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**Today is: Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**Arethas the Great Martyr / Sebastian the Martyr**

**Ἀρέθα τοῦ Μεγαλομάρτυρος / Σεβαστιανῆς τῆς Μάρτυρος**

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# Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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## My beloved parishioners and friends of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral,

Whether you are returning Greek Orthodox to our legendary St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, or a newcomer to Philadelphia, or the Greater Delaware Valley, or someone with an emerging interest in the Orthodox Faith, I, the Parish Council and 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 Divine Liturgy back in 1912 in the original church and continuing through their 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.

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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 Principals of the Religious Education School, Eleni Belisonzi at: [ebelisonzi@gmail.com](mailto:ebelisonzi@gmail.com) and Agnes Zidros, the Directors of the Greek School at: [Saintgeorgeagnes@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@stgeorgecathedral.org).

God Bless you all,

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis Bowers  
Dean of the Cathedral

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**TODAY**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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

- *40-Days Memorial Service Chrysanthi Karakolia. May her memory be eternal!*
- *3-Year Memorial Service Eugenia Morakis. May her memory be eternal!*
- *11-Years Memorial Service Joseph Stratos. May his memory be eternal!*
- *Trisagion Christos Pappas. May his memory be eternal!*

**Tues., Oct. 26**

**St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer**

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

**Sun., Oct. 31**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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

- *40-Days Memorial Service Christos Pappas. May his memory be eternal!*

**Mond. Nov. 1**

**Sts. Cosmas and Damian the Unmercenaries**

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

**Sun., Nov. 7**

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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

- *16-Year Memorial Service Christina Zervoudakis. May her memory be eternal!*
- *6-Month Trisagion Eric Tosti. May his memory be eternal!*

**Mond. Nov. 8**

**The Synaxis of the Archangels**

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

**Tus., Nov. 9**

**St. Nectarios of Penapolis**

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

**Sun., Nov. 14**

**8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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

**Sun., Nov. 21**

**THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS TO THE TEMPLE**

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

## ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

**ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ**

**ΕΚΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ**

- 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερο Μνημόσυνον Χρυσάνθης Καρακόλια. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*
  - *Τριετές Μνημόσυνον Εὐγενίας Μωράκη. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*
  - *Μνημόσυνον ἔντεκα ἐτῶν Ἰωσήφ Στράτος. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*
  - *Τρισάγιον Χρήστου Παππά. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*

**Τρίτ., 26 Ὀκτ.**

**Ἁγίου Δημητρίου του Μυροβλήτου**

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

**Κυρ., 31 Ὀκτ.**

**ΠΕΜΠΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ**

- 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Χρήστου Παππά. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*

**Δευτ., 1 Νοεμ.**

**Ἁγίων Κοσμά καὶ Δαμιανοῦ τῶν Ἀναργύρων**

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

**Κυρ., 7 Νοεμ.**

**ΕΒΔΟΜΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ**

- 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Μνημόσυνον δεκαέξι ἐτῶν Χριστίνης Ζερβουδάκη. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς εἶναι αἰωνία!*
  - *Τριάγιον ἕξι μηνῶν Eric Tosti. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*

**Δευτ., 8 Νοεμ.**

**Ἡ Σύναξις τῶν Ἀρχαγγέλων**

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

**Τρίτ., 9 Νοεμ.**

**Ἁγίου Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεως**

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

**Κυρ., 14 Νοεμ.**

**ΟΓΔΟΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ**

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

**Κυρ., 21 Νοεμ.**

**ΤΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ**

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Oct. 23-Nov. 3**      **Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in the USA**
- Tues., Nov. 2**      **Thyraxia (Opening of the Doors) from His All-Holiness The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine**  
*in Manhattan, NY*
- Sun., Nov. 7**      **Parish Assembly**  
*@ the Cathedral Social Hall, at the end of the Divine Liturgy*
- IOCC Grand Banquet at Adelpia Restaurant**  
*1750 Clement Bridge Rd., Woodbury, NJ, @ 5:00pm*
- Sun., Nov. 9**      **Parish Council Meeting**  
*@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm*
- Sun., Dec. 5**      **Parish Elections**  
*@ the Cathedral Office, @ the end of the Divine Liturgy until 3:00pm.*
- Sun., Dec. 14**      **Metropolis of New Jersey Ambassadors Event**  
*@ the Merion, Cinnaminson, NJ at 4:30pm.*

## **UPCOMING SACRAMENTS**

Oct. 21          Baptism Ariel Han @ 1:00pm

Nov. 21          Wedding Barikas/Ioakimodis @ 2pm

Dec. 4            Theodorakopoulos/Tsavaris @ 4pm

Dec. 5            Baptism Thomasos Family @ 1:30pm

Dec. 11          Wedding Marcucci/konugres @ 3:00pm

## **THE EPISTLE READING**

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

9.6-11

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις, ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Ἐκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν· καθὼς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσει, καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ.

# THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Luke

8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

## ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκάν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

8.26-39

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν, ἣτις ἐστὶν ἀντίπερα τῆς Γαλιλαίας. ἐξελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ἀνὴρ τις ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ὃς εἶχε δαιμόνια ἐκ χρόνων ἱκανῶν, καὶ ἱμάτιον οὐκ ἐνεδιδύσκετο καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔμενεν, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς μνήμασιν. ἰδὼν δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἀνακράξας προσέπεσεν αὐτῷ καὶ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ εἶπε· τί ἐμοὶ καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου; δέομαί σου, μὴ με βασανίσῃς. παρήγγειλε γὰρ τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. πολλοῖς γὰρ χρόνοις συνηρπάκει αὐτόν, καὶ ἐδεσμεῖτο ἀλύσει καὶ πέδαις φυλασσόμενος, καὶ διαρρήσσων τὰ δεσμὰ ἠλαύνετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος εἰς τὰς ἐρήμους. ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· τί σοὶ ἐστὶν ὄνομα; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· λεγεὼν· ὅτι δαιμόνια πολλὰ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς αὐτόν· καὶ παρεκάλει αὐτόν ἵνα μὴ ἐπιτάξῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον ἀπελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἀγέλη χοίρων ἱκανῶν βοσκομένων ἐν τῷ ὄρει· καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτόν ἵνα ἐπιτρέψῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς ἐκείνους εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἐπέτρεψεν αὐτοῖς. ἐξελθόντα δὲ τὰ δαιμόνια ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰσῆλθον εἰς τοὺς χοίρους, καὶ ὥρμησεν ἡ ἀγέλη κατὰ τοῦ κρημνοῦ εἰς τὴν λίμνην καὶ ἀπεπνίγη. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ βόσκοντες τὸ γεγενημένον ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπήγγειλαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς. ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἰδεῖν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ ἦλθον πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ εὖρον καθήμενον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἀφ' οὗ τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξεληλύθει, ἱματισμένον καὶ σωφρονοῦντα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ ἰδόντες πῶς ἐσώθη ὁ δαιμονισθείς. καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτόν ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῆς περιχώρου τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ἀπελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῶν, ὅτι φόβῳ μεγάλῳ συνείχοντο. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐμβὰς εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ὑπέστρεψεν. ἐδέετο δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀνὴρ, ἀφ' οὗ ἐξεληλύθει τὰ δαιμόνια, εἶναι σὺν αὐτῷ· ἀπέλυσε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὑπόστρεφε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου καὶ διηγοῦ ὅσα ἐποίησέ σοι ὁ Θεός. καὶ ἀπῆλθε καθ' ὅλην τὴν πόλιν κηρύσσων ὅσα ἐποίησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς.

## **Schedule of the Visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States**

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America will welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States for an official visit which will begin on October 23, 2021, and continue through November 3, 2021. The visit, originally scheduled for May 2020, was postponed due to the worldwide pandemic. This is the third official visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States.

In addition to His All-Holiness, the official delegation will include His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon, His Eminence Metropolitan Iosif of Proikonissos, His Eminence Metropolitan Ioustinos of Nea Krini and Kalamaria, Director of the Private Patriarchal Office V. Rev. Grand Ecclesiarch Aetios, Rev. Deacon-in-Line Kallinikos Chasapis, Director of the First Patriarchal Office Prof. Dr. Konstantinos Delikostantis, businessman Mr. Panagiotis Xenokostas, businessman Mr. Panteleimon (Laki) Vingas, journalist Mr. Hakan Çelik, Mr. Panagiotis Grafiadelis, and Mr. Temistokli Karanikola.

