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Today is Sunday, January 5, 2025
SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY
KYPIAKH ΠΡΙΝ ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

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2024 BUDGET: \$90,000 | 2024 UP TO DATE INCOME: \$82,500 2025 BUDGET: \$90,000 | 2025 UP TO DATE INCOME: \$



Saints and Feasts

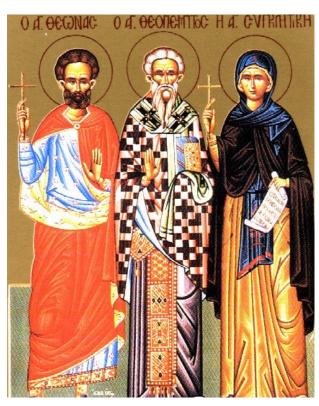
January 5 | Sunday before Epiphany

Reading

Apolytikion of Sun. before Epiphany Make ready O Zebulum; Prepare yourself O Naphthali; Cease to flow O River Jordan; Receive the Master who comes to be baptized, in joy. Adam, rejoice with the first mother. Do not hide in Paradise, as before, for He came to see us, even naked, that He might clothe us as we were before. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Kontakion of Sun. before Epiphany Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan, crying to John and saying, Be not dismayed at my baptism; for I have verily come to save Adam the first to be created.

Απολυτίκιον Ετοιμάζου Ζαβουλῶν, καὶ εύτρεπίζου Νεφθαλείμ. Ιορδάνη ποταμέ, στήθι ὑπόδεξαι σκιρτῶν, τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι έρχόμενον τὸν Δεσπότην. ΑΎάλλου ὁ Α΄δὰμ σὺν τὴ Προμήτορι, μὴ κρύπτετε ἑαυτούς, ὡς έν Παραδείσῳ τὸ πρίν, καὶ γὰρ γυμνοὺς ίδὼν ὑμᾶς ἐπέφανεν, ἴνα ἐνδύσῃ τὴν πρώτην στολήν, Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, τὴν πᾶσαν κτίσιν, θέλων ἀνακαινίσαι.



Saints and Feasts

Sunday before Epiphany January 5 Theopemptos, Bishop of Nicomedea Theonas, the Martyrs Reading

When the persecution of Diocletian broke out in 290, Saint Theopemptus, a bishop, was taken for his confession of Christ, and convicted Diocletian to his face for his error and ungodliness. Remaining unhurt after cruel tortures, he was given poison to drink, which had been prepared by a sorcerer named Theonas. Protected by divine grace from this also, he drew Theonas to Christ, and after other torments,

was beheaded. Saint Theonas was cast into a pit and buried alive.

Apolytikion of Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Kontakion of Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas

As a righteous priest of the ineffable mysteries and a godly minister of grace, in the contest of martyrdom thou didst initiate the glorious Theonas into the God-inspired Faith, O Theopemptus. And together with him, thou didst cry out in the stadium: Christ is the strength of the Martyrs.

Reading

Ο Άγιος Μάρτυς Θεόπεμπτος ἦταν Επίσκοπος κατὰ τὴν έποχὴ τοῦ αὐτοκράτορα Διοκλητιανοῦ (284 – 305 μ.Χ.). Ο ταν ὁ αὐτοκράτορας κίνησε διωγμὸ έναντίων τῶν Χριστιανῶν, ὁ Θεόπεμπτος, άφοῦ ὁμολόγησε μὲ παρρησία ὅτι ὁ Χριστὸς εἶναι ὁ Θεός, ἔλαβε τὸ στεφάνι τοῦ Μαρτυρίου. Τὸν συνέλαβαν καὶ τὸν ὁδήγησαν ένώπιον τοῦ αὐτοκράτορα. Ο Άγιος δεν δείλιασε καθόλου καὶ στηλίτευσε τὴν πλάνη τοῦ αὐτοκράτορα. Ετσι ἄρχισαν τὰ βασανιστήρια. Τὸν ἔριξαν σὲ πυρακτωμένο κλίβανο. Ομως βγῆκε ἀπὸ ἐκεῖ χωρὶς να πάθει τίποτε. Επειτα τοῦ ἔδωσαν καὶ ἤπιε δηλητήριο. Επειδὴ ὅμως τὸ δηλητήριο δεν τοῦ προξένησε κανένα κακό, προσείλκυσε στην χριστιανικὴ πιστὴ τὸν μάγο που τοῦ ἔδωσε να πιεῖ τὸ δηλητήριο καὶ ὁ ὁποῖος, έξαιτίας τοῦ γεγονότος αὐτοῦ, όνομάστηκε Θεωνᾶς. Στο τέλος, οὶ είδωλολάτρες ἀπέκοψαν τὴν τίμια κεφαλὴ τοῦ Αγίου Θεοπέμπτου. Τὸν Αγιο Θεωνᾶ τὸν ἔριξαν μέσα σὲ ἔνα λάκο καὶ τὸν σκέπασαν μὲ χῶμα μέχρι τὸ κεφάλι. Ετσι καὶ αὐτὸς παρέδωσε, ὕστερα ἀπὸ μαρτυρικὸ θάνατο, τὴν ψυχὴ του στον Κύριο.

