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GLAD TIDINGS



A Word from Father Perry

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! al-
Masīh qām! ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

There is a common phrase used these days, "I am not religious, but I am spiritual." A quick web search of this phrase offers different results regarding its meaning. The question is, "if one is not religious, but spiritual, what spirit are we referencing?" This phrase also highlights one of the Church's significant callings in the 21st century. The world around us is thirsting to witness examples of Christians that are not religious but faithful. This generation needs an example of what it means to be people of the Holy Spirit.

In 2020, June is the most fitting month to contemplate this calling. For, on June 07, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is the feast in which we commemorate the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and, through them, us. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues (languages), as the Spirit gave them utterance" Acts 2:2-4. This mighty wind was a physical sign of the movement of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit strengthened and transformed the disciples into apostles. The tongues of fire were a visual manifestation of the apostles' newfound ability to speak in languages unknown to them. Pentecost is celebrated, according to the Bible, 50 days after the Lord's Resurrection. As He foretold in

the Gospel of John chapter 1 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

At times, the Holy Spirit may seem intangible to us. The feast of Pentecost gives us a clearer view of the ways that the Holy Spirit works in our lives. For example, the Holy Spirit guides us into all Truth. When we proclaim, "Christ is Risen! or Christ is Lord," it is in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit steers the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who protects the Church from the gates of hades. It is the Holy Spirit who sustains us in this life. "Then God formed man out of dust from the ground, and breathed in his face the breath of life; and man became a living soul" Genesis 2:7. The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to pray. "Pray You Yourself in me," says one of our morning prayers written by Metropolitan Philaret. Pentecost affirms that it is the Holy Spirit who is the source of blessings seen and unseen.

May the forthcoming feast of Pentecost be a moment where we reacquaint ourselves with the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit's guide, may Pentecost also be a time for us to grow deeper into the knowledge of the Truth. May Pentecost also be a reminder to us of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Finally, let us show the world what it means to be faithful, not religious. Let us witness to the world what it truly means to be spiritual by being people of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Mission Statement:
"St. George Greek Orthodox
Church is a Christ-centered
Community that:

- Inspires faith and worship
- Cultivates spiritual growth and fellowship, and
- Encourages benevolence and outreach"

Parish Vision Statement:
"Ascending together to the
fullness of Life."



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sophia Boosalis, May 5; John Borzeka, May 18; Melina Canas, May 6; Melina Chadwick, May 20; Lazaros Christoforides, May 26; Patricia Corbera, May 13; Panos Delton, May 17; Kally Fuller, May 8; Anthony Gouletas, May 18; Evy Hatjistiianos, May 30; Dimitra Hatzistamoulos, May 31; Stella Hofrenning, May 18; Amalia Hummel, May 16; Mark Johnson, May 2; Michael Keifer, May 2; Kara Lake, May 8; Niko Marazes, May 9; John McCullough, May 23; Dina Negron, May 14; Katerina Nikolaidis, May 29; Patricia Nodes, May 31; Benjamin Pachito, May 15; Nicholas Pachito, May 5; Sally Pathos, May 17; Keelia Poulis, May 22; John Poulos, May 21; Michael Rice, May 2; Nathan Rice, May 20; Dan Simon, May 3; Luke Simon, May 23; Anna Sitorengo, May 7; Clark Smith, May 13; Denise Smith, May 31; Maria Taratsas, May 29; Kyriaki Tirokomos, May 25; Naomi Tsantir, May 31; Brad Valek, May 19; Niki Youso, May 14; Nick Zubulake, May 27.

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel & Patricia Nodes, May 29; Nikola & Rada Popov, May 14; Clark & Denise Smith, May 17; Fr. Rick & Pres. Jane Andrews, May 18; Stephen & Minda Arsenault, May 4; Scott & Michelle Berge, May 7; Sotirios & Christine Parashos, May 27; John & Kelly Speros, May 27; Andrew Lewis & Alexandra Schmitz, May 5.

