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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW

### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY TOWARDS GOD AND HIS LOVE FOR US

Great and Holy Lent can be a new beginning for each of us. Lent will begin this year for us on Clean Monday, February 27th. I am often asked what type of fast is prescribed for Lent, or what can I eat or not eat during Lent? I first would like to say: Lent with just fasting is just a forty-day diet. Fasting is only the beginning as it is just a discipline which helps us to control our lives during Lent. The greatest accomplishments we can achieve during Lent is growing closer to our Lord and Savior and learn to love Him as he loves us. The best example of this love is the way a child loves his parents: unconditionally.

A child once said, "I really love Jesus more than anything in the whole world." In many ways children are more capable of loving God than adults, as they are more trusting and more receptive to God's love. As adults, the secularism of our society along with our own failings, have robbed us of the precious qualities of childhood, making us more self-centered and self-reliant. Unless we train to succeed in battling these forces, we find that the child-like love of God is no longer in our hearts.

Lent affords us the opportunity to rekindle the love we had for God when we were children. What is love? True love is a gift from God; it is the fruit of the Spirit. Without it, our spiritual progress is sluggish and stalled. As adults, we once again must reacquire this love and cultivate it in our hearts. Yet, how can we do this when we live in a secular society with all of its pressures? We have many examples of individuals who have done just this. The Saints time and time again prove to us

how ordinary men, women, and children in their secular settings and through their efforts to love God overcame the same self-centeredness and self-reliance which surrounds us today, including the many plagues and pandemics that have afflicted the world throughout time.

We must pray and move towards God that He guide us to love Him, for God Himself is love and He bestows love as a gift of Himself. We cannot manufacture love ourselves; we can only attract it through our efforts, i.e. prayer, fasting and participation in the sacramental life of the church, reading scripture and other spiritual material. If we love God above all, this and this alone will provide the energy and motivation necessary to progress on the path to salvation and to follow the road which the Saints of our Church have laid for us.

Please make every effort this Great and Holy Lent to overcome the pressures of society and become child-like once again as did the saints, and once again open our hearts in a simple and true way to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Take full advantage of Great Lent to get back on track as we all have been derailed in our spiritual journey during this pandemic. Through prayer and fasting as well as the other avenues the Church has to offer, become child-like once again, and we will overcome all that distracts us from Christ!

God Bless you all and give you strength keeping you safe and healthy,

+ Fr. Andrew

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And make sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

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**Edition**

January/February  
 March/April  
 May/June  
 August/September/October  
 November/December

**Deadline**

December 1st  
 February 1st  
 April 1st  
 July 1st  
 October 1st



## *From the Parish Council...*

My Dear Fellow St. George Parishioners,

I pray that you are all well as we start the second month of 2023. I would first like to take this opportunity to thank Spiro Pappas for his years as President of our beloved St. George Church. (Do not fear, he is not going anywhere!) I personally would like to also thank Spiro for being a great mentor and an even better friend. I can say for certain that the Pappas family was, is and always will be a loyal and important part of our St. George. Thank you Spiro.

Some community news as we closed out 2022, we added electronic giving in the Narthex. Please try it out. We hope to make it easier to give what you can to support our Church and Community Center.

Some 2022 ministry news we are proud to have supported the Daughters of Penelope at their annual Jingo evening, our GOYAns during their annual Christmas Caroling and gift giving, and our AHEPA as they held their Christmas Dinner Dance. What a way to end 2022.

As 2023 rolled in we continued with many activities including the Philoptochos sponsored Vasiloptia and also their Philoptochos Membership Drive Bunco night, where many braved the rain to enjoy a fun night out in support of Philoptochos. In late January, our Greek School hosted the Three Hierarchs Celebration with our sister church of St. Barbara in Toms River. After Vespers the students from both churches recited poems. What a joy to watch the children carry on our Greek Language and Culture! Bravo Παιδιά, teachers and parents – especially our Greek School Directors Antonia Sum and Maria Magriplis. A thank you

also to Barbara Panas Kozak.

Starting in February, look for a special email announcing a new program from Fr. Andrew – his daily message. Visit our website at [www.stgeorgeap.org](http://www.stgeorgeap.org) to hear this message; I know you will be inspired.

Great Lent begins soon. 1st Saturday of Souls is Feb 18 and on February 25 St. George will host the 1st Metropolis Acolyte (Altar Boy) Retreat. We are honored that the Metropolis has asked us to host this program for churches of the surrounding area. The day following is Forgiveness Sunday and afternoon Vespers. If you have never been to this Service, please put it on your calendar and experience something that will change you. On March 3 we begin the Friday evening Salutations and March 4th our parish will host a new seminar for newly married couples. Our month continues with the Pascha Lenten Retreat on March 11. Please make sure to register for this wonderful program.

As you can read our ministries are doing amazing work for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I invite you to participate. There is something for everyone! You will find contact information for the ministry leaders in this Beacon. Reach out; they will be happy to answer questions and welcome you to their next event.

