



St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, November 2, 2025

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!



5th Sunday of
Luke

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Prior to Holy Communion:

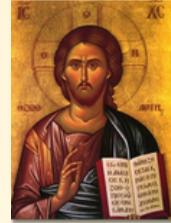
1. Ladies, kindly remove lipstick before receiving.
2. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Communion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service.
3. All Orthodox Christians must be spiritually prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see the priest if you have any questions.



Prokeimenon. Mode 4

Psalm 103.24,10 Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.



EPISTLE – Galatians 2:16 – 20

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself to be a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GOSPEL – St. Luke 16:19 – 31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"



Liturgical Notes For Today's Divine Liturgy

1) With the Entrance of the Holy Gospel – *“The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, ‘Death is vanquished. Christ our God is risen, bestowing upon the world His great mercy.’”*/ Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα...

2) *“Blessed is the soil enriched by your blood and holy and heavenly abode that received your souls; for in the stadium, you triumphed over the enemy and boldly proclaimed Christ. We pray you, beseech Him as the Good One, that He may save our souls.”*/ Ἀθλοφόροι Κυρίου...[Hymn for St. Elpidophoros and St. Akindinos]

3) *“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 that He may save our souls.”*/ Ως των αιχμαλώτων... [Hymn in honor of St. George]

4) 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 τῶν Χριστιανῶν...



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos News

- **Today is PHILOPTOCHOS SUNDAY!** Our parish Philoptochos chapter joins with the National and Metropolitan Philoptochos ministries in encouraging everyone to offer financial and spiritual support to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Give generously to the Philoptochos collection following Divine Liturgy today.
- **CVRM Donation Success** — The **Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)** was thrilled to receive **548 pairs of socks** on **Thursday, October 23**, thanks to an outpouring of generosity from our parish! Special thanks to **SOCKtober chairperson Elaine Grillos** for organizing the effort and decorating the collection boxes, and to **Susan Segaar, Irene Stambolos, Margarita Pagoulatos, and Rhonda Latkovic** for helping purchase, organize, and deliver the donations. What a great team effort — thank you all for your generosity!
- **Philoptochos Board Meeting** – Monday, November 3rd at 11:00 a.m. at our parish hall.
- **Philoptochos General Members Meeting** – **Monday, November 10th at 11:30 a.m.** at the parish hall. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. We will have a speaker from the **Red Jeep Tours** giving us an interesting history of the **Coachella Valley**.
- **Philoptochos Christmas Party** will be on **Sunday, December 7th**. See enclosed flier for details and to make reservations. (**Deadline** for reservations is **December 1st**).



St. George Festival

For over thirty years, since 1980, this Festival has stood as a shining symbol of faith and fellowship – bringing the Greek Orthodox Christian spirit, hospitality, and culture to the beautiful Coachella Valley. It is part of who we are – the life of our parish and a gift to the entire community.

This year, we need your help more than ever, and, honestly, we cannot do it without you. We ask every parishioner, every St. George family and all your friends to volunteer.

We are striving to bring back the nostalgia of the 1980s, when we first started the Greek Festival. Please see Rev. Deacon Euthym, Krisann, or Jim Christopoulos to sign up and be part of this beautiful effort.

Convert Sunday

Next Sunday, November 9! During coffee hour, a few of our recent converts to Orthodoxy will share their reasons for embracing the Orthodox Christian Faith, serving to inspire all of us to continue living according to the teachings of our Church.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship

A Message from the Heart

Our Lord reminds us: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Just as we invest our treasures in the care and upkeep of our homes, we are called to give equal attention to the treasures we offer to our Church—an extension of our spiritual home. The Church is not merely a building; it is the living body of Christ among us, sustained by our shared commitment.

There is but one true way to give thanks to God: by keeping His Commandments and offering ourselves in service to His saving work. Each of us must ask: "Where is my heart?" The answer is revealed in how we give of our time, our talents, and our financial support to St. George parish, while also living a God-centered way of life.

