

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW

Technical advances over the past twenty-five-plus years, smart phones, internet, the world wide web etc., are supposedly making are life "easier". Yet, people seem to be exhausted these days, and they do not know why. Some even take drugs to sleep, and then more drugs, caffeine, etc., to stay awake during the day. In the past few years, more and more energy drinks have come onto the market to keep us going. Some of us plan vacations, only to take the same restless anxieties with us. All this new technology has us connected twenty-four/seven leaving us no personal time. We as Christians should follow Gods original plan, to rest one day out of seven. God loves us and knows us, He is our creator, and is the physician of our souls and bodies. If we follow God's advice and example, we must allow our bodies, minds and souls time to rest and be recharged.

Relaxation has to do with the body and entertainment with the mind. We all must take time too physically refresh the body and entertain the mind. Most of us do this in one way or another. However, how often do we allow our souls time to rest and be recharged as we do with our minds and bodies? As Saint Augustine says, "My heart is not at rest until it rests in Christ." One way is to bring your soul and heart to church, to be recharged with spiritual energy your soul needs. Your heart is like a battery, which fuels your soul, if left uncharged, it will run out of energy and fail.

year and look forward to getting back to a regular routine and schedule; I ask you to evaluate your lives to see if you have taken enough time to rest and recharge your physical batteries. But more importantly, to check your spiritual battery, is it near empty after a year-long absence from physically being in church due to COVID?

The Church gives us many ways to recharge or spiritual battery: Holy Scripture, writings of the Fathers, prayer services, the Sacraments and much more. Truly, the one super charger we can all plug into is the Divine Liturgy and to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is through praying the liturgy that we come closer to Christ, then, and only then, do we experience Him firsthand as we receive Him. Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted: It is imperative to be at the Liturgy from beginning to end, the entire service, to fully receive Christ. If we give praise to Christ fully, then we fully receive back from Him that which He has to offer. If we come late to services, we do not fully receive of Him. How then can we expect to deal with the problems of this world if we deprive ourselves of that which Christ has to offer us, the spiritual nourishment for our souls!

For us to overcome the fast-paced pressures of this world that technology brings to us; and will most certainly get faster and faster. We must take time away from technology and fully give

As we begin this new ecclesiastical to God and then will fully receive from Him. I pray you will all have a blessed and fruitful New Ecclesiastical Year, but must importantly, be responsible for continually charging your spiritual battery! After all, technology is only as good as its power source. Our spiritual power supply is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, be sure you plug into Him and be fully charged!

+Fr. Andrew

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<u>Edition</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
January/February	December 1st
March/April	February 1st
May/June	April 1st
August/September/October	July 1st
November/December	October 1st

SAVE THE DATE The Consecration Of Our Beloved St. George Church

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND 2021 VESPERS: Saturday Evening, November 27 **CONSECRATION:** Sunday, November 28

CELEBRANTS

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros Of America & Patriarchal Vicar Of The Metropolis Of New Jersey His Grace Bishop Apostolos Of Medeia Reverend Protopresvyter Andrew Eugenis

INVITATION TO FOLLOW



Liturgical Items Needed for

Consecration of Church (Wish List)

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Tabernacle - Sterling Silver	\$10	0,000.00	Gifted	Censor Sterling Silver	\$ 1,800.00	Gifted
Gospel Cover - Sterling Silver	\$	7,500.00	Gifted	2 Icon Stands (wood)	\$ 1,400.00 ea.	Gifted
Chalice Set - Sterling Silver	\$10	0,000.00	Gifted	Altar Rugs (1 set)	\$ 1,100.00	Gifted
Candle Holder Set of two -				Altar Boy Robes (20)	\$ 300.00	Gifted
Sterling Silver	\$ 2	2,500.00	Gifted	Votive Candle Stands (2)	\$ 2,000.00 ea.	
Altar Lamp - Sterling Silver	\$ 2	2,300.00	Gifted	Lenten Sterling Silver Sensor	\$ 1,800.00	Gifted
Censor Stand - Brass	\$	1,000.00	Gifted	Antidoron Bowl	\$ 1,400.00	
Epistle Cover - Sterling Sliver	\$ [·]	1,500.00	Gifted	Lanterns (2)	\$ 600.00 ea.	Gifted
Altar Lamp – Silver Plated	\$	1,000.00		Presanctified Tabernacle	\$ 3,300.00	
Embroidered Full Altar Coverin	gs			Sprinkler	\$ 2,800.00	
(5 sets, various colors)	\$!	5,000.00	Gifted	Zeon Pitcher	\$ 2,000.00	
Processional Cross and Fans				Sterling Silver Comm Lance	\$ 300.00	Gifted
(Gold Plated set)	\$ [·]	1,500.00	Gifted	Archbishop Vestments	\$ 2,500.00	Gifted
2 Engraved Wooden				Bishop Vestments	\$ 2,500.00	
Memorial Tables	\$	1,500.00 ea.	(1) Gifted	Priest Vestments	\$ 2,000.00	Gifted
Sterling Silver Blessing Cross	\$	1,800.00	Gifted	Deacon Vestments (3)	\$ 2,000.00 ea.	
Katzion (Hand Censor)	\$	1,200.00	Gifted	Deacon Vestments (1)	\$ 1,500.00	

From the Parish Council...