Άπολυτίκιον Θεόμεμπτος και Θεόνας Μαρτύρων

Οι Μάρτυρές σου, Κύριε, εν τή αθλήσει αυτών, στεφάνους εκομίσαντο τής αφθαρσίας, εκ σού τού Θεού ημών, σχόντες γάρ τήν ισχύν σου, τούς τυράννους καθείλον, έθραυσαν καί δαιμόνων, τά ανίσχυρα θράση. Αυτών ταίς ικεσίαις, Χριστέ ο Θεός, σώσον τάς ψυχάς ημών.

Liturgical texts

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ Δέσποτα Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ καταστήσας έν ούρανοῖς τάγματα καὶ στρατιὰς άγγέλων καὶ άρχαγγέλων είς λειτουργίαν τῆς σῆς δόξης, ποίησον σὺν τῆ εἰσόδῳ ἡμῶν εἴσοδον ὰγίων άγγέλων γενέσθαι, συλλειτουργούντων ἡμῖν καὶ συνδοξολογούντων τὴν σὴν άγαθότητα. Ởτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἰῷ καὶ τῷ ἀγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ άεὶ καὶ είς τοὺς αίῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Υμήν.

ΕΙΣΟΔΙΚΟΝ Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υὶὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς έκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Αλληλούϊα.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟΝ Εύφραινέσθω τὰ ούράνια, άγαλλιάσθω τὰ έπίγεια, ὅτι έποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος' ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον' πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο' ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρὑσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

ΠΡΟΕΟΡΤΙΟΝ Κατεπλάγη Ιωσήφ. Απεστρέφετό ποτε, ο Ιορδάνης ποταμός, τῆ μηλωτῆ Ελισαιέ, άναληφθέντος Ηλιού, καὶ διηρεῖτο τὰ ὕδατα ἔνθεν καὶ ἔνθεν, καὶ γέγονεν αὐτῷ, ξηρὰ ὁδὸς ἡ ὑγρά, εἰς τύπον άληθῶς τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, δι' οὖ ἡμεῖς τὴν ῥέουσαν, τοῦ βίου διαπερῶμεν διάβασιν, Χριστὸς έφάνη, έν Ιορδάνη, ὰγιάσαι τὰ ὕδατα.

ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ Ως τῶν αίχμαλώτων έλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, άσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ Εν τοῖς ῥείθροις σήμερον τοῦ ἴορδάνου, γεγονὼς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ ἴωάννῃ ἐκβοᾳ˙ Μὴ δειλιάσῃς βαπτίσαι με˙ σῶσαι γὰρ ἤκω, Α΄δὰμ τὸν πρωτόπλαστον

ΤΟ ΧΕΡΟΥΒΙΚΟΝ Οὶ τὰ Χερουβεὶμ μυστικῶς εἰκονίζοντες καὶ τῇ ζωοποιῷ Τριάδι τὸν τρισάγιον ὕμνον προσάδοντες, πᾶσαν νῦν βιοτικὴν ἀποθώμεθα μέριμναν, ὡς τὸν βασιλέα τῶν ὅλων ὑποδεξόμενοι.

ΥΜΝΟΣ ΕΙΣ ΤὴΝ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΝ Αξιόν έστιν ὡς άληθῶς μακαρίζειν σε τὴν Θεοτόκον, τὴν άειμακάριστον καὶ παναμώμητον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν. Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβεὶμ καὶ ένδοξοτέραν άσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφείμ, τὴν άδιαφθόρως Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

ENTRANCE PRAYER Master, Lord our God, who has established the orders and hosts of angels and archangels in heaven to minister to Your glory, grant that holy angels may enter with us, that together we may celebrate and glorify Your goodness. For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN. Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

FOR THE FOREFEAST Joseph marveled. Κατεπλάγη Ιωσήφ. Jordan River once turned back when Elisha struck its stream * with his mantle in the wake of Elias's ascent; * and the water was parted to the one side and to the other. * And thus the fluid stream became a dry way for him, * a symbol and truly a type of Baptism, * by which we now pass over the streaming passage of the present life. * And Christ appeared at the Jordan River * to sanctify the waters.

