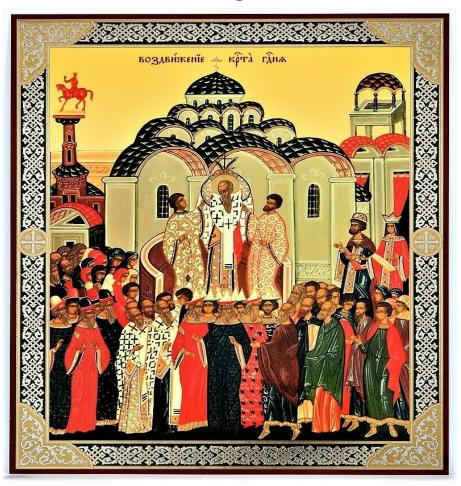
GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL PHILADELPHIA, PA

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers Presiding Priest



Today is: Sunday, September 12, 2021 SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Hieromartyrs Autonomus, Coronatus and Theodore Τῶν Ἱερομαρτύρων Αὐτονόμου, Κουρνούτου και Θεοδώρου

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

The work of the Cathedral in service to the Eastern Orthodox faithful and predominately the Greek Orthodox faithful to the city of Philadelphia is made possible entirely through private support. The gifts of people from across the country are behind every worship service, public ministry and the work of maintaining this historic landmark. It is only through your generosity that the Cathedral can fully live into its priorities of welcoming, deepening, convening, and serving.

We invite you to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Visit: www.stgeorgecathedral.org to sign up for our weekly newsletter. You can also make a gift to help keep the Cathedral strong -- either as the plate is passed or by using our online giving program.

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

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.

ask website of the Cathedral I that you go the at: to 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 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, - ro. Rer Knigoom

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis Bowers Dean of the Cathedral

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TODAY SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

- 3-Year Memorial Service George Prinos. May his memory be eternal!

- **Tues., Sept. 14 The Elevation of the Holy Cross** 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Sept. 19 SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Sept. 26 SUNDAY OF THE FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN AND EVANGELIST 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

- Sun., Oct. 32nd SUNDAY OF LUKE8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Oct. 10 3RD SUNDAY OF LUKE 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Oct. 17 4TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Wend., Oct. 20 St. Gerasimos from Cephalonia 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Oct. 24 6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΗΣ ΥΨΩΣΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ

8:45π.μ. δ Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ή Θεία Λειτουργία

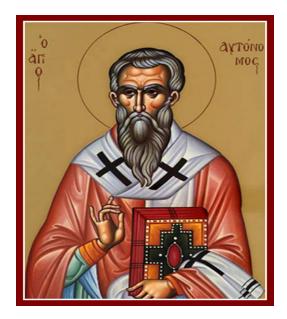
- Τριετές Μνημόσυνον Γεωργίου Πρίνου. Είθε ή μνήμη αύτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αίωνία!
- **Τρίτ., 14 Σεπ. Ἡ Ὑψωσις τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ** 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- Κυρ., 22 Σεπτ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΥΨΩΣΙΝ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ

8:45π.μ. δ Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ή Θεία Λειτουργία

- Κυρ., 26 Σεπτ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΟΥ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΥ 8:45π.μ. δ΄ Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ή Θεία Λειτουργία
- **Κυρ., 3 Όκτ.** ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ 8:45π.μ. δ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ή Θεία Λειτουργία
- **Κυρ., 10 Όκτ. ΤΡΙΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ** 8:45π.μ. δ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ή Θεία Λειτουργία
- **Κυρ., 17 Όκτ. ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ** 8:45π.μ. δ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ή Θεία Λειτουργία
- **Τετ., 20 Όκτ. Άγίου Γερασίμου τοῦ ἀπό Κεφαλληνίας** 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- **Κυρ., 24 Όκτ. ΕΚΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ** 8:45π.μ. δ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ή Θεία Λειτουργία

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

TODAY	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
Tues., Oct. 5	Parish Council meeting @ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm
Oct. 23-Nov. 3	Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in the USA
Nov. 2	Thyranixia (Opening of the Doors) from His All-Holiness The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine in Manhattan, NY



AUTONOMUS THE HIEROMARTYR

The Hieromartyr Autonomus was a bishop in Italy. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305 AD.), St. Autonomus left his own country and resettled in Bithynia, in the locality of Soreus with a man named Cornelius. St. Autonomus did his apostolic duty with zeal and converted to Christ so many pagans, that a large Church was formed, for which he consecrated a temple in the name of the Archangel Michael. For this church, the saint at first ordained Cornelius as deacon, and then presbyter. Preaching about Christ, St. Autonomus visited also Lykaonia and Isauria.