With love, peace and our Lord's Blessings,

George Costidis

Parish Council President



# CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Orthos begins at 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am  
(Unless otherwise noted)

## March 2023

1	Wednesday	7PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
3	Friday	7PM	1st Salutation Service
4	Saturday		3rd Saturday of Souls
5	Sunday		Sunday of Orthodoxy & Procession of Icons
8	Wednesday	8:30AM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
10	Friday	7PM	2nd Salutation Service
12	Sunday		St. Gregory of Palamas
15	Wednesday	7PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
17	Friday	7PM	3rd Salutation Service
19	Sunday		Sunday of the Holy Cross
22	Wednesday	8:30AM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
24	Friday	7PM	4th Salutation Service
25	Saturday		Annunciation of the Theotokos
26	Sunday		St. John Climacus
29	Wednesday	7PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
31	Friday		Akathist Hymn

## April 2023

2	Sunday		St. Mary of Egypt
5	Wednesday	8:30AM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
8	Saturday	8:30AM	Saturday of Lazaros
9	Sunday		Palm Sunday
		7PM	Bridegroom Service
10	Monday	8:30AM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
		7PM	Bridegroom Service
11	Tuesday	8:30PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
		7PM	Bridegroom Service
12	Wednesday	8:30AM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
		4PM	Holy Unction
		7PM	Bridegroom Service
			(Last Supper) Unction Administered

13	Thursday	6AM	St. Basil & Unction Administered
13	Thursday	7PM	Passion Gospels & Unction Administered
14	Friday	9:30AM	Royal Hours & Unction Administered
		4PM	Apokathelosis & Unction Administered
		7PM	Epitaphios Thrinos & Unction Administered
15	Saturday	8:30AM	St. Basil & Unction Administered
		11PM	Canon of the Resurrection
16	Sunday	12:00	Pascha
		11AM	AGAPE Service
22	Saturday	6PM	Great Vespers for St. George the Great Martyr & Triumphant
23	Sunday		St. George the Great Martyr & Triumphant; St. Thomas
30	Sunday		Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women

## RECENT SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms / Chrismations:

March 18, 2023	Theo James Vasilakopoulos
April 22, 2023	Gabriella Maria Chelli

### Weddings:

April 29, 2023	Laura E. Gatti & Michael I. Harmand
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### Deaths:

December 28, 2022	Mihail G. Sarris
January 25, 2023	Vasiliki Berbilis
February 6, 2023	Bess C. Peterson



# SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP

*“What we are and have is our gift from God. What we do with that gift, is our gift to God.”*

*-Fr. Andrew*

## THE SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP

*Excerpts from an article written by Fr. Luke A. Veronis*

Reflecting on St. John Chrysostom's words, *“The rich man is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much. For what one gives away, he keeps for all eternity.”* Chrysostom offers a challenging perspective of Christian Stewardship. We are called to understand that all we have in life - from life itself, to our intellectual abilities and specific talents, as well as to our faith experiences and material possessions – all we have in life is a gift from God, and each of us is called to act as a proper and good steward of these gifts.

St. John Chrysostom highlights that true wealth comes through sharing what we have first received from God Himself. Ultimately, whatever we have isn't ours! All is God's, and we are simply caretakers of His riches. As we learn to generously give of ourselves, of our time, talents and treasure, we only increase our wealth and make eternal investments.

Christian Stewardship is all about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. Think about all that God has given us – our health, our family, our opportunities in life, our intelligence, our talents. God has given each of us special and unique gifts. And through Holy Scripture He teaches us all that we have is a loan. He lends everything to us, and reminds us that one day He will ask us to give a detailed accounting of what we have done with the gifts He has given us. How have we used our time, our talents, and our treasure? Have we used them in a self-centered way or God-glorifying ways? Archbishop Anastasios of Albania has noted that “we find ourselves by offering ourselves.” Have we learned the blessedness of generously giving to others of all we have?

Everything we have is temporal. We don't know for how long we have it. The fundamental question, though, is how will we use all that we have for the glory of God?

One day, a person complained to his priest that the Church and Christianity is one continual “give, give, give.” To which the priest replied, “Thank you very much for the finest definition of Christianity I have ever heard. Your right, Christianity is all about a constant “give, give, give.” God giving His only Son to the world to show His unconditional love. His Son Jesus giving His life on the cross to forgive our sins and destroy death. Then our Lord's disciples giving all they had to make sure God's Good News of love was preached to all people everywhere. They even gave up their lives as martyrs in gratitude to God! And after all that giving of God to the world, yes, God does ask His followers of today to imitate His own generosity by giving – by offering back from all that He ultimately has given each person! So, yes, the Church and Christianity is one continual “give, give, and give,” but from a good and holy perspective!

The words of St. John Chrysostom help clarify our understanding of Christian Stewardship and what it means to act as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Luke A. Veronis

## STEWARDSHIP 2023

Our National Stewardship Sunday took place on January 15th. If you were not able to attend this annual Church event and could not submit your pledge, attached for your conveniences a 2023 Stewardship Form (copies are also available in the Narthex). As faithful Christians in the St. George Community, we are called to give our time and talent and to donate our treasure from our heart and to the best of our ability. As proud stake holders of our beautiful St. George Church, the House of God, we are all responsible for its operation and maintenance in the same way as with our homes.

**“Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”** (II Corinthians 9:7)

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, relatives and neighbors to experience the beauty of Christian Orthodoxy by joining the St. George family. Live stream served its purpose, but nothing can replace being in church, partaking of the sacraments, and worshipping as an Orthodox Christian Family.

**“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet he shall live:”**  
**John 11:25**

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I would like to wish you and your families **“Kalo Pascha”**; **may the resurrection of our Almighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ also remind us of an opportunity to renew our lives going forward. “.....as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.”** Romans 6:4

Let us count our blessings, love each other and adhere to our strong faith. HroniaPolla kai Kala me Ygeia kai Eftyhia!  
May God bless us all and keep us healthy and safe!

