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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

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**Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers  
Presiding Priest**



**Today is: Sunday, July 11, 2021**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**Euphemia the Great / Olga Equal to the Apostles  
Εύθυμία ή Μεγαλομάρτυς / Όλγα ή Ίσαπόστολος**

***Thank you for worshipping 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](http://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.

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 Principles of the Religious Education School, Eleni Belisonzi at: [ebelisonzi@gmail.com](mailto:ebelisonzi@gmail.com) and Agnes Zidros, the Directors of the Greek School at: [Saintgeorgeagnes@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@stgeorgecathedral.org).

God Bless you all,



Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis Bowers  
Dean of the Cathedral

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**TODAY**                    **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
- *One-Year Memorial Service Metaxia*  
*Kousombos. May her memory be eternal!*

**Sun., July 18**           **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
- *Artoclasia Service Demati Brotherhood.*

**Tues., July 20**       **St. Prophet Elaias**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

**Thur., July 22**       **St. Magdalene and St. Macella from Chios**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

**Sun., July 25**           **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Mon., July 26**       **St. Paraskeve the Rightous**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

**Tus., July 27**       **St. Panteleemon the Great Martyr**  
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

**Sun., Aug. 1**           **6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**  
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

## ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

**ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ**

**3<sup>η</sup> ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ**

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία  
- Ἐτήσιο μνημόσυνον Μεταξίας Κουσουμπού. Εἶθε ἡ  
μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!

**Κυρ., 18 Ἰουλ. 4<sup>η</sup> ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ**

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία  
- Ἀρτοκλασία Συλλόγου Δεματίου, Ἡλείρου

**Τρίτ., 20 Ἰουλ. Τοῦ Ἁγίου Προφήτου Ἡλιοῦ τοῦ Θεσβίτου**

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

**Πέμπ., 22 Ἰουλ. Ἁγ. Μαγδαληνῆς καὶ Ἁγ. Μαρκέλης τῆς  
Χιοπολίτιδος**

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

**Κυρ., 25 Ἰουλ. 5<sup>η</sup> ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ**

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

**Δευτ. 26 Ἰουλ. Ἁγίας Παρασκευῆς τῆς Ὁσιοπαρθενομάρτυρος**

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

**Τρίτ., 27 Ἰουλ. Ἁγίου Μαγαλομάρτυρος Παντελεήμονος**

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

**Κυρ., 1<sup>η</sup> Αυγ. 6<sup>η</sup> ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ**

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Tues., July 13**      **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, July 11**      **Wedding**, Nicholas Giaguanos/Alyssa Campisi  
*@ 3:00pm*
- Saturday, July 24**      **Baptism**, Nicholas Papparoidamis  
*@ 11:00am*
- Sunday, July 25**      **Wedding**, Matthew Klahre /Angeliki Yannaris  
*@ 3:00pm*

## THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Προς Κορινθίους Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

6.1-10

Ἀδελφοί, συνεργοῦντες δὲ καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν μὴ εἰς κενὸν τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ δέξασθαι ὑμᾶς - λέγει γάρ, Καιρῷ δεκτῷ ἐπήκουσά σου, καὶ ἐν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας ἐβοήθησά σοι· ἰδού, νῦν καιρὸς εὐπρόσδεκτος, ἰδού, νῦν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας - μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπήν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία· ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ συνιστῶντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς θεοῦ διάκονοι, ἐν ὑπομονῇ πολλῇ, ἐν θλίψεσιν, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχωρίαις, ἐν πληγαῖς, ἐν φυλακαῖς, ἐν ἀκαταστασίαις, ἐν κόποις, ἐν ἀγρυπνίαις, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνότητι, ἐν γνώσει, ἐν μακροθυμίᾳ, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ ἀνυποκρίτῳ, ἐν λόγῳ ἀληθείας, ἐν δυνάμει θεοῦ, διὰ τῶν ὄπλων τῆς δικαιοσύνης τῶν δεξιῶν καὶ ἀριστερῶν, διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀτιμίας, διὰ δυσφημίας καὶ εὐφημίας· ὡς πλάνοι καὶ ἀληθεῖς· ὡς ἀγνοούμενοι, καὶ ἐπιγινωσκόμενοι· ὡς ἀποθνήσκοντες, καὶ ἰδού, ζῶμεν· ὡς παιδευόμενοι, καὶ μὴ θανατούμενοι· ὡς λυπούμενοι, ἀεὶ δὲ χαίροντες· ὡς πτωχοί, πολλοὺς δὲ πλουτίζοντες· ὡς μηδὲν ἔχοντες, καὶ πάντα κατέχοντες.

# THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Matthew

6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

# ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαίον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

6.22-33

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὁ λύχνος τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν ὁ ὀφθαλμός· ἐὰν οὖν ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου ἀπλοῦς ᾦ, ὅλον τὸ σῶμά σου φωτεινὸν ἔσται· ἐὰν δὲ ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου πονηρὸς ᾦ, ὅλον τὸ σῶμά σου σκοτεινὸν ἔσται. εἰ οὖν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἐν σοὶ σκότος ἐστί, τὸ σκότος πόσον; Οὐδεὶς δύναται δυσὶ κυρίοις δουλεύειν· ἢ γὰρ τὸν ἓνα μισήσει καὶ τὸν ἕτερον ἀγαπήσει, ἢ ἐνὸς ἀνθέξεται καὶ τοῦ ἑτέρου καταφρονήσει. οὐ δύνασθε Θεῷ δουλεύειν καὶ μαμωνᾷ. Διὰ τοῦτο λέγω ὑμῖν, μὴ μεριμνᾶτε τῇ ψυχῇ ὑμῶν τί φάγητε καὶ τί πίνητε, μηδὲ τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν τί ἐνδύσησθε· οὐχὶ ἡ ψυχὴ πλεῖον ἐστὶ τῆς τροφῆς καὶ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ ἐνδύματος; ἐμβλέψατε εἰς τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, ὅτι οὐ σπεύρουσιν οὐδὲ θερίζουσιν οὐδὲ συνάγουσιν εἰς ἀποθήκας, καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος τρέφει αὐτά· οὐχ ὑμεῖς μᾶλλον διαφέρετε αὐτῶν; τίς δὲ ἐξ ὑμῶν μεριμνῶν δύναται προσθεῖναι ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλικίαν αὐτοῦ πηχυν ἓνα; καὶ περὶ ἐνδύματος τί μεριμνᾶτε; καταμάθετε τὰ κρίνα τοῦ ἀγροῦ πῶς αὐξάνει· οὐ κοπιᾷ οὐδὲ νήθει· λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδὲ Σολομῶν ἐν πάσῃ τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ περιεβάλετο ὡς ἐν τούτων. Εἰ δὲ τὸν χόρτον τοῦ ἀγροῦ, σήμερον ὄντα καὶ αὔριον εἰς κλίβανον βαλλόμενον, ὁ Θεὸς οὕτως ἀμφιέννυσιν, οὐ πολλῷ μᾶλλον ὑμᾶς, ὀλιγόπιστοι; μὴ οὖν μεριμνήσητε λέγοντες, τί φάγωμεν ἢ τί πίωμεν ἢ τί περιβαλώμεθα; πάντα γὰρ ταῦτα τὰ ἔθνη ἐπιζητεῖ· οἶδε γὰρ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος ὅτι χρῆζετε τούτων ἀπάντων. ζητεῖτε δὲ πρῶτον τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν δικαιοσύνην αὐτοῦ, καὶ ταῦτα πάντα προστεθήσεται ὑμῖν.

# 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 ἐσπλαγγνίσθη (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.

**Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe." Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices.**

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.



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!

# **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



# 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](mailto: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](http://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

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Location:

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Located in historic Center City  
Philadelphia, a block from Washington  
Square and two blocks from  
Independence Hall and the Liberty  
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Tuition for Cathedral School Students

1<sup>st</sup> Child: \$300

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$250

3<sup>rd</sup> Child: \$250

Tuition for Non-Cathedral Students

1<sup>st</sup> Child: \$600

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$550

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 *Ellinomatheia* 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.



## THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

### ARCHIEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 164/2021

#### **Archiepiscopal Encyclical on the Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch BARTHOLOMEW to the United States**

June 30, 2021

*Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Twelve Apostles*

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου! (Ψαλμός 117:25)*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (Psalm 117:25 LXX)*

With unsurpassed joy, we announce on the Feast of the Glorious Twelve, the Apostolic Visit of His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch to the United States, October 23 – November 3, 2021. This Visit, the first in twelve years, will commence the day following the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Election of His All-Holiness as Ecumenical Patriarch, and include the same anniversary of His Enthronement on the venerable See of the First-Called Apostle Saint Andrew on November 2nd. The Apostolic Visit will inaugurate the Centennial



Celebration of the founding of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (1922 – 2022), which will be observed next year across the country.

The Ecumenical Patriarch will begin by being welcomed in our Nation’s Capital at the highest level of diplomatic and ecclesiastical dignity. The official itinerary will be shared in the coming weeks, and it will include a visit to the Metropolises of Pittsburgh and Chicago, with a major ecumenical event taking place at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

The Visit will conclude in New York City, and will culminate in a dedicatory “Opening of the Doors” of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center on the very anniversary of his Enthronement as Ecumenical Patriarch. All of our Metropolises, Parishes, and Institutions will be able to share in this joy, through interactive features that will accompany His All-Holiness on his Visit. Therefore, with gladness and enthusiasm, let us welcome the Spiritual Father of us all, and with heartfelt cries proclaim: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

With paternal blessings in the Lord,

† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America



**July  
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