

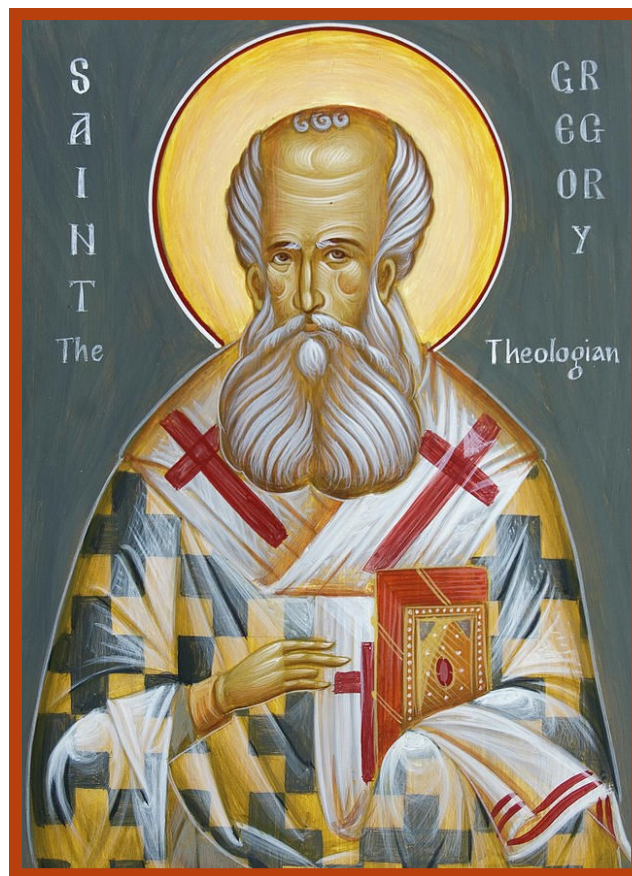
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Today is Sunday, January 26, 2025

15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

IE' ΛΟΥΚᾶ

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Saints & Feasts

15th Sunday of Luke

January 26

Xenophone & his Companions

Reading

This Saint, a wealthy nobleman of Constantinople, was filled with piety toward God. He had two sons, Arcadius and John, whom he sent to Beirut to study law. But they were shipwrecked during their voyage; barely saved, they forsook all things and departed for Palestine. Saint Xenophon and his wife

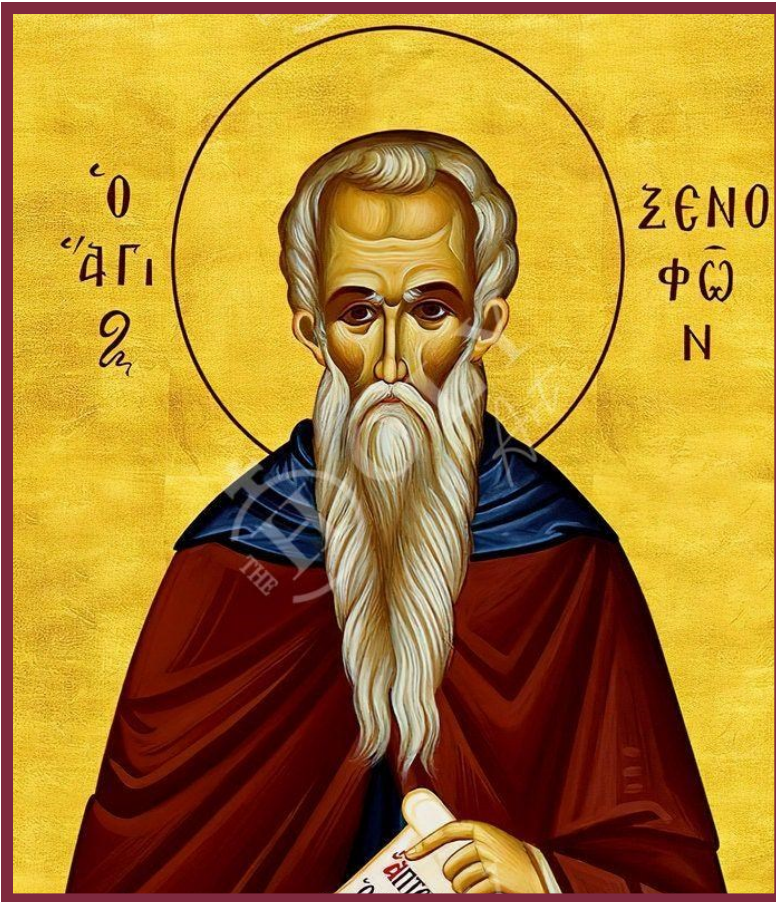
Mary, ignorant of what had happened, went in search of their sons. On finding them in Jerusalem, dressed in the habit of monks, they also took up the monastic life. And thus, having completed their lives in holiness, they departed for the Lord about the beginning of the sixth century. Saint Xenophon and his sons reposed at Saint Sabbas Monastery, and Mary at the Monastery of Saint Theodosius.