In God's Service,  
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## 2023 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a new member to St. George Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Orthodox: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Orthodox: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s) & Birthdates(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEDGE INFORMATION

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ's work at *St. George Church for 2023*

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ \$1,350 | <i>Suggested minimum for Families</i>                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ \$ 7,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ \$ 700  | <i>Suggested minimum for Seniors and Singles</i>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ \$ 5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ \$ 100  | <i>Suggested minimum pledge for College Students</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ \$ 3,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ Other   | <i>(Please enter Total Amount of your commitment)</i> |

The above amount will be given: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Annual (One time)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION

#### NEED TO RENEW EVERY YEAR

I authorize the payment of my pledge, according to the payment plan selected, by the following credit card:

☐ VISA / ☐ MC / ☐ AMEX # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name as shown on card (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Card member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



### ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF GIVING ONLINE!!

Please note that you must fill out a form and/or enter your pledge on Vanco every year.

Recurring payments do not renew year to year

You can now pledge and pay your Stewardship and your regular weekly offerings with the convenience of electronic giving! On our new Vanco system, Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card. Go to <http://stgeorgeap.org/vanco>. You can easily set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

*For your convenience, the use of Vanco online payment system is now available for 2023. If you are unfamiliar with Vanco, please contact the Church Office if you need assistance setting up payments.*

*To transfer shares of a stock or bonds toward your Stewardship, please contact the Church Office.*

*"Let your Love for St. George live on well into the Future by including St. George in your Estate Planning".*

**Thank you for your support of our St. George Greek Orthodox Church.**

**God bless you and stay safe.**

## **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.
  - Spiritual Enrichment, Circle of Faith, Sunday School, Mustard Seed Book Store, a Monthly Book Reading Session, a Special Monthly Saturday Vespers, Adult Education Classes, Fellowship in Prayer, Weekly Bible Study, Fellowship and Agape(Love), Moral Support
- 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, Philoptochos (Friends of the Poor), Kali Parea, St. George Socialites, Annual Festival, Taste of the Shore, Green Stewardship, Social Activities, AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope

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.





# Ladies Philoptochos Society

Philoptochos kicked off the New Year of 2023 on January 8th with our annual Vasilopita Reception chaired by Gayle Billows, Deirdre Kosmas and Georgia Vlitas. It was a beautiful event with lunch and goodies that delighted our St. George community. Pieces of vasilopita were graciously blessed and cut by Father Andrew and handed out to parish leaders. A special basket was passed in church that same day with its proceeds sent to Saint Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY.

During the months of November and December we had a sock and glove drive that benefited Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park. We collected 231 pairs of socks, 35 pairs of gloves and a few jackets. This is AMAZING! Thank you to everyone that took the time to give these items for this worthy cause.

On January 19th we had our Membership Meeting featuring a night of Bunco. There were a lot of laughs and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to our special Presvytera Angela for organizing this wonderful event.

In February we collected diapers and wipes for Pinwheel Place in Eatontown, Dottie's House in Brick, and Bradley Beach Food Pantry in Bradley Beach.

College care packages are sent out to those in college in February. This project is run by Claire Chrysanthopoulos assisted by a few other ladies. Thanks to GOYA advisor George Moutis for providing chocolates to include in the packages. Our young adults are most appreciative for being remembered by us.

Our Palm Sunday Bake Sale is on April 8 and 9. The flyer is included in the Beacon to order. Get your goodies for Pascha!

Thanks to all for your support of Philoptochos. Your generosity helps us greatly to continue our philanthropic endeavors.

Please join us on Facebook ~St.GeorgePhiloptochos~, our Instagram st\_george\_philoptochos, Twitter @OPhiloptochos

## Philoptochos By Father Alexander Leondis

**P**-Philanthropy that you bestow upon the poor and needy  
**H**-Hope you give to the hopeless  
**I**-Illuminating Christ's life in the darkened hearts  
**L**-your Love of God and love of neighbor  
**O**-Opportunities you provide the underprivileged and forgotten  
**P**-Providing for our special children at St. Basil's Academy  
**T**-Treasure, Talents, and Time you employ as extension of Christ's loving arms  
**O**-your Optimistic view of humanity for you see Christ in all people  
**C**-your Care of the sick and suffering  
**H**-your Healing of broken hearts, broken emotions and broken lives  
**O**-Offering yourselves unselfishly to the least of Christ's brethren  
**S**-Being the inner strength of our families, our parishes and our Church



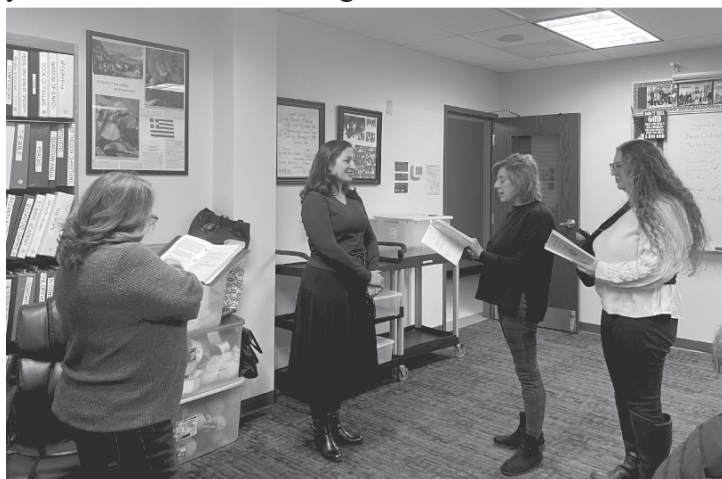


## Daughters of Penelope



The 2023 Daughters of Penelope Aulis 195 organization is off to a great start!

