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ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

***CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!
1922 - 2022***

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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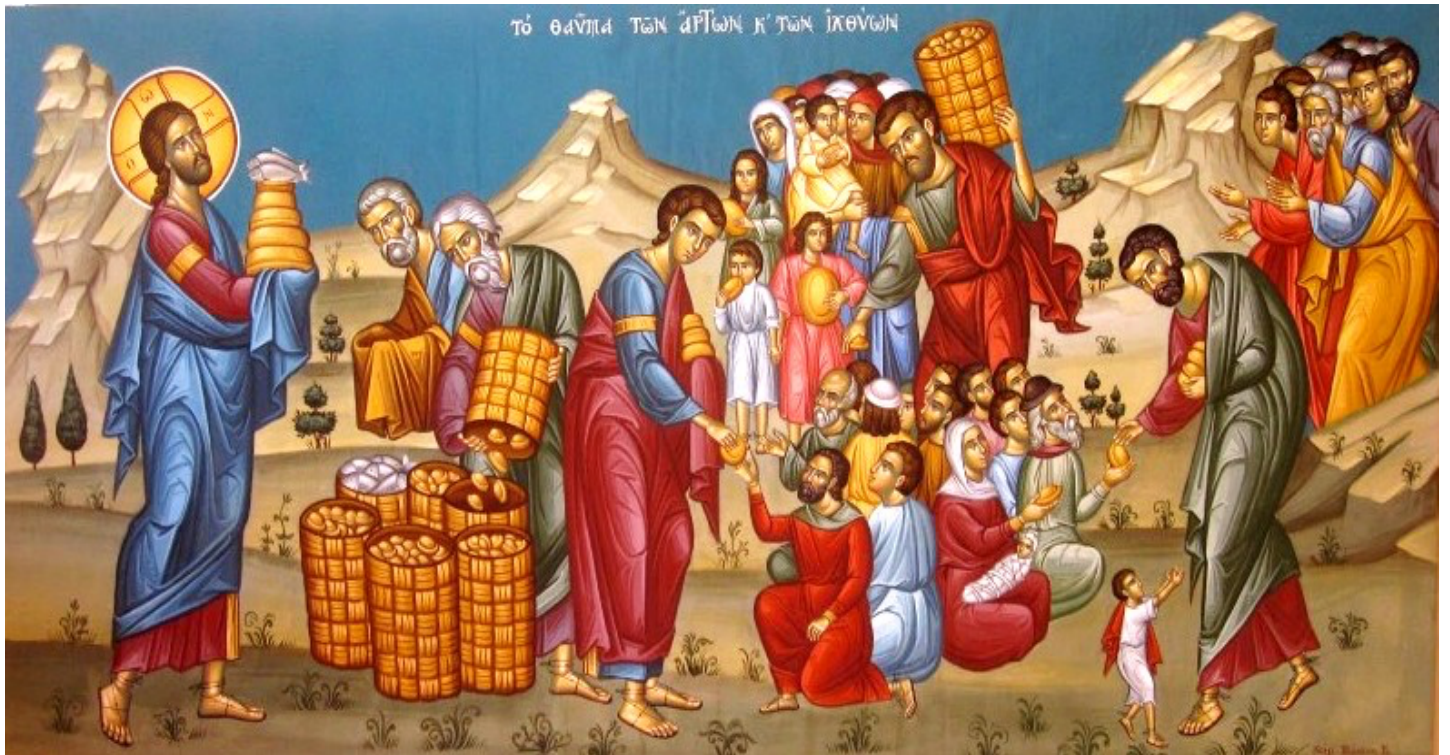
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**Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers
Presiding Priest**



Today is: Sunday, August 7, 2022

8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Demetrios of Persia / Nikanor the Wonderworker

Δημήτριος ὁ Περσεύς / Νικάνορος τοῦ ἀπὸ Ἀντιοχείας

***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.



SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
PHILADELPHIA, PA
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
1922-2022



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.