Welcome to September and the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year. Now that many of the Covid-19 restrictions are finally being relaxed, I pray everyone was able to enjoy a beautiful summer and the opportunity to spend some well-earned quality time with family and friends. It's been a long year and a half and during this time, we had the opportunity to reflect on how precious our time with our family and friends truly is. Our time with our St. George family is just as precious and we are happy to see more of you returning to Church each Sunday for the Divine Liturgy. We are finally able to share more and more events and special moments together once again.

Two special moments were this year's Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. On May 9th, our Philoptochos honored Mary Tsakiris as this year's Mother of the Year for 2021 and on June 20th we honored George Makris as the Father of the Year for 2021. In addition, we must also acknowledge once again the Mother of the Year for 2020, Angela Pappas, and the Father of the Year for 2020, John Pardenek. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to properly honor them in 2020. All four of them hold a special place in their hearts for St. George and we hold a special place in our hearts for each one of them. They are truly dedicated and loving Parents and Grandparents and their love for St. George is reflected in the dedicated time and talents that they have given and continue to give to their beloved Church. We sincerely thank each of you!

Fathers' Day this year was also special because after a year and a half, we were finally able to host our Coffee Hour after Church services and; we were able to once again share in good Christian fellowship. Please come join us each Sunday after Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Center for a coffee, some goodies and of course, good company!

As we begin the new ecclesiastical year, we are looking forward to celebrating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 12th, the Sunday before Holy Cross. We will be celebrating it together with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia. Typically, this Divine Liturgy is conducted at the Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park but as it is currently undergoing renovations we are pleased to celebrate this Liturgy with His Eminence and His Grace in our Church here at St. George. Following the Divine Liturgy we will proceed to Asbury Park where the youth throughout our Metropolis will dive into the ocean to retrieve the blessed cross.

This Fall brings the most beautiful event that we've all been praying for, the Consecration of our beloved St. George Church! Please mark your calendars and set aside the Thanksgiving Weekend for this sacred event. Join us along with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia for the consecration of our blessed Church. Vesper services will be held on Saturday, November 27th, and the Consecration will take place on Sunday, November 28th. All are invited to share in this very special weekend. More information with details will follow.

In addition to our Consecration, we and our Ministries are off to a new and exciting year with many events that we all dearly missed during these challenging times. Please look for the announcements of these events in our Sunday Bulletins, emails and on our Church Website.

As you can see, we are all looking forward to very special times here at St. George and we are especially looking forward to spending much needed quality time with each of you. Please stay well and I look forward to sharing these great memory making moments with everyone!

God bless you, Spiro Pappas St. George Parish Council President

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES September, October, November, December 2021

Orthros begins at 8:30 am. Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 am, unless otherwise indicated.

September

Sep	tember			18	Saturday		Vespers
1	Sunday		Indiction	19	Sunday		Sunday before Nativity
5	Sunday		11th Sunday of Matthew	24	Friday	6 am	Paramony of Nativity of the Lord
8	Wednesday	у	Nativity of the Theotokas		Friday	6 pm	Nativity of the Lord
12	Sunday		Holy Cross at St. George	26	Sunday	1	Sunday after Nativity
			Blessings of the water at	27	Monday		St. Stephen
			Asbury Park		5		1
14	Tuesday		Exaltation of Holy Cross		RFC	FNT	SACRAMENTS
19	Sunday		Sunday after Holy Cross		MLC		
25	Saturday		Vespers	W.	eddings:		
26	Sunday		Repose of St. John Theologian		ay 15, 2021	Chris	stina Carstenson & Fabio Ferranti
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Oct	ober				ay 23, 2021		sha Manolas & George Sarris
3	Sunday		2nd Sunday of Luke		ne 5, 2021		ina Gacos & Brendan Dooley
10	Sunday		3rd Sunday of Luke	Ju	ne 12, 2021		/ Marcouiller & Christopher
17	Sunday		7th Ecumenical Council		4 0004	Kram	
18	Monday		St. Luke	Ju	ly 1, 2021		Halkias & Gregory
23	Saturday		St. James/Brother of the Lord				odoropoulos
23	Saturday		Vespers	Ju	ly 31, 2021		n Harshman & Nikolaos
24	Sunday		6th Sunday of Luke			Papa	agiannis
26	Tuesday		St. Demetrios				
31	Sunday		5th Sunday of Luke		<u>aptisms:</u>		
					ay 8, 2021		ge Raftopoulos
Nov	vember				ay 8, 2021	Jade	n Cruz
1	Monday		SS Cosmas & Damian	Ma	ay 16, 2021	Abiga	ail Crane
7	Sunday		7th Sunday of Luke	Ma	ay 16, 2021	Isabe	el Crane
8	Monday		Archangels Michael &	Ma	ay 16, 2021	Russ	ell Crane
			Gabriel	Ma	ay 22, 2021	Gray	son Karas
9	Tuesday		St. Nektarios	Ju	ne 5, 2021	Mich	ael Christodoulakis
13	Saturday		St. John Chrysostom	Ju	ne 5, 2021	Julia	na Christodoulakis
14	Sunday		8th Sunday of Luke	Ju	ne 19, 2021	Char	les Delany
20	Saturday		Vespers	Ju	ne 26, 2021	Aristo	otelis Dimitroulakos
21	Sunday		Entrance of Theotokos	Ju	ly 10, 2021	Marc	o Agnello
27	Saturday	7pm	Vespers		ly 10, 2021	Olive	er Fini
28	Sunday		St. George CONSECRATION		J		
29	Monday	7pm	St. Andrew at St. Andrew's	De	eaths:		
30	Tuesday		St. Andrew		oril 1, 2021	Atha	nasia Arbes
					oril 22, 2021		nina Didomizio
Dec	ember				ay 3, 2021		ael Carousis
3	Friday	7 pm	Vespers at St. Barbara's		ay 14, 2021		tra Dimitroulakou
4	Saturday		Barbara the Great Martyr		ne 4, 2021		s Argyris
			at St. Barbara's		ne 15, 2021		a Vergos
5	Sunday		10th Sunday of Luke	00	10 10, 2021	iviaile	
6	Monday		St. Nicholas	"	For all of you	u who we	ere baptized into Christ have clothed
9	Thursday		Conception of Anna		yourselves		
12	Sunday		St. Spyridon				

SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP

"A Rich MAN is not one who has much ... But one who gives much for what he gives away remains his forever." -St. John Chrysostom

Giving from the Heart & To the Best of Your Ability

The Reading is from the Gospel According to Luke 20:46-47, 21:1-4

The Lord said to his disciples, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and love salutations in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; and he saw a poor widow put in two copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had." Having said this, he proclaimed, "He who has ears let him hear." The theme of this heartfelt Gospel is that "What is important in this short, earthly life is not the amount you donate, (in our case toward Stewardship,) but what is given from the heart and to the best of your ability that counts. With no fanfare or recognition in return."

At the end of life, we are all going to face the Lord. We will answer to Him what we did with what He gave us. We will have to answer for how we maintained our Christianity in times of difficulty. To "fight the good fight" means to stay consistent and disciplined in the faith, even in times of adversity.

STEWARDSHIP 2021

By the time you receive this issue of the Beacon and are reading it, all the Pandemic regulations would have been lifted, the front doors of our beautiful St. George Church will be opened, and we will be gathering again and worshiping as one Holy family in Christ. Fellowship, very important to our Christian lives, has again rejuvenated itself by the opening of Coffee Hour.

Regardless of the improving times, we would like to remind you that the Church is here to serve you. If you need any type of help, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Andrew, our Parish Council, Philoptochos or any of our other Ministries. Be assured everything will be kept confidential.

Christian Orthodoxy and all Christian faiths are going through some difficult times. The percentage of families listed as Christian has dropped from 70% from 1945 to 2000 to 47% in 2020. Reasons for that drop have been listed as aging populations, youth leaving, lack of immigration and apathy in general.

Life on earth is a small fraction of life in Heaven. As per Fr. Andrew, "Our stay on earth can be measured by the blink of an eye!" None of the earthly possessions we have, we can take with us (unfortunate and unfair as it may be!). So, please try to be generous to our Almighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by donating to Him your Treasures, Time and Talent. "Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)

A big THANK YOU to all the supporting Stewards so far this year. It is because of your generosity that we have been able to cover our Church's maintenance and operational expenses during these hard times.

Also, please remember the resurrection of Jesus provided us with an opportunity to renew our lives with:

- Our freedom from the bondage of the past;

- A hope for a new and better future; and,

- The power we would need to leave the one behind and fully enter into the other.

Please continue to be generous to St.George, its community and its 38+ Ministries by offering your Time, Talent and Treasure. Please kindly urge your friends and relatives to join the St. George family, our second home away from home.

May God bless us all and keep us healthy and safe!

In God's Service, Dimitris Geaneas-Stewardship Chairman 908-770-2426/jgeaneas@msn.com

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First Name Orthodox: YesNo
Cell Phone # []e-mail address:
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will/estate plan, please contact the Church Office.

WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A STEWARD OF ST. GEORGE

Parishioners sometimes ask why it's necessary to become a Steward of St. George and submit an annual pledge form. By coming to Church and making an annual and weekly donations, some feel they've met their obligation. While donating funds is one aspect of Stewardship, being a true Steward involves so much more. It involves:

- **Transcendence:** Knowing and experiencing God's presence through prayer and participating in the liturgies and sacraments.
- **Significance:** Having a sense of purpose to do something meaningful in service to our fellow man. To "give back" to God some of the blessings we received from Him through service to others
- Fellowship: Connecting with others in meaningful relationships based on shared beliefs and values

Your Church, St. George, offers you a way to know God, gain Significance and enjoy Fellowship by:

- Administering to the spiritual needs of our community and offers ways to participate in the worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through liturgies, and sacraments (baptisms, weddings, funerals) and ministries that promote understanding our faith.
 - O Spiritual Enrichment, Circle of Faith, Sunday School, Mustard Seed Book Store, the Book Corner
- Addressing the cultural and social needs of our community through ministries that bring us together to serve and enjoy each other.
 - Philoptochos, GOYA, The Agape Ministries (Hospitality, Baby Blankets, Weddings), Greek School, Kali Parea, St. George Socialites, Annual Festival, Taste of the Shore

Being a Steward of St. George, and submitting an annual pledge form, is an act of faith and commitment to our Church.

- The annual pledge form makes you think about your Church and re-examine your commitment to St. George How important is the Church to me? What can I do to help our Church fulfill the needs of our community?
- Your financial commitment helps St. George offer the many spiritual, religious, cultural and social services our community wants and needs
- It enables you to have an active voice in the affairs of the Parish by participating in Parish Assemblies, voting on issues critical to the future of the Church and selecting the leadership of our community
- The pledge form provides information on our community's size and needs, helping the Parish Council to ensure critical needs are met and resources are available

The Parish Council and the Stewardship Committee want you to participate fully in the life of St. George. There is no minimum Stewardship pledge. Give from your heart and to the best of your ability.



Our St. George Greek Orthodox Church will be hosting our first ever Jersey Shore Greek Festival "**On the Go**"! For two days – October 1st & 2nd – we will open our doors to invite our friends and neighbors to take us home for lunch and dinner. All orders will need to be preordered online and all the food will be prepped by us...to go! The menu will be the "best of the best" that our Festival has to offer!

Although this will be different from our yearly Jersey Shore Greek Festival, it will still have the same St. George kefi and great food! What will not change is **YOU**! We still need all of you to pitch in and help! Shortly you will be receiving information on ways you can help prepare in the days leading up to our "On the Go" event, and on the two days of the event! Cooks, Runners, Wrappers, Parking Attendants...there is a way for everyone to contribute! This will be our first major fundraiser in two years and the first time we can bring our St. George community together...as a family...towards a common goal! OPA! Thank you in advance for participating! *For additional information, contact Theo Koufidakis @ 732-740-2361.*



Our Philoptochos is looking forward to a new Ecclesiastical year!!

We have been busy the past few months. Each year, on Mother's Day, our Philoptochos honors one woman as Mother of the Year. The criteria for being recognized as Mother of the year was established many years ago, and includes being:

A Philoptochos Member in good standing and a member of St. George church, and

- 1. A working member in Philoptochos activities, and also
- Involvement in our Church and community in areas such as the festival, GOYA, youth activities, PTO, Daughters Of Penelope, and Sunday School, and
- 3. Additional family involvement such as working outside the home, raising a family, and activities outside our church community, and
- 4. Possessing the qualities of good citizenship

This year our Philoptochos honored Mary Tsakiris – a dedicated servant for many years. A presentation was made in church and her biography was read. (See bio on pg. 11)

During our May Philoptochos meeting we enjoyed a painting wine glasses while have a light dinner. On June 17th we held our end of the year dinner at the Greek Spot in Red Bank. It was a spectacular evening, and all 54 individuals enjoyed the evening immensely. Special thanks to The Greek Spot for taking such good care of us! Our August 15th Bake sale was a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who supported us whether it was by baking, packing, shopping and of course buying our delicious goods. With your support we are able to continue our philanthropic endeavors.

Please mark your calendars for our fall luncheon this year. It will be at a new venue on October 9th at the Sheraton in Eatontown. Ellen Karis (Greek Goddess of Comedy) will be there to entertain us. Make your reservations soon!

On Monday, June 26, 2021, the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Society presented a donation to the Manasquan Food Pantry in honor of Anastasia Michals, former President of the Metropolis of NJ Philoptochos. The donation was given with funds gifted in Anne's memory. The Philoptochos Chapter of Ocean/Asbury Park matched the donation and presented an additional check to assist with the mission of the Food Bank. Pictured here presenting the donation are (left to right) president of the Philoptochos Chapter of Ocean/Asbury Park Marissa Costidis, Anne's husband and daughter Jeff and Anastasia (Bobbi) Michals, Food Pantry Board Member Carolyn Kelly, Food Pantry Chairperson Linda Fieros, and Food Pantry Treasurer Charlotte Petersen.

We welcome all to join our Philoptochos for philanthropy and fellowship!! Our September General Membership Meeting is September 17th at 6:30pm.