MAY BAPTISMS/CHRISMATIONS

Dean Tortorelis, May 26; Phyllis Afendoulis, May 30; James Canelake, May 1; Rena Sarigianopoulos, May 4; Georgia Tsepelis, May 5; Chris Tountas, May 10; Teddy Andrews, May 14; Paul Smith, May 6; Katharine Chadwick, May 11; Tess Chadwick, May 10; Danielle Pathos, May 8; Jessica Berge, May 25; Athena Pitsavas, May 3; Alexandra Rylander, May 1; Emily Hatting, May 21; Miriam Jordan, May 10; Ethan Canas, May 8; Melina Chadwick, May 30; Dimitrios Van Cleave, May 1; Dimitrios Paraschou, May 18; Blien Kibrom, May 15; Margaret Gabrik, May 28; Daniel & Patricia Nodes, May 29; Stephanie Contolatis, May 25; Alexander Nemeth, May 1; Isac Valek, May 7; Isaiah Baklund, May 11.

MAY NAMEDAYS

May 2: Zoe Mann; **May 5:** Irene Loudas, Melanie Loudas, Dana Tountas, Irene Tsengas, Rena Sarigianopoulos; **May 9:** Chris Christoforides; **May 17:** Andrea Faches; **May 21:** Lani Hatting, Elena Condos, Eleni Anast, Eleni Christoforides, Eleni Hoffhines, Helen Nachicas, Eleni Tsepelis, Eleni Van Cleave, Ellene Kritikos, Eleanore Eliou, Kostandina Negron, Dean Natto, Deena Zubulake, Dena Tortorelis, Dina Negron, Dina Kiprose, Clark Smith, Constantine Nicole Cender, Tina Sageotis, Connie Tzenis, Dino Contolatis, Dean Tortorelis, Dean Dovolias, Kostas Tsantir; **May 22:** Emilio Kapetanakis.

Many Years!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Adkins, June 6; Jesse Andrist, June 27; Steven Andrist, June 9; Isaiah Baklund, June 5; Philip Barbatsis, June 7; Tom Bombolis, June 20; John Peter Boosalis, June 5; Peter Boosalis, June 30; George Canas, June 30; Shaun Canas, June 28; Christine Canelake, June 18; James Canelake, June 30; Dinos Constantine, June 13; Joanne Creamer, June 10; Sophia Creamer, Mason Drikakis, June 4; June 21; Ekaterina Hofrenning, June 9; Kalley Johnson, June 4; Stephen Kanavati, June 26; Theo Karvounarakis, June 3; John Kluznik, June 24; Luke Loudas, June 20; Paul Loudas, June 30; Anastasia Maier, June 13; Markos Maier, June 16; Manoli Mastrogiorgis, June 30; Adam McMahon, June 28; Alexandros McMahon, June 19; Dean Natto, June 19; Michael Natto, June 15; Isidoros Papaconstantinou, June 16; Dimitrios Paraschou, June 14; Parker Paraschou, June 14; Ann Pathos, June 30; Anna Patronas, June 14; Karen Petanitis, June 25; Dimitri Pitsavas, June 6; Elizabeth Ploumidis, June 30; Nicholas Psimos, June 11; Pauline Sherman, June 20; Julia Simon, June 20; Kelly Speros, June 26; Mark Stignani, June 12; James Theros, June 8; Eleni Van Cleave, June 4; Alexis Wittling, June 22.

JUNE BAPTISMS/CHRISMATIONS

Jeanne Eliou, June 29; Steven Lambros, June 9; Peter Tountas, June 9; Andrea Decker, June 27; Fotini Donnelly, June 12; Milam Paraschou, June 15; Eric Anderson, June 27; Wendy Loudas, June 21; Alexandria Gounaikis, June 26; Mari-sa Mortari, June 6; Alexander Chadwick, June 3; Zoe Rylander, June 9; Misael Jordan, June 1; Dimitrios Glaros, June 22; Parker Paraschou, June 19; Caroline Alexis, June 15; Mariano Negron, June 21; Aristeia Youso, June 21; Mihalis Youso, June 21; Karen Criticos, June 19; Yiannos Speros, June 16; Rosanna Baffa, June 20; Samuel Brandt, June 23.