Apolytikion of Xenophon & his Companions

O God of our Fathers, ever dealing with us according to Thy gentleness: take not Thy mercy from us, but by their entreaties guide our life in peace.

Kontakion of Xenophon & his Companions

With thy yoke-mate and thy sons didst thou keep vigil in the courts of Christ thy Lord and thou didst cheerfully disperse thy wealth to paupers, O blessed one. Hence, ye have all now inherited joy divine.





Άγιοι & Γιορτές

ΙΕ' ΛΟΥΚᾶ

26 Ιανουαρίου

Όσιος Ξενοφών

καὶ συνοδία αὐτοῦ

Ανάγνωσμα

Ο Όσιος Ξενοφών κατοικοῦσε στὴν Κωνσταντινούπολη κατὰ τοὺς χρόνους τῶν αὐτοκρατόρων Ιουστίνου Α' (518 - 527 μ.Χ.) καὶ Ιουστινιανοῦ (527 - 565 μ.Χ.). Ἦταν πλούσιος συγκλητικὸς καὶ διακρινόταν γιὰ τὴν βαθιὰ εὐσέβειά του πρὸς τὸν Θεό. Εἶχε δύο παιδιά, τὸν Ἀρκάδιο καὶ τὸν Ἰωάννη. Μόλις αὐτὰ τελείωσαν τὰ ἐγκύκλια γράμματα, τὰ ἔστειλε στὴ Βηρυττὸ τῆς Φοινίκης, γιὰ νὰ μελετήσουν καὶ νὰ σπουδάσουν τὴ νομικὴ ἐπιστήμη. Καθ' ὁδὸν τὸ πλοῖο μὲ τὸ ὁποῖο

ταξίδευαν ναυάγησε. Διασώθηκαν ὅμως καὶ μετέβησαν στὰ Ἱεροσόλυμα ὅπου ἔγιναν μοναχοί. Οἱ γονεῖς τους, Ξενοφών καὶ Μαρία, τοὺς ἀναζήτησαν καὶ πληροφορήθηκαν ὅτι διάγουν στὴν ἔρημο ἀσκητικὸ βίο, δόξασαν τὸν Θεὸ καὶ ἀποταξάμενοι τὸν κόσμο, ἀκολούθησαν καὶ αὐτοὶ τὸ μοναχικὸ βίο. Ο Ξενοφών, ἡ γυναίκα του καὶ τὰ παιδιά τους πρόκοψαν τόσο πολὺ στὴν ἀρετὴ καὶ στὴ φιλανθρωπία, ὥστε τοὺς ἀξίωσε ὁ Θεὸς νὰ ἐπιτελοῦν καὶ θαύματα. Ἔτσι ἡ θεία αὐτὴ οἰκογένεια ἔζησε θεοφιλῶς καὶ κοιμήθηκε μὲ εἰρήνη.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ξενοφώντος Οσίου καὶ συνοδίας αὐτοῦ

Ο Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιῶν ἀεὶ μεθ' ἡμῶν, κατὰ τὴν σὴν ἐπιείκειαν, μὴ ἀποστήσης τὸ ἔλεός σου ἀφ' ἡμῶν. Ἀλλὰ ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ κυβέρνησον τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον Ξενοφώντος Οσίου καὶ συνοδίας αὐτοῦ

Τὴν τοῦ βίου θάλασσαν διεκφυγόντες, Ξενοφών ο δίκαιος, σὺν τῇ συζύγῳ τῇ σεπτῇ, ἐν οὐρανοῖς συνευφραίνονται, μετὰ τῶν τέκνων, Χριστὸν μεγαλύνοντες.

THREE GUIDING LIGHTS OF TRUE FAITH

charities, cared for orphans and widows and emphasized acts of mercy on the part of all Christians.

A great defender of the faith in powerful writings and homilies, and known as an organizer and reformer of monasteries, St. Basil more than anything else burned with a heart of compassion, living out the words of Christ, "Inasmuch as you do it unto one of these little ones, you do it unto me."