FOR SAINT GEORGE As the one renowned for setting captives free and for defending those in poverty, the physician of the sick and the champion of emperors, great and victorious Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

KONTAKION To the flowing streams today * of River Jordan * comes the Lord and cries aloud * to John the Baptist, and He says, * "Be not afraid to baptize me now; * for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

THE CHERUBIC Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim and who sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life creating Trinity, now lay aside every worldly care. So that we may receive the King of all.

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Logos. We magnify you, the true Theotokos.

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΙΝ ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

8:30π.μ. Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Θεία Λείτουργία & Αγιασμός

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 6 ΙΑΝ. ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

8:30π.μ. Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Θεία Λείτουργία & Αγιασμός

ΤΡΙΤΗ, 7 ΙΑΝ. ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤΟ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΤΟ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ

8:30π.μ. Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Θεία Λείτουργία

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 9 IAN. YAL/OCF Dinner | Εστιατόριο Estia 6:00 M.M.

1405 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 12 ΙΑΝ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

8:30π.μ. Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Θεία Λείτουργία

- Κοπή Βασιλόπιτας του Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίου Γεωργίου

- Ιερό Ετήσιο Μνημόσυνο Ιωάννας Μπέμπη.

Εἴθε ἡ μνήμη αύτής νὰ εἶναι αίωνία!

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 17 ΙΑΝ. ΑΓΙΟΣ ΑΝΤΩΝΙΟΣ Ο ΜΕΓΑΣ

8:30π.μ. Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Θεία Λείτουργία

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 19 ΙΑΝ. ΙΒ΄ ΛΟΥΚᾶ

8:30π.μ. Όρθρος, 9:30π.μ. Θεία Λείτουργία

- Αρτοκλασία ὑπὲρ ὑγείας τῶν μελῶν τοῦ συλλόγου

τῶν Ηπειρωτῶν "Όμόνοια" πρὸς τιμήν τοῦ προστάτου τους,

τοῦ Νεομάρτυρος Αγίου Γεωργίου τοῦ έξ Ιωαννίνων.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TODAY SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

ORTHROS, DIVINE LITURGY & AGIASMOS 8:30 AM

MONDAY JAN. 6 THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

ORTHROS, DIVINE LITURGY & AGIASMOS 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, JAN. 7 SYNAXIS OF SAINT JOHN THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET,

BAPTIST, & FORERUNNER

ORTHROS, DIVINE LITURGY & AGIASMOS 8:30 AM

THURSDAY, JAN. 9 YAL/OCF Dinner | Estia Restaurant 6:00 PM

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SUNDAY, JAN. 12 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM

- Saint George Cathedral Basil Pie Cutting

-One Year Memorial of Ioanna Bebi.

May her memory be eternal!

FRIDAY, JAN. 17 SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM

SUNDAY, JAN. 19 12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM

- Artoclasia Service offered for good health for the members of $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{$

the Ipiros Society "Omonoia" in honor of their Patron Saint,

The Neomartyr St. George from Ioannina

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing..

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 4:5-8 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, νῆφε έν πᾶσιν, κακοπάθησον, ἔργον ποίησον εὐαγγελιστοῦ, τὴν διακονίαν σου πληροφόρησον. Εγὼ γὰρ ἤδη σπένδομαι, καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῆς έμῆς ἀναλύσεως έφέστηκεν. Τὸν ἀγῶνα τὸν καλὸν ήγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα, τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα·λοιπόν, ἀπόκειταί μοι ὁ τῆς δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ὂν ἀποδώσει μοι ὁ κύριος έν έκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ, ὁ δίκαιος κριτής·ού μόνον δὲ έμοί, άλλὰ καὶ πάσιν τοῖς ήγαπηκόσιν τὴν έπιφάνειαν αύτοῦ.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟ

Εκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 1:1-8 Εύαγγελίου τὸ Ανάγνωσμα

Άρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἰοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὠς γέγραπται έν τοῖς προφήταις, ἰδοὺ έγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὸν ἄγγελόν μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὂς κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδόν σου ἔμπροσθέν σου φωνὴ βοῶντος έν τῇ έρήμῳ, ἐτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν Κυρίου, εύθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, έγένετο Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων έν τῇ έρήμῳ καὶ κηρύσσων βάπτισμα μετανοίας είς ἄφεσιν ὰμαρτιῶν. Καὶ έξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία χώρα καὶ οὶ Ἱεροσολυμῖται, καὶ έβαπτίζοντο πάντες έν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπ΄ αὐτοῦ έξομολογούμενοι τὰς ὰμαρτίας αὐτῶν. Ην δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης ένδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν όσφὺν αὐτοῦ, καὶ έσθίων ἀκρίδας καὶ μέλι ἄγριον. Καὶ έκήρυσσε λέγων ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου όπίσω μου, οὖ οὐκ είμὶ ἰκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ έγὼ μὲν έβάπτισα ὑμᾶς έν ὕδατι, αύτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς έν Πνεύματι Ἁγίω.



Sign Up to Sponsor Sunday Coffee Hour

Each Sunday after Services, the St George Cathedral Community gathers for Fellowship & Coffee. Parish Council, Philophtochos, and our Greek School and Sunday School ministries take turns hosting coffee hour. We welcome families, individuals, or groups to sponsor/host a Coffee Hour to celebrate an event, birthday, special day, or to contribute to Community Fellowship.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Coffee Hour should contact the Cathedral office at least 1 week prior to your selected Sunday. Refreshments will be provided for you for a donation of \$100. Alternatively, you may bring refreshments to share with the community.

For more information, please contact Maria Tsiouris at 267-738-4253

Altar Boy Vestments FUNDRAISER

We are raising funds for new altar boy vestments.

The robes worn by our altar boys are more than 30 years old and need to be replaced. We are asking the Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Community to help purchase new vestments for our growing group of altar boys.

Each new vestment costs \$175. If you are interested in contributing towards the purchase of one (or more) robes, please contact Father Anastasios or the church office.



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Altar Server Robes
Red (Major Feast Days)
Green
Purple (Great Lent and Holy Week)

Purple (Great Lent and Holy Week) 3 sets of 14 robes - \$2,300 Each Set Individual robe donation - \$175

If you are interested in donating towards the Altar server robes, please contact Fr. Anastasios or the church office.

Thank you for your consideration.

THANK YOU TO OUR VESTMENT DONORS

Mr. John Anghelis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziogas,
Mr. John Haviaras, the Margetas/Lingenfelter Family,
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Good Standing & Ecclesiastical Divorce

If you have already obtained a civil divorce, you must also receive an Ecclesiastical Divorce from the Church. This brief process is confidentially handled by the parish priest and must be completed to be in good standing with the Church, meaning that you may not partake in the Sacramental life of the Church (For Example: being a sponsor at a wedding or baptism, receiving Holy Communion, Holy Unction, serving on Parish Council or on Board of organizations, voting at Parish Assemblies, and entering another marriage).

Please consider your personal situation and be in good standing with the Church. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Anastasios directly <u>franastasios@saintgeorgecathedral.org</u>

ARTOCLASIA - BLESSING OF 5 LOAVES

Celebrate your Name- Day or special feast day by offering an Artoclasia. Please contact the church office to arrange this holy offering.

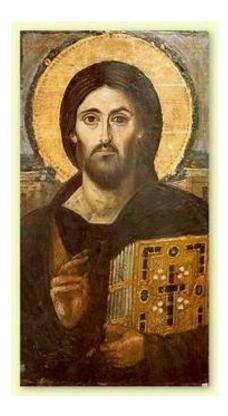
You may bring your own 5 loaves or order from the church for a donation of \$100.00. Also on the day of the offering, provide Father Anastasios with the names of loved ones for health.



Thank you

To all those who helped beautify and clean the church for Christmas!

The Way of Orthodoxy: Lessons in the Orthodox Church



St. George Cathedral | 256 S. 8th Street - Philadelphia, PA

Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Leader: Fr. Anastasios

Meet in Cathedral (Bring Bible)

Topics will include:

Sacraments, Traditions,

Fasting vs. Feasting, Holy Days, Saints,

Scripture, Liturgical Services...

Is anyone sick? Homebound? In Prison? In Nursing Home?

These are Fr. Anastasios' main priorities besides the liturgical life of the Church.

Please notify Fr. Anastasios at any time to visit, offer prayers or the holy sacraments.

