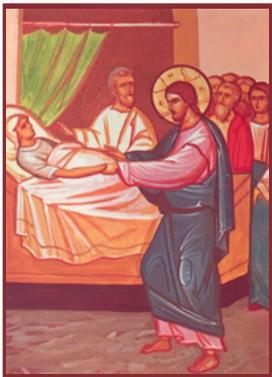




# St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, November 9, 2025

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!



7th Sunday of  
Luke



**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1**  
**Psalm 11.7,1**

*You, O Lord, shall keep us and  
preserve us.*

*Verse: Save me, O Lord, for  
the godly man has failed.*



## EPISTLE – Ephesians 5:8 – 19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

## GOSPEL – St. Luke 8:41 – 56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus’ feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!” But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me.” And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well.” And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.



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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)** With the Entrance of the Holy Gospel – *“O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.”/ Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον...*

**2)** *“O faithful let us honor Nectarios divine servant of Christ, the offspring of Silivria and guardian of Aigina, who in these latter years was manifested as the true friend of virtue. All manner of healing wells forth for those who in piety cry out, ‘Glory to Christ Who glorified you; glory to Him who through You wrought wonders; glory to Him, Who through you, works healings for all.”* [Hymn in honor of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker]

**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 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.”/ Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος...*



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMORIAL

Today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Rest and Salvation for the servants of God **Linda Rafeedie (40 days)** and **Matushta Lila (10 years)** beloved sisters of **Bernice Shaheen**, Aunties to **Michele Tasoff** and **Michael Shaheen**. Both loved by many family members and friends. May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ grant Eternal Rest to **Linda Rafeedie** and **Matushta Lila** and may He grant peace and comfort to **Bernice Shaheen**, **Michele Tasoff** and **Michael Shaheen** and their family and friends. **MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!**

### Philoptochos News

- **Today, Philoptochos will be selling koulourakia in the church hall for \$12 per dozen.**
- **Philoptochos General Members Meeting – Tomorrow, Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Remember! Our annual **Philoptochos Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. See enclosed flier for details and to make reservations. (Deadline for reservations is December 1<sup>st</sup>).

### 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>

### Community Christmas Card

It's almost Christmas and St. George is getting ready! We have an annual **Community Christmas Card** where everyone in our St. George family can participate. Please see the attached flyer. **Deadline is November 26.**



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EVENT SCHEDULING

Our parish master calendar is available on our St. George website at: <https://stgeorgepd.org>. **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](mailto:tpantels@stgeorgepd.org)) or Stephanie Christopoulos ([stephanie125@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie125@gmail.com)).

### 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.

### “BIG FAT GREEK YARD SALE”

Many thanks to those who helped make yesterday's “Big Fat Greek Yard Sale” as huge success!

### “CONVERT SUNDAY”

**Today!** 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.

Pictured below are some of our recent Orthodox Christian catechumens and converts.



### Parish Council News

**Next Sunday, November 16 is 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. Parish Council Meetings will be held on October 14 and October 28 to prepare for the Fall General Assembly meeting.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Week Ahead:

#### Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Philoptochos General Meeting-11:30 a.m

#### Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study -10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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

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

email: [fr.theodore@stgeorgepd.org](mailto:fr.theodore@stgeorgepd.org)

#### Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

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

### Upcoming Events:

#### Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

St. George Parish Fall General Assembly

#### Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

Deadline for participation in the Community  
Christmas Card

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

Philoptochos Christmas Party – 11:30 a.m.

### Did you Know?

Today, we commemorate **St. Nectarios the Wonderworker**. He reminds us that we are co-workers with God in the process of our salvation, saying, “In the process for our salvation two elements work together –the grace of God and human will. The grace of God invites, illumines our minds and our hearts, while human will cooperates in opening the eyes and cleansing the heart. Salvation then begins with the grace of God, takes form and shapes with human will and is again perfected by the grace of God which crowns it with fullness and completion.”

---Taken from *Habitation of Holiness*, by St. Nectarios of Aigina  
(Newsome Press), pg. 55.

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

