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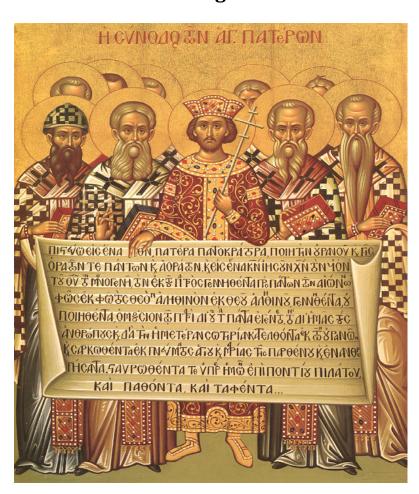
WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Today is: Sunday, June 13, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Aquilina the Martyr / Anna the Martyr and her Son John Άκυλίνης τῆς Μάρτυρος / Ἄννης της Μάρτυρος καὶ τοῦ υἰοῦ αὐτῆς Ἰωάννου

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 HOLY FATHERS 8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - 2-Year Memorial Service Amygdalia Papas May her memory be eternal!
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
Tues. June 29	Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Wed. June 30	The Synaxis of the Holy Twelve Apostles 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Thur., July 1	St. Cosmas and Damien 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Tues., July 20	St. Prophet Elaias 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Thur., July 22	St. Magdalene and St. Macella from Chios 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ

8:45π.μ. ὁ "Ορθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - Γερό Μνημόσυνον δύο έτῶν Άμυγδαλιάς Παπά. Εἴθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αίωνία!

Σαβ. 19 Ίουν. Ψυχοσάββατον

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

Κυρ., 20 Ίουν. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ (Ἡ ἡμέρα τοῦ Πατέρα)

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

Δευτ., 21 Ίουν. ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ

Ή Θ. Λειτουργία θὰ τελεστεῖ στον ἱερό ναό του Άγίου Πνεύματος, Wilmington, DE

Ό "Ορθρος 9:00π.μ., ή Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00π.μ.

Πεμ. 24 Ίουν. Τὸ Γενέθλιον του Βαπτιστοῦ Ίωάννου

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

Κυρ., 27 Ίουν. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ

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

Τρίτ., 29 Ίουν. Τῶν Ἁγίων Ἀποστόλων Πέτρου καὶ Παύλου

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

Τετ., 30 Ίουν. Ἡ Σύναξις τῶν Δώδεκα Ἀποστόλων

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

Πεμπ., 1 Ίουλ. Τῶν Ἁγίων Κοσμά καὶ Δαμιανοῦ τῶν Ἁναργύρων

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

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

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

Πέμπ., 22 Ίουλ. Άγ. Μαγδαληνής καὶ Άγ. Μαρκέλης τῆς Χιοπολίτιδος

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, June 13 Philoptochos Sisterhood Meeting

@ the Philoptochos Hall, @ the end of the

Divine Liturgy

Tues., July 13 Parish Council Meeting

@ the Philoptochos Social Hall @ 6:30pm

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

Sunday, July 11 Wedding, Nicholas Giaguanos/Alyssa Campisi

@ 3:00pm

Saturday, July 24 Baptism, Nicholas Paparaidanis

@ 11:00am

Sunday, July 25 Wedding, Matthew Klahre / Angeliki Yannaris

@ 3:00pm

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 20.16-18, 28-36

Έν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς έκείναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Έφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αύτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι έν τῆ Ἁσία· ἔσπευδεν γάρ, εί δυνατὸν ἦν αύτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι είς Ίεροσόλυμα. Άπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας είς "Εφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς έκκλησίας. Ὠς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αύτόν, εἶπεν αύτοῖς, προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίω, έν ὧ ὑμᾶς τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄγιον ἔθετο έπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν έκκλησίαν τοῦ κυρίου καὶ θεοῦ, ἢν περιεποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ίδίου αἴματος. Έγὼ γὰρ οίδα τοῦτο, ὅτι είσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἄφιξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς είς ύμᾶς, μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ έξ ὑμῶν αύτῶν άναστήσονται άνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα, τοῦ άποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς όπίσω αύτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν ούκ έπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νουθετῶν ἔνα ἔκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς, άδελφοί, τῷ θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αύτοῦ, τῷ δυναμένω έποικοδομῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν έν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Άργυρίου ἡ χρυσίου ἡ ὶματισμοῦ ούδενὸς έπεθύμησα. Αύτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρείαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσιν μετ΄ έμοῦ ὑπηρέτησαν αὶ χεῖρες αὖται. Πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν, ὅτι οὕτως κοπιῶντας δεῖ άντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν άσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ίησοῦ, ὅτι αύτὸς εἶπεν, Μακάριόν έστιν μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα είπών, θεὶς τὰ γόνατα αύτοῦ, σύν πᾶσιν αύτοῖς προσηύξατο.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Έκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην ὰγίου Εύαγγελίου τὸ άνάγνωσμα 17.1-13

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνω, ὁ Ἰησοῦς, καὶ ἐπῆρε τοὺς όφθαλμοὺς αύτοῦ είς τὸν ούρανὸν καὶ εἶπε' πάτερ, έλήλυθεν ἡ ὤρα' δόξασόν σου τὸν υὶόν, ίνα καὶ ὁ υὶός σου δοξάση σε, καθώς ἔδωκας αύτῷ έξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ίνα πᾶν ο δέδωκας αύτῷ δώση αύτοῖς ζωὴν αίώνιον. αὕτη δέ έστιν ἡ αίώνιος ζωή, ἵνα γινώσκωσί σε τὸν μόνον άληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὂν άπέστειλας Ίησοῦν Χριστόν. έγώ σε έδόξασα έπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον έτελείωσα ο δέδωκάς μοι ίνα ποιήσω καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῆ δόξη ἡ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Έφανέρωσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς άνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι έκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ έμοὶ αύτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ έστιν' ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ὰ δέδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αύτοῖς, καὶ αύτοὶ ἔλαβον, καὶ ἔγνωσαν άληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ έξῆλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με άπέστειλας. Έγὼ περὶ αύτῶν έρωτῶ' ού περὶ τοῦ κόσμου έρωτῶ, άλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοί είσι, καὶ τὰ έμὰ πάντα σά έστι καὶ τὰ σὰ έμά, καὶ δεδόξασμαι έν αύτοῖς. καὶ ούκέτι είμὶ έν τῷ κόσμω, καὶ οὖτοι έν τῷ κόσμω είσί, καὶ έγὼ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι. πάτερ ἄγιε, τήρησον αύτοὺς έν τῷ ὀνόματί σου ῷ δέδωκάς μοι, ἴνα ὦσιν εν καθώς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ήμην μετ΄ αύτῶν έν τῷ κόσμω, έγὼ έτήρουν αύτοὺς έν τῷ όνόματί σου' οὓς δέδωκάς μοι έφύλαξα, καὶ ούδεὶς έξ αύτῶν άπώλετο εί μὴ ὁ υὶὸς τῆς άπωλείας, ίνα ή γραφή πληρωθη. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ έν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσι τὴν χαρὰν τὴν έμὴν πεπληρωμένην έν αύτοῖς.

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 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.

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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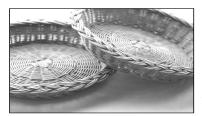
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Christian Stewardship about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. God has given each of us special and unique gifts. And through Holy Scripture teaches us all that we have is a loan. He lends everything to us, and reminds us that

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 continual "give, give, give." To which the priest replied, "Thank you very much for the finest definition

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 (Protopsaltis) 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. 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,

- 10. Rer Lingover

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers
Dean of the Cathedral

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



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