Our first meeting was held on January 16, 2023 where we inducted our newest sister, Maria Venetis. Welcome to the Sisterhood Maria! We cannot wait to see the amazing things you will contribute to our organization.



*Patty Vlahos, President, Jacquelyn Marousis-Bush, Vice President, and Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, Grand Treasurer initiating new Sister Maria Venetis.*



*Aulis 195 at their January meeting.*

Sticking with our Birthday traditions, Happy December Birthday to Sisters: Mary Giannakopoulos, Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, and Jacquelyn Marousis-Bush. Happy January Birthday to Sisters: Elaine Vlahos and Joanne Cahill. Wishing you all a happy and healthy future.

We also look forward to our January meetings as we shared in the cutting of our vasilopita bread graciously made for us

by Antionette Marousis-Zachariades. Not only was it tasty, but also the lucky coin was found in Sister Julie Generielli's slice! Wishing all of our Sisters good health and good luck.



*Sister Antionette Marousis-Zachariades cuts the vasilopita.*

We are looking forward to hosting a potluck with our Brother AHEPAns for a Valentine's meeting! It is always fun when we are able to do things together. Having a strong relationship with our Brothers allows for both our organizations to be productive and work together for the good of the order.

Here are some things that are on our Daughter's Calendar for March and April:

- March 4: DOP Salute to Women at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.
- March 18: Zone I Conference in Waterbury, CT.
- Sometime between March and April, Aulis 195 will once again be serving Fasolada Soup for our wonderful St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

We are actively planning an upcoming event to include a fun May get together that will allow for non-members to hear more about the Daughters of Penelope. Be on the lookout for more information to follow.

As a reminder, Daughters of Penelope Aulis 195 will be celebrating 75 years in February of 2023. The Aulis Chapter would like to celebrate not only our current and former members, but also our wonderful St. George Community. If you have any stories or pictures to share, please send an email to: [DOP195Events@gmail.com](mailto:DOP195Events@gmail.com).

We are always on the lookout for new Sisters to bring something to our thriving organization. If you have any interest, please feel free to reach out to a current member to see what we are all about.





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*Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear.---Ephesians 4:29*

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST***



## Faithful Hands



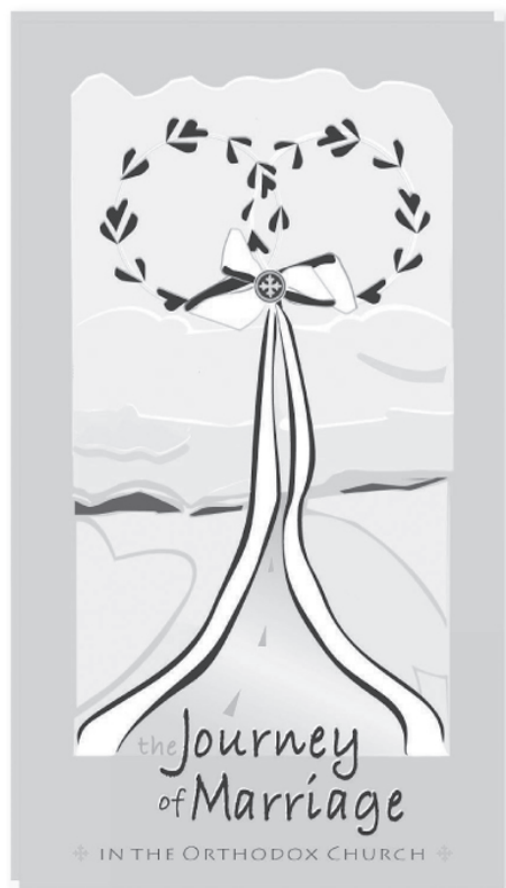
**Faithful Hands has been meeting every Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. In the church library. We are currently crocheting and knitting blankets for 40 day baby blessings and blankets for hospitalized children that are distributed by Project Linus.**

We welcome any newcomers to join us. It is not necessary to know how to crochet or knit. We will teach you. Most of our participants did not know how to crochet or knit and are now creating beautiful blankets.

Please call Bea Paparsenos for more information at 732-585-3402 or email at [beapap@live.com](mailto:beapap@live.com).







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# AHEPA NEWS CORNER

Thomas A. Edison Chapter, 287 – Ocean, NJ

The Mission of our AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism.

I am proud to announce that membership to our Chapter has increased by 20% over the last year, from 58 Brothers to 70. We are now one of the largest Chapters in NJ. The last member to be inducted was Brother Costa Demetriades. An additional 5 members are expected to be initiated on March 13 during a visit of the District 5 Lodge.

Our Annual AHEPA Christmas Dinner Dance held at the Cultural Center on December 17th was a great success thanks to the joint efforts across all the organizations. A special thank you to the two Chairs, Brothers Teddy Kavarakas and George Moutis. During this beautiful occasion, our Karen Catizone and her husband Danny were given an award in appreciation for all they do for our Church and AHEPA. God bless them!

