

**GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY  
ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

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

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

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



**Today is: Sunday, September 11, 2022**

**SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS**

**Throdora of Alexandria / Euphrosynos the Cook**

**Θεοδώρα ἡ ἀπὸ Ἀλεξανδρείας / Εὐρώσυνος ὁ μάγειρας**

***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](http://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](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**

**SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS**

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

- Artoclasia Service for Androula Nicolaou Family.
- *40-Days Memorial Service Demetrios Badekas.  
May his memory be eternal!*

**Wed. Sept. 14**

**The Elevation of the Holy Cross**

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

**Sun., Sept. 18**

**SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS**

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

- *Agiasmos Service (Holy Water Service) for the beginning of the New Church Year and the beginning of the Sunday and Greek School classes.*

**Sun., Sept. 25**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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

**Mon., Sept. 26**

**St. John the Theologian**

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

**Sun., Oct.2**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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

**Sun., Oct.9**

**3<sup>d</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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

**Sun., Oct.16**

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

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

# ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

<b>ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΗΣ ΥΨΩΣΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - <i>Ακολουθία τῆς Αρτοκλασίας ὑπὲρ ὑγείας γιὰ τὴν οἰκογένεια Ανδρούλας Νικολάου.</i> - <i>Τεσσαρακονθήμερο ἱερό μνημόσυνον Δημητρίου Μπαδέκα. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νά εἶναι αἰωνία!</i>
<b>Τετ., 14 Σεπτ.</b>	<b>Ἡ Ὑψωσις τοῦ Τιμίου καὶ Ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 18 Σεπτ.</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΥΨΩΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία - <i>Ακολουθία τοῦ μικροῦ Ἀγιασμοῦ γιὰ τὴν ἀρχὴ τοῦ Νέου Ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ Ἔτους καὶ τὴν ἀρχὴ τῶν μαθημάτων τοῦ Κατηχητικοῦ καὶ Ἑλληνικοῦ Σχολείου τῆς Κοινότητός μας.</i>
<b>Κυρ., 25 Σεπτ.</b>	<b>ΠΡΩΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Δευτ., 26 Σεπτ.</b>	<b>Τοῦ ἀγίου Ἰωάννου τοῦ Θεολόγου</b> 8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 2 Ὀκτ.</b>	<b>ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 9 Ὀκτ.</b>	<b>ΤΡΙΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυρ., 16 Ὀκτ.</b>	<b>ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ</b> 8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Tues., Sept. 13**      **Parish Council Meeting**  
*@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.*
- Wed., Sept. 14**      **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting**  
*@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:00pm.*
- Sat., Sept. 17**      **Greek School First-Day Classes**
- Sun. Sept. 18**      **New Church Year and Sunday/Greek School Agiasmos (Holy Water Blessing) Service**  
*@ the Cathedral @ the end of the Divine Liturgy.*
- Sun., Sept. 18**      **Sunday School Registration & First-Day Classes**
- Sun., Sept. 18**      **Metropolis of NJ Annual Holy Cross Celebration**  
*@ the Grand Auditorium, Ocean Grove, NJ.*
- Mon., Sept. 19**      **Meeting with all the Ministries of the Cathedral**  
*@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:00pm.*
- Tues., Sept. 20**      **Federation of Philadelphia and Greater Delaware Valley Meeting**  
*@ the Social Hall @ 7:00pm.*
- Thur., Sept. 22**      **College Student and Young Adult Cathedral 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
*@ the ESTIA restaurant in Philadelphia, @ 6:00pm.*
- Tues., Oct. 4**      **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Outing**  
*@ Bluestone Country Club*  
*711 Boehms Church Road, Blue Bell, PA @ 11:00am.*
- Sat., Oct. 15**      **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**  
*@ Ballroom at the Ben*  
*834 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA*  
*@ 6:00pm.*
- Sun., Oct. 16**      **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with the presence of HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS OF AMERICA and special dignitaries from the United States and Greece.**  
*@ St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Philadelphia.*  
*Orthros starts @ 8:30am, Divine Liturgy starts @ 10am*

## **UPCOMING SACRAMENTS**

**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 Letter to the Galatians

6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

6.11-18

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρί. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῆσωνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, κἀγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel reading is according to John

3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

## ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

3.13-17

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὕψωσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνη τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.



# Join us in Sunday School!

**LEARN** about the church

**PLAY** and make new friends

**GROW** in our Orthodox faith



Sunday School Resumes  
September 18<sup>th</sup>

All Children Are Welcome

For more information or to  
register please contact

Eleni Belisonzi  
[ebelisonzi@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 2022-2023 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: \$350

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$300

3<sup>rd</sup> Child: \$300

Tuition for Non-Cathedral Students

1<sup>st</sup> Child: \$650

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$600

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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AND INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 215.627.4389  
ALL NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT RESTORATION FUND

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

*gold sponsor - \$5,000*

TEN TICKETS TO GALA  
LISTING IN & COPY OF COMMEMORATIVE BOOK  
FULL PAGE AD IN CONCERT PLAYBILL DECEMBER 2022  
RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE  
RECOGNITION AT EVENT

*silver sponsor - \$2,500*

FOUR TICKETS TO GALA  
LISTING IN & COPY OF COMMEMORATIVE BOOK  
HALF PAGE AD IN CONCERT PLAYBILL DECEMBER 2022  
RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE  
RECOGNITION AT EVENT

*bronze sponsor - \$1,000*

TWO TICKETS TO GALA  
LISTING IN & COPY OF COMMEMORATIVE BOOK  
QUARTER PAGE AD IN CONCERT PLAYBILL DECEMBER 2022  
RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE  
RECOGNITION AT EVENT

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO EXTENT OF THE LAW  
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# SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL

100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE INVITES ALL YOUNG ADULTS &  
STUDENTS OF THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA

# SOCIAL EVENT



THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022  
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

ESTIA RESTAURANT  
1405-07 LOCUST STREET,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

STUDENTS: FREE ADMISSION WITH ID | YOUNG ADULTS: \$35  
MEDITERRANEAN BUFFET, WINE AND BEER INCLUDED



SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP





# SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>  
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

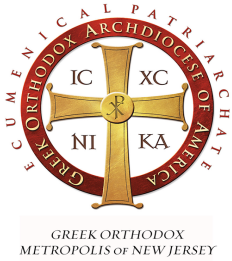
### CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE GAME?

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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
100<sup>th</sup> 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 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 8<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia, PA 19107**, με την υποσημείωση στην επιταγή σας: **St. George Cathedral 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.**

Είθε ο Θεός της αγάπης που «*τῷ 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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2022



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