JUNE NAMEDAYS

June 4: Patricia Corbera; **June 8:** Caroline Alexis, Kalliope Verros; **June 11:** Brennan McCullough; **June 15:** Kalley Johnson; **June 24:** Lisa Jordan, Elizabeth Poulis; **June 14:** Hiwet Abraha, Allice Kappos, Mersina Van Cleave, Nancy Lambros, Mrs. Panorea Contolatis, Panorea Contolatis, Krisandrea Ballas-Rylander, Vesna Ellingson, Willie Hoeft, Rob Hatting, Peggy Kennedy, Rallou Rice, Richard Kanavati, Rita Kanavati, Don Johnson, Caroline Moran; **June 29:** Paul Smith, Peter Hofrenning, Dan Matuska; **June 30:** Paul Hatjistiianos, Apostolos Poulis, Paul Poulis.

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

William & Louise Theros, June 25; John & Alexis Bighley, June 12; Michael & Nanette Gomez, June 6; Dimitri & Kimberly Gounaikis, June 25; Peter & Dana Tountas, June 1; Steve & Rallou Rice, June 1; Ronald & Amalia Hummel, June 15; Milam & Maria Paraschou, June 24; Jon & Anastasia Maier, June 26; Louis & Tabitha Kazaglis, June 14; Robb & Katina Dahl, June 11; Fred & Stella Treiber, June 13; Chris & Mary Kalogerson, June 30.

Χρόνια πολλά!
να ζήσετε!

Registry

Funerals

April 8

Evanthia Thomaidis

Memory Eternal

It is with a heavy heart, but with hope in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we share with you the passing of

†Fr. Anthony Coniaris on March 15, 2020. †Fr. Anthony served for many years as the pastor of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis and was the founding member of the Minnesota Eastern Orthodox Christian Clergy Association (MEOCCA). <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Anthony-Coniaris/#!/Obituary>. May his memory be eternal! Αἰωνία ἡ Μνήμη αὐτοῦ!

†James Hofrenning, the father of Peter Hofrenning, on March 28, 2020. <https://willwerscheid.com/obituary/james-hofrenning/> Sympathies to Peter and Stella, and grandchildren Elias and Ekaterina.

†Miltiades Marinos, on April 17, 2020. Sympathies to daughters Diana (Jonathan Ferguson), Annamarie Mantoles (Sophronis) and grandsons Andreas and George. Donations in memory of Milton Marinos can be sent to the Humane Society and St. George and St. Mary's Greek Orthodox parishes.

†Gordon Gerald Bauman, husband of Barbara Bauman, on April 30, 2020. "Jerry" fell asleep in the Lord, surrounded by his wife Barbara and faithful caregivers. Many times over a 23-year period, he expressed his sincere friendships with St. George parishioners, and the beauty of his favorite hymn, Aineite ton Kurion - Praise the Lord!

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Submissions for upcoming issues
are due by the 10th of the preceding
month.

Pascha Flower Memorials May Their Memory be Eternal!

The following names were commemorated at the Lamentations service on Holy Friday, April 17.
Those submitted after were commemorated in the Holy Altar.



Aphrodite Arvanitis
Harry Arvanitis
Loucas Arvanitis
Nick & Frances Arvanitis
Georgia Ehrich
Michael Eric
James Hofrenning
Cecelia Johnson
Elias Koutroumanes



Metropolis of Chicago Launches COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund
The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago announced April 3 the creation of a COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund to support parishes under significant financial distress as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Fund will provide direct financial assistance to parishes in urgent need as determined by a special committee established by the Metropolis. 100% of the monies donated will flow directly to parishes. <https://chicago.goarch.org/about-covid19-parish-relief-fund>

Stewardship 2020

If you are able, please help us fulfill our mission through our 2020 Stewardship program.

Mail: St. George GOC, 1111 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, Attn: 2020 Stewardship.

Online: with Paypal at <http://www.stgeorgegoc.org/give> - click on the *Donate* button. Thank you for all that you do for our church!