People who attended had a wonderful time and cannot wait until the next one already booked for December 9, 2023. Please save that date! By your participation and word of mouth, we expect that one to be a huge success.

You will be happy to hear that 50% of proceeds will be donated evenly across three Philanthropic Organizations (St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Tunnel to Towers Foundation and the AHEPA District 5 Cancer Foundation). The other 50% will be transferred to our Scholarship Fund to promote Education.

Our next great Fund Raiser will be a Golf Outing scheduled to take place on May 22 at the Colts Neck Golf Club. Please keep this event in mind as you make your plans for the Spring. More details to follow.

We are a growing, energetic and enthusiastic Chapter. I encourage all the Greeks, Greek-Americans and most importantly all the Philhellenes to join our proud and historic organization. Not only will we be able to better execute our noble Mission, but at the same time enjoy fellowship and comradery, all while having fun.

On behalf of the AHEPA Executive Board, I would like to

wish you and your families "Kalo Pascha"; may the resurrection of our Almighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ also remind us of an opportunity to renew our lives going forward. God bless us!

Dimitris Geaneas-President of AHEPA Chapter 287-Cell Phone 908 770 2426



*Nick Billows (Treasurer), George Haloukas (Secretary), Dimitri Geaneas (President), Arthur Pappaylion (Vice President)*



*George Perentesis congratulates Costa Demetriades as a new member to the Order of AHEPA*



## AHEPA Christmas Dinner Dance



*The Golf Committee making arrangements with the Pro at the Colts Neck Golf Club for our AHEPA Annual Golf Tournament on May 22, 2023.*

## Guidelines for fasting for the forty Days of Lent

I offer the following guidelines to be considered prayerfully and in consideration of any medical condition or dietary requirements a person may have.

### **Strict Fast**

No meat, Fish, Milk, Dairy Products, Olive Oil.

### **Palm Sunday**

Fish, Oil & Wine are permitted.

### **Feast of the Annunciation/March 25th**

Fish, Oil & Wine are permitted

Shellfish are permitted throughout Great Lent.

Remember Lent is a time of discipline, the conditioning, for both our bodies and souls. May we be strengthened and grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during this Lenten period, keeping in mind, a forty day fast without prayer, is only a forty day diet!

+Fr. Andrew

## New Coffee Hour Sponsor Protocol

- Please call the office (contact Karen or Marguerite 732-775-2777) whenever making any arrangements. Please do not call Hospitality directly.
- Sponsorship of a coffee hour, other than a 40-Day Memorial, will be for the regular coffee hour. Families are welcome to supplement the regular coffee hour or bring ALL the items, plattered and ready for presentation. Donations are always welcome. Families bringing in items must notify the office regarding items being brought in to avoid food being wasted.
- Hospitality will only reserve and prepare tables for 40-Day Memorials due to staffing. All arrangements must be made by contacting the office first.
- Kolyva may be provided by Mrs. Papanikolaou (through the office)

OR

- Families may make their own kolyva, BUT MUST adhere to the following if making their own kolyva:

The family must notify the office that they are making their own kolyva;

The family must bring a large mixing bowl and mixing spoons;

The family must bring cups/sleeves and spoons; and

It would be appreciated if the family appoints someone to come to the Cultural Center to assist in kolyva-mixing and distribution.

**Thank you for your cooperation and generosity to the St. George Community**





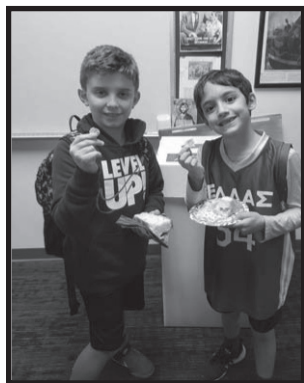
## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEK SCHOOL

Our Greek school students continue to work hard both in school and at home. We made it through a busy holiday season! First, students went Christmas caroling to the nearby neighborhoods of Ocean Township. We would like to thank all the families and businesses that graciously opened their doors to welcome our children. We hope that they enjoyed the children as much as they enjoyed your cookies and sweets! The following week, we celebrated Christmas with our program. The kids sang festive songs, recited poems, performed two short plays, and then they caroled some more. We even had a visit by Santa. Thank you to Marcelo Felice, former Greek school student, for dressing up as Santa.

We began 2023 with our annual vasilopita cutting. The lucky winners were Stephen D'Agnese and Kostandinos Lekkas! Wishing both boys, and all our students a healthy and prosperous new year. In January, our students also participated in our traditional Three Hierarchs Program. This year we had the privilege of being joined by the Greek School of Saint Barbara (Toms River). Students recited poems and sang hymns about the importance and contributions of Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. The program was followed by a dinner reception hosted by our own PTO. We thank all the families that participated, donated and attended.

At the end of January, five adult students completed another course of Greek Language lessons. In the next few weeks another session will be available. If you are interested, be on the lookout for information on the church website.

As we continue the year, we look forward to our upcoming Greek Independence Day Program (Sunday, March 19th), the Greek parade (Sunday April 30th) and celebrating Easter and all our traditions. We are also seeking a teacher to join our team for the 2023-2024 school year. Please reach out to Antonia Sum at [atsiandi@gmail.com](mailto:atsiandi@gmail.com) or Maria Lambrinos at [MLambrinos@hotmail.com](mailto:MLambrinos@hotmail.com) for more information.



