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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Truly He has Risen! Having just celebrated the Holy Resurrection of our Lord and Savior on April 16th we will be using this greeting when we see each other until May 24th, a full forty days until the Apodosis of Pascha. By maintaining the tradition of the church over the centuries, we continually embrace our Lord's resurrection and keep the light we received on Pascha alive in our hearts and our daily lives. Or will it be that our busy schedules overtake our lives, and we soon begin to forget to greet one another with the glorious phrase of Christ has Risen! I would like to share a little story I read about being busy and being under Satan's yoke.

Addressing a worldwide convention of demons, Satan told them: "As long as Christians stay close to God we've no power over them, so here's what you are to do: 1) Keep them busy with non-essentials. 2) Tempt them to overspend and go into debt. 3) Make them work long hours to maintain empty lifestyles. 4) Discourage them from spending family time, for when homes disintegrate there's no refuge from work. 5) Over-stimulate their minds with television and computers so that they can't hear God speaking to them. 6) Fill their coffee tables and nightstands with magazines and newspapers, so they've no time for Bible reading. 7) Flood their mailboxes with

sweepstakes, promotions and the get-rich-quick schemes; keep them chasing material things. 8) Put glamorous models on TV and on Magazine covers to keep them focused on the outward appearances; that way they'll be dissatisfied with themselves and their mates. 9) Make sure couples are too exhausted for physical intimacy; that way they'll be tempted to look elsewhere. 10) Emphasize Santa and the Easter Bunny, that way you'll divert them from the real meaning of the holidays. 11) Involve them in "good causes" so they won't have any time for "eternal ones." 12) Make them self-sufficient. Keep them so busy working in their own strength that they'll never experience God's power working through them. I promise-it'll work!

Have you figured out the difference between being busy and being successful? Sometimes being "B-U-S-Y" just means Being Under Satan's Yoke! Let us not become too BUSY, but let us always remember our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what He did for us all, to die on the cross and resurrect for our salvation offering us eternal salvation.

Christ is Risen!

+ Fr. Andrew Eugenis

To All St. George Parishioners:

Please notify the Church Office immediately of any changes to your pertinent information, i.e., change of address, telephone number, cell number or emails, so that we can continue to keep the Church's files current.

Thanking you in advance, Karen and Marguerite

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You can Light A Candle and Say a Prayer for every service – even when you cannot attend by simply visiting our web page

<https://saintgeorgenj.square.site/>

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WEBSITE**Submissions**

If you would like to add an article or flyer to our website, please submit them to Barbara Terlecsky at bterlecsky@aol.com

And make sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

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Yiorgos Sakelaris*

The St. George Beacon of Orthodoxy & Hellenism newsletter is published five times a year. All submissions and pictures will be reviewed prior to printing by the Beacon committee and under the guidance of Father Andrew Eugenis. All articles, flyers and photos must be submitted by email with a contact name and phone number to Niki Cronen at nikicronen@gmail.com. All submissions must be received by the following deadline dates to be considered.

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...

Christos Anesti, my fellow St. George parishioners,

Hopefully you all have recovered from all the lamb, magiritsa and red eggs from Pascha. Thank you to Fr. Andrew, Deacon Manny, our Canter Dr. Bilalis along with his assistants, and of course, our amazing Choir led by Claire Chrysanthopoulos.

Lent is a time in our church that we remember the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; it is also a time we look back to our traditions at this time of year.

For me, I remember being in church at St. Demetrios Cathedral in Astoria, with my mother and father. My mom was in the choir loft, and my dad was at the Pangari; I was serving in the Altar, and as we went home we would always reflect on the evening's service. I hope you take the time to reflect on your own personal traditions.

In my initial letter, please excuse me for omitting the Directory Ministry, led by Presbyter Angela and her committee. They have worked diligently to make sure that our parishioners are included in the new Directory by having photos taken to include their names so that the Directory is as complete as possible. Thank you for your hard work. We look forward to receiving the Directory.

In our Church on March 19, you witnessed our first woman and man of the year Congratulations to Vicky Kamaratos and Peter Psillas for being recognized for their commitment, dedication and service to our St. George Church and to our Lord. Their bios can be found in the Beacon. This will be an annual event, along with our Mother and Father of the Year.

Please take a moment to go to our website to hear Father Andrew's daily messages. I know you will be spiritually enlightened with Father's words. A special thank you to Karen, Joe (our webmaster) and our own George IT, for making this happen.

Also, in March we held our first marriage seminar, and it was a success. Our second seminar will be held on April 29. Thank you to all those that attended and to those who were there to help put this together.

Our Greek school students celebrated Greek Independence Day with an amazing performance in the Cultural Center. What a wonderful job our students and teachers did. Also, our third level students were part of a team that submitted a project for the International Student Contest Cyprus - Greece - Homogeneity Education Bridges. There were over

250 participants and over 1300 projects under the story category. Saint George children received first place in this contest. Bravo, students and teachers! You make our Saint George proud. This is a testament to how great our directors, teachers and students are here at Saint George.