Prayers

Prayers for Stephen & Minda Arsenault as they recover from a recent car accident.

2020 CARES Act Charitable Contributions Tax Incentives

There are added incentives to make charitable contributions in 2020. Up to \$300 in charitable contributions are tax-deductible even if the individual does not itemize deductions on their tax

return. Individuals that claim itemized deductions may be able to claim unlimited deductions for a charitable contribution. Please contact your tax professional for more information and how/whether this incentive may apply to your circumstances.

April Events Postponed

The Pan-Orthodox Women's Tea, Red Cross Blood Drive and spring Parish Assembly have been postponed until further notice. Watch Sunday bulletins for updates.

Task Force

Our Task Force Phone Tree continues to make calls and reach out to our parishioners for fellowship in this time of isolation, and also to offer support. Please contact Julie at office@stgeorgegoc.org or 651-622-6220) in the church office if you know of anyone in need of support. You may also reach out to Fr. Perry confidentially (651-706-9672 cell).

Loaves and Fishes

We served the April 6th Loaves and Fishes Meal at St. Matthews in West St. Paul following revised policies mandated by our state's COVID-19 response. Thank you to Mrs. Theologia Pitsavas for donating the meal in loving memory of her husband Bill and son John. Thank you also to Anna Christoforides and Gardens of Salonica for preparing and delivering the meal. Our next meal is scheduled for Monday June 1st. Currently we aren't allowed many volunteers on site, but we still need people involved to help. Please contact George Mastrogiorgis if you are interested.

FOCUS MN

We served our first St. George FOCUS meal of 2020 to 42 guests at the FOCUS House on Rice Street on Sunday, March 8th. Thank you to Lampros Petanitis for cooking the meal and to all of our volunteers. Our next meal is scheduled for May 24th. As with Loaves and Fishes, we aren't allowed many volunteers on site, but we would love to have more people involved

to help. Please contact George Mastrogiorgis if you are interested.

At this time the FOCUS clothes closet is closed, but the food pantry and lunch programs are still running. If you would like to donate items for the lunch program, they are in need of shelf stable items such as-

- Vienna sausages in the little cans
- tuna in pouches
- 8 oz. bottles of water
- applesauce in cups or pouches
- Chef Boyardee has pasta cups that are already cooked, these come in boxes of 12
- individual servings in cups of breakfast cereal
- single-serving bags of chips or crackers
- granola or cereal bars
- ramen noodles in a cup
- paper lunch bags

If you would like to donate towards the food pantry, they are in need of shelf stable items, in carryable sizes (not large bulk items) such as-

- Ketchup, mustard, bbq sauce, relish, salad dressing
- spaghetti sauce
- ready-to-go meals in a can like ravioli, spaghettios, etc.
- crackers
- jelly, jam, honey
- pancake mix and syrup
- Granola bars or breakfast bars, cookies
- treats like chocolate chips
- other ingredients to bake with like flour, sugar, condensed milk
- shelf stable milk and other 'milks' like almond and coconut
- juice
- tea bags and hot chocolate mix
- canned fruit
- jello (boxed)

Drop offs at FOCUS House (550 Rice

Street) are by appointment—please call Judy at 612.490.8611 to arrange a time. All we need are your prayers to help us show love to those in need!

Graduate in your Family?
Please email us (office@stgeorgegoc.org) information about your high school and/or college/university graduate so we can honor them later this month. Provide a photo if possible, plus details on the school, diploma, special awards/achievements, and future plans.

Evening Bible Study
All are invited to join a virtual Bible study on Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm via Zoom. Here's the link: <https://zoom.us/j/98698202260?pwd=NGhpL2xvSGhnMUhwWEMzNHU5emJ6QT09>. The password to log-in: 096555. If you have not used Zoom before, it's possible to download for free, preferably in advance. Or you can dial in by phone at this number: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York), Meeting ID: 986 9820 2260, same password as above. If you have any questions, please contact Sasha Nicolle at sasha@haitioutreach.org.