*Vasilopita winners:  
Konstantinos Lekkas &  
Stephen D'Agnese*

Οι μαθητές του Ελληνικού μας σχολείου συνεχίζουν τη μάθηση της Ελληνικής γλώσσας τόσο στις τάξεις μας όσο και στα σπίτια τους. Είχαμε μια εκτεταμένη γιορτινή περίοδο! Οι μαθητές μας γέμισαν με χαρές και όμορφες ευχές τα σπίτια κατοίκων της ενορίας μας, ψάλλοντας παραδοσιακά κάλαντα. Ελπίζουμε πως κάθε σπιτικό που άνοιξε τις πόρτες του και καλωσόρισε τους μαθητές μας, απόλαυσε τα τραγούδια μας όσο απόλαυσαν και οι μαθητές μας τις λιχουδιές που μας προσφέρατε.

Στις 11 Δεκεμβρίου είχαμε το Χριστουγεννιάτικο πρόγραμμά μας. Οι μαθητές είπαν ποιήματα, τραγούδησαν παραδοσιακά γιορτινά τραγούδια και παρουσίασαν δυο μικρά σκετς. Φυσικά δε θα μπορούσε να είναι γιορτινό το πρόγραμμά μας χωρίς την παρουσία του Άη Βασίλη, που φέτος δεν ήταν κανένας άλλος από το Μαρσέλο Φελις, απόφοιτο του σχολείου μας.

Το 2023 ξεκίνησε με τις ευλογίες του Πάτερ Αντρέα και το ετήσιο κόψιμο της Βασιλόπιτας. Οι δύο τυχεροί που βρήκαν το φλουρί ήταν ο Σταύρος Νταγκνήση και ο Κωνσταντίνος Λέκκας!

Στις 27 Ιανουαρίου, το σχολείο μας φιλοξένησε την εκκλησία της Αγίας Βαρβάρας. Σε αυτήν την ετήσια γιορτή τιμάμε τους Τρεις Ιεράρχες. Με τις προετοιμασίες για τη γιορτή αυτή, οι μαθητές μας έχουν την ευκαιρία να μάθουν για Αυτούς τους Φωστήρες, την ιστορία της ζωής τους και τα διδάγματά τους. Μετά το πρόγραμμα, ο Σύνδεσμος Γονέων προσέφερε μια όμορφη δεξίωση για όλους τους παρευρισκόμενους. Ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ σε όλες τις οικογένειες που μας τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους και για όσα πρόσφεραν προς τη δεξίωσή μας.

Στα τέλη Ιανουαρίου 5 ενήλικες μαθητές συμπλήρωσαν μια σειρά μαθημάτων της Ελληνικής γλώσσας. Στις επόμενες εβδομάδες θα ξεκινήσει μια καινούργια σειρά. Εάν ενδιαφέρεστε, θα έχουμε περισσότερες πληροφορίες στην ιστοσελίδα της εκκλησίας μας.

Για το υπόλοιπο του σχολικού έτους έχουμε τη γιορτή για την Ημέρα Ανεξαρτησίας και τον Ευαγγελισμό της Θεοτόκου την Κυριακή 19 Μαρτίου, την Παρέλαση στο Μανχάταν στις 30 Απριλίου, και τους εορτασμούς του Πάσχα.

Τέλος, χρειαζόμαστε μία δασκάλα ή έναν δάσκαλο στο σχολείο μας για την ερχόμενη σχολική χρονιά. Για οποιοδήποτε πληροφορίες παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με την Τώνια Σαμ [atsiandi@gmail.com](mailto:atsiandi@gmail.com) ή τη Μαρία Λαμπρινού [MLambrinos@hotmail.com](mailto:MLambrinos@hotmail.com).



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEK SCHOOL



*Marcelo Felice as Santa*



*Zorian Benavides selling chestnuts at our program!*



*Our students singing Apolytikion of Three Hierarchs*



*Children singing the anthem at the Christmas program*



*PreK & Kindergarten singing in the Three Hierarchs Program*



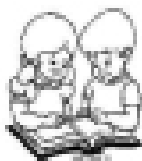
*Students performing a play for Christmas..*



*Christmas Caroling Dec 2022*



# SUNDAY SCHOOL



We are off to a great start in the New Year!

Sunday of Orthodoxy is on March 5th this year! Don't forget to bring your favorite icon to church to celebrate the restoration of icons into the church and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against Iconoclasts.

On March 26th we will hold our annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival after coffee hour. Teachers will have more details available in class as the time grows near. Please visit the Sunday School website and/or the bulletin board for topics, tips, and more information. All grades 7-12 are encouraged to participate and all members of the community are welcome to attend to celebrate the diligent and hard work of our students and maybe even learn something along the way!

After the Saturday of Lazarus Liturgy on April 8th, the whole community is welcome to join us in making palm crosses for Palm Sunday. This is a great community bonding activity for members of all ages. Cross-making is a wonderful tradition of our Church that is important to pass on to the next generation. There are tasks to make all ages and ability levels feel a part of the action. Don't know how to make a palm cross? We'll teach you!

Our annual Holy Friday Retreat for PK-5th grade will be held on April 14th from 12-2:30 PM (between the two services). A Lenten lunch will be provided and more information will be available closer to the day of the event. Sixth graders are welcome to come help!