Our Saint George GOYA represented us extremely well in the Delaware Valley Sights & Sounds by bringing home many medals! The Sights were on display at coffee hour and the Religious Singers sang for us in Church with angelic voices. There were tears as our parishioners listened to our GOYAns singing hymns in both Greek and English. It is a busy time for GOYA as practices for Olympics, including soccer, begin. Support our GOYAns as they represent St. George. Go AP!

Our Philoptochos took on a project to renovate the Philoptochos room so it works better for them. The Philoptochos Board completed the project with the brilliant design of Yannah Mazzini, and with the construction team of Teddy Kavarakas. Great job!

Also, the Philoptochos ladies have started baking for various events in our church. If you know how to bake, roll koulourakia or want to learn, contact one of our Philoptochos ladies. Everyone is welcome.

AHEPA is holding their annual Golf Outing on May 22 at the Colts Neck golf course. Reach out to any Ahepa member for more info and to sign up.

On May 13, please join us for an evening of fellowship at the Cultural Center. It is a Potluck and BYOB. It will be a night of dancing and a good time... and no charge! Look for details soon.

As you can see, all ministries are always working hard for our St George. Please join us. Look at the front of the Beacon to contact the Ministry Leader of the activity you are interested in. We look forward to seeing all of the faces of our Church.

With Love, Peace and Our Lord's Blessings,

George Costidis

Your Parish Council President

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

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

May 2023

7 Sunday	Sunday of the Paralytic
8 Monday	St. John the Theologian
10 Wednesday	Mid Pentecost
14 Sunday	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
21 Sunday	Sunday of the Blind Man
24 Wednesday	Apodosis of Pascha
25 Thursday	Holy Ascension
28 Sunday	Fathers of the 1st Council

June 2023

3 Saturday	Saturday of Souls
4 Sunday	Holy Pentecost
5 Monday	Holy Spirit
11 Sunday	All Saints
18 Sunday	2nd Sunday of Matthew
24 Saturday	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25 Sunday	3rd Sunday of Matthew
29 Thursday	Saints Peter & Paul
30 Friday	Synaxis of the Apostles

RECENT SACRAMENTS

Baptisms / Chrismations:

March 18, 2023	Theo James Vasilakopoulos
April 1, 2023	Vincent Michael Chelli ~ Chrismation
April 15, 2023	Brian Gray ~ Chrismation
April 15, 2023	Isabel Budd ~ Chrismation
April 22, 2023	Gabriella Maria Chelli
April 22, 2023	Sturgis Andreas Katirgis
May 6, 2023	Henry Maximos Messinger
May 20, 2023	Leonides Dimitroulakos
May 20, 2023	Clark William Cromwell
May 20, 2023	Madison Sophia Cromwell
May 20, 2023	Daphne Millus
June 17, 2023	Thel Anastasio Chewey

Weddings

April 29, 2023	Laura E. Gatti & Michael I. Harmand
May 7, 2023	Irene Vergis & Christos Stavrakos
May 13, 2023	Michele L. Paccagnini & Alexander Ballas
June 3, 2023	Alaina Todd & Colin M. King
June 10, 2023	Katerina Parlamas & Joseph Iannacone
June 10, 2023	Angelina Palermo & Yanni Kavarakas

Deaths:

December 28, 2022	Mihail G. Sarris	April 8, 2023	Eleni Mavrogeni
January 25, 2023	Vasiliki Berbilis	April 11, 2023	Gust S. Kostidakis
February 6, 2023	Bess C. Peterson	April 14, 2023	Georgia Karagias
April 3, 2023	Dorothy Theofanides	April 18, 2023	William Kohanik
April 8, 2023	George E. Koch		

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

“BRINGING OTHERS INTO THE ORTHODOX FAITH”

Excerpts from an article written by Fr. Stavros

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Matthew 28:18-19

After the Resurrection, Jesus commissioned His Disciples to spread the Gospel to the entire world. In fact, there are four verbs in these verses instructing His disciples exactly what to do—go, make (disciples), baptize, and teach. A disciple is a follower, a student. An apostle is a recruiter, one who spreads news. One must be a disciple before being an apostle. In essence, in these verses, Jesus commissioned His students to go out and be His teachers, and His recruiters. This was not a great suggestion. It was a great commission, an order.

All followers of Jesus are disciples. We are all disciples. Being a disciple is not enough. Why? Because what we believe is good news that we should want to bring to someone else. And second, if we do not spread this news and do not bring others into the fold, then the faith and the Church dies with us. Thus, we are all called to be apostles.

At every baptism service, the above Scripture verses are read over the person who has just been baptized. Through baptism, they are not only welcomed into the church, but they are commissioned just like the first disciples, with the expectation that we will bring others to Christ and to the church. If we have beautiful churches, ornate furnishings, and nice people, but the church is empty, if there are no disciples being made, then the church has failed as well.

God has given each of us a way to bring others to Him. To some, like me, we are called to do it as priests. Some will do it as parents, bringing their own children to know the Lord. Each of us will have many opportunities in

life to talk to someone in need, most likely a family member or close friend. There will be an opportunity to pray with that person. Will we do it? There will be an opportunity to shine Christ's light on someone, either intentionally or even unintentionally. Are we going to do that? Each of us has at least one talent that we can use to serve others, and to make a living for ourselves. And each of us has a way to spread the Gospel. At our judgment before Christ, He is going to ask us how we used the talents He gave us, and He's also going to ask us what did we do to bring His message to others. Our judgment of being worthy of His kingdom will be based in part on this.