Daytime Bible Study
All are invited to join our Daytime Bible Study on Wednesday, May 20th from 1:30pm-3pm via Zoom. Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82813699617>. Meeting ID: 828 1369 9617. One tap mobile +13126266799,,82813699617# US (Chicago). Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago). If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Ryan at kathy.aeiou@gmail.com.

Virtual Fellowship Hour
Join us for our next virtual Fellowship Hour on Sunday, May 10th right after Divine Liturgy (approx. 11am) via Zoom. Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83864580286>. Meeting ID: 838 6458 0286. One tap mobile +16468769923,,83864580286#. Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).



Thank you to Ted for helping us update our mailboxes.



DIGITAL SERVICES

Click one of the links below to stream upcoming services:

YouTube Channel

<http://www.youtube.com/c/StGeorgeGreekOrthodoxChurchofSaintPaulMN>

Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgestpaul/>

Digital Service Books

Follow along with the prayers of the services at <http://www.agesinitiatives.com/dcs/public/dcs/dcs.html>

Daily prayers are available at <https://www.goarch.org/chapel/prayers>

Light a Candle... Say a Prayer

Submit a prayer request or light a candle for an upcoming service at <https://stgeorgestpaul.square.site>.

St. George Youth

Oratorical Festival Results



Congratulations to all who participated on March 1! Senior Speech Division: 1st place, *Andrew Hattling*; 2nd place, *Patria Corbera*. Junior Speech Division: 1st place, *Joleh McCullough*; 2nd place, *Emily Hattling*; 3rd place, *Sabrina Corbera*.

St. Mary's Summer Camp

Cancelled

After much prayer, deliberation and discussion, the Summer Camp Task Force made the difficult decision to cancel the St. Mary's Summer Camp program for 2020. Summer Camp has always been and will continue to be a wonderful soul-enriching experience and a very important ministry to our Pan-Orthodox community. But during this challenging time, the health and safety of our Campers and Staff was the top priority. Summer Camp will be back! Save the Dates for July 3rd – July 9th, 2021. Virtual Summer Camp opportunities for 2020 will include our Camp Slide Show, Evening Devotionals, and some Campfire Songs. Please stay tuned!

Metropolis of Chicago Cross Town 5K Walk/Run

This virtual event will be held on **Saturday, May 23rd**, the weekend typically reserved for the Junior Olympics. The Cross Town 5K provides an opportunity for individuals or same-

household families to walk or run through their communities, demonstrating our solidarity and commitment to our faith, while raising financial support for our parishes. We may be separate, but we are united in Christ!

While registration will remain open until May 23rd, to guarantee delivery of a t-shirt, participants must register by May 10th at <https://chicago.goarch.org/crosstown5k>.





From the Parish Council President May 4, 2020

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

Your Parish Council has been meeting regularly and often to discuss and manage our way as a parish during the lockdown from the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Here is a summary of our activities.

Our Ministries

First, it is important for all of us to keep in mind the mission and vision of our parish.

Parish Mission Statement: St. George Greek Orthodox Church is a Christ-centered community that inspires faith, worship, benevolence, and outreach.

Parish Vision Statement: Ascending together to the fullness of life.

In this time of the pandemic, our mission and vision doesn't change. We are continuing our work as a parish church. This means understanding and developing the online ministry and worship of the church as well as finding ways of keeping contact with our people, serving our people, & managing resources. Fr. Perry, chanters, and Nick Kanavati have worked diligently to develop our online streaming services during the Great Fast, Holy Week and continuing. We are experiencing between 70 and 100 on-line contacts each service. Also, we are having online Sunday School for Junior High and High School students, and recorded videos for our 4-6th grade classes. As with other organizations, the online activities bring us new opportunities to live our mission and vision as a parish. The church office has remained open to phone calls, and Julie Delton has worked very hard at home in continuing the administrative activities of the church.

Other Tasks and Activities

Coordinated by Alexis Bighley, the following task force groups were formed to deal with the church's member contacts and finances. Calling Tree Task Force: This task force, headed by Vicky Paraschou and Marina Antoniou, continues to reach out to our parishioners. Phoning and calling is an important part of keeping our community together and healthy. *I know many of you are contacting others as well.* Expense Task Force: This Task Force group was headed by Phyllis Kapetanakis. The goal of the group was to find expenses in the budget passed by the General Assembly, which could be reduced or deferred

to later in the year. This Task Force made recommendations for the second quarter of 2020 to the Parish Council which was accepted into the record as an expense management tool.