The Pre-K and kindergarten class has been hard at work! From learning the power of prayer, and putting traditional Orthodox prayers to use in our lives, to developing relationships with Christ, and each other. Some highlights of the busy New Year season include learning about the works of Christ, what makes

St. Vasilios so Great, and what's so special about Theophany. Through a visual demonstration the children could see how when we "put on" Christ, we are born anew. The water of baptism washes our souls and truly brings remission of our sins. We are blessed to have such an engaged group of children!

In Fourth and Fifth Grade Sunday School we are learning about the Bible. Learning how to navigate, find scriptures and understand the timeline of events in Jesus' life and seeing first hand His message. We are enjoying seeing many "Aha!" moments as the students put together tradition with the Christian meaning behind it.

All kids three years old and up are welcome to join us Sundays after communion!

Contact Kristen Russo with questions.

*Pre-K and K learn about how baptism washes our souls*



*Mr. Mike uses water, iodine, and bleach to show how baptism brings us remission of our sins.*



## Upcoming Sunday School Events

- 3/5 - Bring Your Icons!
- 3/26 - St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival
- 4/8 - Make Palm Crosses
- 4/14 - Holy Friday Retreat PK-5
- 4/16 - Happy Pascha! No class!

## Sunday School Website







Christ has risen!

Our GOYA has been very busy with various exciting activities and events! In March, the cemetery clean up took place. The GOYANs went to our own St. George cemetery to clean up any leaves or old holiday decorations and pray over lost loved ones in our community. This mandatory event allows for an amazing gathering of GOYANs as we come together to help our own community. March was also the month of Sights and Sounds. Our GOYANs competed in friendly competitions with other churches in categories including Greek dance, religious singing and American singing. GOYANs also had the opportunity to compete in solos or duets where they could sing or dance with whomever they chose. Sights and Sounds also allows for competition in arts where GOYANs submit jewelry, drawings, and pottery in order to place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd for beautiful art.

In April, the month of Pascha, our GOYANs participated in the 30 Hour Famine where they fasted for 30 hours in order to raise money and awareness for starving children through the World Vision organization. The GOYANs attended church in the morning, cleaned up the church, made posters, went to Pier Village to raise awareness with their posters, and attended church at night where they broke their fast with Holy Communion. Throughout this whole day, GOYANs learned about the World Vision organization and each GOYAN was assigned a child to pray for and keep in mind when participating in various activities. The 30 Hour Famine was an amazing opportunity to exemplify gratitude and thankfulness to God for all that we have.

GOYA President,  
Sophia Chatzopoulos

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*AGAPE Wedding Committee:  
Gayle Billows, Anastasia Pappaylion, (AGAPE Wedding Coordinator),  
Fr. Andrew, Arthur Pappaylion, Penelope Gabriel, and Donna Karpodinis.*



# Palm Sunday Luncheon

***April 9, 2023***

*immediately following church services  
at the St. George Cultural Center*

*Traditional Greek food served  
family style to share with your  
loved ones and church  
brethren*

***Fish, Skordalia, Beets, Rice  
dessert and coffee  
\$10 per adult***

*Children under 18 are free  
Pasta for children under 12*

For reservations/sign up:

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For information contact:  
Angela Koumoutsos 732-261-0027  
Athena Loesch 908-443-7742

Payment by cash or check only

See also table at coffee hour





## Saint George Philoptochos Palm Sunday Bake Sale 2023

*Pick up Saturday, April 8*

*12 pm - 1 pm ~ Cultural Center*

**Order deadline ~ Monday, March 27**



<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u># Ordered</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Baked Goods</u></b>			
Baklava	\$12.00	_____	_____
Koulourakia	\$12.00	_____	_____
Moustokoulouria	\$12.00	_____	_____
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<b><u>Frozen Foods</u></b>			
Loukaniko	\$10.00	_____	_____
Spanakopita Tray	\$23.00	_____	_____
Pastichio Tray	\$32.00	_____	_____
Galaktobouriko Tray	\$23.00	_____	_____
Appetizers	\$20.00	_____	_____
(12 x Tyropita & 12 x Spanakopita)			
Tsoureki Loaf - small	\$15.00	_____	_____
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Please place your order by March 27 - email questions to:

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# ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT

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. Please contact Athena Loesch or Anne Papageorge. We thank you for your generosity.

## The Saints

St. Athena - Back Wall Left -	\$10,000
St. Pandora - Back Wall Left -	\$10,000
St. Kathryn - Back Wall Left -	\$10,000
St. Irene - Back Wall Left -	\$10,000
St. Paraskevi - Back Wall Left -	\$10,000
St. Cassiani - Back Wall Left -	\$10,000
S.S. Rafael, Nicholas, Irene -	
Back Wall Right -	\$10,000
St. Gerasimos -Back Wall Right -	\$10,000
St. Elpidophoros -Back Wall Right -	\$10,000
St. Savva - Back Wall Right -	\$10,000
St. Theodore the Commander	
Back Wall Right -	\$10,000
Medallions - Rear Arch Above Choir Loft	
Archangel Gabriel -	\$5,000
St. Alexandros - Right -	\$5,000
St. Dionysios - Right -	\$5,000
St. Alexios - Right -	\$5,000
St. Panteleimon - Right -	\$5,000
St. Haralambos - Right -	\$5,000
St. Marina - Left -	\$5,000
St. Kyriaki - Left -	\$5,000
St. Elizabeth - Left -	\$5,000
St. Magdalene - Left -	\$5,000
St. Julia - Left -	\$5,000
St. Christina - Left -	\$5,000
St. Fotios - Center -	\$6,000

