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, February 5, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Agatha the Martyr / Polyeuctos Patriarch of Constantinople Άγάθη ἡ Μάρτυς / Πολύευκτος Πατριάρχης Κωνσταντινουπόλεως

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	 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE THE TRIODION BEGINS GODPARENT SUNDAY 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy 1-Year Memorial Service Anne Kenney. May her memory be eternal! 	
Fri., Feb. 10	St. Haralambos the Martyr 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy	
Sun., Feb. 12	SUNDAY OF THE PRODICAL SON 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy	
Sat., Feb. 18	1st Saturday of the Souls 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy, and Trisagion	
Sun., Feb. 19	JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE SUNDAY) 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - 3-Year Memorial Service Frideriki Badekas. May her memory be eternal!	
Sat., Feb. 25	2nd Saturday of the Souls 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy, and Trisagion	
Sun., Feb. 26	FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE SUNDAY) 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy	
Mond., Feb., 27	CLEAN MONDAY The Great Compline Service Service starts at 6:00pm	
Wed., Mar. 1	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Service starts at 8:30am	
Fri., Mar. 3	1st Salutations to the Theotokos (The mother of God) Service starts at 6:30pm	
Sat. Mar. 4	3rd Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy	

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

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Παρ., 10 Φεβ.	Άγίου Χαραλάμπους τοῦ Θαυματουργοῦ 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Κυρ., 12 Φεβ.	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΣΩΤΟΥ 8:45π.μ. δ΄ Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Σαβ., 18 Φεβ.	Πρώτο Σάββατο τῶν Ψυχῶν 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία, καὶ Τρισάγιον
Κυρ., 19 Φεβ.	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΠΟΚΡΕΩ 8:45π.μ. δ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - Τριετές ἱερό Μνημόσυνον Φρειδερίκης Μπαδέκα. Εΐθε ἡ μνήμη αύτῆς νὰ εἶναι αίωνία!
Σαβ., 25 Φεβ.	Δεύτερο Σάββατο τῶν Ψυχῶν 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία, καὶ Τρισάγιον
Κυρ., 26 Φεβ.	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΤΥΡΙΝΗΣ 8:45π.μ. δ΄ Όρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
Δευτ., 27 Φεβ.	ΚΑΘΑΡΑ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ Τὸ Μέγα Ἀπόδειπνον Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 6:00μ.μ.
Τετ., 1 Μαρτ.	Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 8:30π.μ.
Παρ., 3 Μαρτ.	Α΄ Χαιρετισμοί πρὸς τὴν Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκο Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στις 6:30μ.μ.
Σαβ., 4 Μαρτ.	Τρίτο Σάββατο τῶν Ψυχῶν 8:30π.μ. δ "Ορθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sun., Feb., 5	GODPARENT SUNDAY CELEBRATION <i>@ the Cathedral @ the end of the Divine Liturgy.</i>
Tues., Feb., 7	Parish Council Meeting @ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.
Thursday, Feb., 9 Fri., Feb. 17	VASILOPITA CELEBRTATION, GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY With the presence of his Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, @ the Metropolis Headquarters, Westfield, NJ, @ 6:30pm. COCO & KOLIVA FAMILY NIGHT
,	@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ 5:30pm.
Tues., Mar. 14	Parish Council Meeting @ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.
Fri., Mar. 31	Greek Flag Raising for Greek Independence Day @ City Hall, Philadelphia @ 12:30pm <i>Mayor's Proclamation for Greek Independence</i> <i>Day, following with special Ceremony with the</i> <i>presence of the Presidential Guard of Greece,</i> <i>EVZONES, and Reception.</i>
Sat., Apr. 1	Eleftheria Banquet Greek Independence Day <i>Adelphia Restaurant, Woodbury, NJ @ 6:00pm</i>
Sun., Apr.2	Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, Great Doxology and Luncheon for Greek Independence Day, with the presence of HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS OF AMERICA, and with the presence of the Presidential Guard of Greece, EVZONES, and special dignitaries from Greece and US. @ St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Philadelphia
	Greek Independence Day Parade Ben Franklin Blvd., Philadelphia, @ 1:00pm
Tues., Apr. 4	Parish Council Meeting @ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.
Fri., Apr. 21	Philoptochos Sisterhood Bid & Buy event @ the Cathedral Social Hall @ 6:00pm

