



St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 5, 2025

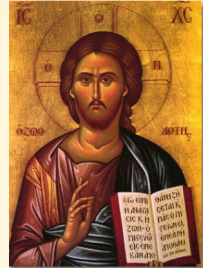
WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!



Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4

Psalm 75.11, 1 Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.



2nd Sunday of
Luke

Priest:

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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.

EPISTLE – 2 Corinthians 6:16 – 7:1 GOSPEL – St. Luke 6:31 – 36

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Lord said, “And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, despairing of no man; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Liturgical Notes For Today

1) With the Entrance of the Holy Gospel –*“O Merciful One, You came from on high, and condescended to Your three day burial to save us from suffering. You are our Life and our Resurrection. Glory to You.”/ Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος...*

2) *“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]*

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 τῶν Χριστιανῶν...*



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, cont.

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,
- Please note that there have been recent changes in personnel in the church office. Please support our Parish Council as we continue to strive to improve our community and serve your needs.
- Save the date, **February 21-22, 2026** - St. George Festival! News to follow.

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.

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

- Donate **new socks** to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission children's socks are needed.
- Only **NEW socks** will be accepted.
- Contact Board Member **Elaine Grillos** for more information at: (650) 224-3636 or email: jgrillos@aol.com.

Saturday, October 11 - Annual Pink Walk (Paint El Paseo Pink) proceeds go towards helping cancer patients. WE NEED MORE WALKERS TO JOIN THE ST. GEORGE TEAM!

- Pre-race program 7:30 am – **Race begins at 8:00 am.**
- **Registration is \$40.00** and includes a new walk tee shirt. Entry fee payable to **St. George Ladies Philoptochos**. See Board member **Rhonda Latkovic** to register. Call her at (714) 875-4661 or email her at: rlatkovic@stgeorgepd.org

Saturday, November 8, 7:00am-3:00pm - The Big Fat Greek Yard Sale - see attached flier for more information.

If you haven't signed up to **host a coffee hour**, please do so. Sign-ups are in the hall. We need people to host in the **month of November**. Please contact **Mariee Malley** at 760-898-2713.

Thank You for your support.

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>

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Presbytera 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!

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:

Tuesday, October 6th

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 8th

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

[Contact Fr. Ted to receive a Zoom link.]

fr.theodore@stgeorgepd.org

Saturday, October 11th

Vespers—5:00 p.m. with Catechism class to follow

Upcoming Events:

September 20-October 10

Socktober Event: Donations for the homeless

Saturday, October 11

Paint El Paseo Pink Event

October 16–October 19th

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

Sunday, November 16

Fall General Assembly

Did you Know?



According to our Holy Orthodox Christian Tradition, there are five roads that together guide us to true repentance and spiritual renewal through Christ's forgiveness. St. John Chrysostom says, "Yes, there are five ways to repentance. First, the acknowledgement of our sins; secondly, forgiving the sins of our neighbor; thirdly, through prayer; fourthly, through almsgiving, and fifthly, through humility. Do not delay but take all these ways each day." --Taken from Making God Real in the Orthodox Home by Fr. Anthony Coniaris, pg. 92

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.