## In The Altar

Deacon Parmenas - Left Side-	\$3,000
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Diakonikon - Right Side -	\$25,000
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St. Gregory - Half of Icon - Left Side -	\$7,500
St. Fotios - Half of Icon - Right Side -	\$7,500

## Church Proper

Pandokratora ( Dome )	
Prophets:	
Daniel -	\$10,000
Jonah -	\$10,000
Solomon -	\$10,000
Habakkuk -	\$10,000
Gideon -	\$10,000
Zephaniah/Sophonias -	\$10,000
Ekzekiel -	\$10,000
Chapel	
Ekonomostasi Icons	
Christ -	\$2,500
Archangel Gabriel -	\$2,500

*List is subject to update if Icons are sold after this publication.*

## Following Icons are Available

### Contact Fr. Andrew:

Transfiguration - Rear Arch Left  
 Baptism of Christ - Rear Arch Left  
 The Presentation of our Lord - Rear Arch Left  
 The Dormition of the Theotokos - Rear Arch Right

Christ Entrance into Jerusalem ( Palm Sunday ) - Rear Arch Right  
 Raising of Lazarus - Rear Arch Right  
 Pentecost - Front Arch Left Solea  
 Life of St. George Torture - Back Wall



An Invitation From Father Andrew

## BIBLE STUDY

Interactive discussion and review via zoom



**Gospel of Matthew**

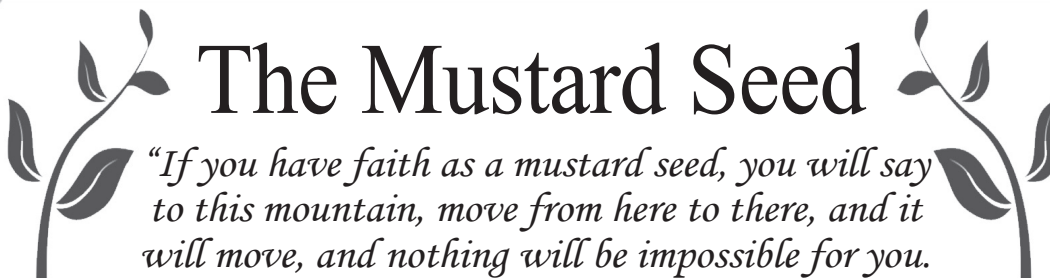
**March & April**

**Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm**

To Join, Please

Contact Teri Lalli: [lalliptds@gmail.com](mailto:lalliptds@gmail.com)

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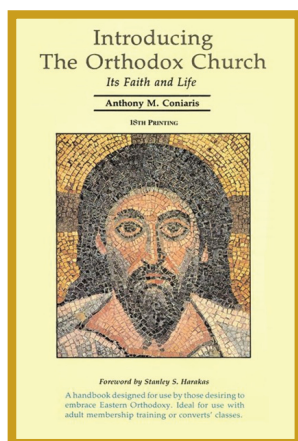
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**March 4 at 7PM**

What we Believe about Salvation

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*Thursday, March 23, 2023 ~ 7 pm*

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*This is My Beloved Son: The Transfiguration of Christ*

by Andreas Andreopoulos

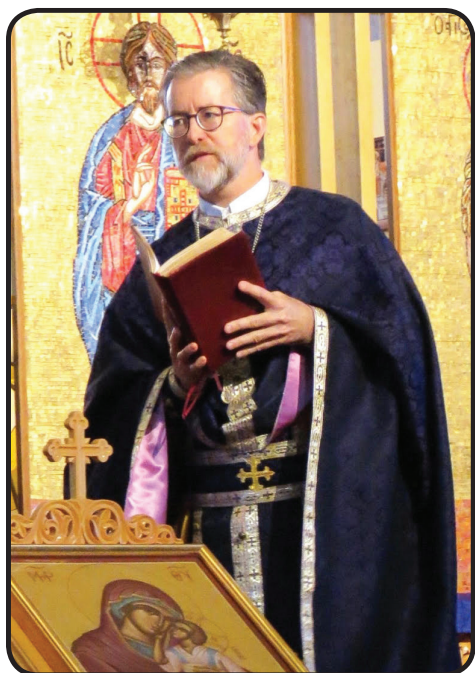
Facilitator: Barbara Terlecsky

The book is available in the St. George Mustard Seed Book Store

Please submit book suggestions & questions to:

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# Lenten Retreat and Luncheon



*Guest Speaker:*

**Fr. Apostolos Hill**  
“Finding Our Way Home  
Through Great Lent”

**Saturday, March 11**

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Father Apostolos Hill has served in the Orthodox Church as cantor, youth director and catechist, and was ordained to the priesthood on July 15th, 2001. He currently is the Dean at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Phoenix, Arizona. In the past he has served as the Dean at the Assumption of the Theotokos Metropolis Cathedral of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, in Denver, Colorado and has served at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church of Omaha, NE. Prior to his ordination, he was a chanter at various parishes as well as a teacher of Byzantine chant. His recordings of Byzantine chant (“Gates of Repentance”, “Hymns of Paradise”, and “Cycles of Grace: Hymn from the Great Feasts”) have been well received in Byzantine chant circles and are best sellers.

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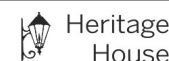
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