

## EVENTS & SERVICES COMING UP

**February 28, 2026**

Saturday of Souls, Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Orthros 8:30 am -/Divine Liturgy-9:30 am

### PARISH BOOKSTORE



## St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, March 1, 2026

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**



Sunday of  
Orthodoxy



**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- Hebrews 11:24 – 26, 32 – 40

BBrethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### GOSPEL- St. John 1:43 – 51

At that time, 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 he 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

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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.

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."

### Liturgical Notes For Today's Divine Liturgy

*This Sunday is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Associated with this Sunday's Church Services is the "Procession of Faithful With the Holy Icons." Please bring an icon with you for this Sunday's Church Services and participate in this beautiful procession.*

1. **At the Entrance with the Holy Gospel:** "We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore, we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world." / Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν...
2. "As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection." / Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον...
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:** "O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to You Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride." / Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ...



# SUNDAY School

Sunday School resumes March 1!

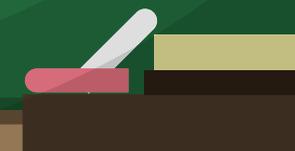
We look forward to seeing your children's precious, smiling faces again. Mrs. Athena and Mrs. Alex will be there to greet them with a warm welcome as we continue learning about the Holy Sacraments and our Bible adventures with Moses and some fun, special effects to help bring the lesson to life.

We are also looking for a few more Sunday School teachers and helpers. If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more, please ask Fr. Ted, Deacon Euthym, or Mrs. Athena.

We would love to have you join our ministry!

We cannot wait to gather, learn, and grow together.

See you March 1!



## Thank You

TO EVERYONE WHO TAGGED ALONG IN SUPPORT  
OF NICHOLAS KONTAXIS, ART EXHIBIT!

## STEWARDSHIP

Haven't filled out your 2026 Pledge Card yet?  
There's still time—and your participation truly matters.

### **Your stewardship:**

- ✓ **Strengthens our ministries**
- ✓ **Supports parish operations**
- ✓ **Builds our future**
- ✓ **Keeps our community thriving**

Pledge cards are in the pews and Narthex. Please take a moment to complete yours today.

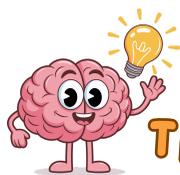
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Thank you for supporting the life of our parish!



## TRIVIA POP-UP ???

**Where was our parish's first Divine Liturgy held?**

“The Ladder,” for March 2026 is sponsored by Annette Laskaris

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Priest Update

This past Wednesday I spoke with Bishop Ioannis, the Metropolis Chancellor, and he let me know that they presently do not have a priest identified to replace Father Ted here at St. George.

The parish council officers will be meeting with his Grace and his eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos next week to discuss the process in more detail. More information will be shared with all of you as we get it.

In the short-term, we will have substitute priests coming in to lead us in services. This Sunday, our own Father Ted was asked to come in as a substitute priest. Though his retirement officially begins this Saturday, we will have another opportunity to celebrate the liturgy with our priest of over 20 years and to again thank him for his spiritual leadership, love and care.

## FATHER TED

Dearly Beloved in Christ our Lord and Savior:

Presvytera and I wish to express our most sincere thanks to the Parish Council, the St. George Philoptohos Chapter, and our local AHEPA Chapter for the generous gifts presented to us on the occasion of our retirement. We are also deeply grateful to the many individuals who offered us personal gifts during this time.

Please know that every member of our parish has been a gift to us throughout the years. Your compassion, understanding, and heartfelt prayers have greatly strengthened our own spiritual lives.

While it is difficult to thank everyone individually by name, we look forward to sharing our personal gratitude with you face-to-face as we look forward to seeing you in the future.

We extend our prayers to every St. George parishioner for many blessings from Christ our God.

With many thanks,

Theodore Pantels

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Our Spring General Assembly meeting will be held after church on **Sunday, March 22nd.**

All members in good standing are encouraged to attend. You will receive an agenda and other related documents 10 days prior.

**See you there!**

## **A NOTE OF GRATITUDE**

*I would like to take a moment to thank our entire community for its dedication to this year's festival. It was truly a blessing to witness everyone working together in such harmony, with the shared joy of welcoming others and sharing Christ through our beautiful cultural immersion festival.*

*From the church tours to the food booths, the music, and the dancing, I felt a profound sense of unity, love, and genuine community within our parish. The spirit of cooperation and service was evident everywhere, and it reflected the beauty of our faith in action.*

*I know how much work goes into making a festival like this successful, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who gave their time, energy, and talents. I would like to especially thank George Argyros, who helped me in so many ways this year, and the entire Festival Committee, who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success.*

*I thank God for His grace, His love, and the gift of this community.*

*In Christ,  
Deacon Euthym*

## **PHILOPTOCHOS**

### **You're Invited!**

To the Membership Tea & Luncheon and it's just a few days away!

We would be delighted to have you join us for this lovely event.

Please be sure to **RSVP with Irene Stambolos** to reserve your place.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Philoptochos Board Meeting - 3/02/2026 @ 11AM
- Luminaries for sale beginning 3/08/2026 through 4/05/2026

