



St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 12, 2025

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!



Sunday of the
7th Ecumenical
Council

Priest:

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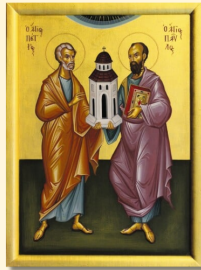
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Prior to Holy Communion:

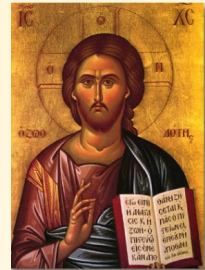
1. Ladies, kindly remove lipstick before receiving.
2. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Communion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service.
3. All Orthodox Christians must be spiritually prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see the priest if you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



**Prokeimenon. Mode 4
Daniel 3.26,27**

*Blessed are you, O Lord,
the God of our fathers.*

*Verse: For you are just
in all you have done.*



EPISTLE – Titus 3: 8 – 15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL – St. Luke 8: 5 – 15

The Lord said this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As he said these things, he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Liturgical Notes For Today

1) 1. With the Entrance of the Holy Gospel –“*Savior, Your tomb was sealed with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out, ‘O Giver of Life, glory to Your Resurrection O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One.’*”/ Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος...

2) “*You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.*” /Υπερδεδοξασμένος ει, Χριστέ ο Θεός...[Hymn for the Saints of the 7th Ecumenical Council]

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

We are having a Greek Festival on February 21-22, 2026!!

The St. George annual festival is coming up, and your help will be important to make it a success! The next festival will be different than recent years. It will be produced entirely by all of us, stewards of St.

George. The festival has never needed the entire parish more. This time, it will require our entire “village”. Please begin to think about how you will help. Our first Festival Leadership meeting will be held on Monday Oct. 13.

Parish Council News

- **Sunday, November 16th** is Fall General Assembly! We are working on the Agenda. 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,
- Parish Council Meetings will be held on October 14 and October 28 to prepare for the Fall General Assembly meeting.

Philoptochos News

Philoptochos will be selling **Kouroulakia for \$12/dozen** after church in the hall. We thank **Rena Iakovidis** for her hard work and donation to Philoptochos.

Philoptochos is also selling wheat for **Koliva for \$5.00/16 oz. pkg.** If you are interested or can't find it in the local markets. Contact: **Irene Stambolos** at (818)517-3169.

September 20th – October 20th – Socktober donation event for the homeless.

- Donate new socks to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
- Men's and Women's socks are needed most.
- Contact Board Member **Elaine Grillos** for more information at: (650) 224-3636 or **email:** jgrillos@aol.com.

·Saturday, November 8 – Our Big Fat Greek Yard Sale – 7:00AM-3:00PM – see attached flier for more info.

Stewardship

We are coming up to the end of the year for Stewardship 2025 and Stewardship 2026 will be beginning in January 2026! Complete and send in your 2025 contribution.

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 person who responsibly manages and cares for the gifts God has entrusted to them, whether those are time, talent, treasure, or the church's physical and spiritual resources, on behalf of God.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT, cont.



Thank you for the Alter Boy Robes!!!

We want to thank our friends Bill and Golfo Tsakumis from Vancouver, Canada for donating our new alter boy robes. Bill and Golfo have been vacationing in the desert for many years. Parish Council wants to express our appreciation on their generous donation to St. George. Golfo is an established artist and Bill is a retired businessman. Golfo has an Art Exhibition going on here at 72-567 CA-111, Palm Desert from October 8 – November 9. Go and see her work!

METROPOLIS YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT 2025

Orthodox Young Adults (ages 18–35) from across the West Coast are invited to join us for our **Metropolis Young Adult Fall Retreat** at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA - a weekend of hiking, prayer, and fellowship. Young adults from all Orthodox traditions are welcome. October 16-19, 2025... Website and more information, access: <https://gosfyouth.org/youngadults>.

The Week Ahead:

Monday, October 13

Philoptochos Meeting - 11:30am
Festival Meeting

Tuesday, October 14th

Bible Study - 10:00am
Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, October 16th

Orthodox Christian Catechism (online) - 6:30 p.m.
email: fr.theodore@stgeorgepd.org

Saturday, October 18th

Narrow Door Food Bagging - 8:30am
Vespers—5:00 p.m. with Catechism class to follow

Upcoming Events:

October 16–October 19th

Metropolis Young Adult Fall Retreat—See announcements for more info.

Saturday, November 8

Our Big Fat Greek Yard Sale—See flier

Sunday, November 16

Fall General Assembly

Did you Know?

“The Orthodox understanding of the second coming of Christ is clear: The Lord Jesus Christ truly will return. His second advent is not a myth nor an empty promise; nor is it a metaphor. In fact, each time the Divine Liturgy is celebrated, the priest makes a proclamation to the Father that reveals how the Church responds not only to the second coming of Christ, but to all of His work.

‘Remembering this saving commandment [Jesus’ command to eat His flesh and drink His blood] and all that has been done for us – the Cross, the Tomb, the Resurrection on the third day, the Ascension into heaven, the sitting at the right hand, and the second and glorious coming – we offer You Your own, from what is Your own, on behalf of all and for all.’ ...The emphasis of historic Orthodoxy is that Jesus will come again, not when He will come again.” --Orthodox Study Bible, pg.1647 (underlined words or phrases are made for emphasis in this edition of The Ladder.)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT, cont.

Sunday School:



Sunday School has begun and it's not too late to attend! This year's theme is "Be the Light: Living God's Love in the World" (Matthew 5:14–16), reminding us that no matter how small our actions may seem, they have the power to share Christ's love in school, at home, and with friends.

We welcome you to join Presbyteria Petula and Mrs. Athena Snarskis EACH Sunday for Preschool through High School throughout the year from Sept to May, even if your family is visiting for the day.

Special lesson dates are also planned once a month (see dates online or in The Ladder) with Mrs Alex Pappas and Ms Nicole Nasser assisting. Each session will include a way for students to add their voice to our bulletin board project, so everyone can be part of the journey! We look forward to a blessed year together with your children!

See **our website** <https://stgeorgepd.org/ministries/sunday-school/> for more about Sunday School!

Meet Eve-Marie and Vincent!



Vincent and Eve-Marie were both initially baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. The couple started at St. George over the Summer of 2019. Vincent came first, where at that time he was already considering himself Orthodox and was looking to become chrismated. Eve-Marie came to the church a few months later. Vincent was chrismated in August 2020, and their marriage was blessed the same day. A few months later, Father Ted asked Vincent to serve in the Altar.

Eve-Marie got chrismated in May 2021, and joined the choir in September of 2021. A year later, in September 2022, Father Ted was looking for chanters and Eve-Marie volunteered to learn how to chant the Orthros. However, since she is pretty shy, she had asked never to chant alone! She was reassured she would not, but of course, she quickly had to do so. God helped her to overcome this challenge! Eve-Marie says that He knows what He is doing! Our service has helped them strengthen their spirituality and relationship with the Lord.

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. This is a small way to help our church one drink at a time!

Anyone can purchase water or drinks for \$2.00 and Halva for \$5.00.

Proceeds go towards the needs of the church.

Have a drink and help our church!

The Ladder sponsor for the month of October is your Parish Council!

We have sponsors signed up until the end of January. If anyone is interested in sponsoring The Ladder for the month of February, please email Francine Vasilomanolakis at fvasilomanolakis@stgeorgepd.org.