

## DID YOU KNOW?

Today's Gospel passage serves as the basis of our tradition to bless our homes with Holy Water. Indeed, this passage is read by the priest during a "House Blessing" for a family's new home. Even though Zacchaeus was a sinner, our Lord As our Lord entered his home. Likewise, our Lord enters our home. Like Zacchaeus, we too are honored to have our Savior enter into our homes.

A few important points serve to offer us spiritual insight and inspiration:

1. In gratitude we, like Zacchaeus, are to welcome our Lord by repenting of our sins – repentance being the most important honor that we can give to our Lord.

As our Lord comes into our lives, we can best honor Him by "cleaning up our act," just as Zacchaeus did.

2. After a brief prayer service, the priest sprinkles Holy Water throughout the new house, reminding us that every home is a replica of Christ's Church as a whole. Hence, our family homes are often referred to in spiritual terms as "house churches." As our Lord enters our homes through prayers of blessing, Holy Water serves as a vessel of His divine presence to cleanse the way in which we live among family members and guests.

3. By opening the door of our homes to let Christ enter, we pledge ourselves to live with faith in His promise that, those who hear His voice and open the doors to their homes and hearts, He will enter and dine with them (Revelation 3;20). While He will dine with us at our family table, which is generated through the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, we will dine with Him at His Heavenly Banquet, which is the eternal celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

+Fr. Ted



## St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Sundy, January 25, 2026

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!



15<sup>th</sup> 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 1**

**Psalm 48.3,1**

*My mouth shall speak wisdom  
and the meditation of my  
heart shall bring forth  
understanding.*

*Verse: Hear this all you  
nations.*



### **EPISTLE – Hebrews 7:26 - 28:1 - 2    GOSPEL – St. Luke 19:1 - 10**

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So, he made haste and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

## 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.”/ Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ...
2. “The pastoral flute of your theology conquered the trumpets of orators. For it called upon the depths of the Spirit and you were enriched with the beauty of words. Intercede with Christ our God, O Father Gregory that our souls may be saved.” / Ὁ ποιμενικὸς αὐλὸς τῆς θεολογίας σου...
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.”/Ὡς των αιχμαλώτων... [Hymn in honor of St. George]
4. Kontakion: “Your birth sanctified the Virgin’s womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon. You have now come and saved us O Christ our God. In troubled times, as the only loving One, give peace to Your commonwealth and strength to those in civil authority, whom You love.”/ Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου...



## UPCOMING EVENTS & CHURCH SERVICES

### **NOTE: Festival Baking - 8:30a.m**

Monday, January 26th & Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> (galaktoboureko)

### **Tuesday, January 27th - 10:00a.m.**

Bible Study

### **Thursday, January 29th - 6:00 p.m.**

Orthodox Christian Catechism (online)

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

### **Friday, January 30th - 8:30 a.m.**

THE HOLY THREE HIERARCHS St. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian  
and John Chrysostom Orthros  
- followed by the celebration of the Divine Liturgy

### **Saturday, January 31st**

Vesper Service followed by Orthodox Catechism (Q&A)



The January 2026 Ladder is sponsored by Nicholas and Carol Speliopoulos

PHILOPTOCHOS

National Wear Red Day - American Heart Month

Please join us throughout February, including National Wear Red Day on Friday, February 6, and during St. George Church services on Sunday, February 8. All women are asked to remain after the service for a group photo. Wearing red helps raise awareness of heart disease, a leading cause of death in the United States, and highlights the importance of heart health as part of self-care and community leadership.

Upcoming Events

- \*January 24, 2026: Game Day
- \*January 26th & 27th **ONLY**- Festival Baking (8:30-1p.m.)  
(Mexican Train Dominos-2:00 p.m., church hall)
- \*February 2, 2026: Philoptochos Board Meeting (11a.m.)
- \*February 8<sup>th</sup> - Wear Red Day
- \*February 9, 2026: Philoptochos General Meeting (11:30a.m.)
- \*February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> ONLY - Festival Baking (8:30-1 p.m.)
- \*February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Festival Baking (8:30-1p.m.)
- \*February 18<sup>th</sup> - Packaging



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL

Today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Salvation of the servants of God, **Nefele Vidalis (40 years) and Marco Vidalis (15 years)**, the beloved parents of **Angelo Vidalis**.