St. Gregory the Theologian (329-389), a friend and classmate of St. Basil, was made a bishop against his wishes. Facing many challenges in the see of Constantinople, St. Gregory spent the final years of his life in retreat. Out of his meditations on God came beautiful poetry and some of the most powerful defense of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity ever written. While active as a powerful and compassionate bishop in the world, St. Gregory never lost sight of "the kingdom of God within you." A man of prayer, inward spirituality and meditation, St. Gregory produced the fruit of the "hidden life in Christ" which each of us must develop within our own hearts.

St. John Chrysostom (345-407) became bishop of Constantinople after 12 years of priesthood in Antioch. Perhaps the greatest preacher the Church has ever produced, St. John's lifetime of sermons emphasize Christian morality and how we should conduct ourselves as Christians in the world. For St. John, our Christian faith encompasses every aspect of our lives and is to be manifested in every "word, deed, and thought."

In the lives and ministry of these three men, we see the fullness of what it means to be a Christian. In St. Basil we see mercy and compassion. In St. Gregory we see the development of an inner life grounded in an abiding personal relationship with Christ. In St. John we see a faith that permeates every aspect of our lives and calls us to conduct befitting the name *Christian*.

Are we a people of mercy and compassion? Are we a people who seek a personal inner life of prayer and meditation? Are we a people who live the life of a Christian rather than being a Christian in name only?

As we celebrate the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs, let us be inspired by these great teachers of the Church to strive toward the "prize of our high calling" and place Christ at the center of all we are and all we do.



As the month of January draws to a close, the Church calls us on the 30th to celebrate the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom.

In celebrating these three great teachers of the Church, the Church in its hymnody refers to them as "harps of the Spirit," "rays of light," "scented flowers of Paradise," "instruments of grace." The Gospel read at Divine Liturgy is that of the Good Shepherd (John 10:9-16). This gospel, always appointed to be read on feast days of canonized bishops, speaks to us of the God-given role of the episcopacy to watch over our souls.

In these three great shepherds of the Church, we see both a commonality and differences that can enlighten us in how we lead our lives as Christians. Honored as supreme representatives of both the Church's doctrinal and pastoral ministries, these men give us true examples of what it means to be Orthodox.

St. Basil the Great (330-379), though known throughout Orthodoxy because of the Divine Liturgy that bears his name, was perhaps first and foremost a man of charity and compassion. Known as a protector of the weak and defender of the poor, St. Basil built hospitals, organized

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Η ΕΙΣΟΔΟΣ Ψαλλομένου δὲ τοῦ Γ' Αντιφώνου (μετὰ τῶν στίχων), ὁ Ἱερεὺς καὶ ὁ Διάκονος στάντες ἔμπροσθεν τῆς ἁγίας Τραπέζης προσκυνοῦσι τρίς. Ὁ Ἱερεὺς εἶτα τὸ ἱερὸν Εὐαγγέλιον δίδωσι τῷ Διακόνῳ, ὅστις παραλαμβάνων αὐτὸ ἀσπάζεται τὴν χεῖρα τοῦ Ἱερέως καί, προπορευομένου λαμπαδούχου καὶ ἑξαπτερύγων, περιέρχεται κύκλῳ τὴν ἁγίαν Τράπεζαν, ἐπομένου τοῦ Ἱερέως καὶ ποιοῦσιν εἴσοδον (τὴν λεγομένην μικράν). Μὴ ὑπάρχοντος δὲ Διακόνου λαμβάνει τὸ ἱερὸν Εὐαγγέλιον ὁ Ἱερεὺς πρὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ. Διασχίσαντες δὲ τὸ βόρειον κλίτος καὶ τὸ κεντρικὸν ἔρχονται εἰς τὸ μέσον τοῦ ναοῦ καὶ σταθέντες κλίνουναι τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοῦ Διακόνου εἰπόντος·

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ Δέσποτα Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ καταστήσας ἐν οὐρανοῖς τάγματα καὶ στρατιάς ἀγγέλων καὶ ἀρχαγγέλων εἰς λειτουργίαν τῆς σῆς δόξης, ποιήσον σὺν τῇ εἰσόδῳ ἡμῶν εἴσοδον ἁγίων ἀγγέλων γενέσθαι, συλλειτουργούντων ἡμῖν καὶ συνδοξολογούντων τὴν σὴν ἀγαθότητα. Ὅτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΕΙΣΟΔΙΚΟΝ Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλοῦα.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟΝ Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Εσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

