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Today is: Sunday, December 18, 2022

SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY

Sebastian and his Companions / Michael Synkellos the Confessor

Σεβαστιανός και οί σὺν αὐτῷ / Μιχαήλ ὁ Ὁμολογητής

***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
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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.

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

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

- *40- Days Memorial Service John Barbalios. May his memory be eternal!*
- *5-Year Memorial Service Gloria (Georgia) Tsokas. May her memory be eternal!*
- *CHRISTMAS PAGEANT from the students of the Religious Education School of the Cathedral.*

Fri., Dec. 23

The Royal Hours of Christmas

Services start at 8:30am

Sat., Dec. 24

Eve of the Nativity of the Lord

Eugenia the Martyr of Rome

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

Sun., Dec. 25

HOLY NATIVITY OF CHRIST

8:45am Orthros, 9:45am St. Basil the Great's Divine Liturgy

Sun., Jan. 1

THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

Saint Basil the Great Archbishop of Caesarea the Wonderworker

THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

8:45am Orthros, 9:45am Divine Liturgy

Thur., Jan. 5

The Royal Hours of the Epiphany with the St. Basil's Vespereal Liturgy, and the Holy Water Service

Service starts at 8:30am

Fri., Jan. 6

THE HOLY EPIPHANY

with the Service of the Holy Water

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

Sat., Jan. 7

St. John the Baptizer

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

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΙΝ ΤΗΝ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ

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

- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Ἱερό Μνημόσυνον Ἰωάννου Μπαρμπαλιού. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*
- *Πενταετές Ἱερό Μνημόσυνον Γρηγορίας Τσόκα. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*
- *Ἀναπαράστασις τοῦ μυστηρίου τῆς Γεννήσεως τοῦ Θεανθρώπου ἀπό τοὺς μαθητὰς τοῦ Κατηχητικοῦ Σχολείου τοῦ Ἱεροῦ Καθεδρικοῦ Ναοῦ.*

Παρ., 23 Δεκ.

Οἱ Βασιλικές Ὁρες τῶν Χριστουγέννων

Οἱ ἀκολουθίες ἀρχίζουν στὶς 8:30π.μ.

Σαβ., 24 Δεκ.

Παραμονή τῶν Χριστουγέννων

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

Κυρ., 25 Δεκ.

ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:45π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 1 Ἰαν.

Η ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΗΜΩΝ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ

**Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Καισαρείας
τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ**

ΑΡΧΗ ΤΟΥ ΝΕΟΥ ΕΤΟΥΣ

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

Τετ., 5 Ἰαν.

Οἱ Βασιλικές Ὁρες τῶν Θεοφανίων μετὰ τοῦ

**Ἑσπερινοῦ τῶν Θεοφανίων καὶ τῆς Θείας
Λειτουργίας τοῦ Μ. Βασιλείου, καὶ τοῦ ἀγιασμοῦ
τῶν ὑδάτων**

Ἡ ἀκολουθία ἀρχίζει στὶς 8:30π.μ.

Πεμ., 6 Ἰαν.

ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ

8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία, καὶ ἐν
συνεχείᾳ ὁ ἀγιασμός τῶν ὑδάτων

Παρ., 7 Ἰαν.

Ἁγίου Προδρόμου καὶ Βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sun., Dec. 18** **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**
@ the Cathedral and Social Hall @ the end of the Divine Liturgy.
- DELAWARE VALLEY AMBASSADORS BANQUET**
@the ADELPHIA Restaurant, 1750 Clements Bridge Road, Woodbury, NJ, @ 5pm.
- Tue., Dec. 20** **Metropolis of New Jersey Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Open House Celebration**
@ the Metropolis of NJ Headquarters from 6pm – 9pm.
- Sun., Jan. 8** **Cathedral Vasilopita Cutting and Philoptochos Sisterhood Luncheon. Proceeds benefit St. Basil Academy, Garrison, NY**
@ the Social Hall immediately after the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Tues., Jan. 10** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.
- Sun., Jan. 15** **Demati Brotherhood Vasilopita Cutting**
@ the Social Hall immediately after the end of the Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

Dec. 18 WEDDING Anastasia Galanos & Peter Protopiannis @ 2:00pm

THE EPISTLE READING

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

11:9-10; 32-40

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

11.9-10, 32-40

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκησεν Ἀβραὰμ εἰς τὴν γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς· ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοὺς θεμελίους ἔχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργὸς ὁ Θεός. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείψει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψὼν καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυΐδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is according to Luke

14:16-24

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So, all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκάν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

