

# **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, Dean**



**Today is: Sunday, September 16, 2018  
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Euphemia the Great Martyr / Melitina the Martyr  
Ευφημία η Μεγαλομάρτυς / Μελιτινή Μάρτυς**

## **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 1911 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: <http://saintgeorgecathedral.org/ministries/hellenic-language> for the Greek School and: <http://saintgeorgecathedral.org/ministries/religious-education> for the Religious Education School for an opportunity to learn more about our Cathedral Schools. Please contact the Director of the Religious Education School, Eleni Belisonzi at: [ebelisonzi@gmail.com](mailto:ebelisonzi@gmail.com) and Maria Marinou, the Director of the Greek School, at: [mmf\\_graph@yahoo.gr](mailto:mmf_graph@yahoo.gr) or for both the office of the Cathedral at: 215-627-4389 for more information. 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**

**Sun, Sept. 16**

**Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:45 am The Orthros

10:00 am The Divine Liturgy

*25-year Memorial Service for Nicholas Skoufalos*

*May his Memory be Eternal*

**Sun, Sept. 23**

**First Sunday after Luke**

8:45 am The Orthros

10:00 am The Divine Liturgy

*3 Month Memorial Service for George Baxezanidis*

*May his Memory be Eternal*

**Wed, Sept 26**

**Falling Asleep of John the Theologian**

8:30 am The Orthros

9:30 am The Divine Liturgy

**Sun, Sept. 30**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke**

8:45 am The Orthros

10:00 am The Divine Liturgy

## ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

**Κυρ. 16, Σεπτ. Κυριακή μετά την Ύψωση του Τιμίου Σταυρού**

8:45 π.μ. Ο Όρθρος

10:00 π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία

*Ιερόν Μνημόσυνον 25 ετών, υπέρ αναπαύσεως του  
αιμνήστου αδελφού ημών Νικολάου Σκουφάλου.*

*Εΐθε η μνήμη του να είναι αιωνία*

**Κυρ. 23, Σεπτ. Κυριακή 1<sup>η</sup> Λουκά**

8:45 π.μ. Ο Όρθρος

10:00 π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία

*Ιερόν Μνημόσυνον 3 μινων, υπέρ αναπαύσεως του  
αιμνήστου αδελφού ημών Γεωργιος Μπαζανιθης*

**Τετ. 26, Σεπτ. Η Μετάστασις του Αποστόλου και Ευαγγελιστού**

**Ιωάννου του Θεολόγου**

8:30 π.μ. Ο Όρθρος

9:30 π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία

**Κυρ. 30, Σεπτ. Κυριακή 2<sup>η</sup> Λουκά**

8:45 π.μ. Ο Όρθρος

10:00 π.μ. Η Θεία Λειτουργία

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Wednesday, Sept. 26** Meeting with the heads of all the Ministries and Civic Organizations of the Cathedral @ Cathedral Offices
- Oct. 12, 14** ***GOYA "Kick Off" Weekend***  
Camp Manatawny, Douglasville, PA  
With the auspices of the Youth Commission of Delaware Valley Region
- Sunday, Oct. 21** ***Cathedral Autumn Ball Diner Dance***  
Hilton hotel, Philadelphia, @ 5:00pm
- Sunday, Nov. 11** ***Metropolitan Evangelos Ambassadors Banquet***  
Merion, Cinnaminson, NJ @ 5 PM

## UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

- Saturday, Sept. 29** Wedding Kravaris/Stavrakis, @ 2:30pm
- Saturday, Oct. 6** Baptism Jessie Rice, @ 11:00am
- Sunday, Oct. 14** Wedding Demergis/Zoga, @ 1:00pm
- Saturday, Oct. 20** Wedding Verros/Mountis, @ 3:30pm

## **THE EPISTLE READING**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Γαλάτας Α΄ Επιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα 2.16-20

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῶ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel is according to the Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."



## ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 24: 13-35

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἂν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἂν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As Christian Stewards we are called to give back to God from the “first fruits” of our labor. We support our parish and her ministries in an intentional way and not with only what is left after everything else has been taken care of.

Please support our church and make your commitment towards stewardship if you have not done so already. We appreciate your support and your help to promote our ministries.