KONTAKION Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἁγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΟΥ ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΥ ΥΜΝΟΥ Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ ἅγιος, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις ἀναπαυόμενος, ὁ τρισαγίῳ φωνῇ ὑπὸ τῶν Σεραφεῖμ ἀνυμνούμενος καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν Χερουβεῖμ δοξολογούμενος καὶ ὑπὸ πάσης ἐπουρανίου δυνάμεως προσκυνούμενος· ὁ ἐκ τοῦ μὴ ὄντος εἰς τὸ εἶναι παραγαγὼν τὰ σύμπαντα· ὁ κτίσας τὸν ἄνθρωπον κατ' εἰκόνα σὴν καὶ ὁμοίωσιν καὶ παντὶ σου χαρίσματι κατακοσμήσας· ὁ διδοὺς αἰτοῦντι σοφίαν καὶ σύνεσιν καὶ μὴ παρορῶν ἁμαρτάνοντα, ἀλλὰ θέμενος ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ μετάνοιαν· ὁ καταξιώσας ἡμᾶς τοὺς ταπεινοὺς καὶ ἀναξίους δούλους σου καὶ ἐν τῇ ὥρᾳ ταύτῃ στήναι

THE ENTRANCE As the Third Antiphon is being sung (with its verses), the Priest and Deacon bow three times before the holy Table. Then the Priest gives the holy Gospel to the Deacon, who kisses the Priest's hand as he receives it, and then circles the holy Table with the Priest following him. Preceded by altar servers holding candles and fans, they exit through the north door for the so-called Small Entrance. When there is no Deacon, the Priest takes the holy Gospel and holds it up in front of his face. When they reach the center of the church, they stop and bow their heads, and the Deacon says in a low voice:

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 When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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 You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

PRAYER OF THE TRISAGIOS HYMN O Holy God, who is resting among the holy ones, praised by the Seraphim with the thrice-holy voice, glorified by the Cherubim, and worshiped by every celestial power, You have brought all things into being out of nothing. You have created man according to Your image and likeness and adorned him with all the gifts of Your grace. You give wisdom and understanding to the one who asks, and You overlook not the sinner, but have set repentance as the way of salvation. You have

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κατενώπιον τῆς δόξης τοῦ ἁγίου σου θυσιαστηρίου καὶ τὴν ὀφειλομένην σοὶ προσκύνησιν καὶ δοξολογίαν προσάγειν· αὐτός, Δέσποτα, πρόσδεξαι καὶ ἐκ στόματος ἡμῶν τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν τὸν τρισάγιον ὕμνον καὶ ἐπίσκεψαι ἡμᾶς ἐν τῇ χρηστότητί σου. Συγχώρησον ἡμῖν πᾶν πλημμέλημα ἐκούσιόν τε καὶ ἀκούσιον· ἁγιάσον ἡμῶν τὰς ψυχὰς καὶ τὰ σώματα· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν ἐν ὀσιότητι λατρεύειν σοὶ πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν· πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων τῶν ἀπ' αἰῶνός σοι εὐαρεστησάντων.

ΕΥΧΗ ΠΙΣΤΩΝ Β' Πάλιν καὶ πολλάκις σοὶ προσπίπτομεν καὶ σοῦ δεόμεθα, ἀγαθὲ καὶ φιλόφρονε, ὅπως ἐπιβλέψας ἐπὶ τὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν καθαρῆς ἡμῶν τὰς ψυχὰς καὶ τὰ σώματα ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος καὶ δώης ἡμῖν ἀνένοχον καὶ ἀκατάκριτον τὴν παράστασιν τοῦ ἁγίου σου θυσιαστηρίου. Χάρισαι δέ, ὁ Θεός, καὶ τοῖς συνευχομένοις ἡμῖν προκοπὴν βίου καὶ πίστεως καὶ συνέσεως πνευματικῆς· δὸς αὐτοῖς πάντοτε, μετὰ φόβου καὶ ἀγάπης λατρεύουσί σοι, ἀνενόχως καὶ ἀκατακρίτως μετέχειν τῶν ἁγίων σου μυστηρίων καὶ τῆς ἐπουρανίου σου βασιλείας ἀξιοθῆναι.