Let your heart be found in the treasures you share. As we approach the liturgical season of Advent, let us each think and pray about updating Stewardship commitment to our parish. If everyone can offer an extra \$200 or \$300 gift to our parish at this time, we will find ourselves financially sound and spiritually at peace.

There are 2 ways to send in your stewardship:

- Mail in or bring in your check (our address is on first page of The Ladder) - make sure to write "stewardship" on your check, so it is recorded properly.
- Pay online using our secure online payment system at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZN30/campaign/C-151YF>

What is a Steward?

A steward is someone who faithfully manages and cares for the gifts that God has entrusted to them, whether those gifts are time, talent, treasure, or the Church's physical and spiritual resources, all in service to God.

Community Christmas Card

It's almost Christmas and St. George is getting ready! Our **annual Community Christmas Card** invites everyone in the St. George family to participate. Please see the attached flyer for details. The deadline to join is November 26th.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENT SCHEDULING

Our parish master calendar is available on our St. George website at: <https://stgeorgepd.org>. Many thanks to Christian Hernandez who has worked diligently to create and maintain our beautiful Parish website. Everyone is asked to check our master calendar or call Fr. Ted before scheduling any future events in order to avoid scheduling conflicts.

THE LADDER

Don't forget! All **pictures, announcements** and/or **fliers** that are to be included in each Sunday edition of our weekly bulletin, *The Ladder*, **must be submitted** by the **prior Wednesday** to either Fr. Ted (tpantels@stgeorgepd.org) or Stephanie Christopoulos (stephaniee125@gmail.com).

Parish Council News

Sunday, November 16th is our Fall General Assembly! We have many important matters concerning our church to discuss. Please plan on attending and participating. All parishioners are welcomed, however, only stewards can vote on issues. Please complete your Stewardship Pledge Card now or see Debbie Pousen, our Stewardship chairperson.

“BIG FAT GREEK YARD SALE”

Saturday, November 8th. Please see enclosed flier for more information.

Note: **Our cut-off date is tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 3rd.**

Grab a Drink in our Parish Hall

You might have noticed a basket and credit card device by the drinks refrigerator. The drinks are anonymously donated by fellow parishioners. This is a small way to help our church one drink at a time!

Anyone can purchase water for \$2.00, all other drink for \$5.00 and Halva for \$5.00.

Proceeds go towards the needs of the church.

Have a drink and help our church!



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Week Ahead:

Tuesday, November 4th

Bible Study - 10:00am

Thursday, November 6th

Orthodox Christian Catechism (online) - 6:30 p.m.

email: fr.theodore@stgeorgepd.org

Saturday, November 8th

ARCHANGELS MICHAEL AND GABRIEL

Orthros—8:30 a.m. followed by the celebration of
the Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m.

“Big Fat Greek Yard Sale” — See Flier

Vespers—5:00 p.m. followed by Orthodox
Chatechism

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 9th

Convert Sunday (during coffee hour). See enclosed
announcement.

Sunday, November 16th

St. George Parish Fall General Assembly

Did you Know?

Yesterday, on **November 1st**, we commemorated **Saints Cosmas and Damian**, who were born in Asia Minor. After the death of their father, their mother, **Theodota**, raised them in piety and virtue according to the **Holy Apostolic Faith**. She also ensured they were educated in the sciences, especially **medicine**, which became their vocation.

The brothers devoted their lives to healing the illnesses and injuries of both people and animals. They believed that prayer for the health of the soul and body was even more essential than medicine itself, knowing that **Christ is our Heavenly Physician**. Working without seeking payment, they offered their care freely, and for this, they are honored as the **Holy Unmercenaries**.

The Ladder sponsor for the month of October is Eve Meek in Memory of Patricia and Katherine!

Fr. Ted and Presvytera will sponsor the Ladder for February and we have sponsors signed up until the end of January.

