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PHILADELPHIA, PA**

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers
Presiding Priest**



Today is: Sunday, July 18, 2021

4th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

The Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council / Emilian the Martyr

**Τῶν Ἁγίων Πατέρων τῆς Ἁγίας Τετάρτης Οἰκουμενικῆς Συνόδου / Αἰμιλιανοῦ τοῦ
Μάρτυρος**

***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.

I ask that you go to the website of the Cathedral at: <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,



Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis Bowers
Dean of the Cathedral

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- TODAY** **4th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- *Artoclasia Service of the Demati Brotherhood.*
- *40-Days Memorial Service Thomai Gastopoulos. May her memory be eternal!*
- *Trisagion Service for Konstantinos Nikodellis, Athanasios Bisbas, Evangleos Pappas, Aliko Athanasoulas and Katerina Kastanara. May their memory be eternal!*
- Tues., July 20** **St. Prophet Elaias**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Thur., July 22** **St. Magdalene and St. Marcella from Chios**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- *Artoclasia Service of the Chios Society "Agia Markella"*
- Sun., July 25** **5th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Mon., July 26** **St. Paraskeve the Rightous**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Tus., July 27** **St. Panteleemon the Great Martyr**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sun., Aug. 1** **6th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**
8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Mon., Aug. 2** **The Supplication to the Theotokos**
Service starts at 6:00pm
- Wed., Aug. 4** **The Supplication to the Theotokos**
Service starts at 6:00pm

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ

4^η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

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

- Ἀρτοκλασία τοῦ Συλλόγου Δεματίου, Ἡπείρου.
- Τεσσαρακονθήμερον μνημόσυνον Θωμαῆς Γκαστοπούλου. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία.
- Τρισάγιον Κωνσταντίνου Νικοδέλλη, Ἀθανασίου Μπίσμπα, Εὐαγγέλου Παππά, Ἀλίκης Ἀθανασούλας καὶ Αἰκατερίνης Καστανάρας. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῶν νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!

Τρίτ., 20 Ἰουλ. Τοῦ Ἁγίου Προφήτου Ἡλιοῦ τοῦ Θεσβίτου

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

**Πέμπ., 22 Ἰουλ. Ἁγ. Μαγδαληνῆς καὶ Ἁγ. Μαρκέλης τῆς
Χιοπολίτιδος**

8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- Ἀρτοκλασία τοῦ Συλλόγου Χιωτῶν ἢ «Ἁγία
Μαρκέλλα»

Κυρ., 25 Ἰουλ. 5^η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

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

Δευτ. 26 Ἰουλ. Ἁγίας Παρασκευῆς τῆς Ὁσιοπαρθενομάρτυρος

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

Τρίτ., 27 Ἰουλ. Ἁγίου Μαγαλομάρτυρος Παντελεήμονος

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

Κυρ., 1^η Αυγ. 6^η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

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

**Δευτ., 2^α Αυγ. Ἡ ἀκολουθία τῆς Παρακλήσεως πρὸς τὴν
Ἵπεραγίαν Θεοτόκον**

Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στὶς 6:00μ.μ.

**Τετ., 4^η Αυγ. Ἡ ἀκολουθία τῆς Παρακλήσεως πρὸς τὴν
Ἵπεραγίαν Θεοτόκον**

Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στὶς 6:00μ.μ.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Tues., Aug. 10** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm
- Tues., Sept. 7** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm
- Sun. Sept. 12** **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
- Oct. 23-Nov. 3** **Apostolic Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in the USA**

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

- Sunday, July 18** **Baptism, Lukas Papageorgiou @ 1:00pm**
- Saturday, July 24** **Baptism, Nicholas Paparoidamis**
@ 11:00am
- Sunday, July 25** **Wedding, Matthew Klahre /Angeliki Yannaris**
@ 3:00pm

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to Titus

3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Προς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

3.8-15

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιΐστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ᾧσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Matthew

5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Εκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

5.14-19

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καίουσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μῶδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμψάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφήτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἓν ἢ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐὰν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

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 ἐσπλαγγνίσθη (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!

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



Join us in Sunday School!

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 through 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

3rd 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 tri-state 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 *Ellinomatheia* 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.



THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

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Prot. No. 164/2021

Archiepiscopal Encyclical on the Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch BARTHOLOMEW to the United States

June 30, 2021

Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Twelve Apostles

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου! (Ψαλμός 117:25)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (Psalm 117:25 LXX)

With unsurpassed joy, we announce on the Feast of the Glorious Twelve, the Apostolic Visit of His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch to the United States, October 23 – November 3, 2021. This Visit, the first in twelve years, will commence the day following the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Election of His All-Holiness as Ecumenical Patriarch, and include the same anniversary of His Enthronement on the venerable See of the First-Called Apostle Saint Andrew on November 2nd. The Apostolic Visit will inaugurate the Centennial



Celebration of the founding of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (1922 – 2022), which will be observed next year across the country.

The Ecumenical Patriarch will begin by being welcomed in our Nation’s Capital at the highest level of diplomatic and ecclesiastical dignity. The official itinerary will be shared in the coming weeks, and it will include a visit to the Metropolises of Pittsburgh and Chicago, with a major ecumenical event taking place at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

The Visit will conclude in New York City, and will culminate in a dedicatory “Opening of the Doors” of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center on the very anniversary of his Enthronement as Ecumenical Patriarch. All of our Metropolises, Parishes, and Institutions will be able to share in this joy, through interactive features that will accompany His All-Holiness on his Visit. Therefore, with gladness and enthusiasm, let us welcome the Spiritual Father of us all, and with heartfelt cries proclaim: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

With paternal blessings in the Lord,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 15, 2021

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy and the
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils of the
Greek Orthodox Communities of the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey:

My beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with much joy and enthusiasm that I announce to you that the 2021 Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Clergy-Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Convention will take place on Monday, September 20, 2021 at "The Venetian," located at 546 River Drive in Garfield, New Jersey. The theme of this year's Assembly will be:

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

For overnight accommodations, a block of rooms has been reserved for the evenings of September 19th and 20th at the Saddle Brook Marriott, located at the intersection of the Garden State Parkway and I-80 (138 New Pehle Ave). In order to secure the group rate of \$139.00 + tax per night, rooms must be reserved by **September 1, 2021**. For reservations, please call 1-800-832-6254 or 201-843-9500 and mention "GOMNJ 2021 Assembly account." Further information regarding the hotel can be found on their website at <http://www.marriott.com/EWRSB>.

In addition, kindly know that in order to register as a delegate for this year's Clergy-Laity Assembly, registration must be completed online at <https://forms.gle/NTdvuF1wgnAdom7s7>. All online registrations are to be submitted by **September 1, 2021**. Furthermore, upon the completion of your online registration, the all-inclusive Registration Fee of \$250.00 should be mailed to the Metropolis Headquarters in Westfield, New Jersey.

For further information, please contact the Metropolis Headquarters at 908-301-0500 or visit the Metropolis of New Jersey web page at www.nj.goarch.org.

Praying that our loving and merciful Lord continues to abundantly bless each of you, and wishing you a restful and spiritually refreshing summer, I remain

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



**July
12-16**
*staff report
July 11th

CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD

**Camp Good Shepherd-
Chesapeake Bay** will be a guaranteed week of fun, making friends, and learning about our faith! The week is filled with daily activities such as arts and crafts, athletics, swimming, enjoying meals together, campfire, a dance, and more!



PER PERSON
Early bird (Before June 21st) - \$500
After June 21st- \$575
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