14.16-24

Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ Δαυΐδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. Ἀβραάμ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰσαάκ, Ἰσαάκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰούδαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Φαρῆς καὶ τὸν Ζαρά ἐκ τῆς Θάμαρ, Φαρῆς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐσρώμ, Ἐσρώμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀράμ, Ἀράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ, Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ναασσών, Ναασσών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλμών, Σαλμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Βοόζ ἐκ τῆς Ῥαχάβ, Βοόζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὠβήδ ἐκ τῆς Ῥούθ, Ὠβήδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεσσαί, Ἰεσσαί δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Δαυΐδ τὸν βασιλέα. Δαυΐδ δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐγέννησε τὸν Σολομῶνα ἐκ τῆς τοῦ Οὐρίου, Σολομῶν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ῥοβοάμ, Ῥοβοάμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιά, Ἀβιά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀσά, Ἀσά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσαφάτ, Ἰωσαφάτ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωράμ, Ἰωράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὀζίαν, Ὀζίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωάθαμ, Ἰωάθαμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχαζ, Ἀχαζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐζεκίαν, Ἐζεκίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Μανασσῆ, Μανασσῆς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμών, Ἀμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσίαν, Ἰωσίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεχονίαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος. Μετὰ δὲ τὴν μετοικεσίαν Βαβυλῶνος Ἰεχονίας ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλαθιήλ, Σαλαθιήλ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ζοροβάβελ, Ζοροβάβελ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιούδ, Ἀβιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιακείμ, Ἐλιακείμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀζώρ, Ἀζώρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαδώκ, Σαδώκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχείμ, Ἀχείμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιούδ, Ἐλιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλεάζαρ, Ἐλεάζαρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ματθάν, Ματθάν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαρίας, ἐξ ἧς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός. Πᾶσαι οὖν αἱ γενεαὶ ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ ἕως Δαυΐδ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ Δαυΐδ ἕως τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος ἕως τοῦ Χριστοῦ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες. Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡ γέννησις οὕτως ἦν. μνηστευθείσης γὰρ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Μαρίας τῷ Ἰωσήφ, πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου. Ἰωσήφ δὲ ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς, δίκαιος ὢν καὶ μὴ θέλων αὐτὴν παραδειγματίσαι, ἐβουλήθη λάθρα ἀπολῦσαι αὐτήν. ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐνθυμηθέντος ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ ἐφάνη αὐτῷ λέγων· Ἰωσήφ υἱὸς Δαυΐδ, μὴ φοβηθῆς παραλαβεῖν Μαριάμ τὴν γυναῖκά σου· τὸ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ γεννηθὲν ἐκ Πνεύματός ἐστιν Ἁγίου. τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν· αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. Τοῦτο δὲ ὄλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· ἰδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν, καὶ καλέσουσι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἐμμανουήλ, ὃ ἐστι μεθερμηνεύμενον μεθ' ἡμῶν ὁ Θεός. Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ὁ ἄγγελος Κυρίου καὶ παρέλαβε τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐγίνωσκεν αὐτήν ἕως οὗ ἔτεκε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτῆς τὸν πρωτότοκον, καὶ ἐκάλεσε τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν.



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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 εκατονταετηρίδας της ελληνορθόδοξου 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: «*ἀναγεγεννημένοι οὐκ ἐκ σπορᾶς φθαρτῆς, ἀλλὰ ἀφθάρτου, διὰ λόγου ζῶντος Θεοῦ καὶ μένοντος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα*» (Α' Πέτρου 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 ἐστί 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.

Επιπλέον, καθώς εορτάζουμε την ιστορική παρουσία του Καθεδρικού Ναού τα τελευταία 200 χρόνια, σας προσκαλούμε θερμώς όπως γίνεται χορηγοί των προσπαθειών μας για την επιτυχή αποπεράτωση των εργασιών της ανακατασκευής του Καθεδρικού Ναού, μια προσπάθεια η οποία έχει είδη αρχίσει και θα ολοκληρωθεί εντός των επομένων δύο ετών. **Το κόστος της συντηρήσεως ανέρχεται στο ποσό των δύο εκατομμυρίων δολαρίων (\$2,000,000).** Δείτε παρακαλώ την συνημμένη φόρμα συμμετοχής της χορηγίας σας. Υπάρχουν διάφορα επίπεδα συμμετοχής. **Σας παρακαλούμε όπως γενναιόδωρα υποστηρίξετε τις προσπάθειες συντηρήσεως του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού, ώστε μέσω αυτού να συνεχιστεί η παρουσία της Ελληνορθόδοξου πίστεως και παραδόσεως στην πόλη της Φιλαδελφείας.**

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, καλέστε το γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού στο: 215-627-4389, ή αποστείλετε την προσφορά σας στην διεύθυνση του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού: **256 South 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107**, με την υποσημείωση στην επιταγή σας: **St. George Cathedral 100th Anniversary Celebration.**

Είθε ο Θεός της αγάπης που «*τῶ παρέχοντι ἡμῖν πάντα πλουσίως εἰς ἀπόλαυσιν*» (1 Τιμ. 6.17) να ευλογεί και να πολλαπλασιάζει τη γενναιόδωρη προσφορά σας με κάθε τι καλό και ευλογημένο. Χρόνια πολλά, υγιεινά και ευλογημένα.

Μετά πολλής εν Χριστώ αγάπης,

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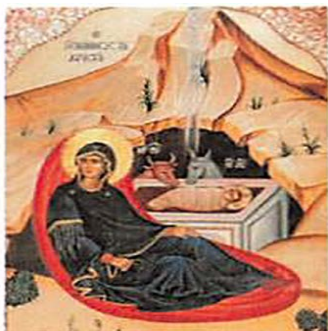
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