So, on a practical level, how can we bring others into the faith? The easiest way is by example. The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control—are very rare in the world today. They are also very attractive. People crave peace, they want kindness, they wish they had patience. When we are these things, when we model these things, we become attractive to people (almost everyone) who wants these things. When we model them, and people want to emulate them, they will inevitably ask, how are you patient, or kind or joyful? And then there is the opportunity to tell them how Christ helps us be these things.

Another example is going about your Christian faith—go to church on Sundays, so that your children see that it is important and your friends realize it is important to you. Read the Bible at home. Contribute generously to charitable causes. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus tells us “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” When people see our good works, when they are done in a way that shines a light upon God, they will want to glorify our Father in heaven.

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SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP Cont.

The thing we can say for certain about bringing people to Christ is that in order to do this, you first must have come to Him yourself. We can't convince people to join something that we are not convinced of. The other thing we can say for certain is that we cannot control outcomes, only efforts. We can't make people come to Christ, we can only invite them. And even more certain, we can bring Christ to people, but we can't convert them. The Holy Spirit is the one who converts hearts of people to come to Christ. So, how can we bring others to the faith—believe, practice, model and invite, and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

We have all been commissioned to spread the Gospel from the time of our baptisms. It is not enough just to be a disciple. We must first be a disciple and eventually an apostle. This isn't a suggestion. It is a commission.

Stewardship 2023

- Stewardship and its Ministries are the backbone of our St. George. Your ongoing support and generosity is needed in order for St. George to continue to flourish as a Church and as a Christian Orthodox Community.
- As mentioned in the past, the cost to operate St. George and cover its expenses is \$2,300 per day regardless if it is open or closed. If you have not pledged for 2023, please fill out the enclosed Stewardship Form and try to donate from your heart and to the best of your ability. Thank you!

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

- In addition, please try to connect with relatives and

friends who have abstained from coming to Church and invite them to return to the House of God and to experience God's Hospitality. Live stream served its purpose, but nothing can replace being in church, partaking of the sacraments, and worshipping as an Orthodox Christian Family.

“...in the Church we live eternal life starting from now. We do not simply await the life to come, but we experience and enjoy it from the present. The Kingdom of God, according to the Fathers, is not life beyond the grave but communion with God....” –Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos”

May we all have enjoyed the resurrection of our Almighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and keep that resurrection live in our minds every day of the year as an opportunity and reminder to renew/resurrect our own lives.

Lastly, let us try to serve Him on a daily basis as if every day was our last day on earth. Let us count our blessings, love each other and adhere to our strong faith. HroniaPolla kai Kala!

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

In God's Service,

Dimitris Geaneas-Stewardship Chairman

PS-Please remember the Church in your will.

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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*

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| <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

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

We pray that you all had a blessed Pascha!

Your Philoptochos THANKS ALL OF YOU for your unwavering continuous support of our Philoptochos. Even with the difficult days of COVID, your Philoptochos has thrived, allowing us to continue supporting our Church, individuals and families who are struggling, and also our local and national charities. Additionally, as a direct result of your generosity, we are so proud to announce the PHILOPTOCHOS MAKE A DIFFERENCE INITIATIVE – a new program that offers us the opportunity to increase our support with specific one-time donations of almost \$20,000 to 16 different vetted 501c3 charities – all because of you. We have already distributed a number of gifts and we have seen and felt the gratitude!

We will be distributing the remaining donations in the next few weeks. If you have any specific questions or would like to know more, please see any members of the Board.

Again, we are thankful to all of you for supporting Philoptochos and for being a critical part of this remarkable initiative!!

May God Bless all of you!

We have been very busy continuing our work. In February, we sent 58 College care packages to our college students near and far. We mailed a pair of socks, gum, ION chocolate (thank you Mr. Moutis), popcorn, chapstick, candy, koulourakia, paximadia (thank you Elvira Michals, Gayle Billows and Demetra Petrantis), and pens. If you would like your college student to receive a package next year, please see Claire Chrysanthopoulos.

In February, we had a Diaper and Wipes Drive. Thank you to everyone who generously donated these items that were delivered to Pinwheel Place in Eatontown.

Every day during Lent we sent out an Act of Kindness via email, Facebook and Instagram. We did this in conjunction with our YAL group (Krissy Chelli and Niki Cronen). Thank you, Barbara Terlecksky, for helping with this project. The email included an act of kindness and a Bible reading. Thank you for all the positive feedback we received.

On February 16, we had our Valentine's Dinner Meeting. We had a wonderful turnout with lots of food and fellowship. Thank you to Georgia Christodoulou for organizing this magnificent evening.

Our March meeting included a yoga session with Yoga Six from Shrewsbury who came and led a 45-minute complimentary class with us.

We would also like to thank everyone who generously helped with our Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. It was a huge success. The bakers, sellers, shoppers, customers, drivers -there are so many people that make this fundraiser possible.