The official visit will begin in Washington, DC and is expected to include meetings, luncheons, and official dinners with the President of the United States, Joe Biden, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Ambassador of Greece to the United States Alexandra Papadopoulou, and Turkish Ambassador to the United States Hasan Murat Mercan. Events scheduled in Washington, DC include a Pan-Orthodox Patriarchal Chorostasia at Saint Sophia Cathedral; followed by the inaugural induction of the Senators for Orthodoxy and Hellenism; a Luncheon with the Hierarchs; a Dinner Tribute by the Order of AHEPA; the Blessing of the Permanent Exhibition of Orthodox Christian Cultural Heritage at the Museum of the Bible, and an Ecumenical Reception on Capitol Hill by the National Council of Churches.

On October 27, the official delegation will arrive at Pittsburgh International Airport for an official welcome and then visit Evgenia's House of Hope in Weirton, WV. Following will be a Doxology at the Church of All Saints in Weirton and a luncheon hosted by the Psaros family with local clergy and lay leaders.

Later that same day, the visit will continue at South Bend International Airport in South Bend, IN, with an Official Welcome and dinner with Archon Merkourios and Libby Angeliades.

On Thursday, October 28, a welcome Doxology will be held at St. Andrew Church, followed by a meeting with the University of Notre Dame President and a cultural concert

in honor of His All-Holiness at Notre Dame. In the evening, His All-Holiness will receive an honorary degree from the University.

On Friday, October 29, the Official Delegation will travel to New York City, where Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will address the Archdiocesan Council, National Philoptochos Board, and the Order of St. Andrew National Council. The Nicholas J. Bouras Award and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Dinner for Founders will be held in the evening, where an award will be presented to Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

The following day, Saturday, October 30, the Official Delegation will meet with clergy and presvyteres of the Archdiocese and students of Holy Cross School of Theology at the Chiotos Family Hall of Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. In the evening, the Delegation will attend the Patriarch Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet honoring Dr. Albert Bourla, Dr. Ugur Sahin & Dr. George Yancopoulos at the Grand Ballroom, New York Hilton Hotel with toast master, former Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Honorable Alex Azar.

On Sunday, October 31, the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Elpidophoros and members of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese will be celebrated at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, followed by the Investiture of the 2020/2021 Archon Classes of the Order of Saint Andrew by His All-Holiness

Later in the evening, His All-Holiness will be hosted for dinner by the faithful spiritual children and compatriots of Constantinople, Imvros, and Tenedos in the United States.

On Monday, November 1, the American Jewish Committee will present the highest award to His All-Holiness for interreligious relations and advancing Orthodox-Jewish relations. Following, the Ecumenical Patriarch will offer an Agiasmos and blessing of Archdiocesan Staff in the Chapel of St. Paul, followed by a lunch hosted by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for Religious Leaders of New York and a dinner at the Antiochian Archdiocese hosted by Metropolitan Joseph in honor of His All-Holiness.

On Tuesday, November 2, His All-Holiness will preside at the Thyranixia (Opening of the Doors Ceremony) at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. Later, His All-Holiness will receive a presentation from the IJCIC at the New York Hilton. To end the day, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros will host a dinner to celebrate the 30-year Anniversary of the Enthronement of His All-Holiness at the Loeb Boat House in Central Park.

The Official visit will conclude on Wednesday, November 3 with breakfast and a meeting with the Holy Eparchial Synod at the headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and a Farewell send-off at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey.

# 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.

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.

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

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!





# Family Fun Night

**St. George Cathedral  
Scavenger Hunt!**

**A fun evening for families; we will have a lesson about our beautiful church from Fr Ambrose, a scavenger hunt with prizes, dinner and fellowship.**

**Saturday November 6 5pm**

**This is a free event, but please RSVP so we can have enough prizes and food for all**

**RSVP: Eleni Belisonzi [ebelisonzi@gmail.com](mailto:ebelisonzi@gmail.com)**



## FALL NEWS

We enjoyed a fabulous trip to Johnson Corner Farm for apple and pumpkin picking. Our Cathedral families had a great day of fellowship and farm fun. Lots of pies in our future!