The emperor Diocletian gave orders to arrest St. Autonomus, but the saint withdrew to Claudiopolis on the Black Sea. In returning to Soreus, he had the priest Cornelius ordained bishop. St. Autonomus then went to Asia, and when he had returned from there, he began to preach in the vicinity of Limna, near Soreus.

Once, the newly-converted destroyed a pagan temple. The pagans decided to take revenge on the Christians. Seizing their chance, the pagans rushed upon the church of the Archangel Michael when St. Autonomus was serving Divine Liturgy there. After torturing St. Autonomus, they killed him, reddening the altar of the church with his martyr's blood. The deaconess Maria removed the body of the holy martyr from beneath a pile of stones and buried it.

During the reign of St. Constantine the Great, a church was built over the tomb of the saint. In the year 430, a certain priest had the old church pulled down. Not realizing that the martyr's body had been buried beneath the church, he rebuilt the church in a new spot. But after another 60 years the relics of the saint were found incorrupt, and a church was then built in the name of the Hieromartyr Autonomus.

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from the Epistle to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παῦλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 6.11-18

Άδελφοί, ίδετε πηλίκοις ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἕγραψα τῇ ἑμῇ χειρί. Όσοι θέλουσιν εύπροσωπησαι έν σαρκί, οὗτοι άναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Ούδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αύτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, άλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα έν τῆ ὑμετέρα σαρκὶ καυχήσωνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εί μὴ έν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ίησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ έμοὶ κόσμος έσταύρωται, κάγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. Έν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὕτε περιτομή τι ίσχύει, οὕτε ἀκροβυστία, άλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, είρήνη έπ' αύτούς, καὶ ἕλεος, καὶ ἑπὶ τὸν Ἰσραἡλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· έγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ήμῶν Ίησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, άδελφοί. Άμήν.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Εκ τοῦ κατὰ Ιωάννην ἀγίου Εύαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 3.13-17

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὤν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὕψωσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῆ ἑρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἴνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Οὕτω γὰρ ήγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἕδωκεν, ἴνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἴνα κρίνῃ τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2021

...the greatest of these is love

esus spoke of love and showed compassion. He taught us by his example to love one an-Jother 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 εσπλαγχνίσθη (esplachNEEsthee) and comes from the root word in Greek for "guts." In other words, it is compassion and concern that are felt in one's guts a compassion that is felt in a deeply physical way. Compassion felt in this way compels us to respond with love and deep concern.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus says "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him...' (Luke 10:33).

In the parable of the Prodigal Son Jesus says, "But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." (Luke 15:20).

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

This understanding of the full meaning of compassion in the New Testament means that another person's suffering becomes our own suffering. Compassion in this sense can change the way we live and care for others and for our community. When we feel this physical type of compassion, we are fully and physically engaged. We serve others and care for our community with love.

To love in the way Saint Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth, when he says, "...the greatest of these is love," means we can't live without

compassion for others. Love Stewardship is everything 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!

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

Bring a Friend! Wear a hat

Join us

For Afternoon Tea

Saturday September 25th! 2-4 pm Entry is FREE! Food, drinks & fun!

Hosted by Mi Myrophoroi" Philoptahos of St George

256 South 8th Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 Please RSVP to Jenny Kravaris 610-716-4502 or Nikki Kousis at <u>ekousis@gmail.com</u>

MISSING

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 though 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 3_{rd} 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

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 tristate 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.

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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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