Revenue Task Force: This Task Force group is headed by Tom Lampros. It meets weekly to look at ways we could raise funds in light of the lockdown and loss of fundraising revenue from the Festival of Nations (+/- \$14,000) and potential challenges for the Greek Festival (\$22,000 to \$45,000). This task Force group is continuing.

Investments: Our investments have been affected by the decline of the stock market similar to our personal investments. The decline is roughly 20%, however there has been some recovery as of this date. Jon Kennedy and the Investment Committee are monitoring our funds.

SBA Forgivable Loan: John Simon, Lani Hattling, and I have worked with Associated Bank to obtain a Federal SBA Loan, in the Payroll Protection Program. This loan is for \$38,412, which is forgivable when spent for payroll, benefits, and utilities among the expenses.

The Metropolis. We are not alone in our tasks during the pandemic. Metropolitan Nathanael has organized Metropolis-wide regular zoom meetings and has developed programs to aid all parishes and for parishes particularly hard hit by the lockdown - great resource for us

What we all can do for our church during this pandemic.

1. Go to the church's website and join in the services, pray.
2. From the website: light a candle, submit names of people to be remembered in prayer.
3. Call someone that we know of concern.
4. Contact Fr. Perry for any issue or ideas.
5. Contact a Parish Council member of any concerns or ideas
6. Continue our financial support of our church. The expenses are still there.

We will soon be all together again and what a celebration it will be!!!



Respectfully submitted:

Stephen Arsenault, Parish Council President

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To aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising effort—From the Mission Statement of National Philoptochos



Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Dear St. George Family, let us always welcome the Joy of the risen Christ! Yes, Pascha looked different this year with the church closed. Thankfully through the wonder of technology we were able to participate in our own homes by watching the services. We also joined with others to pray for those on the front lines, including health care workers, truck drivers, store employees and all essential workers. We also prayed for those adjusting to being quarantined, working from home and completing the school year online.

Our chapter had a special video conference meeting in April in order to respond to our current circumstances, and passed several motions to give additional financial support to some local agencies in the community including FOCUSMN, Second Harvest Heartland and the Neighborhood Houses' Francis Basket Food Market. We also made a donation towards the production of Personal Protective Equipment for health care providers.

If you have a need, Philoptochos and the Church would like to help. For this reason Philoptochos gives money to support the Priest's discretionary fund. Please know that if you have an immediate financial need you can contact Fr. Perry to discuss your situation and you can expect complete anonymity.

If you are facing an economic or financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and need emergency help meeting your rent or mortgage payment, utility, food, childcare, medical or other daily living costs, or if the stress of the crisis has overwhelmed you and you would like a referral to a mental health counselor, please go to: <https://bit.ly/2UjFRZd>. You're not alone!

2020 Dues: We count on the contributions of our loyal members, who devote their time, talents and resources to enable our chapter to help those in need. To be effective, we need the active support and participation of all the ladies of St. George. Please join us as we continue to put our faith into action through our ministry. We welcome your participation in Philoptochos, no matter how much time you can commit. Please renew your membership dues this month or join us as a new member. Your ideas and participation are valued and always welcome.



Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Summer!

In Christ's service,
Vicky Paraschou
 Philoptochos President



Recipients of the St. George Pin and Bronze Cross. An initiative of the Metropolis.

Meet Evelyn Daltas

Apostolos and Athanasia Daltas had six children: John, Katherine, Spero, Theodore, Hilda, and Evelyn, the youngest.



Evelyn went to Central High School, and walked the 2-1/3 miles there every day with her friend, Shirley. One winter day, with the thermometer registering -3 degrees, the girls were somber as they walked. **But it wasn't the cold wind that subdued their conversation.** Three days before, on December 7th, the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor.