End of Year Philoptochos Dinner at the Greek Spot in Red Bank



Donation to the Manasquan Food Pantry in Honor of Anastasia Michals, former President of the Metropolis of NJ Philoptochos

Mary Tsakiris - Mother of the Year



Mother of the Year - Mary Tsakiris

Mary Tsakiris was born on January 8, 1942, to John and Despo Katsapis in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has one younger sister Bettie. Mary and her family lived in Philadelphia and when Mary was entering 8th grade she moved, with her family, to Bradley Beach. The Katsapis family had many years enjoying the Jersey Shore working on the boardwalk in concession stands.

Mary met John Tsakiris, who lived in Long Branch, at our St. George Church in Asbury Park where they participated in GOYA and the Choir.

Mary graduated from Asbury Park High School and went on to

attend Harcum College, in Bryn Mawr, PA. She then went to Monmouth Medical Hospital and was certified as a medical technician.

Mary eventually reconnected with John Tsakiris, who was in the Army Reserves and attending Fairleigh Dickinson University. They eloped in January 1963 and then were married in St. George Greek Orthodox Church in April of that same year. God soon blessed Mary and John with 3 children - Denise, Peter and George.

Mary has always been a dedicated wife and business partner to her husband John. Over the years they owned and operated many upscale restaurant establishments including The Forte', Harmony Manor, and Long Johns.

John and Mary had an appetite for adventure, so they decided to pursue a business in the building industry. They embarked on building multi-family, single family and condominiums. They were joined in this business venture by their children.

At St. George, Mary has been a member of Philoptochos for many, many years. She served in leadership positions - including Treasurer, where many tell me that she served exceptionally and with detail and precision. Mary also chaired several events for our Philoptochos including the annual luncheon, and for many years she chaired the onpremises gift raffle. Mary also volunteered for the parish's 70th Anniversary event. And, just a few years ago, we saw Mary and her daughter, Denise, as models for the Philoptochos Fashion Show and Luncheon. And I am told she donated the "Mother of the Year" special chair!

Mary and John have served – and continue to serve - diligently for our Church festival where they spend many, many hours in the hot souvlaki tent side by side, ensuring that this extremely busy and very profitable part of our festival, runs smoothly and efficiently.

Mary has also volunteered for a number of organizations outside of the Church, including the Autistic Society, where she served as Treasurer for four years, the Monmouth University Committee, Monmouth Medical Center's Crystal Ball and the House Tour Committee.



Saint George Philoptochos

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Circle of Faith

This internet ministry provides emails of podcasts, videos and daily readings to educate and deepen our understanding of our journey to Orthodoxy.

Leader: Barbara Terlecsky bterlecsky@aol.com

Fellowship in Prayer

This ministry prays continually for the ill, believing in God's Will, compassion and love. Please inform us if someone is in need of prayer. First names are posted in the Sunday bulletin; please add them to your daily prayer life.

Leader: George Moutis gmoutis@scinj.com

Spiritual Growth

This ministry provides many enlightening and educational programs throughout the year in harmony with the liturgical cycle helping participants to come to a deeper understanding of the Orthodox Faith.

Priest: Father Andrew Eugenis

frandrew@stgeorgeap.org

Sharing Our Faith Book Corner

This ministry conducts sessions to discuss books about the Orthodox Faith to enrich understanding of our lives through the lens of the Church.

Leader: Teri Lalli lalliptds@gmail.com

The Mustard Seed Book Store

The new book store will be open on Sundays during Coffee Hour stocked with a variety of books about Orthodoxy, liturgical music CD's, icons and other religious items.

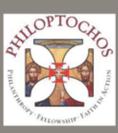
Leader: Teri Lalli lalliptds@gmail.com

*Bible Study

A weekly chapter by chapter, in-depth review and discussion of the scriptures with spiritual direction by Fr. Andrew.

Facilitator: Teri Lalli lalliptds@gmail.com

Saint George Philoptochos



Chapter 1021

2021 MEMBERSHIP

Types of Membership:

As a member of the St. George Philoptochos Parish Chapter, you also retain membership in both the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos and the National Philoptochos.

Due to the financial obligations of our Parish Chapter, we ask that you consider pledging an amount equal to or greater than the minimum suggested of \$30.

Dues Breakdown:

\$15 of your dues is sent to National Philoptochos and **\$8** is sent to the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos to fulfill our organizational commitments. The balance of your dues is what our local chapter counts on in order to operate our philanthropic budget. Please remember this when pledging. The National Philoptochos by-laws state that there are three types of membership in a Parish chapter:

Full Membership: Women of the Greek Orthodox faith that are 18 years of age or older.

Associate & Supporting Membership: A non- Greek Orthodox woman married to a Greek Orthodox shall be eligible for Associate Membership. Men of Orthodox faith may be supporting members without the right to vote.

Honorary Membership: Honorary membership may be bestowed upon any person who has distinguished herself by service to the Ladies Philoptochos.

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AHEPA NEWS CORNER

Thomas A. Edison Chapter, 287 - Ocean, NJ



Arthur Pappaylion (Vice President)

"The Mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility and Family and Individual Excellence".