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

Η ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΚΟΜΙΑΣ Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ὁ παντοκράτωρ, ὁ μόνος Ἅγιος, ὁ δεχόμενος θυσίαν αἰνέσεως παρὰ τῶν ἐπικαλουμένων σε ἐν ὄλῃ καρδίᾳ, πρόσδεξαι καὶ ἡμῶν τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν τὴν δέησιν καὶ προσάγαγε τῷ ἁγίῳ σου θυσιαστηρίῳ· καὶ ἰκάνωσον ἡμᾶς προσενεγκεῖν σοὶ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας πνευματικὰς ὑπὲρ τῶν ἡμετέρων ἁμαρτημάτων καὶ τῶν τοῦ λαοῦ ἀγνοημάτων. Καὶ καταξίωσον ἡμᾶς εὐρεῖν χάριν ἐνώπιόν σου, τοῦ γενέσθαι σοὶ εὐπρόσδεκτον τὴν θυσίαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἐπισκηῶσαι τὸ Πνεῦμα τῆς χάριτός σου τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ προκείμενα δῶρα ταῦτα, καὶ ἐπὶ πάντα τὸν λαόν σου.

ΥΜΝΟΣ ΕΙΣ Τὴν ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΝ Ἄξιόν ἐστιν ὡς ἀληθῶς μακαρίζειν σε τὴν Θεοτόκον, τὴν ἀειμακάριστον καὶ παναμώμητον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν. Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ καὶ ἐνδοξοτέραν ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφείμ, τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

granted us, Your humble and unworthy servants, to stand even at this hour before the glory of Your holy Altar of sacrifice and to offer to You due worship and praise. Master, accept the Trisagion Hymn also from the lips of us sinners, and visit us in Your goodness. Forgive all our voluntary and involuntary transgressions, sanctify our souls and bodies, and grant that we may worship You in holiness all the days of our lives, through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the saints who have pleased You throughout the ages

SECOND PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL Again and countless times we fall down before You, and we implore You, O good and benevolent Lord: That You, having regarded our prayer, may cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and grant to us to stand before Your holy Altar of sacrifice, free of guilt and condemnation. Grant also, O God, to those who pray with us, progress in life, faith, and spiritual understanding. Grant that they always worship You with awe and love, partake of Your holy sacrament without guilt or condemnation, and be deemed worthy of Your celestial kingdom.

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Lord God Almighty, You alone are holy. You accept the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon You with their whole heart, even so, accept from us sinners our supplication, and bring it to Your holy Altar of sacrifice. Make us sufficient to offer You gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our own misdeeds and those committed in ignorance by the people. Deem us worthy to find grace in Your sight, that our sacrifice may be well pleasing to You, and that the good Spirit of Your grace may rest upon us and upon these gifts presented and upon all Your people.

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

ΙΕ΄ ΛΟΥΚᾶ

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

Κοπή Βασιλόπιτας τῶν μελῶν τοῦ συλλόγου “Δεμάτι”.

Τα παιδιά θα απαγγείλουν τρία ποιήματα προς τιμὴν των Τριῶν Ιεραρχῶν (ο *Ιωάννης ο Χρυσόστομος*, ο *Βασίλειος ο Μέγας* και ο *Γρηγόριος Ναζιανζηνός*), που τιμούμε στις 30 Ιανουαρίου.

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ, 29 ΙΑΝ.

Χριστιανικό Ορθόδοξο Σεμινάριο - 7:00π.μ.

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 30 ΙΑΝ.

ΟΙ ΑΓΙΟΙ ΤΡΕΙΣ ΙΕΡΑΡΧΕΣ

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

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ, 1 ΦΕΒΡ.

ΠΡΟΕΟΡΤΙΑ ΥΠΑΠΑΝΤῆΣ ΤΟ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

Εσπερινός 5:00 π.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 2 ΦΕΒΡ.

Ἡ ὙΠΑΠΑΝΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

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

Μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία θα ακολουθήσει η πρώτη γενική συνεύλευση για το έτος 2025 της Φιλοπτώχου.

Προσκαλούμε όλα τα μέλη της Φιλοπτώχου καθώς και όλες τις υπόλοιπες κυρίες που ενδιαφέρονται να γίνουν μέλη.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 9 ΦΕΒΡ.

ΙΣΤ΄ ΛΟΥΚᾶ (ΤΕΛΩΝΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΦΑΡΙΣΑΙΟΥ)

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

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 10 ΦΕΒΡ.

ΑΓΙΟΣ ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΟΣ ΙΕΡΟΜΑΡΤΥΣ

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TODAY

15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM

Basil Pie Cutting of the “Demati” Brotherhood.

The children will recite three poems in honor of the Three Hierarchs (*Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John Chrysostom*), whom we celebrate on January 30.

