



Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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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 approaching 2022, which marks the historic occasion and the beginning of the 100th Anniversary celebration of our Cathedral. This coming 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."*

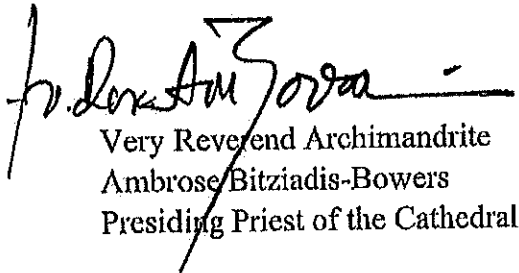
There are many events and opportunities planned throughout the year and we hope you will join us as we honor our Orthodox Cathedral and the historic accomplishments of our community. Please see the attached Calendar of Events. In addition to the many celebrations, we are creating a beautiful anniversary historic publication titled, **"Our First One Hundred Years at Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral."** This historic book will contain highlights of the vision and growth of our Parish over the past 100 years along with pictures, articles and memorabilia as well as documenting the activities of our parish during 2022. **If your family was a member of Saint George Cathedral at any point in the last hundred years, we ask you to submit a few paragraphs and photos that ascribe their contribution. The material will be published in a commemorative book and exhibited during the Grand Banquet on Saturday, October 15, 2022.**


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 to support the **Cathedral Restoration Fund**. This Fund provides the monetary support for restoring the Cathedral building. As you may imagine, if we fail to continually address the necessary repairs and maintenance of our Cathedral building in a timely manner, the cost of doing so on an emergency basis will become overwhelming. Your support will enable

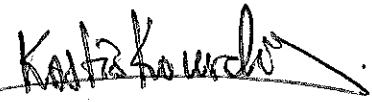
us to incur these expenses in a manageable timeframe. We ask you to make a commitment and pledge of support for the restoration efforts of our Cathedral so that she may continue to provide us with a Spiritual Temple of worship and an opportunity to serve and witness our Orthodox Christian faith and Hellenic Tradition. Please forward material to Dr. Kostis Kourelis @: kkourelis@gmail.com or mail them to the Cathedral Office: Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Anniversary, Attn: Mrs. Veronica Demetra, 256 South 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or email them to the Cathedral Office @: office@saintgeorgecathedral.org. For more info, please call the Cathedral office @: 215-627-4389.

We are most confident that through your efforts and zeal, our Church of St. George will indeed be ready to meet the challenges, which lay ahead, and as St. Paul reminds us: "*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Let us continue the legacy of our forefathers. Let us work together for the future generations of our Cathedral achieving our plan and vision for the next 100 years. 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,


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