

#### St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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#### N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 7

#### Lazarus and the Rich Man

On the Fifth Sunday of Saint Luke, falling on Sunday, November 5, 2017 this year, we hear the beautiful parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man read in the Church. Hardly anyone is not familiar with this story. What was the context in which Jesus told this story? He had been talking to his disciples, speaking about the importance of serving God rather than possessions. Some of the Pharisees mocked his words, which occasioned the parable.

The parable, found in the Gospel according to Saint Luke 16:19-31, reads as follows:

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; more over the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

Let us to consider the parable in terms of several contrasts. The first contrast is found in the setting itself. There are two groups listening to Christ: the covetous Pharisees mocking His words, and the humble disciples hungry for His teachings. So before we hear the first word from the story, we have a great contrast in attitude toward Christ.

The second contrast is between a rich man and a beggar named Lazarus. Notice that the rich man, who lives only for himself, has no name. Persons have names; but the more we live for ourselves, the smaller we become as persons. But the beggar, stripped of everything that, by the standards of this world, gives dignity, money, family, food, clothing, shelter, and health, remains a person. He has a name, Lazarus, which means "God helps". His personhood comes from his relationship to God, and it is this relationship that gives Lazarus true dignity.

Here is another contrast for us to consider: that between wealth and poverty. How do we as Christians, who happen to be followers of the One who had nowhere to lay His head, relate to wealth and poverty? Jesus means to trouble us with this thought. From a spiritual point of view, we cannot agree with so much modern day preaching that glorifies wealth and happiness. Were we not made for more than this?

There is also a contrast drawn between heaven and hell. These are real places where real people spend eternity. Notice that heaven, the abode of God, is personalized, the "bosom of Abraham," while in hell all personhood is given up, once and for all. In hell God's likeness is gone, His image eroding, practically, into nothingness. In heaven Lazarus finds peace and contentment, but in hell the rich man finds only suffering, suffering brought on by his self-will.

The ultimate contrast, finally, is between those who genuinely hear the words of Christ and follow him, and those who seemingly hear the words of Christ, but are indifferent or even hostile to those words. It is not enough to simply hear Christ's words. The words have to be believed and acted on.

If the rich man had reached out to Lazarus, he could have become a real person and he might have found his way to God. But he did not. In these contrasts we find a challenge to make a decision. The decision is a simple one, but has profound consequences. Are we willing to live the life of love, and to be followers of Christ? Or will we be indifferent, even hostile, to His words, and become His enemies?

May Our Merciful and Compassionate Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always and may we always strive in life not to overlook those in need sitting at our doorstep but to act as commanded by Christ.

With my paternal love in Christ,

Very Rev. Archimandrite Agathonikos M. Wilson (Father Mike)

Cathedral Dean

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners.

The Glendi is over and that leads once again into the busy fall season of activities at your community. Please check the various announcements in this bulletin of events coming up and try to be a part of things. Your church is providing a plethora of things to do for all ages: from the Taverna Night to pumpkin carving, Sunday School Breakfast to bible study, basketball sign ups and family nights, cub, boy and girl scout troops, Greek school for youth and adults. No one can say there is nothing to do up there so why bother, no one. Most importantly we have our faith, our faith in our salvation, our faith to come together, pray together as the Body of Christ at our blessed Divine Liturgy, hear our wonderful Choir. Let each of us sustain each other and strengthen our resolve to be the best loving people we can be. We are all family, the St. George family, let's participate with your family at your church.

We just finished our fall General Assembly and your community continues to face the same challenges we always seem to face, many demands on our limited available resources and a lack of interest from so many of our people. Yesterday at the General Assembly we had 36 people who bothered to take an hour to listen to the various reports on the health of their church. We have a list of stewards in this monthly mailing, look at the names. Is yours there? What about your brother and sister, what about your adult children with families of their own, are their children in the Sunday school? Yes, a tough question that needs to be discussed openly not buried, we as a board have this discussion every month for ways to make things better to change things up, to give everyone a reason to belong. There are no easy answers and with St. George everyone has an opinion. While everybody is certainly entitled to that opinion let's try to channel our thoughts in a forward thinking positive way, the time of doing nothing has passed, if you're reading this I know you care somewhat or did at some point in your life, I have not given up on you, I'm simply asking you to help me, help your church of St. George. Let's get moving together as a family of committed Christian people.

