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Holy Communion Order

1. Please remain standing while following the directions of our ushers.
2. Ladies, kindly remove lipstick before receiving.
3. When receiving Holy Communion, make the Sign of the Cross, state your name (baptismal name), and naturally receive as if being fed.
4. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Communion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service.
5. All Orthodox Christians must be spiritually prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see the priest if you have any questions.

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PRAYER FOR READING HOLY SCRIPTURES

“Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us, also, reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all these things that are pleasing to You. For You are the Light of our souls and bodies and to You we give glory together with Your Father Who is without beginning and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.”

EPISTLE—Galatians 1:11 – 19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when God who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother.

answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

GOSPEL—St. Luke 10:25 – 37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” And he



Liturgical Notes

At the Entrance with the Gospel: **1)** *“Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His mighty arm, has created a dominion. He has conquered death by death and become the Firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.”/ Ευφραινέσθω τα ουράνια...*

2) *“Since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor; a physician for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, O Great among the Martyrs and Glorious George, intercede to Christ our God that He may save our souls.”/ Ως τον αιχμαλώτων ελευθεροτής... [St. George the Martyr]*

3) Kontakion: *“Today the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God enters this house of the Lord brining with Her the grace of the Divine Spirit. The angels of God praise Her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.”/ Ο Καθάρωτατος Ναός...*

MEMORIAL – Today’s Memorial Service is for the Eternal Rest and Salvation of the servant of God, **Michael Andrew Matthews (40 days)**. In addition, we pray that our Savior will grant blessings to his family, relatives and friends and to all of us. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- Monday, November 11th.....Festival Preparations continue (spanakopita) -9:00 a.m.
Philoptochos General Members Meeting-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 12th.....Bible Study-10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 13th..ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m./Orthodox Catechism (online)-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 14th.....Parish Council -2:00 a.m.
- *Next Sunday, November 17th..Fall General Assembly Meeting following Church Services*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Today after Liturgy: **“Family Sunday School”** for children and parents.

AHEPA – **AHEPA 528 Thanksgiving Luncheon today** in our parish hall following Divine Liturgy. Visit the AHEPA 528 website: www.ahepa528.org.

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS-Preparing **spanakopita: tomorrow**, at our parish hall at **9:00 a.m.**

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD-Join in expressing Christmas greetings to fellow parish members and friends by way of the **“2024 Community Christmas Card” Form** available in our parish narthex and parish hall. See our website at: <https://stgeorgepd.org/news/news/>

PHILOPTOCHOS – Tomorrow Monday, November 11th with lunch at 11:30 AM and special presenter, **Melissa Hawkins**. **SAVE THE DATE: Philoptochos Christmas Party: December 8th** at the **Sun City Clubhouse**. See our Philoptochos News: <https://stgeorgepd.org/ministries/philoptochos/events>

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – **Sunday, November 17th**-following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy

PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDACY & STATE REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECK – Every candidate for election to serve on the 2025 Parish Council **must** have a **background check, youth safety training**, and a **record** of his or her **fingerprints** through the Archdiocese office of Youth Safety. See our parish website at: <https://stgeorgepd/News/News/>.

MANY BLESSINGS TO: Ivana Orlovic and Christopher Costa, who were married in our Church on October 19th and to **Dimitri Tsevoukas and Shannon Beal**, who were married in our Church on November 8th...also to **Jazmine Sustaita and Virginia Jefferson**, who became Orthodox Christians by Chrismation on November 9th. **Athena Snarskis and Fotini Krespis** served as their Godparents respectively.