During Holy Week we delivered 35 Pascha baskets to our homebound. Thank you to the Greek Store who every year donates a tsoureki and other goodies that we include in our baskets. Special thanks to Gayle Billows and Dee Petrantis for organizing the dyeing of almost 500 red eggs on Holy Thursday that are disturbed at the Anastasi. The eggs are very generously donated every year by the Puglisi Egg Farm.

Also, during Pascha, Deirdre Kosmas and her team once again outdid themselves to make our Church look beautiful! She has a unique God given gift for making everything she does look beautiful!

On May 7, we will be having elections for a new Philoptochos Board. Please come and vote if you are a member in good standing. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please see our President Marissa Costidis. We also welcome any and all new members!

Lastly, we are so grateful to Yannah Mazzini for her design expertise and Teddy Kavarakas and his crew for their construction expertise and generosity to renovate our "Philoptochos" room. We can't wait to continue our Mission from this beautiful place.





Saint George Philoptochos 2023 Membership

As a member of the St. George Philoptochos Parish Chapter #1021, you also have membership in both the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos and the National Philoptochos. Due to 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 to operate our philanthropic budget. Please keep this in mind when pledging.

Types of Membership:

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.

Philoptochos Membership Form

Dues Amount

\$30 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail this form with your membership contribution to St. George Philoptochos to the Church:

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, 1033 West Park Avenue, Ocean, NJ 07712

email questions to:

Philoptochos.Mail@philoptochosoceannj.org



Daughters of Penelope



On January 16th 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.

We also looked forward to our January meetings as we shared in the cutting of our vasilopita bread graciously made for us by Sister Antionette Marousis-Zachariades. Not only was it tasty, but also the lucky coin was found in Sister Julie Generielli's slice!



On February 13th several members from Aulis 195 combined with our Brother AHEPAns for a Valentine's Pot Luck! We had good food and great conversations on how to strengthen the Order and work TOGETHER to achieve more! We look forward to more combined events in the future, and we hope that more sisters will join us next time.

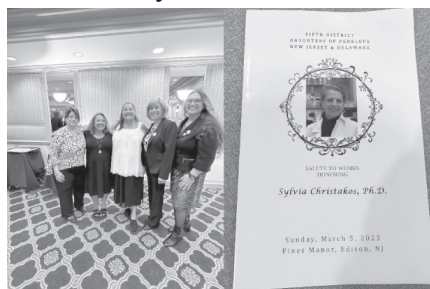


The Daughters of Aulis 195 Chapter gathered at Chapter President, Patty Vlahos' house on March 4th to make fasolada soup for the Community of St. George Greek Orthodox Church. We made 216 pints and all were given out at church on March 5th during coffee hour. This is one of the Daughter's favorite events because we get to thank the community for all they do for us!



(1) Fasolada soup, (2) Soup preparation, (3) Coffee hour soup give away.

The Salute to Woman was held on Sunday, March 5th at the Pines Manor. Sisters Patty Vlahos, Antionette Marousis-Zachariades, Karen Pascal, Jacquelyn Marousis Bush and Elaine Vlahos (pictured below) were in attendance to honor Dr. Sylvia Christakos.



On March 21 a Greek Independence Day Event was held in Ocean Township sponsored by Senator Vin Gopal. Bill Matiskoudis served as the keynote speaker

and presented AHEPA 287 President Dimitris Geaneas, Daughter of Penelope Aulis 195 President Patty Vlahos, and AHEPA Grand Secretary Savas Tsivicos with Senate Resolutions. Savas Tsivicos also presented Bill Matiskoudis, a Fellow AHEPAN with his own Senate Resolution.



At our last meeting on March 28th we initiated two new members, Melissa Vafias and Maria Tsivicos.

In addition we welcome our two new transfers Peggy Kalamara and Angie Lambrou and celebrated our March and April birthdays!





AGAPE MINISTRIES

Always be a little nicer than necessary--James M. Barrie

*AGAPE is Christian love.... In Action
It never stops doing good*

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40 Day Blessing:
Baptism:
Wedding:
New Hope:
Grief Support Group
Funeral Group:
Welcome:
St. George Guides:
Faithful Hands:
Knit& Crochet
Hospitality Ministry
Coffee Hour Helpers
Environmental Stewardship
& Protection Ministry
St. George Newlyweds:
Newcomers & Visitors:

Colleen Pardenek
Vicki Kamaratos
Tasi Pappaylion
Antonia Lyons

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

Christ is Risen.... Truly He is Risen!



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.





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.

This year continues to be a great year with the induction of Brother Paul Kalamaras, the 71st member of our Chapter. Two applicants could not make it to the meeting due to personal issues. We were honored to have District 5 Lodge Officers along with a special guest Brother Savas Tsivicos the AHEPA Supreme Secretary partake in the initiation.

On March 21, Brothers of AHEPA and Sisters of DOP joined Senator Gopal, our AHEPA Supreme Secretary Savas Tsivicos, the local Mayor and other dignitaries to celebrate Greek Independence Day at the Township's Recreation Center. This beautiful event, which was attended by 45 people, was orchestrated and planned through the efforts of our Brother Savas Tsivicos and his connection to Senator Gopal. Honored on this occasion were the Chapter Presidents of AHEPA and DOP and the Supreme Secretary. In the future, we expect this to be an annual event.