Our AHEPA Chapter, as well as many of the organizations of our church and community, are just coming out of a pandemic which has set us all back a whole year. We are now just seeing the light of day and looking forward to getting back to the activities that we all enjoyed. For the first time in over a year we have successfully sponsored our souvlaki take out luncheon for our scholarship fundraiser. Thanks to Brothers Dimitri Geaneas and Teddy Kavarakas who chaired the event along with the other brothers that cooked the food and participated, it turned out to be a big success.

In June we returned to our Annual Golf Tournament. The event was held at Sun Eagle Golf Course in Tinton Falls. Forty participants enjoyed playing golf, having breakfast and lunch, and winning prizes. The day was a success. The brothers are looking forward to next year's tournament. Special thanks to Kosta Linardakis, Odysseas Kolasis, and their committee for a job well done. In June we also presented two scholarships to high school students of St. George.

The officers of the NJ District 5 attended our June meeting for the initiation of two candidates into our order: Stravos Xanthacos and Yanni Kavarakas. The ceremony concluded with their fathers presenting them with their AHEPA pins. We were informed that George Perentesis was selected as the new District Warden at the AHEPA District 5 Convention. This is a great honor for it our chapter. We are proud to have three brothers at the New Jersey District level: Supreme Treasurer, Savas Tsivikos ; Past District Governor Steve Xanthacos; and George Perentesis as the new Warden.

Save the date, Friday, December 3, 2021. Dinner and Comedy Show featuring "Basile the Greek Comedian", will take place in the Cultural Center of St. George. Great Food, Prizes, Raffles and Music will be available. Co-Chairs are George Moutis, Zach Roros and Teddy Kavarakas. This event is opened to our church community and surrounding church communities. Proceeds received will be donated to our various AHEPA Charites including our scholarship fund and our Iconography fund for St. George.

On July 25 to July 31, 2021, the Supreme National AHEPA Convention will be held Athens, Greece. This is to commemorate the Independence of Greece from the Ottoman Empire in 1821.







Dear St. George families as we begin another year, we all look forward to getting back to normal! While summer is a time to relax, recharge and rejuvenate, our GOYA advisors were busy planning a long awaited return to normalcy. Their commitment to keeping us active and united in our church community, even during this pandemic, has been unparalleled. We look forward to returning to a GOYA calendar filled with service opportunities, social outings, fundraisers, and retreats. This fall, we are excited to welcome new GOYA members: current 7th graders or families new to St. George whose children are in 7th to 12th grade. We invite all families to join us at our GOYA Kickoff on September 4th at 6:30 pm at our St. George Church, to hear more about our GOYA family. The kickoff is a great place to reconnect after a summer being apart and the perfect time for new GOYANS to meet other GOYANS. We encourage everyone to get involved, as it is only when we share our ideas and talents that a feeling of community is fostered. We always welcome new suggestions for volunteer opportunities, fundraising, or even fun social activities. Our GOYA is a place where friendships are made, ideas are supported, and our Greek Orthodox faith is strengthened. We look forward to returning to St. George and a GOYA that is active, purposeful, and true to our Greek Orthodox faith.

Rafaella Lambrinos



A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEK SCHOOL

The Saint George Greek School welcomed new and returning students to what we hope to be a productive and exciting new year! After a nontraditional year, we are grateful to bring back some normalcy to all our students. Our school will continue to use the Geia Xara series which has an online supplemental platform. Thanks to our St. George community, we have been able to add more technology items such as projectors and laptops to enhance our lessons.

Our first program of the year will be to celebrate the historic date of October 28th and the bravery of the Greeks during WWII. We thank the St. George PTO for their continued support of the teachers and students, and we look forward to their fundraisers and events this upcoming year.

If any school aged children are interested in joining for the year, please contact directors Antonia Sum (Atsiandi@ gmail.com) or Maria Magriplis (MLambrinos@hotmail.com). For more information about Greek School, visit our website on the St. George webpage!

Το Ελληνικό Σχολείο Αγίου Γεωργίου καλωσορίζει και φέτος καινούργιους και παλαιότερους μαθητές. Ευελπιστούμε να έχουμε μια δημιουργική και παραγωγική σχολική χρονιά. Οι δασκάλες μας θα συνεχίσουν να χρησιμοποιούν και φέτος τη σειρά βιβλίων Γεια Χαρά, η οποία περιλαμβάνει και μια ηλεκτρονική πλατφόρμα. Με τη γενναιοδωρία της εκκλησιαστικής μας κοινότητας μπορέσαμε να προσθέσουμε περισσότερους υπολογιστές και προβολείς για τις τάξεις μας, και για αυτό είμαστε ευγνώμων!

Το πρώτο πρόγραμμα του σχολείου μας θα είναι η γιορτή της 28ης Οκτωβρίου, όπου οι μαθητές μας θα τιμήσουν τους Έλληνες αγωνιστές του Δεύτερου Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου.