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 Principals 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

8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

Mon., Aug. 8

The Supplications to the Theotokos

Service starts at 6:00pm

Wed., Aug. 10

The Supplications to the Theotokos

Service starts at 6:00pm

Thur., Aug. 11

The Supplications to the Theotokos

Service starts at 6:00pm

Sun., Aug. 14

9TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

Sun., Aug. 14

Vespers Service for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Service starts at 6:00pm

Mon., Aug. 15

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

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

Sun., Aug. 21

10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

- *1-Year Memorial Service Christos Papas*
May his memory be eternal!

Sun., Aug. 28

11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ

ΟΓΔΟΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

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

Δευτ., 8 Αύγ.

Ἡ ἀκολουθία τῆς Παρακλήσεως

Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στὶς 6:00μ.μ.

Τετ., 10 Αύγ.

Ἡ ἀκολουθία τῆς Παρακλήσεως

Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στὶς 6:00μ.μ.

Πεμπ., 11 Αύγ.

Ἡ ἀκολουθία τῆς Παρακλήσεως

Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στὶς 6:00μ.μ.

Κυρ., 14 Αύγ.

ΕΝΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

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

Κυρ., 14 Αύγ.

Ὁ ἔσπερινός γιὰ τὴν Κοίμησι τῆς Θεοτόκου

Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στὶς 6 το ἀπόγευμα

Δευτ., 15 Αύγ.

Ἡ ΚΟΙΜΗΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

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

Κυρ., 21 Αύγ.

ΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

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

- *Ἐτήσιο Μνημόσυνο Χρήστου Παπά. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*

Κυρ., 28 Αύγ.

ΕΝΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Tues., Aug. 9** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.
- Sun. Sept. 11** **Sunday/Greek School Holy Water Blessing**
@ the Cathedral @ the end of the Divine Liturgy.
- Tues., Sept., 13** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.
- Sat., Sept. 17** **Greek School first day of classes**
- Sun., Sept. 18** **Sunday School registration & first day of classes**
- Sun., Sept. 18** **2022 Metropolis of NJ Annual Holy Cross Celebration**
@ the Grand Auditorium, Ocean Grove, NJ.
- Thur., Sept. 22** **College Student and Young Adult Cathedral 100th Anniversary Celebration**
@ the ESTIA restaurant in Philadelphia, @ 6:00pm.

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

Aug. 28 WEDDING, Eleftherios Gkouletsas & Constantina Pappas @ 3:00pm

Sept. 17 WEDDING, Constantine Fournaris & Kristen Spiridon @ 3:30pm

Sept. 18 BAPTISM, newly-born Kathleen Mitses family @ 1:00pm

Oct. 23 WEDDING Evana Mortzavi & Yiannis Degermentzidis @ 3:00pm

Nov. 20 WEDDING Nikonia Fanourgakis & Anthony DeFrancesco @ 2:00pm

Dec. 18 WEDDING Anastasia Galanos & Peter Protogiannis @ 1:30pm

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from the First Letter to the Corinthians

1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Πρώτης Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

1.10-17

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὀνόματος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μὴ ἦ ἐν ὑμῖν σχίσματα, ἥτε δὲ κατηρτισμένοι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῷ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. Ἐδηλώθη γάρ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης, ὅτι ἔριδες ἐν ὑμῖν εἰσιν. Λέγω δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἕκαστος ὑμῶν λέγει, Ἐγὼ μὲν εἰμι Παύλου, Ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλῶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Κηφᾶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Χριστοῦ. Μεμέρισται ὁ Χριστός; Μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ἢ εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; Εὐχαριστῶ τῷ θεῷ ὅτι οὐδένα ὑμῶν ἐβάπτισα, εἰ μὴ Κρίσπον καὶ Γάϊον· ἵνα μὴ τις εἴπῃ ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν ὄνομα ἐβάπτισα. Ἐβάπτισα δὲ καὶ τὸν Στεφανᾶ οἶκον· λοιπὸν οὐκ οἶδα εἴ τινα ἄλλον ἐβάπτισα. Οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλέν με Χριστὸς βαπτίζειν, ἀλλ' εὐαγγελίζεσθαι· οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to Matthew

14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Εκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαίου ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