In lieu of monthly meetings on February 13, AHEPA and the DOP had a combined get together which was held at the Cultural Center. Many members and their wives brought food, drinks and desserts and we all had a good time. Since both organizations share the same Mission, it is expected that their relationship, cooperation and support for each other can only get stronger in the near future.

Our next and biggest Fund Raiser for the year is a Golf Outing scheduled to take place on Monday, May 22 at the Colts Neck Golf Club. Please help us by spreading the word to relatives, friends and neighbors and business contacts. When contacting please forward and/or distribute the enclosed Flyer wherever possible. When reaching out to potential business donors/sponsors, and in order to avoid duplication, please forward your contacts to the Secretary Brother George Haloukas at haloukas@aol.com or text to cell 845-629-8737.

Important dates to remember:

- a) June 2-4, the District 5 Annual Convention hosted by Chapter #467 will be held at the St. Barbara G. O. Church in Toms River.
- b) July 23-29, the National Convention this year will be held in Las Vegas.

We are a growing, energetic and enthusiastic Chapter. I encourage all the Greeks, Greek-Americans and most

importantly all the Philhellenes (Friends of Hellenes) 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 a "Happy and Safe Spring"

God bless us all!

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



NJ District Lodge initiates new member into AHEPA 287

Man & Woman of the Year Introduction

May June 2023

On Sunday, March 19, 2023, we proudly honored two exceptional parishioners with the inaugural Man and Women of the Year Awards. Please know that we are continuing the Philoptochos Mother of the Year and the Parish Council Father of the Year, however we recognize that we are blessed with many dedicated, faithful members in this community. This year's recipients were Vicki Kamaratos and Peter Psillas! Axios!

A small group of Parish Council members and Philoptochos members met to develop guidelines and to choose the inaugural recipients.

The guidelines are:

1. A steward in good standing of St. George Church
2. An active participant and/or volunteer in a church activity or group
3. One with a commitment to the Greek Orthodox Faith

Please take a moment to read the about the contributions to St. George Church that Vicki and Peter have made.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR SUBMISSION

Vicki Kamaratos, Vassilia, was born in New York City to Agatha and George Gianitsos in July, 1953, and moved to Connecticut with Yiayia Eleni and Vicki's three siblings, Anesti, Eleni, and Anna where they were active in their Greek Orthodox Church in Bridgeport, CT. Vicki graduated at the top of her High School class and went on to study at the University of Connecticut, graduating with top honors - Summa Cum Laude.

In 1975 Vicki married Kostas Kamaratos and for almost 50 years have resided in Ocean Township, and now also spend time at their Florida home.

Vicki and Kostas are proud parents of Eleni and her husband Adam, Philip and his fiancé Arielle, and George and his wife Kristina, who are expecting their first child, Vicki and Kostas' first grandchild in August.

In the St. George community, Vicki has taken on many roles in the parish including Daughters of Penelope Treasurer, Greek School Teacher and PTO president, Sunday School Teacher and Director, member of Philoptochos, GOYA Advisor, Parish Council Vice President & Secretary, and the Festival committee. Vicki also coordinated the creation of the AGAPE ministries,

in which she is still actively involved. As we know, AGAPE does outreach for a multitude of parishioners & visitors, from welcoming newcomers, faithful hands and knitting baby blankets for 40-day Blessings, assisting at Baptisms, Weddings, Memorials, Funerals, Environmental Stewardship, Grief Support and also orchestrates the wonderful coffee hour each Sunday for all parishioners to enjoy.

While offering her time to the Church she also runs the family construction business, Kappa Construction, with her husband and children.

Vicki's family, friends and Godchildren look up to her and respect her for her selflessness and grace, and her deep roots in the Greek Orthodox religion, faith and traditions.

Vicki always has put God in the forefront of her life and continues served Him faithfully.

Axia!

MAN OF THE YEAR 2023

We all know Peter Psillas. He is the only child of Fr. John and Presbytera Olga Psillas, who came to St. George in 1980 while our community was going through a difficult transition period. Peter is much like his father, our Fr. John; he is a quiet and dependable worker who doesn't want the limelight, preferring to serve with a steadfast way about him, helping where his expertise lies and getting the work done.

As for Peter... he was raised in the Bronx, where his father was the priest at St. Spyridon Church in Washington Heights, NY. Peter went to Mercy College and worked at the Bronx Zoo. His love of animals guided his career aspirations, and he is now at Red Bank Veterinary Hospital as a Lab Supervisor. We see him at church many times with his purple lab uniform, coming to services directly from work.

It is here at St. George where we recognize all that Peter does, and we love him for it. Peter, with Arthur Pappaylion and Dimitri Karagias, formed the Historical Committee of our Church, organizing and diligently compiling the binders that you see in the library/conference room. These

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impressive binders contain all the history of Greeks in America and also, very importantly, the history of our parish. These organized historical binders will help remember and honor our roots. Peter has also been a member of St. George AHEPA for many years and works at the festival each year by giving church tours and explaining our faith to our visitors.

