



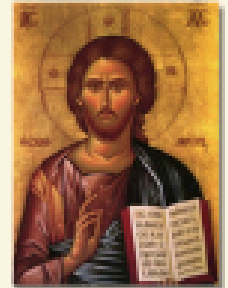
St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, March 22, 2026

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.



EPISTLE- Heb. 6:13 - 20

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL- Mk. 9:17 - 31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately



Sunday of St. John
Climacus

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Deacon:
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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.

GOSPEL- Mk. 9:17 – 31 - CONTINUED

the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have anyone know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Liturgical Notes For Today's Divine Liturgy

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Apolytikion for St John of the Ladder:

With the rivers of your tears, you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion.

O Champion General, I your city now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVELY DONATION

Karyn and David Crissell, beloved local residents who long ago fell in love with Greece and its beautiful culture, are now entering a new season of life. With hearts full of emotion and gratitude for years of cherished memories, they have chosen to entrust St. George with these beautiful pieces brought directly from Mykonos. We are deeply thankful for their generosity and the love they carry for our community. Thank you!

"Letting go of what we've cherished for years is never easy, but when we place it in the Lord's hands, we discover that release is not loss—it is trust. And in that trust, He makes room for new blessings to bloom."



WELCOME

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME AT ST. GEORGE?

We sincerely hope that your worship experience with us brings you closer to our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please take the time to sign our guest book at the entrance and accept our invitation to join us after Divine Liturgy in the church hall for Coffee Hour.

If you are not familiar with Orthodox worship, please ask one of our Ushers for assistance.

Are you a Christian?

If you are seeking spiritual direction or would like to know how to become an Orthodox Christian, please contact Deacon Euthym.

From the Stewardship Committee Regarding the General Assembly

The Spring 2026 General Assembly meeting is this Sunday, March 22nd, and we look forward to having all parishioners in good standing in attendance. As we've already shared, per our bylaws, a parishioner in good standing has completed a 2026 Stewardship Commitment card and is up to date on their financial obligations. If your name appears on the following list, you are presently considered a steward and are welcome to participate fully in our meeting on Sunday.

If your name does not appear on the present list, it may be for one of the following reasons:

- You have started paying your stewardship obligation, but did not turn in a 2026 Commitment card.**
- You have turned in a 2026 card, but are delinquent in your financial obligations.**
- You are a new member in 2026 and have turned in your card, but have not been a member long enough to qualify.**

Each year a new Stewardship Commitment card must be filled out. For those who have not yet filled out a 2026 Stewardship Commitment card, BUT who were members in good standing last year AND did begin your obligation for 2026, you may vote at the General Assembly by completing a card prior to the meeting.

Any person who has completed their 2026 Stewardship Commitment card, but who has not yet started payment of his/her 2026 stewardship obligations, may participate in the Parish Assembly by meeting such stewardship obligations on or before the date of the meeting.

Unfortunately, parishioners who are delinquent in their obligations for more than the current calendar year, may not vote at the upcoming Parish Assembly, as unfulfilled stewardship financial obligations need to be met at least thirty (30) days before the meeting. Also, anyone completing a 2026 Stewardship Commitment card this week as a new member of St. George is ineligible to vote in this Sunday's meeting as you will not have been a member long enough to qualify.

From the Stewardship Committee Regarding the General Assembly - CONTINUED

For anyone unable to participate in the Spring meeting, we strongly encourage you to have your stewardship up to date by the next meeting in November in order to be a voting participant.

Should anyone have questions on their stewardship status, please notify Francine Vasilomanolakis at fvasilomanolakis@stgeorgepd.org to determination whether you can vote at our meeting this Sunday by making sure that you are in compliance with Parish Assembly bylaws.

Parishioners with complete 2026 Stewardship Commitment Cards:

Andros, Nick	Jefferson, Virginia P	Pallis, Chris & Vicki
Argyros, George & Stacey	Kallis, Linda	Pano, Hiede
Boatwright, Jonathan	Karagianis, Lou & Penny	Pantels, Fr. Theodore & Pres Petula
Borgman, James	Karris, Emmy	Parasidis, Anastasia
Bozigian, Linda Jean	Kassotakis, George & Mary Ellen	Petalas, John & Linda
Brown, Alex & Mary	Katsaros, Agathe	Piggott, Mary
Carkonen, Paul & Paulette	Kezios, Rev Spencer T. (Bishop Spyridon)	Pishue, Sam & Michele
Castrale, Craig	Kiriakopoulos, Frank	Platis, Harry PLLC
Christopoulos, Dr Jim & Gloria	Kontaxis, Euthym & Krisann	Pousen, Debbie (DJ)
Clark, Susan (Segaar)	Kosturos, Anthony & Tatum	Psaltis, Harry
Delegans, Edie	Kosturos, Paul & Dena	Psihogis, Peter & Lisa Marie
Diamond, George & Paula	Krespis, Nick & Fotini	Rassi, Abraham & Geraloine
Dilberakis, Anastasia	Kuchulis, William & Terri	Richards, Tasia
Dixson, Ann & Richard	Kundanis, Christine	Sarantos, Dean
Doubaratzis, Elias	Laskaris, Annette	Sellas, Dr James & Anastasia
Dunkel, Mariya & Gregory	Latkovic, Nicholas & Rhonda	Shaheen, Bernice
Dymond, Donald & Alexandra	Lee, Bill & Mary	Spagnolo, David & Maria
Eaton, Tina	Lekas, Bill & Denise	Spanos, George & Angie
Fakinos, Joan	Lewis, Annette	Speliopoulos, Nick & Carol
Gandrillon, Vincent	Lyons, Douglas & Carol	Stambolos, Irene
Georgas, James	Makrianis, Julie M.	Steele, Dr. Stephen & Lynanne
Hanna, Linda	Maletis, Chris & Kristi	Storton, Wynn & Ana
Hector, Tim & Nadia	Mallen, Andrea	Tripodes, Peter & Nicoletta
Hoffman, Kenneth	Manesis, Bess	Vasilomanolakis, Francine
Holm, Matthew	Mantes, E.G. & Mary Ann	Veroulis, Angelo & Tina
Howell, Stephen & Lydia	Meek, Eve	Xitco, John V & Kalitsa Z
	Pagoulatos, Margarita	Zagas, Sophie