14.14-22

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδε πολὺν ὄχλον, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐθεράπευσε τοὺς ἀρρώστους αὐτῶν. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· ἔρημός ἐστιν ὁ τόπος καὶ ἡ ὥρα ἤδη παρῆλθεν· ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ὄχλους, ἵνα ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὰς κώμας ἀγοράσωσιν ἑαυτοῖς βρώματα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχουσιν ἀπελθεῖν· δότε αὐτοῖς ὑμεῖς φαγεῖν. οἱ δὲ λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· οὐκ ἔχομεν ὧδε εἰ μὴ πέντε ἄρτους καὶ δύο ἰχθύας. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· φέρετέ μοι αὐτοὺς ὧδε. καὶ κελεύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνακλιθῆναι ἐπὶ τοὺς χόρτους, λαβὼν τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους καὶ τοὺς δύο ἰχθύας, ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εὐλόγησε, καὶ κλάσας ἔδωκε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τοὺς ἄρτους, οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις. καὶ ἔφαγον πάντες καὶ ἐχορτάσθησαν, καὶ ἦσαν τὸ περισσεῦον τῶν κλασμάτων δώδεκα κοφίνους πλήρεις. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων. Καὶ εὐθέως ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσει τοὺς ὄχλους.



Join us in Sunday School!

LEARN about the church

PLAY and make new friends

GROW in our Orthodox faith



Sunday School Resumes
September 18th

All Children Are Welcome

For more information or to
register please contact

Eleni Belisonzi
ebelisonzi@gmail.com

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 2022-2023 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: \$350

2nd Child: \$300

3rd Child: \$300

Tuition for Non-Cathedral Students

1st Child: \$650

2nd Child: \$600

3rd Child: \$600

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
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
ORTHODOXY IN PHILADELPHIA, PA

100th Anniversary Gala

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022
6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

Location

BALLROOM AT THE BEN
834 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107

Details

\$150.00 PER PERSON
VALET PARKING

Music by
YANNI PAPASTEFANOU
& ORCHESTRA



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I/WE WISH TO SUPPORT ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA TO BENEFIT THE RESTORATION FUND
IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY:

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RECOGNITION AT EVENT

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SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Presents

Young Adults & Students



SEPTEMBER 22/22

6:00PM @ Estia

1405-07 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102



SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 4TH
2022



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1822-1922 | ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

ENTRANCE FEE \$ 200.00

Welcome Package, Lunch
18 holes of golf
Cocktail Hour
Dinner, Awards, Raffles & Auctions

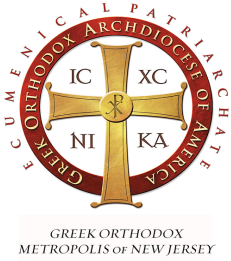
CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE GAME?

Bring your family and friends and join us for
cocktails & dinner reception \$75 per person

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:00 am to 12:00 pm Golf Registration
11:00 am to 12:30 pm Lunch
12:30 pm Golf (*Shotgun Start*)
5:00/7:00pm Cocktails, Dinner,
Awards, Raffles & Auctions

Bluestone Country Club, 711 Boehms Church Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422



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January 2, 2022

Dear friends and Parishioners of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral,

It is with much enthusiasm and joy that we write this letter to you as we are entering 2022, the year which marks the historic occasion and the beginning of the 100th Anniversary celebration of our Cathedral. This year is very significant for us Orthodox Christians; this Greek Orthodox Community is a witness to Orthodoxy for 100 years in the City of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley region. We also celebrate you, the faithful and dedicated members of our Cathedral, for your unwavering stewardship and generous support of our beloved Orthodox Christian faith and community for 100 years. You are the chosen people of God whom he entrusted the care of this most fertile Orthodox Christian seed, our Cathedral. You are *“born anew [in this Divine Institution] not of perishable seed, but imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.”* (1 Peter 1:23). You have planted the seeds of our ministries and watered and nurtured these ministries for 100 years. But to God belongs all glory for it is He *“Who gives the growth.”*

There are many events and opportunities planned throughout the year and we hope you will join us as we honor our Orthodox Cathedral and the historic accomplishments of our community. Please see the attached Calendar of Events.

