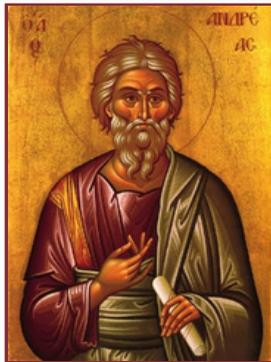




# St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, November 30, 2025

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!



Andrew the First-Called Apostle



**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4  
Psalm 18.4,1**

*Their voice has gone out into  
all the earth.*

*Verses: The heavens declare  
the glory of God.*



## EPISTLE—1 Corinthians 4:9 – 16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

## GOSPEL—St. John 1:35 – 52

At that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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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.

## Liturgical Notes For Today's Divine Liturgy

**1)** The Entrance with the Holy Gospel – *“O Merciful One, You came from on high and condescended to Your three-day burial to save us from passions. You are our live and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to You.”/ Έξ ὕψους κατήλθες ...*

**2)** *“As first of the Apostles to be called, O Andrew, brother of Him Who was foremost, beseech the Master of all to grant the world peace and our souls great mercy.”/ Ὡς τῶν Ἀποστόλων Πρωτόκλητος...*

**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: *“Today the Virgin comes to the cave to ineffably give birth to the eternal Logos. Harkening to this, rejoice, O Universe, and with the angels and shepherds glorify Him, the God before all ages, Who willed to be held as a young child.”/ Η Παρθένος σήμερον...*



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMORIAL

Today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Rest and Salvation for the servant of God, **George Mantes (6 months)**, the beloved husband of Mary Ann Mantes. May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ grant Eternal Rest and Salvation to **George Mantes** and may He grant peace and comfort to **Mary Ann Mantes** and their entire family. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

### ST. GEORGE FESTIVAL

**The dates for our Greek Festival are February 21-22, 2026!** The upcoming festival will be produced by all of us – the stewards of St. George. Let us come together united in faith and love. **It will take a “village” to make it a success.** To volunteer to help toward the success of our Greek Festival and for more information, **see Fr. Euthym Kontaxis** following church services on Sundays and sign up in our parish hall.

Please note the **“Feed the Festival/Nourish the Faith”** Greek Festival **needs chart** that is posted in our parish hall. Donations of time, treasure and talent are always very much welcomed and appreciated!

### Parish Council Elections

**“Application for Candidacy for Election to the Parish Council” forms are due today.** Please make sure to submit them and contact Fr. Ted. **Tomorrow, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** in our parish hall candidates are to meet with Fr. Ted for the required **Parish Council Seminar. Parish Elections will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025** following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

### Stewardship

The end of the year is almost upon us. Please do all that you can to fulfill your Stewardship pledge for 2025. We want to begin 2026 with a clean slate. Thank you for your contributions in 2025. If you have any questions about our Stewardship program, please see Debbie Pousen after church services.

#### **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>



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Philoptochos News

- **Today, Philoptochos will be selling koulourakia in the church hall for \$12 per dozen and 6 melomakarona for \$18.**
- **Today is the deadline to make reservations to attend the annual Philoptochos Christmas Party next Sunday, December 7 .** See enclosed flier for details and to make reservations.
- **Tomorrow, December 1<sup>st</sup>** – St. George Philoptochos Board meeting

### YOUTH SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR

We joyfully welcome our new Parish Youth Safety Administrator, **Shawn Wanta**, who is now available to assist those who need to update their Archdiocese Youth Safety background checks and video training courses. She can be available following our sacred Church services, since she almost always participates in our parish worship, or she can be contacted at: [smwanta@protonmail.com](mailto:smwanta@protonmail.com). All Parish Council members; office staff, Altar servers, Sunday School teachers, our priest and deacon must be compliant to our Archdiocese Youth Safety requirements.



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Week Ahead:

#### Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Parish Council Seminar-1:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bible Study -10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

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

[Contact Fr. Ted at [tpantels@stgeorgepd.org](mailto:tpantels@stgeorgepd.org) to receive a Zoom link to join.]

#### Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER

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

Vespers—5:00 p.m. followed by Orthodox Christian Catechism

#### Next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Annual Philoptochos Christmas Party Luncheon  
(See enclosed flier.)

### Upcoming Events:

#### Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

AHEPA Christmas Party at our parish hall – 6:00 p.m. (Fliers are available in our parish hall.)

#### Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Elections for candidates to serve as members of the 2026 St. George Parish Council

### Did you Know?

Today, we commemorate **St. Andrew the Apostle**, who is the Patron Saint of our Holy Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Constantinople. He was from Bethsaida of Galilee; the son of Jonas and the brother of Peter, the chief of the Apostles. He had first been a disciple of John the Baptist; afterwards, on hearing the Baptist's witness concerning Jesus, when he pointed Him out with his finger and said, "*Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world*" (John 1.29,36), he straightway followed Christ, and became His first disciple; wherefore he is called the First-called of the Apostles. After the Ascension of the Savior, he preached in various lands; and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he died in Patras of Achaia, where he was crucified on a cross in the shape of an "X," the first letter of "Christ" in Greek; this cross is also the symbol of Saint Andrew.

--Taken from Greek Orthodox Archdiocese website:  
[www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org).