But perhaps we know Peter best for his service to our St. George Choir for more than 30 YEARS!! His commitment and his steadfast love for our Greek Orthodox faith and for our St. George Church is astounding – and remarkable because he does this with his quiet, humble manner – with Christ always at the center.

We honor you Peter with all of our love and respect! Axios!





A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEK SCHOOL

Είναι χαρά μας που το Ελληνικό Σχολείο συνεχίζει να είναι δημιουργικό. Οι μαθητές της 3ης τάξης έλαβαν μέρος στον Διεθνή Μαθητικό Διαγωνισμό Κύπρος-Ελλάδα-Ομογένεια: Εκπαιδευτικές Γέφυρες. Στο διαγωνισμό αυτό έλαβαν συνολικά μέρος 259 σχολεία, και καταχωρήθηκαν 1359 εργασίες. Το δικό μας σχολείο μαζί με άλλα τέσσερα σχολεία από Αγγλία, Ελλάδα και Κύπρο κατέθεσαν ένα διήγημα με τίτλο η Ρήγαινα. Ανάμεσα σε 56 διηγήματα η ομάδα μας έλαβε το πρώτο βραβείο! Είμαστε βαθιά ευγνώμων για την ευκαιρία που είχαμε να συμμετέχουμε σε αυτόν τον διαγωνισμό, και πολύ περήφανοι για τα παιδιά μας.

Τον Μάρτιο ξεκινήσαμε το γιορτασμό της ημέρας Ανεξαρτησίας και Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου με το στολισμό σημαιών στην αυλή της εκκλησίας μας. Αυτό το έθιμο ξεκίνησε πριν 2 χρόνια, όταν γιορτάσαμε τη διακοσαστία της Ανεξαρτησίας, και έχει πλέον καθιερωθεί ως ετήσιο έθιμο. Το Σχολικό Γιορτινό Πρόγραμμα έγινε με μεγάλη επιτυχία στις 19 Μαρτίου. Ευχαριστούμε όλους εσάς για την παρούσα και υποστήριξή σας. Μας τίμησε η παρουσία σας. Οι μαθητές απήγγειλαν όμορφα ποιήματα και οι απόφοιτοί μας έκαναν μια συγκινητική παρουσίαση κατά τη διάρκεια όλου το προγράμματος. Η γιορτή μας έκλεισε με παραδοσιακά τραγούδια υπό την κατεύθυνση της κας. Αλεξάνδρας. Ένα μεγάλο μπράβο στον Γιώργο Παρλιάρη από την 1η τάξη που ζωγράφησε την εικόνα που βάλαμε στο πρόγραμμα της γιορτής. Τέλος, αφιερώσαμε τη γιορτή αυτή σε όλες τις δασκάλες του σχολείου μας. Το έργο τους είναι ανεκτίμητης αξίας. Με τη βοήθεια τους συνεχίζουμε το σπουδαίο έργο μάθησης της Ελληνικής γλώσσας και κουλτούρας.

Έχουμε αρκετές δραστηριότητες για το υπόλοιπο της σχολικής χρονιάς. Στις 30 Απριλίου το σχολείο και η εκκλησία θα λάβει μέρος στην Παρέλαση στη Νέα Υόρκη. Σας προσκαλούμε όλους να παρελαστείτε μαζί μας και να εκπροσωπήσετε την ενορία μας. Ο Σύνδεσμος Γονέων θα προσφέρει πρόγευμα το Σάββατο του Λαζάρου μετά την πρωινή λειτουργία. Κατά τη διάρκεια του προγράμματος όλοι οι παρευρισκόμενοι θα έχουν την ευκαιρία να βοηθήσουν με το τίλιγμα των βαΐων. Η αποφοίτηση μας θα είναι την Κυριακή 11 Ιουνίου και φέτος θα τιμήσουμε τους τέσσερις απόφοιτους, Ηλία Νταγκνήση, Θάνο Μπελέκο, Μιχάλη Μαγριπλή και Ολίβια Σαμ.

Τέλος, ανυπομονούμε να γνωρίσουμε τους νέους μαθητές για την επόμενη σχολική χρονιά. Έχουμε να συμπληρώσουμε μια θέση δασκάλας/λου για το 5ο και 6ο τμήμα. Αν ξέρετε κάποιον που ενδιαφέρεται παρακαλούμε όπως επικοινωνήσει μαζί μας για περισσότερες πληροφορίες στις ηλεκτρονικές διευθύνσεις atsiandi@gmail.com και MLambrinos@hotmail.com.

The Greek School continues to be busy! Mrs. Antonia's Level 3 class participated in a contest called the International Student Contest Cyprus-Greece-Homogeneity: Educational Bridges. Our school teamed up with four more schools and submitted a project in the story category. The four schools included two afternoon schools in the United Kingdom, and two full day schools, one from Cyprus and one from Greece. There were 1,359 total projects submitted, 56 of which were in our Story category. Our team got First Place!! We are very grateful for the opportunity given to our students to be part of this contest.