May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ grant Eternal Life and salvation to **Nefele Vidalis and Marco Vidalis** and may He grant peace and comfort to their beloved son, **Angelo Vidalis** and the entire family.



MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!

"A Note from the Treasurer"

Year-end statements for 2025 will be mailed to you by the end of next week.

As Interim Treasurer, I thank you for your donations to our St. George Greek Orthodox Church and remember how to make your checks "happy."



-Francine Vasilomanolakis





## St. George Golf Tournament

### Volunteers Needed: Annual Parish Golf Tournament & Taverna Dinner

**This is an important request to find a committed group to work together for this important church fundraiser.**

Our parish is at a crossroads as we look ahead to this year's Annual Golf Tournament and Taverna-style Dinner. This event has long been a valued tradition and a vital fundraiser for our church—but it can only happen if we form a dedicated group of volunteers to help plan and carry it out. You don't need to be a golfer or know anything about golf. There's a variety of things to accomplish.

The Parish Council must soon decide whether we will host the tournament this year. With a committed volunteer committee, it is likely that we can continue the tournament and the Taverna dinner again this year.

Other than an initial organizational meeting, most of the work will take place after the Festival, making this a manageable commitment for many.

This event is more than a day on the course—it is an important fundraiser that supports the life and ministries of our church. Your time, talent, and willingness to help can make the difference between continuing this tradition or seeing it come to an end in 2026.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please e-mail **Jim Christopoulos at [goofy\\_328@yahoo.com](mailto:goofy_328@yahoo.com)** or **Nick Speliopoulos at [nspelio@me.com](mailto:nspelio@me.com)**. Let us come together to ensure the success of this meaningful parish event.



## Committee Sunday is here!

Following Divine Liturgy, come into the Parish Hall and learn about ways you can participate at St. George, whether you are part-time or full-time. Come and learn about the committees and which ones you would like to part of. The more people to participate...the more fun! OPA!!

### Committees of the Parish Council

- The Parish Council sets the strategic direction and priorities, ensuring all ministries work toward a unified vision.
- Committees then take those priorities and develop specific plans, projects, and events to fulfill them, reporting back on progress and needs and, with Parish Council approval, implementing the specific actions.

We need your help and expertise in the following committees that have been established at St. George:

Stewardship Committee

Finance Committee

Fundraising Committees

Festival

Golf Tournament

General Fundraising

Real Estate Committee

Long Range Planning Committee

Property Maintenance Committee

Technology Committee

Kitchen Committee

Parish History Committee



## STEWARDSHIP 2026 HAS BEGUN

*To be truly a member of the Church as Body of Christ requires our presence and our engagement with one another – in worship, study and service to others.*

*We grow spiritually as a family. We give sacrificially as we acknowledge that all we have comes from God. Furthermore, in the Church we live eternal life starting from now. We do not simply await the life to come, but we experience and enjoy it from the present.*

(–Excerpted from our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Stewardship Ministry materials.)

\*Mail or bring checks in.

*Make your check “Happy” by writing “Stewardship” on the memo for proper recording.*

\*Pay online using our secure system:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZN30/campaign/C-151YF>



## Festival Committee:

Sign up to help at the Greek Festival!

We need you to sign up to VOLUNTEER on Sunday at the Festival Committee table or see Jim Christopoulos, Katrina Bischoff or Krisann. It's all about working together to make a successful event for our church.

The Festival Committee along with the St. George Parish Council would like to give our sincere thank you to the following donors for Festival 2026:

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Help us promote our Festival! Come to church and get some fliers to put around town!

Go to: PDGREEKFESTIVAL.ORG or @PDGREEKFEST in Facebook or Instagram.



GO **RED** for Women  
Sunday February 8th



## Keep Going Red in February & Beyond

Can't celebrate on National Wear Red Day? Don't worry, February is American Heart Month, which means you can celebrate all month long. But remember, supporting women's health isn't just important on a certain day or month. We need to raise our voices about cardiovascular disease being a woman's greatest health threat all year long. Go Red in February and then find ways to support your health and well-being every day, in ways that work for you.

### QUESTIONS?

We've got the answers  
at [WearRedDay.org](https://www.WearRedDay.org).

### STAY CONNECTED ALL YEAR.

For the latest news, tips and resources, join the Go Red  
for Women movement at [GoRedforWomen.org](https://www.GoRedforWomen.org) and  
follow @GoRedforWomen on social media.



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MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP  
TEA & LUNCHEON

