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**Today is: Sunday, May 16, 2021**

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS**

**Theodore the Blessed / Alexander Bishop of Jerusalem**

**Θεοδώρου τοῦ Ἁγιασμένου / Ἀλεξάνδρου ἐπισκόπου Ἱεροσολύμων**

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

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**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 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

**Sun., June 13**

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS**

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

**Sat. June 19**

**Saturday of the Souls**

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

**Sun., June 20**

**SUNDAY OF PENTECOST (FATHER'S DAY)**

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

**Mon., June 21**

**THE DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*The D. Liturgy will be held at Holy Trinity Church,  
Wilmington, DE.*

Orthros starts at 9:00am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

**Thur. June 24**

**The Nativity of John the Baptizer**

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

**Sun., June 27**

**SUNDAY OF ALL THE SAINTS**

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

*Services are livestreamed through the Facebook account:*

***St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Philadelphia***

# ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

<b>ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΜΥΡΟΦΟΡΩΝ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - Ἀρτοκλασία Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητος «Αἱ Μυροφόραι» - Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Χρήστου Τσιοδούλου. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰώνια. - Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Δημητρίου Αγγελή. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰώνια.
<b>Παρ. 21 Μαΐου</b>	<b>Τῶν Ἁγίων Ἰσαποστόλων Κωνσταντίνου καὶ Ἑλένης</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 23 Μαΐου</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΡΑΛΥΤΟΥ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 30 Μαΐου</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΣΑΜΑΡΕΙΤΙΔΟΣ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 6 Ἰουν.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΤΥΦΛΟΥ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Πέμπ. 10 Ἰουν.</b>	<b>ΤΗΣ ΑΝΑΛΗΨΕΩΣ</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 13 Ἰουν.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Σαβ. 19 Ἰουν.</b>	<b>Ψυχοσάββατον</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 20 Ἰουν.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Δευτ., 21 Ἰουν.</b>	<b>ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ</b> <i>Ἡ Θ. Λειτουργία θα τελεστεῖ στον ἱερό ναό του Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, Wilmington, DE</i> Ὁ Ὅρθρος 9:00π.μ. , ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00π.μ.
<b>Πεμ. 24 Ἰουν.</b>	<b>Τὸ Γενέθλιον του Βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 27 Ἰουν.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Οἱ ἀκολουθίες μεταδίδονται ζωντανά μέσω τοῦ διαδικτύου ἀπό τὸ Facebook:

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Sun., May 16**

**Philoptochos Oath of Office**

*@ the end of the D. Liturgy in the Cathedral*

**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

**Sunday, July 11**

Wedding, Nicholas Giaguanos/Alyssa Campisi @  
3:00pm

## THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

6:1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

6.1-7

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χῆραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἄρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἑπτὰ, πλήρεις πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. Καὶ ἤρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχέα, οὓς ἕστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἠύξανεν, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

## THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Mark

15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

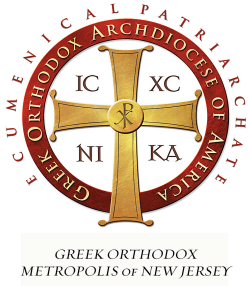


## ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

15.43-74, 16.1-8

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσήφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτής, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλάτον καὶ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Ὁ δὲ Πιλάτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδώρησατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. Καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. Ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσῆ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμη ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. Καὶ λίαν πρωῖ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. Καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· Τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; Καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. Καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. Ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρηνὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. Ἄλλ' ὑπάγετε εἶπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. Καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.



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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 extending to the right.

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.

**Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe." Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices.**

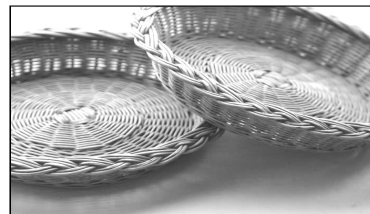
To love in the way Saint Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth, when he says, "...the greatest of these is love," means we can't live without compassion for others. Love and compassion are not expressed only in our offerings of money and other support. Love and compassion are not something we give 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!



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May 5, 2021

My beloved parishioners:

**CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY IS RISEN!**

With great joy I communicate with you in order to announce the reestablishment of the Byzantine Choir ministry of our St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, continuing its almost 85 years successful contribution and fruitful presence in the spiritual edification of our parishioners of St. George Cathedral.

The ministry's director and Leading Chanter (Protosaltis) of our Cathedral Mr. Gregorios Peios will be offering instructions and rehearsals once a week of the Byzantine Chant for the strengthening of the spiritual and liturgical ministry of our Orthodox Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we encourage everyone to support this ministry of our Cathedral enthusiastically by promoting the program to our children, young people and adults, in order to give them the opportunity to study and to be cultivated and immersed in our traditional ecclesiastical music. Participation in this ministry nurtures our spiritual lives and existentially leads us to a fuller understanding of God's purpose through the Incarnation and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the creation.

If you would like to participate you can register at the Cathedral office by calling in person @ 215-627-4389, or email @: [office@saintgeorgecathedral.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgecathedral.org). Please leave your email and cellphone# to the office for future contact for more upcoming details.

Wishing you a very blessed resurrectional period, I remain,

In His Service,

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers  
Dean of the Cathedral

# FROM THE STEWARDHSIP COMMITTEE

“...THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.” (1 Cor 13:13)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Stewardship Report

The total number of stewards who made a stewardship contribution in 1<sup>st</sup> 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 0.2% (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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is \$41,525 – 46% of total expected in 2021.

Budgeted amount for Stewardship in 2020 was \$90,000. Total received in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was \$29,972 – 33% of the total expected.

The total 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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



# St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral



**GOD BLESS & PROTECT OUR HEROES**

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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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