Fr. Anastasios can be reached directly at 484-716-8276.

Happy New Year and a blessed Theophany!

Fr. Anastasios will be visiting and blessing your homes during the feast of the Holy Theophany. House blessings will occur in zip code order. Please select a time for your blessing and have ready on a table or by your home icons: a bowl of water, a candle and an icon.

Fr. Anastasios will come to your home, chant a small service of the Agiasmos, and you will guide him throughout your home to bless with the Holy Water. All members of the home that are able should be present.

When filling out Signup Genius - please provide full address, telephone and any other particulars as he arrives at your home. Please sign up only in your designated zip code. If the dates provided are not suitable for your schedule or if your zip code is not listed, we will make every attempt to select a date that fits your home schedule, link provided below or use the QR-Code to sign-up.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48ABAC28A1FD0-53942133-2025#/

Please contact Fr. Anastasios or the church office, if you have any questions.

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Monday, Jan 6, 1-9pm	19104, 19106, 19107
Tuesday, Jan7, 1-9pm	19147
Wednesday, Jan 8, 9-5pm	19111
Thursday, Jan 9, 9-2pm	19115, 19116, 19118
Friday, January 10, 9-9pm	19125-19129
Monday, January 13, 9-2pm	19122
Tuesday, Jan 14, 9-4pm	19130
Wednesday, Jan 15, 9-4pm	19123
Thursday, January 16, 9-3pm	19102, 19103





Tuesday, January 21, 9-9pm 19146- 19147

Friday, January 17, 12-9pm

Monday, January 20, 9-9pm

Wednesday, January 22, 9-9pm Downingtown, Malvern Area

Thursday, January 23, 9-4pm New Jersey

Friday, January 24, 9-9pm Blue Bell, Lafayette Hill

Monday, January 27, 9-9pm 19148-19154

Tuesday, January 28, 9-9pm Coplay, 19008, 19010, 19026, 19041

Wednesday, January 29, 9-9pm 19004 Thursday, January 30, 1-9pm Delaware

Friday, January 31, 9-9pm OPEN

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Thank you to our 2024 Day Sponsors

- **January 7** The **Vasiliou Family** in honor of **John** for his Name Day
- April 10 The Vasiliou Family in honor of Dimosthenes for his Name Day
- May 5 The Vasiliou Family in honor of Erene for her Name Day
- June 8 The Volikas Family in honor of Calliope and Lazaros Volikas
- June 29 The Margetas/Lingenfelter Family in honor of Petros for his Name Day
- July 17 The Volikas Family in honor of Marina and George Mazas
- July 26 The Margetas/Lingenfelter Family in honor of Paraskevas for his Name Day
- **August 17** In Memory of **Reverend Father Protopresbyter Demetrios Katerlis**
- **August 30 Alexia Tsikouras** in honor of her Name Day
- September 1 The Margetas/Lingenfelter Family in honor of Athina for her Name Day
- October 30 The Koumatos Family in honor of Gerasimos for his Name Day
- November 5 Panagiotis A. Chrisanthopoulos in memory of his mother, Chrisafia A. Chrisanthopoulos
- November 9 Drs. Zissimos Mourelatos & Marianthi Kiriakidou in honor of Saint Nectarios
- November 21 In Honor and Memory of Presvetera Metaxia Papademetriou
- November 25 The Vasiliou Family in honor of Katerina for her Name Day
- December 8 Barbara, Nikolaos, Marina, Eleni Pappas and Andreas Vafiadis in honor of their Saints.
- December 12 In Honor and Memory of Reverend Father Protopresbyter Spyridon C. Papademetriou
- December 18 The Vasiliou Family in honor of Flora Vasiliou for her Name Day
- **December 18** The **Koumatos Family** in honor of **Flora Koumatos** for her Name Day

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- January 1 The Papianou Family in honor of William for his Name Day
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- January 7 The Vasiliou Family in honor of John for his Name Day
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Thank you

Thank you, to the Koumatos and Vasiliou families, for their kind donation in the refurbishment of the Altar Room Closet that houses all the Ecclesiastical needs of the Priest and the Altar.



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Take advantage of a unique opportunity to support our historic Cathedral in addition to your yearly stewardship by choosing one or more days to sponsor the daily operational costs of Saint George. Please Sponsor-a-Day or as many as you like in the amount noted below for the year 2024. Contact the church office for more information. Ongoing list of sponsors will be part of our weekly bulletin. Sponsorship is for the calendar year and resets every January 1st.

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