WEDNES., JAN. 29

Orthodox Christian Education- 7:00PM

THURS., JAN. 30

SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM

SATUR., FEBR. 1

FOREFEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR IN THE TEMPLE

Great Vespers 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, FEBR. 2

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR IN THE TEMPLE

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM

Following the Divine Liturgy, all current members or any lady that is interested in joining Philoptochos are invited to attend the first general Philoptochos meeting of 2025!

SUNDAY, FEBR. 9

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE: TRIODION BEGINS TODAY

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM

MONDAY, FEBR. 10

SAINT HARALAMBOS THE HOLY MARTYR

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching.

Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνεΐᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾗ ἐν πᾶσιν.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19:1-10 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλυῖσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.



Sign Up to Sponsor Sunday Coffee Hour

Each Sunday after Services, the St George Cathedral Community gathers for Fellowship & Coffee. Parish Council, Philoptochos, 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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DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Altar Server Robes

Red (Major Feast Days)

Green

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,
the Apostolos Papageorgiou Family,
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Mr. Panagiotis A. Chrisanthopoulos
The Belisonzi Family, Jason and Christina Dafis,
Colin and Alaina King, Mrs. Elpis Makary

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 franastasios@saintgeorgecathedral.org

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.

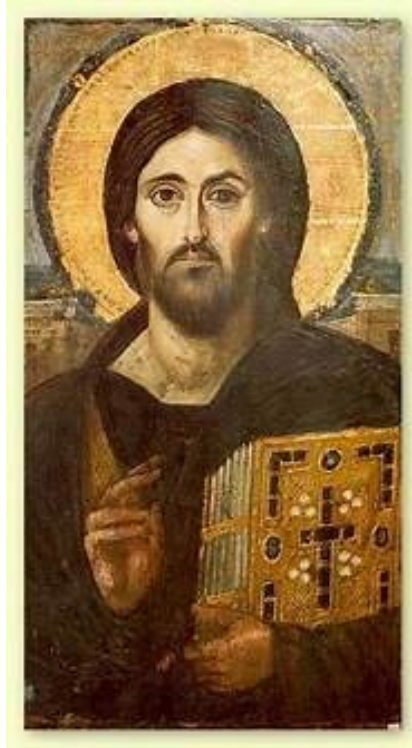
You may bring your own 5 loaves or order from the church for a donation of \$100.00. Also on the day of the offering, provide Father Anastasios with the names of loved ones for health.



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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| 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 |
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| Thursday, January 16, 9-3pm | 19102, 19103 |
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| Tuesday, January 21, 9-9pm | 19146- 19147 |
| 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 |



St. George Cathedral SPONSOR A DAY

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

Thank you to our 2025 Day Sponsors

January 1 - The **Papianou Family** in honor of **William** for his Name Day

January 1 - Proverbs 3:6 The **Antonakakis Family**

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

April 22 - Sponsored by **Christos Posnaidis**

May 5 - The **Vasiliou Family** in honor of **Erene** for her Name Day

November 25 - The **Vasiliou Family** in honor of **Katerina** for her Name Day

December 18 - The **Vasiliou Family** in honor of **Flora Vasiliou** for her Name Day

Thank you

To Angela Athanasoulas, Ioanna Hourmouzis, Jenny & Kosta Kravaris, Andreas Petrides, Maria Pappas, and all the community members who assisted with the setup, service, and cleanup—your efforts were instrumental in ensuring the success of the December 22nd luncheon with His Eminence, Apostolos of New Jersey. THANK YOU!



Saint George

Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Sponsor - a - Day Program

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.

\$500 to sponsor one day of operations at the Cathedral!



Goal is to have all 365 days sponsored!



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Please Select your Donation Below:

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You can make your contribution by **Check or Cash.**

Make checks payable to **Saint George Cathedral** with memo note: **Sponsor-a-Day** and mail them with this portion included. **THANK YOU!**

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OUR

DANCERS

The Cathedral's dance troupe is headed to the Music Dance Festival that will be held in Philadelphia in February.

We need extra support to make sure all of our dancers can attend.

Sponsorships

\$50 - Pays for snacks and water for our rehearsals

\$100- Pays for costume alterations

\$250- Pays for our troupe's hotel room

\$300- Pays for registration costs for one dancer

If you are interested in sponsorship please email or call Arianna Neromiliotis
arianna.neromiliotis@gmail.com or

215.260.8013

Please make all checks payable to St. George Orthodox Cathedral



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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