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and
the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos
cordially invite you to attend

Agape

A Celebration of Love

"Whoever received one little child like this in
My name receives Me." Matthew 18:5



Visit www.sfphiloptochos.org
to make a secure
donation TODAY!

Camp Agape is dedicated to providing support for children afflicted with cancer and their families. This beloved ministry offers a compassionate and caring environment, exemplary of Christ's unconditional love, along with an opportunity to shape meaningful friendships and create precious memories.



Opportunity Drawing
Blue Dior Oblique Jacquard
Medium Shopping Bag

To benefit our Kids 'n' Cancer Ministry

Sunday, April 19, 2026
2:00 p.m.

Newport Beach Country Club
One Clubhouse Drive | Newport Beach, CA 92660

RSVP Date: April 12, 2026

While enjoying
an afternoon of
fabulous music,
delectable food,
and good friends,
guests will have

the opportunity to purchase Mystery Hat Boxes filled with exciting gifts and participate in an Opportunity Drawing!



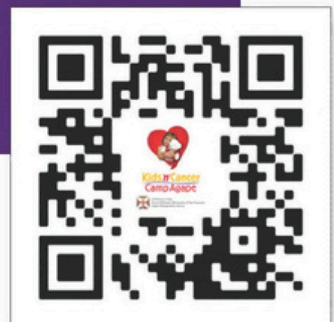
Kids'n'Cancer
Camp Agape



A Ministry of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Register at www.sfphiloptochos.org
or by calling 415-431-2600
by April 12, 2026

Cost: \$125 person





Sun, March 29th - 12pm



**Join Us!
Special Session Led by Toufic
"Luka" Louka**

- Mosaic Crosses
- Embellished Canvas Tote Bags

**Cost: \$20 per session
(Please make check payable to St.
George Ladies Philoptochos)**

Register with:

- **Rhonda Latkovic - (714) 875-4661**
- **Athena Snarskis - (219) 313-6940**



Sun, April 26th - 12pm

Included: Appetizers & refreshments

A Word About Committees

The Parish Council is ready to begin committee work!
Your Parish Council Liaison will be contacting you soon regarding the following committees:

- Stewardship – Tasia Richards
- Finance – Annette Lewis
- Long Range Planning – Francine Vasilomanolakis
- Kitchen – Pat Dalkas
- Property Maintenance – Pete Snarskis
- Parish History – Athena Snarskis
- General Fundraising – Nick Speliopoulos

Thank you to everyone who signed up.

For any committee questions, please email Francine Vasilomanolakis at fvasilomanolakis@stgeorgepd.org.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Luminary Candles

Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to support our custom Luminary Candles. Your generosity is making a meaningful impact, as every donation helps shine hope through the **Kids 'n' Cancer Ministry**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Easter baking: March 23rd
- Sip 'n' Paint: March 29th
- Board Meeting: April 6th
- General Meeting: April 13th
- Kids 'n' Cancer: Newport Beach - April 19th



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

SUNDAY School

Our St. George Greek Orthodox Church Sunday School program welcomes all children and families!

Classes begin immediately following Holy Communion each Sunday.

We invite all students—new and returning—to join us for:

- Engaging lessons about our Orthodox faith
- Bible stories and discussions

- Arts, crafts, and hands-on activities

Parents, please bring your children to their classrooms after receiving Holy Communion.

We look forward to a wonderful year of growing in faith together!



EVENTS & SERVICES COMING UP

March 22nd - General Assembly Meeting after the Divine Liturgy

March 25th - Paraclesis to The Virgin Mary - 5PM

March 27th - Akathist Hymn - 6PM

March 29th - Orthros, 8:30AM & Divine Liturgy, 9:30AM

Easter Baking: March 23rd & March 24th | March 26th & 27th

PALM SUNDAY

**JOIN US FOR PALM SUNDAY
FISH LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
DIVINE LITURGY**

**\$25.00 DONATION
(CHILDREN ARE FREE)**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - PALM
SUNDAY LUNCHEON IN THE MEMO.**

**FOR RESERVATIONS EMAIL
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*RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 29**

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