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

- Apr. 22 BAPTISM Georgia Papalouka @ 11am
- Apr. 30 WEDDING Peter Doulis & Ashley Desiere @ 2:30pm
- May 13 WEDDING Christos Voutsakis & Deitre Kurtz @ 3pm
- May 20 WEDDING Demetrios Maidanos & Thomai Gastopoulou @ 1pm
- June 11 WEDDING Robert Nepa & Mariel Salked @ 2:30pm
- June 17 WEDDING lakovos Sotirios & Madison Marks @ 3pm
- June 18 WEDDING Christopher Cullman & Salome Zangaladze @ 2pm
- June 23 WEDDING Patrick Greider & Alexa Koumaras @ 4pm
- July 8 WEDDING James Schooley & Kyriaki Vassil @ 3pm
- July 21 WEDDING Demetrius Fives & Jillian Galagher @ 3pm
- Sept. 2 WEDDING Chris Capellini & Maria Fisher @ 3pm
- Sept. 3 WEDDING Robert McGraw & Sophia Chumburidze @ 2pm
- Sept. 9 WEDDING Patrick Rourke & Elena Carrigan @ 4pm
- Sept. 16 WEDDING Nikola Kovovic & Marhgarita Gianniosis @ 3pm
- Sept. 17 WEDDING Nicholas Palmer & Eleni Papadaniil @ 2pm
- Oct. 1 WEDDING Stephen Whalen & Katherine Hatsidais @ 2pm
- Oct. 7 WEDDING Daniel Casey & Alexa Tzaferos @ 3:30pm
- Oct. 21 WEDDING Christopher Shields & Lea Tsoubanos @ 3pm

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at lconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Πρώτης Επιστολῆς Παῦλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 3.10-15

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῆ διδασκαλία, τῆ άγωγῆ, τῆ προθέσει, τῆ πίστει, τῆ μακροθυμία, τῆ άγάπῃ, τῆ ὑπομονῆ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἶά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Άντιοχεία, ἐν Ἱκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἴους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οὶ θέλοντες εύσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἱησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἶς ἕμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, είδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἕμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσαι είς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἱησοῦ.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Εκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκάν ὰγίου Εύαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 18.10-14

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην[·] Άνθρωποι δύο άνέβησαν είς τὸ ἱερὸν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἶς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσηύχετο[·] ὁ Θεός, εύχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ είμὶ ὥσπερ οὶ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὖτος ὁ τελώνης[·] νηστεύω δὶς τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἑστὼς οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς είς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπᾶραι, ἀλλ΄ ἔτυπτεν είς τὸ στῆθος αὐτοῦ λέγων[·] ὁ Θεός, ἱλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὖτος δεδικαιωμένος είς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἡ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος[·] ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.

Giving Thanks Eucharistic Stewardship



"I don't get anything out of Church."

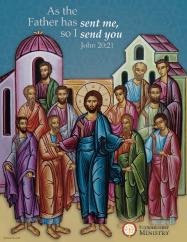
Seeing the world as God's gift...



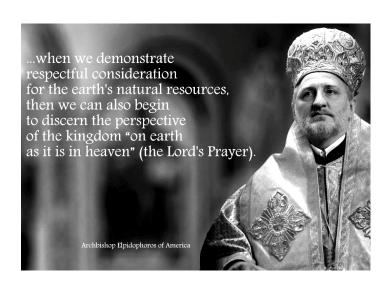
Through Holy Communion, we are drawn out of ourselves and embrace the mission of our parish. We carry the fire of God's love within us with the power to renew all things. When we understand the true meaning of the Holy Eucharist, we bridge the gap between liturgy and life, between the love of Jesus on cross and our daily lives, between our beautiful theology and practical stewardship. As Eucharistic Orthodox Christians, we see the world as God's gift. We offer the world back to God in thanksgiving with the words, "Thine own of Thine own we offer to Thee...."



How many times have you heard people say, "I don't get anything out of liturgy"? The truth is that we don't come to church to *get* something, but to *give* ourselves – our whole being --- to God. We have to give ourselves as an offering to God and what we get in return is the presence of Jesus Christ within us. As we come to know Jesus this way, we are drawn into the communion of the Church.



The base from which we serve as the *Voice of Christ in a Changing World* is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home, and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make our local church all that is can be.



Stewardship of Creation

You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World

SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Godparent & Godchild SUNDAY

FEB 5 2023 At the end of the Divine Liturgy

All Godparents & Godchildren are invited to attend theDivine Liturgy & receive Holy Communion together

The spiritual relationship formed between a Godparent and Godchild at the baptismal font is a deeply spiritual and extremely important relationship. Godchildren look to their Godparents as spiritual mentors, and as someone who especially cares for them. Likewise, Godparents pledge to take responsibility for the spiritual formation of the their Godchildren, and are called to love and care for them throughout their lives in the context of the Church.