In addition, as we commemorate the history, faith, and events of our Cathedral over the past 100 years, we invite you also to become advocates of our efforts. Please see the attached form. There will be a section dedicated to the stewards of our Parish known as the ***Advocates of Saint George Cathedral***. There are several levels of sponsorship available and we would like each of you with your families to tell us your story. Through your acknowledgment and commitment, we will use these funds entirely to support the **Cathedral Restoration Fund**.

We ask you to make a commitment and pledge of support for the restoration efforts of our Cathedral so that she may continue to provide us with a Spiritual Temple of worship and an opportunity to serve and witness our Orthodox Christian faith and Hellenic Tradition. Please forward your contributions to the Cathedral Office: Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Anniversary, 256 South 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or call the Cathedral office @: 215-627-4389 for more information.

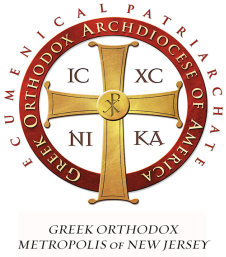
May our loving God *“...who gives us richly all things to enjoy,”* (1 Timothy 6:17) bless and multiply your generosity with all the good things from above.

In His Grace,

Very Reverend Archimandrite
Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers
Presiding Priest of the Cathedral

Archon John Sarkioglu
100th Anniversary Committee
Co-Chairman

Dr. Kostis Kourelis
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2 Ιανουαρίου, 2022

Αγαπητοί φίλοι και Ενορίτες του Ελληνικού Ορθοδόξου Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίου Γεωργίου,

Με ενθουσιώδη χαρά απευθυνόμαστε σε όλους σας μ' αυτή την επιστολή καθώς εισερχόμαστε στο έτος 2022, ένα έτος που σηματοδοτεί την έναρξη της ιστορικής επετείου των εορτασμών της εκατονταετηρίδος της ελληνορθοδόξου κοινότητας του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού του Αγίου Γεωργίου της πόλεως Φιλαδελφείας. Αυτό το έτος εορτάζουμε επίσης και τα πιστά και αφοσιωμένα μέλη του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού, που για τα τελευταία εκατό χρόνια προσφέρατε, και συνεχίζεται να προσφέρεται την ακλόνητη πίστη και γενναιόδωρη προσφορά σας στην αγαπημένη σας Εκκλησία Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού. Είστε οι εκλεκτοί πιστοί του Θεού στους οποίους ο Χριστός μέσω της Εκκλησίας του ανέθεσε την φροντίδα και διατήρηση αυτού του εύφορου Ορθοδόξου Χριστιανικού σπέρματος, τον Καθεδρικό Ναό του Αγίου Γεωργίου, και όπως αναφέρει ο απόστολος Πέτρος: *«ἀναγεννημένοι οὐκ ἐκ σπορᾶς φθαρτῆς, ἀλλὰ ἀφθάρτου, διὰ λόγου ζῶντος Θεοῦ καὶ μένοντος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα»* (Α' Πέτρον 1.23). Εσείς φυτέψατε τους σπόρους των διαφόρων προγραμμάτων του Καθεδρικού Ναού· εσείς τους ποτίσατε και τους φροντίσατε τα τελευταία εκατό χρόνια με πίστη και αφοσίωση, για εσάς και τα παιδιά σας. Αλλά μη ξεχνάτε, ότι στον Θεό ανήκει όλη η δόξα, διότι *«οὔτε ὁ φυτεύων ἐστὶ τι οὔτε ὁ ποτίζων, ἀλλ' ὁ αὐξάνων Θεός»* (Α' Κορ. 3.7)

Κατά τη διάρκεια αυτού του έτους έχουν προγραμματιστεί πολλές εορταστικές εκδηλώσεις για να τιμήσουμε τα εκατό χρόνια Ορθοδόξου προσφοράς και παρουσίας του Καθεδρικού Ναού στην πόλη της Φιλαδελφείας, και της ευρύτερας Κοιλάδος του Delaware. Δείτε προς γνώσιν σας παρακαλώ το συνημμένο πρόγραμμα των εορταστικών εκδηλώσεων του εορτασμού.

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