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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Today is: Sunday, April 25, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Mark the Apostle and Evangelist / Macedonius Patriarch of Constantinople

Μάρκου τοῦ Ἀποστόλου καὶ Εὐαγγελιστοῦ / Μακεδονίου, πατριάρχου Κων/πόλεως

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

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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

PALM SUNDAY

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

See also attached the Holy Week schedule

Sun., May 9

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS (MOTHER'S DAY)

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

- *1-Year Memorial Service Demetrios Vasiliou. May his memory be eternal!*
- *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 Tsioudoulos 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

Sun., May 30

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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

Sun., June 6

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

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

Thur. June 10

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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

Services are livestreamed through the Facebook account:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Philadelphia

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ

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

Δείτε ἐπίσης συνημμένως τὸ πρόγραμμα τῶν ἱερῶν ἀκολουθιῶν τῆς Μεγάλης Ἑβδομάδος

Κυρ., 9 Μαΐου

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ (Η ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ)

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

- Ἐτήσιο Μνημόσυνον Δημητρίου Βασιλείου. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!
- Τρισάγιον Δημητρίου Ἀγγελή

Κυρ., 16 Μαΐου

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΜΥΡΟΦΟΡΩΝ

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

- Ἀρτοκλασία Φιλοπτώχου Ἀδελφότητος «Αἱ Μυροφόραι»
- Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Χρῆστου Τσιοδούλου. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία.
- Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Δημητρίου Ἀγγελή. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία.

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

Κυρ., 30 Μαΐου

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΣΑΜΑΡΕΙΤΙΔΟΣ

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

Κυρ., 6 Ἰουν.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΤΥΦΛΟΥ

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

Πέμπ. 10 Ἰουν. ΤΗΣ ΑΝΑΛΗΨΕΩΣ

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

Οἱ ἀκολουθίες μεταδίδονται ζωντανά μέσω τοῦ διαδικτύου ἀπό τὸ Facebook:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Philadelphia

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sun., May 9** **Philoptochos Assembly Meeting
and Elections**
*@ the end of the Divine Liturgy @ the
Philoptochos Hall*
- Sun., May 16** **Spring Parish and Senior Housing
Assembly**
*@ the end of the Divine Liturgy @ the Cathedral
Social Hall*
- Tues., May 18** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ 6:30pm
- Sun., May 23** **Greek/Sunday School Commencement and
Graduation**
@ the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Tues., June 8** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ 6:30pm

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

- Saturday, May 8** Wedding, Antonio Ditri/Meropi Keares @ 3:00pm
- Sunday, July 11** Wedding, Nicholas Giaguanos/Alyssa Campisi @
3:00pm

THE EPISTLE READING

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

4:4-9

Brethren rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Φιλιππισίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

4.4-9

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἔρῳ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὖφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to John

12:1-18

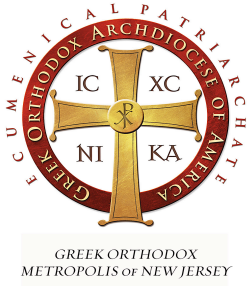
Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So, the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

12.1-18

Πρὸ ἕξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἷς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστὶ, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαῖα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὄναριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστὶ γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἤκουσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποικέναι τὸ σημεῖον.



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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 προσέρχετε 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-Μπούνερης'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Αρχιμ. Αμβρόσιος Μπιτζιάδης-Μπούνερης

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.

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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 STEWARDSHIP 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 so far.

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 NEWS

Elections for the 2021-2023 Board of Directors for the Philoptochos Sisterhood of the Cathedral “Ai Myrophprai” will take place on Sunday, May 9, 2021, in the Philoptochos Room, following the Divine Liturgy. Please make sure you make every effort to attend as the continuation of our Chapter depends on your participation in these elections.

All State and Parish COVID protocols will be followed and you must wear a face mask to attend.

We invite all Philoptochos members who are interested in seeking election to the Executive Board to submit their names to Calliope (Karen) Volikas, chair of the Elections committee @ cvolikas@aol.com or call @ 215-801-9093.

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



Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 the Saint George Senior Housing will be hosting a vaccine clinic sponsored by PENN Medicine. They will be administering the first of the two dose Moderna Vaccine.

Any parishioners that are interested, may also receive a vaccine on that day. If you are interested, please call the office of Saint George Senior Housing to register @ 215-922-5177.

Αγαπητοί ενορίτες,

Την Τετάρτη, 28^η Απριλίου, το Νοσηλευτικό ίδρυμα PENN Medicine θα γίνει επιχορηγός εμβολιασμού για τον κορονοϊό στην αίθουσα του ιδρύματος των υπερηλίκων, Πατριάρχης Αθηναγόρας. Το διαθέσιμο εμβόλιο για τον εμβολιασμό αυτό είναι το Moderna.

Όποιος ενορίτης, ή ενορίτισσα, ενδιαφέρετε να εμβολιασθεί, μπορεί να προσέλθει προσωπικώς στο γραφείο του ιδρύματος για να εγγραφεί, ή να τηλεφωνήσει στο: 215-922-5177.



*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

Jean Volikas - 215-806-8509

Mary Ziogas - 215-470-3754

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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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