Επίσης, θέλουμε να εκφράσουμε την ευγνωμοσύνη μας προς το Σύνδεσμο Γονέων για τη συνεχή υποστήριξη προς τις δασκάλες, τους μαθητές και ολόκληρο το σχολείο μας. Όπως και άλλες χρονιές, έτσι και φέτος, ο Σ. Γ. θα έχει εράνους κατά τη διάρκεια της σχολικής χρονιάς και η υποστήριξη σας θα είναι ανεκτίμητης αξίας.

Εάν έχετε παιδιά σχολικής ηλικίας που ενδιαφέρονται να έρθουν στο σχολείο μας μπορείτε να επικοινωνήσετε μαζί μας στις ηλεκτρονικές διευθύνσεις atsiandi@gmail.com ή mlambrinos@hotmail.com

Μπορείτε επίσης να βρήκε πληροφορίες στη ιστοσελίδα της εκκλησίας μας.



"Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." - James 5:16

For we are God's handiwork, created in Jesus Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. –Ephesians 2:10 *******

As we pray that we are emerging from the pandemic of the past year we recognize that we are so blessed at St. George to have wonderful ministry leaders who will be enthusiastically returning to continue and renew their missions with even more devotion, love, faith and especially with GRATITUDE.

Each and every one of these ministry leaders serve with sharing, open hearts and would love to include you in their groups. Please consider joining our groups or forming another around a talent or activity you would love to share with others. Everyone is welcome. We are all volunteers and there are no dues or fundraising. God provides everything needed.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me directly and I will answer any questions and assist you personally.

AGAPE is Christian love ... In Action ... It never stops doing good Vicki Kamaratos - vassilia71@aol.com 732-539-6831

Wedding – Tasi Pappaylion tasipappaylion@gmail.com

Tasi and her dedicated helpers assist brides, grooms, wedding parties and families at rehearsals and weddings! They are experts at calming jitters, smoothing dresses, straightening bow ties and gently guiding everyone to their places and so much more, making the ceremony flawless!

We have so many weddings at our beautiful St. George Church, and this is such a wonderful way to get to know parishioners beginning their lives together!

St. George Newlyweds – Angela Koumoutsos <u>fiore88@aol.com</u>

Angela arranges a beautiful wine and cheese event for newlyweds who were married at St. George during the year as a "meet and greet". They also learn about the "Church in the Home". It's a great way for young couples to get to know each other and learn about our St. George Church.

40 Day Baby Blessing - Colleen Pardenek 732-245-8218

White hand-made blankets by our Faithful Hands group are lovingly wrapped and presented to every family on this special day. Colleen personally calls all 40 Day Blessing families and greets and guides them through this joyous time.

If you would like to be a greeter for this group and welcome the family on the day of their scheduled "Baby Blessing" please contact Colleen Pardenek directly at 732-245-8218.

Faithful Hands – Bea Paparsenos <u>beapap@live.com</u>

Bea leads this group in making blankets for the 40 Day babies of St. George, as well as other knitting and crocheting projects benefitting Project Linus, St. Michaels Greek Orthodox Home for the Aged and other neighborhood Nursing Homes. They meet at the Church on Tuesdays 4-6pm. Come learn to crochet or knit or share your talent and enjoy the company of loving people!

Baptism – Vicki Kamaratos vassilia71@aol.com

This group assists families in understanding and appreciating this most important Mystery of the Church. We are happy to explain the various parts of the service. We're also available to "walk families through" (prior to the baptism) so the entire family understands and appreciates the deep significance of the day.

Newcomers & Visitors – Antonia Lyons antonia.lyons16@gmail.com

Antonia prepares welcome bags with small gifts and information about our St. George Church. Everyone coming to St. George never leaves a stranger! Please contact her to help make the bags and of course greet newcomers at our coffee hour!

Funeral – Sophia Anest sophiaharry@optonline.net

In a time of sadness, it is such a kindness to help a grieving family as they enter the Church, and to assist the guests with respect and dignity. If you have the heart and compassion to help others, please contact Sophia who would love you to help.

Hospitality - Angela Koumoutsos & Vicki Kamaratos fiore88@aol.com • vassilia71@aol.com

This ministry has been called the "liturgy" after the Divine Liturgy – the place where the family of St. George gets a chance to catch up after the week, to share a laugh and a smile...and to enjoy the coffee too! We all look forward to seeing each other the next week!

We love our volunteers – they are such a blessing! If you can help set up or just make coffee – please volunteer by contacting Angela or Vicki!

Caring for God's Creation: Environmental Stewardship and Protection (ESAP) Group –

Stella Fotopoulos & Christina Eliopouloss fotopoulos@att.net • celiop99@me.com

It is written in Genesis, 1:28, that God tells us to be faithful stewards of creation. And thus our relationship with God's creation is part of our worship of Him. ESAP encourages all parishioners to care for, respect and embrace our natural world — as a means of getting closer to our Creator. We welcome parishioners of all ages — children, teens, adults and our trusted elders — to join us in upcoming community-wide events that will include: clean-up, beautification, reforestation, beach clean-up, sustainable gardening and restoration projects in our parish community and here in Monmouth County; promoting best practices to help make our parish and our homes more green and environmentally sustainable; occasional screenings, guest lectures or walking tours related to pressing environmental challenges; opportunities for enrichment and a greater understanding of environmental stewardship as central to a Greek Orthodox life.