Students got in the spirit of celebrating Greek Independence Day by decorating the roundabout in front of our church with Greek flags. What started as a way to commemorate the 200th anniversary of independence, has turned into a tradition for our students. The Independence Day Program was well attended by our parishioners on Sunday, March 19th. We thank you all for your support as it helps to show our children how their hard work is appreciated by all. Our students did a beautiful job reciting their poems and singing traditional songs under the guidance of Mrs. Alexandra Wright. Special thanks to our first grader, George Parliaros, for submitting his patriotic drawing for the cover of our program. We dedicated this program to all our wonderful teachers for their enthusiasm for teaching Greek and their love of their students. Without them, we would be lost.

As the year winds down, we still have lots to celebrate! The Independence Day Parade will be hosted on Sunday, April 30th in New York City. We anticipate a large turnout from the Greek diaspora. PTO will also host our annual lenten breakfast and palm making on Saturday, April 8th. All are welcome to have lenten pancakes and make palms for Palm Sunday. Our end of the year program will take place on Sunday, June 11th. Join us as we say farewell to our graduating students and we celebrate the beginning of summer!

Lastly, we look forward to our 2023-2024 school year and meeting our new students and families. Please be on the lookout for registration which will likely go out this summer. 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 or Maria Lambrinos at MLambrinos@hotmail.com for more information.





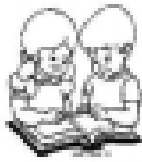
A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEK SCHOOL



*Drawing by George Parliaros ~
1st Grade*



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School has been busy the past couple of months!

In February, Mrs. Anna Panayiotou joined our PK-6th graders and led them in a lesson about the importance of water on our Earth. Every child went home with a homegrown lemon seedling and valuable information. Thank you Mrs. Anna!

It was so beautiful to see so many children and their special icons participate in our annual Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession. A big shout out to all the students, especially the PK and Kindergarten class, who sang Kyrie Eleison along with the choir.

On the second Sunday of Lent, Mr. Mike D'Agnese and Ms. Renee Panagos taught a beautiful and meaningful lesson to the PK-3rd grade students to teach them about the importance of Lent and the three important activities they should focus on during the time period: prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor. Thank you to Mike and Renee for making the meaning of Lent so concrete and easy for even the littlest of us to understand.



Mrs. Anna Panayiotou shows students the lemon seedlings she grew for them.



Students answer questions about the importance of water on our Earth.



Kristen Russo shows students the stefanothiki her husband made for their crowns.

Upcoming Sunday School Events

5/12 Graduation Day
Thanks for a great year!

Sunday School Website



Students line up outside as they prepare for the Sunday of Orthodoxy procession.

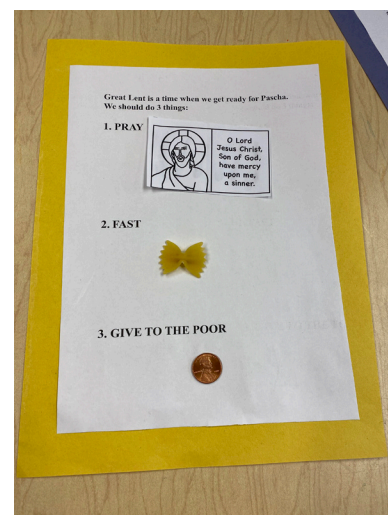
SUNDAY SCHOOL



Students walk around the church proudly displaying their icons.



Students stand on the solea to commemorate the icons being reintroduced into the church.



A reminder that Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor.



The youngest among us learn about the importance of Great and Holy Lent.



The PK and K students took a field trip to the chapel in search of the Annunciation icon as part of their lesson on the Feast Day.



Oratorical Honorees Christian Koustouzakis, Alex Georges, Marilena Iosifides, and Angelos Rizzieri with Fr. Andrew and Mr. Paul Koustouzakis.



Oratorical Participants and Judges, in order from left to right: Angelina Bennett, Irene Venetis, Nikos Sakelaris, Paul Christopoulos, Fr. Andrew, Christian Koustouzakis, Alexander Georges, Marilena Iosifides, Angelos Rizzieri, Mr. Paul Koustouzakis, Mr. Manoli Fotinis, Mrs. Salomi Chalalambous, and Mrs. Frances Gregos.



Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

This May, our GOYAns participated in the always-anticipated GOYA Olympics. The first event of the Olympics was the soccer tournament which occurred on May 6. There was a friendly competitive spirit filling the atmosphere, as per usual. Following was the Indoor Olympics. Held on the 13th at Perth Amboy Church, this day of events enabled GOYAns to partake in activities such as table tennis, chess, badminton, Wii Dance, FIFA, and more. Culminating the Olympics was the two-day Outdoor Olympics that took place at Monmouth University from the 27th to the 28th. GOYAns competed in a variety of events such as track and field, swimming, and volleyball. Our GOYAns did very well in all of the categories they participated in across all three individual competitions! On behalf of the Board and the Advisors, I would like to express how proud we truly are of all the GOYAns who participated. We commend their dedication to preparing for the Olympics — there were countless practices, but their hard work was worth it. I also would like to thank the advisors for volunteering their time and efforts to make this all possible for us.