Godparents Godchildren Sunday is a great opportunity for Godchildren and Godparents to strengthen their bond by attending Divine Liturgy together, returning to the Church, the very place that established nurtures their bond, and asking God's blessing.

On Godparent Godchildren Sunday, we renew our the Grace of baptism and the commitment we have made to the Church and to one another.

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Join Us For Family Fun Night

COCO & KOLIVA

Learn how we as Orthodox Christians remember our loved ones on Saturday of the Souls followed by a hands on Koliva making lesson. We will also enjoy dinner and show the movie <u>Coco</u>; a child friendly movie which reinforces the tradition of remembering our loved ones.

Friday February 17 5:30 PM Saint George Catherdral rsvp to ebelisonzi@gmail.com

Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Ladies Philoptohos Society "Ai Myrophoroi"

Dear Members and Friends of Philoptochos Society,

Our Philoptochos' mission is to aid the poor, to help the destitute, to feed the hungry, to assist the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the church, by raising funds to fulfill our mission.

In the past, our chapter has donated to many charities through our National Ministry commitments, Metropolis Ministry commitments, aided in our local poor, donated to Breast Cancer Research, Children's Hospital, and is always ready to assist where the need may arise. We count on your help and participation to continue our mission of Philoptochos.

We are asking all the ladies of our Cathedral to become members of our chapter. We also would appreciate your donations if you cannot become a participating member.

As you know our Bid & Buy will be on **Saturday, April 21**, **2023**, and it is our largest fundraising effort of our Philoptochos. We are asking everyone to participate by **donating new gifts, monies, or volunteering for the event**. Kindly, we ask you to share this information with family and friends. If you would like to participate in our efforts, please see Angela Malicki @ 267-253-0573, Jenny Kravaris @ 610-716-4502, Maria Ziogas @ 610-668-0870, or Jean Volikas @ 215-806-8509. We thank you all in advance for your help and support to make this event a successful one!

ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS "AI MYROPHORAI " PRESENTS THE ANNUAL BID-N-BUY

RAFFLE TICKETS \$20.00

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GRAND PRIZE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING OUR BID-N-BUY ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

Call to purchase raffle tickets for YSL bag Angela Malicki 267.253.0573 Maria Ziogas 215.470.3754 Jean Volikas 215.806.8509

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PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENT

If you would like to sponsor some edibles for the weekly "KERASMA" (refreshments) of the Cathedral's Coffee Hour at the Community Center, please contact Maria Tsiouris @ tsiouris@comcast.net, or 267-738-4253. The "kerasma" can be donated in celebration of an event, of someone's birthday celebration, in memory of a loved one, or as simply as a cherished donation to our Community. Your name and the dedication of the sponsorship will be published in the Cathedral Weekly Bulletin. **(Donation \$100.)**

Εάν θέλετε να γίνεται χορηγός φαγώσιμων προϊόντων για χρήση κατά τη διάρκεια της κοινοτικής συγκεντρώσεως στο πνευματικό κέντρο του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού, παρακαλώ επικοινωνήστε Μαρία Τσιούρη, JU την στο: tsiouris@comcast.net ή στο 267-738-4253. Η δωρεά των φαγώσιμων προϊόντων μπορεί να επιχορηγηθεί είτε για τον εορτασμό μιας συγκεκριμένης εκδηλώσεως, όπως για τον εορτασμό των γενεθλίων κάποιου αγαπημένου προσώπου μας, για την αιωνία μνήμη και ανάπαυση κάποιου προσφιλούς προσώπου μας, ή απλώς σαν μια απλή δωρεά για την κοινότητά μας. Το όνομά σας και η χορηγία θα δημοσιεύονται κάθε εβδομάδα στο εβδομαδιαίο δελτίο του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού. (Δωρεά \$100.)







2023 Vasilopita Celebration



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Cordially invites the Reverend Clergy and their families, the Members of the Metropolis Council, the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew, the Members of the Metropolis Philoptochos Society, the Presidents of the Parish Councils and Parish Philoptochos Societies, and all heads of the Parish Organizations to the Metropolis Headquarters (215 E. Grove Street, Westfield, NJ) to celebrate the New Year with the Cutting of the Vasilopita

on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:30pm HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

Holy Metropolis of New Jersey Altar Server Retreat **Instructed By:** His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia On the Theme: *Come, Receive the Light!* Saturday, February 11, 2023 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church 35 N Malin Rd, Broomall, PA 19008 **<u>Click Here to Register!</u>**

> For More Information Contact Fr. Christ at: fatherck@gmail.com

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Deadline is April 3, 2023.

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