Join a group or start another. Share what you love to do with others! Visit us at <u>www.stgeorgeap.org/agape</u>



Faithful Hands



Faithful Hands will resume meeting again every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning September 7th. This past year we donated over 20 blankets to Project Linus, an organization that distributes blankets to hospitalized children. We also created beautiful crocheted and knitted 40 days baby blessing blankets. Another planned project will be crocheting hats to send to our parish college students. We invite any newcomers to join us for fellowship and creativity. No experience necessary! We will teach you! Contact Bea Paparsenos at 732-585-3402 or beapap@live.com

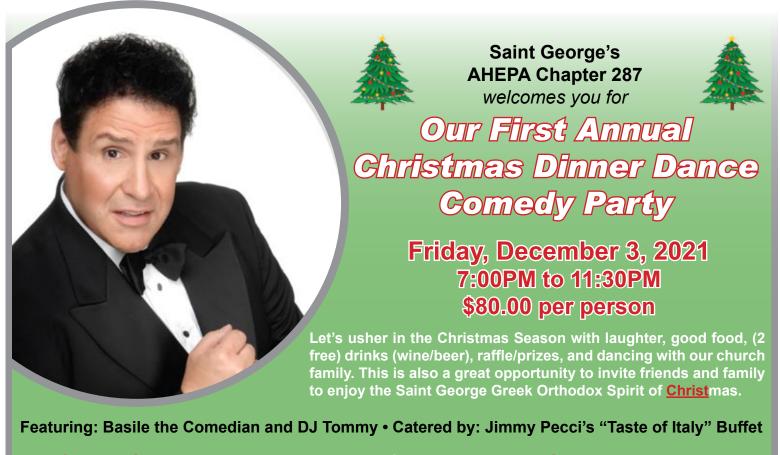


I would like to thank everyone for their continued patience this year in Sunday School as it was not a normal year. As many of you may know, I have been battling my own health issues since last fall but was just given a complete bill of health and am almost done with my treatment. I am fully looking forward to jumping back into organizing and running everything next year (and I will help to backfill some of the celebrations we were not able to celebrate/acknowledge this school year for various reasons). I would like to thank the wonderful group of Sunday School teachers that we have had working tirelessly this past school year. They helped take all the stress over my shoulders.

We hope to get back to a more normal school year this coming year, but please stay patient as we work through all potential obstacles.

Please look at our website through the St. George website or directly: <u>https://tinyurl.com/stgsundayschool</u> Direct link to registration form: <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>V9bmwLihjfQozRPr6</u>

(See back cover for important dates)



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Below is a list of available icons. We ask those of you who have pledged to fulfill your pledge, and those of you who have not yet contributed to join us. In addition, the Gold Leaf Program or any donation you would like to offer to the Community Icon are available. You can use the form below to contribute. We thank you for your generosity.

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An Invitation From Father Andrew

BIBLE STUDY

THE BOOK OF ACTS & ROMANS Every Tuesday - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm via zoom

SHARING OUR FAITH BOOK CORNER

Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis Thursday, September 9th

All Is Well by Albert S. Rossi, PhD Thursday, October 14th

7 - 9 pm via zoom Contact: lalliptds@gmail.com



ST. GEORGE BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm via Zoom

The Book of Acts - Chapter 28 September 7

Ruth and Daniel mini-study September 14, 21, & 28

> The Book of Romans October 5, 12, 19, & 26

Interactive discussion and review via zoom Contact: lalliptds@gmail.com



An Invitation From Father Andrew



An Introduction to Orthodox Worship

with Father Andrew Eugenis & Deacon Emanuel Tsarnas

Tuesday, September 21 • 7 - 8pm

Please join us for a discussion and Q&A about the practices of Orthodoxy in the Church and in the home. (Refreshments to follow)

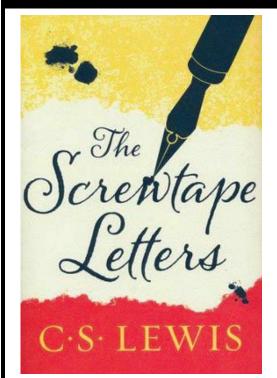


Vesper Service Evening Prayer Service

Saturday, September 25 6 - 7pm (Refreshments to follow)



SHARING OUR FAITH BOOK CORNER 2021



SCREWTAPE LETTERS by C.S. Lewis

Thursday, September 9th 7:00 pm - 9 pm via zoom

Contact: lalliptds@gmail.com

Books are available to purchase at The Mustard Seed Bookstore.





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