### SPOTLIGHT ON: PREK/KINDERGARTEN

Our PreK/Kindergarten class is off to a great start. Our students are learning how to make the sign of the cross and the Lord's Prayer. Teacher Evangelia Manos uses crafts and songs to help keep lessons fun, creative and memorable.



### Discussing the Gospel Reading with Father Ambrose.



For more information on any of our youth programs or schools contact the church office or Eleni Belisonzi at [ebelisonzi@gmail.com](mailto:ebelisonzi@gmail.com)  
We'd love to have your family join us at any time!



# *PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS*

Starting in November, the Cathedral Philoptochos Sisterhood will be collecting gently used men's clothing and also toiletries for the **ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE** in Philadelphia for the Homeless. Please help us by contributing to this good cause. We will be collecting items until Christmas.

St. John's Hospice is a Catholic Social Service located in Center City Philadelphia. Established in 1963 by Monsignor Anthony J. O'Neil and the little brothers of Good Shepherd, St. John was created as an outreach ministry to serve and assist the poor and homeless in the community. St. John's continues to provide crucial, life-sustaining service with dignity, respect, and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. They take care daily close to 200 homeless people.

For contributions, please contact the Cathedral office @ 215-627-4389, or Jenny Kravaris @ 610-716-4502.



# 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:office@saintgeorgecathedral.org)

Location:

256 S. 8<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Child: \$300

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$250

3<sup>rd</sup> Child: \$250

Tuition for Non-Cathedral Students

1<sup>st</sup> Child: \$600

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$550

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Greater Philadelphia Committee of IOCC invites you to the*  
**10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT TO BENEFIT IOCC**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**3:30pm Hors d'Oeuvres & Silent Auction • 5:00pm Dinner & Program**

*Come and learn about IOCC's programs around the world and how your support makes a difference in places like USA, Greece, and Ethiopia.*

**Adelphia Restaurant • Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom**

**1750 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford, NJ 08096**

For tickets and sponsorships, see your parish rep or visit

**[iocc.org/philadelphia](http://iocc.org/philadelphia)**

Or make checks out to IOCC and mail to  
 Connie Bandy, 2147 Robin Dr., Warrington, PA 18976  
 Questions? Call or e-mail Connie: 215.343.4709, hbckb@msn.com



Tickets: \$65 per person

The following sponsorship opportunities are available:

- Grand Benefactor (\$5,000+) . . . . . Will receive 12 tickets
- Great Benefactor (\$2,000) . . . . . Will receive 10 tickets
- Benefactor (\$1,000) . . . . . Will receive 8 tickets
- Sponsor (\$500) . . . . . Will receive 6 tickets
- Patron (\$350) . . . . . Will receive 4 tickets
- Friend (\$200) . . . . . Will receive 2 tickets

*Sponsorships received by Oct. 23 will be recognized in the program.*

**Pick up tickets from your parish rep:**

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AHEPA Camden Chapter 69 & The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia  
**Virtual College/Career Panel Networking Event**

*A great opportunity for students to learn more about specific college majors and careers, available scholarship opportunities while networking with local professionals*

**When:** Saturday, October 23rd,  
 Approximately 9:30am-3:30pm.

**Where:** Zoom (see registration link)

**Who Should Attend;** Any students in high school and college (parents also welcome) and any young professionals interested in being a panelist (see Panelist sign up link).

[Zoom Registration Link](#)



[Panelist Sign up link](#)  
 (spots may be limited)



**Schedule (Subject to Change)**

<b>9:30-10:15</b>	<b>Intro/ Special Topic Discussion:</b> <i>Financing your Degree and other College Planning</i>
<b>10:15-11:00</b>	<b>Panelist Discussion:</b> <i>Education</i>
<b>11:00-11:45</b>	<b>Panelist Discussion:</b> <i>Business &amp; Finance</i>
<b>11:45-12:30</b>	<b>Panelist Discussion:</b> <i>Medicine &amp; Health Sciences</i>
<b>12:30-1:15</b>	<b>Panelist Discussion:</b> <i>Communications &amp; Media</i>
<b>1:15-2:00</b>	<b>Panelist Discussion:</b> <i>Law</i>
<b>2:00-2:45</b>	<b>Panelist Discussion:</b> <i>Engineering &amp; Sciences</i>
<b>2:45-End</b>	<b>Open Topic Discussion:</b> <i>Students' Choice</i>

# St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral



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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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