



JULY 6, 2025

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE DESERT

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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Holy Communion Or- der

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.

THE LADDER

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—Romans 6:18 – 23

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL—St. Matthew 8:5 – 13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

THE APOSTLES ARCHIPPUS, PHILEMON, & ONESIMUS—Today we commemorate the Holy Apostles Archippus, Philemon, and Onesimus, who were early Christians, disciples of the Apostle Paul, and are known for their roles in the New Testament and early Church history. Philemon and his wife Apphia were prominent Christians in Colossae, and their home was a center for Christian gatherings. Onesimus was Philemon's slave, who ran away to Rome, met Paul, converted to Christianity, and was later reconciled with his master through Paul's intercession. Archippus is mentioned in Paul's letters as a fellow soldier and possibly a bishop in Colossae.

Liturgical Notes

At the Entrance with the Gospel: **1)** *"Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His Might, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy."* / Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια ...

2) *"Since You are a deliverer of captives and a protector of the poor; a physician for the sick; a noble attendant to kings, O Great among the martyrs and glorious George, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls."* / Ως των αιχμαλώτων ελευθεροτήs...[Hymn for St. George]

3) Kontakion: *"Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In Your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten Your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for You unfailingly defend, Theotokos, those who honor You."* / Προστασία των Χριστιανών...

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 8th.....Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 10th.....Orthodox Christian Catechism (online)- 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP – In Fr. Anthony Coniaris' book, *Where Moth and Rust Do Not Consume*, we read the following note: *"Fortune is not born with you but is entrusted to you by God for a few days: therefore, distribute, as a steward, what is entrusted to you anywhere the entruster orders."*

– Debbie Pousen, Stewardship Chair Person.

HOLY METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Seattle, Washington | August 28 – September 1, 2025

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Young Adult League (YAL) is pleased to announce the 2025 YAL Conference, taking place over Labor Day Weekend, August 28 – September 1, 2025, in Seattle, Washington at the Seattle Marriott in Bellevue.

This milestone event marks the first time the YAL Conference will be hosted in the Pacific Northwest, offering Greek Orthodox young adults ages 18 to 35 a dynamic new setting to gather, grow, and deepen their relationship with Christ. Framed by Seattle's natural beauty and vibrant Orthodox presence, the weekend promises a transformative experience rooted in the Four Pillars of YAL: Worship, Witness, Service, and Fellowship.

The 2025 Conference theme – **RENEW** – invites participants to spiritually recharge, re-engage with their Orthodox identity, and recommit to life in the Church. Whether they are college students, emerging professionals, or seasoned in their careers, young adults will encounter content and community tailored to their stage in life.

Registration and hotel reservations will open in Summer 2025. Early registration is encouraged, as space is limited.

To stay informed, follow the Metropolis of San Francisco YAL Conference on Instagram at [@yalconference](https://www.instagram.com/yalconference), or contact the planning team at registration@sfyalconference.org.