Evelyn's brother John had been drafted into the Army in March. Her brother Spero would soon join the Navy, and shortly thereafter Theodore would be drafted into the Army.

Evelyn, her sisters and their parents **prayed for the boys' safe return.** They prayed at home and they prayed at the church they loved, St. George Greek Orthodox Church. St. George Church was a special place for the Daltas family. Apostolos and Athanasia were founding members of St. George. And Athanasia, through her involvement with the International Institute, was instrumental in St. George's participation at the Festival of Nations.

St. George was where they went to pray to God; where they gave thanks to Him for their blessings; where they beseeched Him for the safe return of the boys; and where they met with good friends. St. George Church was their second home.

Those were hard days, waiting for news about her brothers. But the war finally ended, and although John was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge, he recovered and all three brothers came home safely.

After she graduated from high school, Evelyn got a job at Midway Terminal Warehouse (later called Space Center), where she worked for 46 years.

After the war, the Church continued to be the center of life for the Daltas family. They attended Sunday Liturgy faithfully, as well as the other Church services. Evelyn sang in the Church choir for 60 years.

From the very beginning of the Festival of Nations, St. George Church was represented, thanks largely to Athanasia. And from the very beginning, Evelyn and her sisters volunteered. They wore Greek costumes, danced Greek Dances, and sold pastries and imported gifts. And, years later, **when the Church's Greek Festival** started, the three sisters worked in the Boutique.

The year 1965 was a big year for the Daltas sisters. Their brothers had all moved out of the family home, 461 Warwick Street, years before. Now it was their turn. The family looked, and soon found the perfect house. They bought it, and that summer Kay, Hilda and Evelyn moved into the cozy house at 459 Warwick Street, right next door to 461 Warwick.

March 14, 1967, was Evelyn's birthday, and she was looking forward to eating cake. But it was hard to eat her birthday cake that year. Earlier that day the family heard that there was a fire at St. George Church, destroying the interior. The church was a large, old mansion, and had served the community well for many years. It was the site of many important memories for parishioners.

The St. George community rallied. Everyone pitched in and they raised the money to build a new church on the same Summit Avenue lot.

In 1978 the Daltases sold the two houses on Warwick and bought a house on Summit Avenue. Being closer to church was a major reason for the move, and they were happy to be just three blocks from St.

George.

But there was also sadness at the new house. Papa died one month after the move. Then it was just Mama, Kay, Hilda and Evelyn in the house, until Mama died in 1981.

Wherever they lived, Evelyn's best friends were her sisters, Kay and Hilda. They loved doing things together – volunteering at the Festival of Nations, watching the Minnesota Twins, holding garage sales, going to movies. And then one day they found a new hobby they loved to do together – being in movies!

Whenever a movie was being made in the Twin Cities, the Daltas sisters signed up to be extras. It was fun being on movie sets, watching the production. And sometimes seeing famous actors, like the time Arnold Schwarzenegger flirted with Hilda, **telling her, "Your lipstick is driving me crazy!"**

The three sisters were in several movies as extras, usually in the background. But there is one movie where you can see Evelyn clearly: *Drop Dead Gorgeous*. Hilda is there too, though not as visible. And Kay, unfortunately, was sick that day and so not on the set.

After so many years chumming together, it was a shock when, in June 2015, Hilda died. It was just not the same for Evelyn and Kay without her. And then, later that same year, Kay passed on too.

With both her beloved sisters gone, Evelyn was the last of the family. She knew she should move, and so, in 2016 she moved to The Waters of Highland Park.

To those of us who know Evelyn, she is someone we always look forward to seeing. Her upbeat spirit, her gentle sense of humor, her sharp mind and her ready smile brighten our lives. She is a great blessing and a good friend.

MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1**	2
3 †Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women Orthros 8:15am (streaming) Divine Liturgy 9:30am (streaming) High School Zoom Sunday School Junior High Zoom Sunday School	4	5 †St. Irene	6** †Prophet Job	7 Paraklesis 7pm (streaming)	8** †St. Amalla & St. John Theologian	9 †Prophet Isalah
10 †Sunday of the Paralytic Orthros 8:15am (streaming) Divine Liturgy 9:30am (streaming) High School Zoom Sunday School Junior High Zoom Sunday School Zoom Fellowship Hour	11	12 Evening Bible Study 7pm	13***	14	15**	16
17 †Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Orthros 8:15am (streaming) Divine Liturgy 9:30am (streaming) Sunday School Graduation	18	19 Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm	20** Daytime Bible Study 1:30pm	21 †Sts. Constantine & Helen Orthros 8am (streaming) Divine Liturgy 9am (streaming)	22**	23
24 †Sunday of the Blind Man Orthros 8:15am (streaming) Divine Liturgy 9:30am (streaming) Philoptochos Meeting 11am FOCUS Meal 4:30pm	25 Office Closed—Memorial Day Holiday Memorial Day Trisagion (memorial prayers) 10am (streaming)	26 Office Closed—Memorial Day Holiday	27*** †Apodosis of Pascha Orthros 8am Divine Liturgy 9am	28 †Ascension Orthros 8am Divine Liturgy 9am	29**	30 Divine Liturgy in Eau Claire, WI 9:30am
31 †Sunday of the Fathers Orthros 8:15am Divine Liturgy 9:30am	At this time our Metropolis Stay-at-Home directives run through May 26. We will provide updates relating to services and events taking place after, and whether they will be virtual/streamed only or not.			Key: shaded day = Fast Day * = Dairy Allowed ** = Wine/Oil Allowed *** = Fish Allowed		

JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Loaves & Fishes 4:30pm	2	3** Daytime Bible Study 1:30pm	4	5**	6 †Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Memorial 10:30am
7 †Holy Pentecost Orthros 8:15am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Kneeling Prayers	8 †Monday of the Holy Spirit	9 Evening Bible Study 7pm	10	11 †Apostle Bartholomew/Nathaniel	12 †Sts. Onouphrios & Peter of Athos	13
14 †All Saints Day Orthros 8:15am Divine Liturgy 9:30am	15*** †St. Augustine of Hippo	16*** Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm	17 Daytime Bible Study 1:30pm	18***	19 †Apostle Thaddeus/Jude & St. Paisios	20***
††FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES††						
21*** 2nd Sunday of Matthew Father's Day Orthros 8:15am Divine Liturgy 9:30am	22***	23***	24*** †Nativity of Forerunner	25*** Glad Tidings Mailing 10am	26	27*** Divine Liturgy in Eau Claire, WI 9:30am Family Evening Canoe Trip
††FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES††						
28*** 3rd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15am Divine Liturgy 9:30am	29 †Sts. Peter & Paul Orthros 8am Divine Liturgy 9am	30 †Synaxis of the 12 Apostles	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Coming in July:</p> <p>1 Daytime Bible Study</p> <p>3 Independence Day observed, office closed</p> </div>			
††FAST††						
<p>The most up-to-date calendar can be found at: http://stgeorgegoc.org/calendar/</p>						



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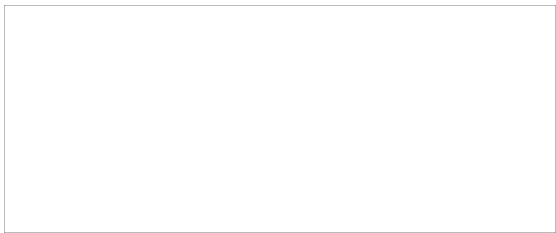
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UPCOMING SERVICES

(streaming until further notice)

Thursday, May 21
 Sts. Constantine & Helen
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 25
 Memorial Day
 Trisagion Prayers 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 27
 Apodosis of Pascha
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 28
 Ascension
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 6
 Saturday of Souls
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
 Memorial 10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 29
 Sts. Peter & Paul
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

Holy Confession: By Appointment

Vespers: (Oct. - May) Saturday 5:00 pm
 (see calendar for changes)

Orthros: Sunday 8:15 am

Sunday School: (Sept. - May)
 following Communion

Divine Liturgy: Sunday 9:30 am