### STEWARDSHIP STATUS AS OF AUGUST 2018

Budget Commitment	Total Pledged	Paid to Date	# of Stewards
\$100,000	\$ 68,530.00	\$59,175.00	138

Thank you for signing a 2018 Orthodox Christian Stewardship Commitment Card to support the Ministries of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, in Philadelphia. Your Stewardship provides the foundation for our service in the Lord and has a direct effect on encountering the challenges of the future.

If you haven't signed a Stewardship Commitment Card, please take the time to make your offering today and enable our Church to continue to enhance the spiritual growth of Orthodox Christianity entrusted to our care.

**May our Lord richly bless you in all your endeavors.**

# SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL

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## *“AUTUMN BALL”*



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## DANCING BY THE RIVER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2018 AT 5PM

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HILTON PHILADELPHIA  
AT PENN'S LANDING

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**“THE GRAND BALL ROOM”**  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
***“NEO KYMA”***

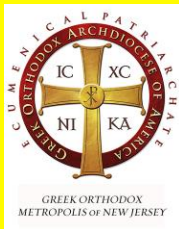
**\$80 PER PERSON**  
**\$50 PER STUDENT/CHILD**

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The DVYC invites you to join us for the

# GOYA "Kick Off" Weekend

Join your Delaware Valley GOYA friends  
Grab your weekend gear and  
for a weekend of FUN!  
Contemporary Discussions with our Priests,  
Art & Athletic Activities,  
Bonfire and Smores Feast,  
Dance Party, Dodge Ball Tournament.



October 12, 13 and 14 2018 after Liturgy

\$140.00 per GOYAn

Family rates are available

## Camp Manaway

33 Camp Road \* Douglassville, PA 19518

Online registration available at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/M2W2sAtq99NuwzeS2>

Online Registration deadline, September 20, 2018

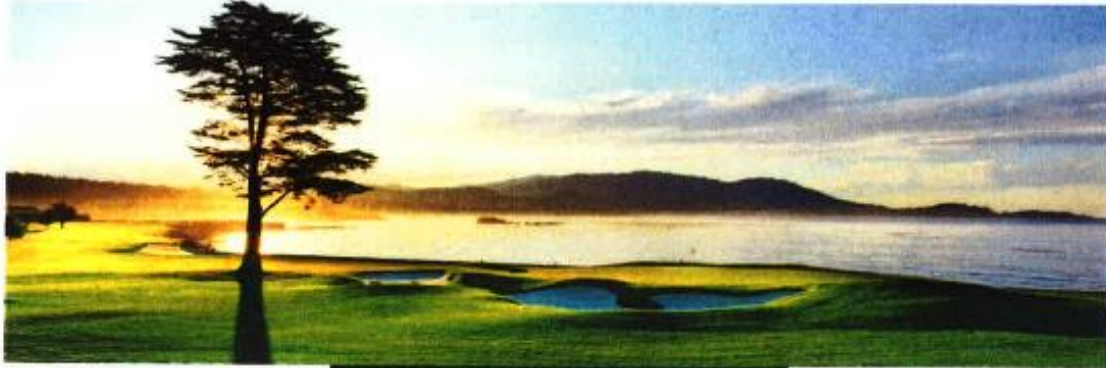
Contact Deretra Peters at

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610-608-5890



## PEBBLE BEACH GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA ALL INCLUSIVE GOLF VACATION FOR 4 PEOPLE



**JULY 16-19, 2019**

- ROUNDTRIP NON-STOP AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT/PHILADELPHIA-SAN FRANCISCO
- ROUNDTRIP TRANSFERS FROM AIRPORT TO PEBBLE BEACH GOLF LINKS
  - TWO NIGHT STAY AT THE INN AT SPANISH BAY
  - 2 ROUNDS OF GOLF AT PEBBLE BEACH GOLF LINKS

**OR**

**\$7,000.00 Cash**

**\$150 PER TICKET (ONLY 150 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)**

**Drawing will be held at St. George Cathedral Annual Autumn Ball, Sunday, October 21, 2018  
Hilton Philadelphia at Penns Landing, Philadelphia, PA**

Proceeds to benefit St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Historical Restoration Fund

*Winner does not have to be present to win, but purchasers of golf tickets are eligible to buy discounted tickets to Cathedral Autumn Ball for \$50.00/person for each person in their party.*



**To purchase tickets, contact the Cathedral Office at 215-627-4389  
or Penny Sarkioglu at [psarkioglu@ldc-nj.com](mailto:psarkioglu@ldc-nj.com)**

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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