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Today is: Sunday, April 18, 2021

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Athanasia of Aegina / Savas the Commander

Ἀθανασία ἡ ἀπὸ Αἰγίνης / Σάββας ὁ Στρατηλάτης

***Thank you for worshiping at St. George Greek Orthodox
Cathedral in Philadelphia.***

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Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please know that your presence with us today has been a blessing.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TODAY

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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

- *Trisagion Christos Tsiodoulos*
- *Trisagion Demetrios Angelis*

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

See attached the Holy Week schedule

Sun., May 9 SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS (MOTHER'S DAY)

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

- *Trisagion Demetrios Angelis*

Sun., May 16 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

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

- *Artoclasia Philoptochos Sisterhood "A Myrophorai"*
- *40-Days Memorial Christos Tsiodoulos*
May his memory be eternal!
- *40-Day Memorial Demetrios Angelis*
May his memory be eternal!

Fr. May 21 SS. Constantine and Helen Equal to the Apostles

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

Sun., May 23 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

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

Services are livestreamed through the Facebook account:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Philadelphia

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ **ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΟΣΙΑΣ ΜΑΡΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΑΣ**
8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Τρισάγιον Χρῆστου Τσιοδούλου*
- *Τρισάγιον Δημητρίου Ἀγγελή*

Δευτ., 19 Ἀπριλ. **Τὸ Μέγα Ἀπόδειπνον**
Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 6:00μ.μ.

Τετ., 21 Ἀπριλ. **Ἡ Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία**
Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.

Σαβ. 24 Ἀπριλ. **Σάββατο τοῦ Λαζάρου**
8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

**Δείτε συνημμένως τὸ πρόγραμμα τῶν ἱερῶν ἀκολουθιῶν
τῆς Μεγάλης Ἑβδομάδος**

Κυρ., 9 Μαΐου **ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ (Ἡ ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ)**
8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Τρισάγιον Δημητρίου Ἀγγελή*

Κυρ., 16 Μαΐου **ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΜΥΡΟΦΟΡΩΝ**
8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Ἄρτοκλασία Φιλοπτώχου Ἀδελφότητος «Αἱ
Μυροφόραι»*
- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Χρῆστου
Τσιοδούλου. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰώνια.*
- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Δημητρίου Ἀγγελή.
Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰώνια.*

Παρ. 21 Μαΐου **Τῶν Ἁγίων Ἰσαποστόλων Κωνσταντίνου καὶ
Ἑλένης**
8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 23 Μαΐου **ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΡΑΛΥΤΟΥ**
8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Οἱ ἀκολουθίες μεταδίδονται ζωντανά μέσω τοῦ διαδικτύου ἀπὸ τὸ Facebook:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Philadelphia

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

9:11-14

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

9.11-14

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσῆλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαρῆ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Mark

10:32-45

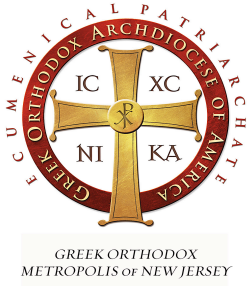
At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

10.32-45

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαμβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητάς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινοῦσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὃ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιῆσαί με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἷς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσει ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἄρχειν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὅς ἐὰν θέλη γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὅς ἐὰν θέλη ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.



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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 to 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 members.
- 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 οικογενειακής 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.**
5. 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 χέρι 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 ΟΠΟΙΟΣΔΗΠΟΤΕ 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.
10. **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 ίαυσή 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Αρχ. Αμβρόσιος Μπιτζιάδης-Μπούερς'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Αρχιμ. Αμβρόσιος Μπιτζιάδης-Μπούερς

Ιερατικός Προϊστάμενος

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 (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.

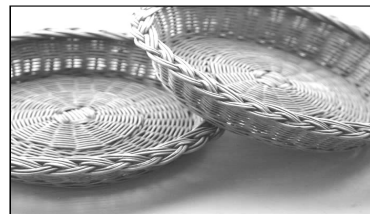
To love in the way Saint Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth, when he says, "...the greatest of these is love," means we can't live without compassion for others. Love and compassion are not expressed only in our offerings of money and other support. Love and compassion are not something we give 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!

FROM THE STEWARDHSIP COMMITTEE

“...THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.” (1 Cor 13:13)

1st Quarter Stewardship Report

The total number of stewards who made a stewardship contribution in 1st quarter of 2021 is 90 for a total of \$41,525 as of 3/31/21 – an average of \$461/steward or an increase of a little more than 2% per steward.

In 2021, 1.7% (16) of stewards increased their stewardship contribution from 2020; less than % .2% (2) decreased their stewardship contribution, and the remaining 88% (72) of the stewards contributed the same as they did in 2020.

In 2020, 30 parishioners contributed to Stewardship in the 1st quarter, but have not done so in 2021. The contributions of those 28 parishioners total \$10,230 ---an average of \$341/steward

Budgeted amount for Stewardship in 2021 is \$90,000. Total received in 1st quarter is \$41,525 – 46% of total expected in 2021.

Budgeted amount for Stewardship in 2020 was \$90,000. Total received in 1st quarter was \$29,972 – 33% of the total expected.

The total 1st quarter stewardship contribution between 2020 and 2021 has risen by 28% with fewer stewards paying.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness to God, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ, the True Vine.

We offer you our gratitude and thanks to God for your dedication to our parish and your participation in Christ's work of salvation.

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"*

Easter Bake Sale



<i>Tsourekia</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Koulourakia</i>	<i>\$10.00 lb</i>
<i>Kourambiedes</i>	<i>\$12.00 lb</i>
<i>Baklava (12 pieces)</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>Kataifi (12 pieces)</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>Dyed Eggs (Organic)</i>	<i>\$10.00 (dozen)</i>

Please Place your orders by April 18, 2021

Call: Jenny Kravaris - 610-716-4502

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Mary Ziogas - 215-470-3754

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