Aside from the fun had throughout the Olympics, it is important to recognize that these days are invaluable for creating memories, friendships that will last a lifetime, and a sense of unity with GOYAns from all the parishes within our district. Friendly competition and an opportunity to all be together in the name of Christ builds a family that cannot be understated.

As the last major event of GOYA, the Olympics marks the end of another amazing year. From fundraisers to dances to athletic competitions, there is always so much to get involved in and so much fun to be had. As always, I encourage GOYAns to participate in as much as they can for just as quickly as the journey through GOYA begins, it ends.

I would like to wish all of the graduating seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors. May God be with you always!

Καλό καλοκαίρι! Wishing everyone a great summer!
GOYA President,
Demetra Giannakopoulos

Photos at the White House



St. George church was represented at the White House Greek Independence Day Celebration on March 29, 2023 with Costa Costidis, Marissa Costidis and Savas Tsivicos attending



Credit Brittainy Newman

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 through the Church Office. We thank you for your generosity.

The Saints

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

In The Altar

Deacon Parmenas - Left Side-	\$3,000
Deacon Prohoros - Right Side-	\$3,000
Diakonikon - Right Side -	\$25,000
Artoforio - Left Side Altar -	\$25,000
Amnos Tou Theou - Center Altar -	\$20,000
Archangel Michael - Left Side -	\$20,000
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

Following Icons are Available

Contact Fr. Andrew:

Transfiguration - Rear Arch Left
Baptism of Christ - 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

Book of Ecclesiastes

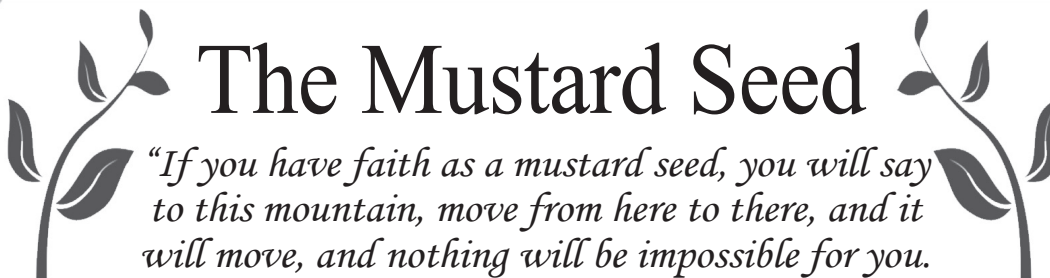
May & June

Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm

To Join, Please

Contact Teri Lalli: lalliptds@gmail.com

for Zoom ID/Password



The Mustard Seed

"If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

Orthodox Bibles * Adult/Children's Books * Icons - various sizes *
Stephana * Prayer Corner - Vigil Lamps, Censors, Charcoal, Incense *
Liturgical and Other Service Books * Prayer Books * Prayer Bracelets *
Andidoron Handsewn Bags * Cards * Jewelry * Scripture Tea Towels *
Many more gifts and items * Come See!

Open during Church Office Hours and following Sunday Liturgy

Icons Orders - no time-sensitive requests please

Contact Faye Pirovolos Deet

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YOU!



Scholarship Sunday, June 4, 2023 Honoring St. George High School Graduates & College Students

High School Scholarship Applications

Tsarnas Family Community Scholarship
Into the Light Community Scholarship
Aleka Vassilia Damiano Agape Scholarship
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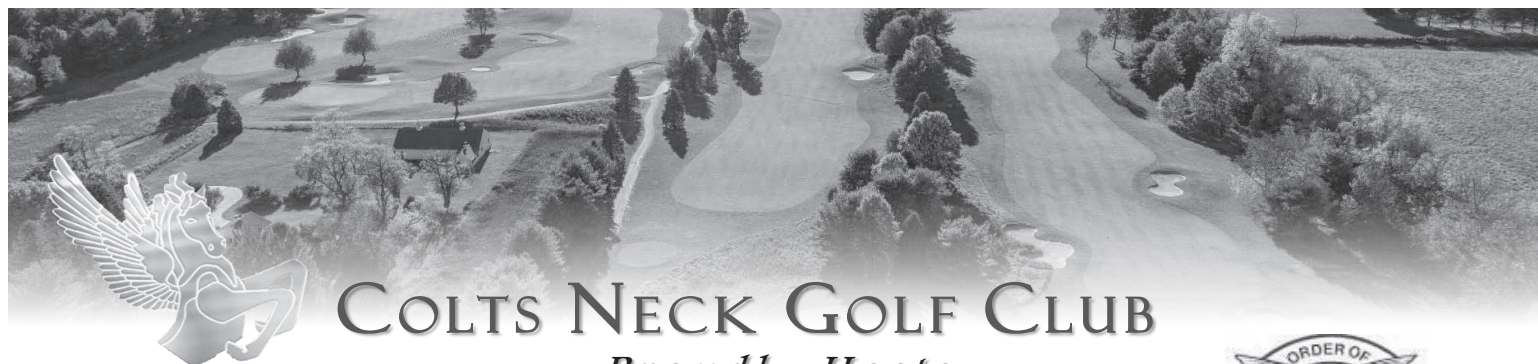
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