedicated members a *Special Community Card* reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas that our “Christ is incarnated and born in the flesh to bestow upon us PEACE, LOVE and RECONCILIATION with our merciful God”

Please participate once again in the annual Christmas Card of our Cathedral by mailing us your name and contribution in the enclosed envelope. **The deadline is December 5, 2021. The donation is \$20.00 for each line.**

We thank you wholeheartedly for your faithful support, and we remain,

In His Service,

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers
Dean of the Cathedral

YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR AS WRITTEN BELOW

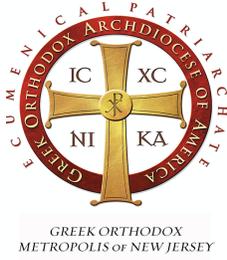
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3 Νοεμβρίου 2021

Αγαπητά μέλη του Ίερού Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίου Γεωργίου Φιλαδελφείας,

Πλησιάζει και πάλι φέτος η έορτή των Χριστουγέννων, η όποία μās υπενθυμίζει την γέννηση του Θεανθρώπου Χριστού, καθώς και την συνήθεια τής ανταλλαγής ευχών μεταξύ των μελών τής Κοινότητας του Αγίου Γεωργίου.

Όπως κάθε χρόνο, έτσι και έφετος, ό Καθεδρικός μας ναός στέλνει την χριστουγεννιάτικη κάρτα του, για νά διαμοιράσει τις ευχές και την αγάπη όλων των μελών, και μέ τόν τρόπο αυτό νά τονίσει την πραγματική έννοια και ουσία των Χριστουγέννων, δηλαδή την κατά Σάρκα γέννηση του Κυρίου και Θεού και Σωτήρος ήμων Ίησου Χριστού, η όποία φέρει την ΕΙΡΗΝΗ, την ΑΓΑΠΗ, και την ΣΥΜΦΙΛΙΩΣΗ τής ανθρωπότητας μέ τόν Πανάγαθο Θεό.

Σās παρακαλούμε νά δηλώσετε την συμμετοχή σας στην χριστουγεννιάτικη κάρτα μέ τό νά συμπληρώσετε τό απόκομμα στό κατώτερο μέρος τής έπιστολής αυτής. Ταχυδρομήστε το αυτό χρησιμοποιώντας τόν έσωκλειστο φάκελο πρίν τής 5^{ης} Δεκεμβρίου, 2021 στό γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού. Τό όνομά σας θά τυπωθεί όπως έσεεις τό θέλετε **μόνον στην Άγγλική γλώσσα**. Η τιμή τής κάρτας είναι **20 δολάρια για κάθε γραμμή** που θά συμπληρώσετε. Σās ευχαριστούμε θερμώς έκ των προτέρων για την συνεχή και αγαθή σας ύποστήριξη.

Ευχόμενοι δε σέ όλους όπως διέλθητε μέ υγεία και αγάπη τις άγιες έορτές των Χριστουγέννων, διατελούμε,

Μεθ' ευχών πολλών και πολλής έν Χριστώ γεννηθέντος αγάπης,

Άρχιμανδρίτης Άμβροσιος Μπιτζιάδης-Μπούουερς
Ίερατικώς Προϊστάμενος

ΤΟ ΟΝΟΜΑ ΣΑΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΚΑΡΤΑ ΘΑ ΑΝΑΓΡΑΦΕΙ ΟΠΩΣ ΣΥΜΠΛΗΡΩΘΕΙ
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Εσωκλείστως βρείτε την επιταγή με το χρηματικό ποσό των _____ δολαρίων.

Παρακαλώ εσωκλείστε **20 δολάρια** για κάθε γραμμή.

Κάντε την χρηματική επιταγή σας πληρωτέα στο: *Saint George GO Cathedral*.



Join us in Sunday School!

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

Class I (Ages 4-5)

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

Class II (Ages 6-9)

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

Class III (Ages 10-14)

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

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

Registration is Open!

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

215-627-7389

office@saintgeorgecathedral.org

Classes are immediately
after Holy Communion

September 19 – May 22



Annual Events

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

St. George Cathedral Greek School

Director/Instructor: Agnes Zidros

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

www.SaintGeorgeCathedral.org

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



Greek School Info

Registration:

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

office@saintgeorgecathedral.org

Location:

256 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

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

Tuition for Cathedral School Students

1st Child: \$300

2nd Child: \$250

3rd Child: \$250

Tuition for Non-Cathedral Students

1st Child: \$600

2nd Child: \$550

3rd Child: \$550

Hours:

Saturdays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

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

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

Annual Events

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

School Blessing: Agiasmos, September
October: OXI Day, October 28th
December: Christmas Fellowship
January: Three Hierarchs Day

March: Greek Independence Day Poems
March: Parade
Lazarus Saturday Palm Making
May: Closing Ceremonies

SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL PHILADELPHIA, PA GREEK SCHOOL CLASSES

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

The program includes:

- Beginner, intermediate and advanced level classes
- Lessons in Ancient Greek language, literature and philosophy
- A Greek language preparatory program for the *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.



Holy Trinity
Greek Orthodox Church
hosts
Delaware Valley Youth Commission's
GOYA
NATIVITY RETREAT

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only
begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

John 1:14

December 11, 2021

10am - 2pm

Lunch will be served

Please RSVP or send any questions to Sophia @
Sophia@marinisbros.com / 302-275-5632

Come join us in learning of the relevance of the incarnation of Christ in our lives today...

ICE BREAKERS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

WITH

FR. PHILEMON PATITSAS ~ FR. GREGORY GILBERT ~ FR. PETER THORNBERG

PLEASE BRING ITEMS FROM THE LIST BELOW TO BENEFIT THE
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF DELAWARE

Some Suggested Items Needed:

*Clorox or Lysol Disinfectant Wipes
Clorox or Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Lysol Disinfecting Floor Cleaner
Paper Towels / Napkins / Baby Wipes*

*Campbell's microwavable cups of Soup/ Chili
Tuna Snack Packs (individual pouches or kits)
Fruit Cups / Oatmeal Cups / Kellogg's Cereal Cups
Individual wrapped Pretzels, Chips, Popcorn*

Gift Cards for Teen Guests (\$10-\$15) ~ Amazon, Target, Five Below, Ulta, Xbox, PlayStation



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral



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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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