Speaking of Stewardship, we will be sending two letters out to finalize the commitment of those who have made a pledge for 2017 and a second letter to give some others who have not made a pledge a final chance to do so in 2017,

to help share in the support their church. I urge you if you get a letter please react in a positive way. When that is complete it will not be long before the pledge letter for 2018 will be sent to all of us once more, to again look in our hearts and then open our heart to our church. We have an average pledge of \$300 and we really need to move that number higher as Stewardship has moved into a more familiar method of support for everyone. We can accept it in many ways, whatever is easiest for you, Father Michael puts an envelope in the basket every Sunday, others make a monthly deduction from their checking account or charge it to a credit card, some do it quarterly or on a semiannual basis, some use that first letter as their reminder and send in a pledge for the year. Whatever works but we all need to do something if we are to continue to have the healthy community we all desire, what we all deserve. A community with things happening, things going on in a vibrant progressive community, join me.

Some important dates: elections to the Board of Directors will be on November 19th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Please come and exercise your right to vote.

I want to thank John Stavropoulos and his hard working team for the wonderful Taverna night just completed. Also, a big thank you goes out to Veneta Tatakis and her dedicated group of moms and dads who are doing such a great job on the family nights, my pumpkin is real scary thanks to you all.

Let me thank all of you for putting up with me and my attempts to get some movement here at St. George. We can never forget or thank enough of those who labored for so long before us but this is our time and our generation to lead and we must do everything in our power and with our God given talents to do just that. I see nothing but wonderful times ahead and hope you wish and pray for the same for St. George Cathedral.

May you and your family have a most blessed and Happy Thanksgiving, enjoy your traditions and always remember the church, your church that loves you and wants to be part of that family. May God bless you all and may He continue to bless St. George.

Frank C. Comerford-President

#### A PRAYER FOR VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2017

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have Mercy.

O God, we give you thanks today for our nation's veterans. We honor them for their faithful service to our country, and for what they have done to defend and preserve our freedom. Generation after generation, young men and women have answered our country's call, and their lives have been changed forever.

We are grateful to all who have served, whether in peacetime or in conflict. But today we especially remember those who have been tempered by fire, those who continue to bear wounds of the body or the spirit as a result of what they endured. They lie in our veterans' hospitals or struggle for recovery in rehabilitation centers; they suffer from posttraumatic stress and survivor's guilt; they yearn for peace in their souls. O Lord, we ask you to heal their wounds, to banish whatever inner demons may haunt them, and to give them peace within so they may return fully to their families and to society.

We thank you, O Lord, for all of our country's veterans — those of past generations, and those who continue to earn this title today. May we never forget what our country has asked of them and what they have given in return. Help us to give them the respect and honor they are due. And strengthen our resolve to build a world modeled on your realm, where war will be pursued no more.

We pray this in Your Holy Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

# SENIOR CARE "BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR PROGRAM"

The Home Instead Senior Care of Manchester "Be a Santa to a Senior Program" is meant to brighten the lives of lonely or isolated seniors of Hillsborough County and let them know they are being thought of and remembered this Christmas season. The gifts will be delivered to local meals on wheels recipients along with their meals during Christmas week. Gift tags will be available during the first week of December. Generic male/female gifts are all that are needed, to keep it simple and easy. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Thursday, December 14, 2017. Examples of appropriate gifts are listed on the individual tags.



#### FATHER'S OFFICE HOURS

Father's Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Saturday By Appointment

#### FATHER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Cell Phone: (603) 856-6749 E-mail: revframwilson@yahoo.com

#### St. George Board of Directors

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St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedra

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Baptisms**

Eleni, daughter of Jim and Hayley Politis. Congratulations!

#### **Funerals**

Dorothea Price
Christos Kaliatzidis
Georgia Lodge
May their memories be eternal!

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your address changes, please give the Cathedral Office a call at 622-9113 and let them know of the change.

#### **ASSUMPTION GREEK SCHOOL**

There will be no Greek School on Thursday, November 23rd because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Will be on Sunday, November 19th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please exercise your right to vote.

# DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 AT 2:00 A.M.

At **2:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, November 5, 2017** millions of groggy Americans will turn their clocks back one hour, ending Daylight Saving Time.

A safety reminder: Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. "A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire," says William McNabb of the Troy Fire Department in Troy, Michigan. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have either dead or missing batteries.

#### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

#### St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Endowment Fund in memory of:

Nicholas Skaperdas \$225.00

#### St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund in memory of:

Sophia Plentzas	\$285.00
Nicholas Skaperdas	\$480.00
John Lazos	\$280.00
Irene Kafegelis	\$90.00
Christos Kalaitzidis	\$1,410.00
Pamela A. Dager-Hagan	\$20.00
Leonard Sousa	\$200.00
Barbara Stavropoulos	\$30.00
Dorothea Price	\$500.00

#### The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund

in memory of:

Sophia Plentzas \$25.00 Christos Kalaitzidis \$50.00

#### The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship Fund

in memory of:

Sophia Plentzas \$20.00

#### The George Demos Altar Boy Scholarship Fund,

in memory of:

Sophia Plentzas \$80.00

#### **CHAIR DONATIONS**

We are still in need of donations for the chairs that were purchased for the Community Center. If donating, please make checks out to St. George Cathedral

#### **CHOIR ROBE DONATIONS**

The choir would like to thank the following people for their donation towards the purchase of our new choir robes:

Nick and SeSun Hartofelis \$100

Tim and Vangie Giotas

Kosta and Nikki Moutsioulis

In honor of former choir member,

Sophia Dongas' 90th Birthday \$150

Alice Love, Elaine Oleniak, Linda Samalis, Joni Spelas

In memory of former choir member,

Irene Samalis \$150

#### FAMILY OUTREACH SUNDAY: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Department of Stewardship, Outreach, and Evangelism are pleased to announce the 13th Annual Family Outreach Sunday. The program encourages active parishioners to invite inactive family members and Orthodox Christian friends and relatives that have fallen away from active involvement in the Church. Jesus Christ calls each one of us to engage in active outreach to these relatives and friends. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America refers to this calling as "a particular integral aspect of our Orthodox Christian identity that is worth our cultivating, cherishing, and sharing."



Dear St. George Community,

We are off to a tremendous start in Sunday School! I love seeing so many familiar faces in the classrooms and I love seeing so many new faces too! Welcome to all our new families! If you haven't joined us yet, please consider setting aside some time and participating in our program. It is not too late to join us in Sunday School!

#### **Sunday School Save the Dates!**

Date Event

November 12 Pancake Breakfast

December 3 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal December 10 Christmas Pageant and Party

So while it's true that Thanksgiving only comes but once a year, I celebrate thanks each and every day. I am thankful for my family and friends. I am thankful for the amazing opportunity to serve my church as the Sunday School director. I want to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt gratitude to all the Sunday School families, teachers and staff who are joining me on this wondrous learning adventure.

This Thanksgiving, I wish for all my Sunday School families the happiness that comes from doing the things you love with the people you love.

Happy Thanksgiving! Athena Moutsioulis Bevan

### 1ST ANNUAL ΠΙΤΑ ΦΕΣΤ

WHO MAKES THE BEST PITA AROUND?

Do you think you know?

Is it YOU?

Let's find out at our

1st Annual Pita Fest Saturday, November 11, 2017 6:00 pm -11:00 pm

#### ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

111 Island Pond Road • Manchester, NH

Sign-up and enter your pita into a friendly bake-off to earn bragging rights and a nice little prize or just come to taste and see which are your favorite pitas

Tickets: \$10 adults

(includes pita samples, desserts & coffee)
Bring your dancing shoes along as there will be
music & dancing for all!

Mezethakia platters & assorted beverages will be available...donations gratefully accepted. Hope you get your "pita moves" on and join us!

To enter please contact
Joni Stamoulis 603.674.4255
Effie Kalampalikis 603.785.4208
Kathy Papakostas 603.867.1655

#### **Joyful Giving – Stewardship 2017 Pledge Form**

#### My Pledge to St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in 2017 (Please respond as soon as you can!)

NAME	SPOUSE (If Married)				
STREET	CITY	STATEZIP			
HOME PHONE	_MOBILE PHONE				
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May we include your contact information in th	e parish directory? 🗆 YES 🔲 NO May w	e add you to our parish email list?  YES NO			
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In gratitude for God's blessings. I/we commit t	to Christ and His Church the following amount for 2017: \$_				
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	s of interest with a check mark. <b>FAMILIES</b> should mark "H'	for HUSBAND, "W" for WIFE, or "C" for CHILDREN.			
EDUCATION	ADMINISTRATION	Outreach			
Bible Study	Review / Audit	Stewardship			
Adult Religious Education	By-Laws	Sunday Fellowship / Coffee			
Intro to Orthodoxy	Office Help	Visitation – Hospital			
Publications	Computer / Technical	Visitation – Shut-ins			
Speakers	Data Entry	Feed the Hungry			
Library	Board of Directors	Prison Ministry			
YOUTH	Anagenesis	Grief Bereavement Group			
Sunday School Teacher	DEVELOPMENT / FUNDRAISING	Disaster Relief Projects Blood Drives			
GOYA	Glendi	Project Mexico			
Little Lambs	LITURGICAL	Int'l Orth Christian Charities			
Hope/Joy	Sanctuary & Altar Care	OCMC Mission Center			
Scouts	Altar boys / Acolytes	Seniors Ministry			
Basketball	Baking Prosfora	Couples Ministry			
Youth Choir	Choir	Singles Ministry			
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Reader	Military Ministry			
Garden & Landscape	Greeter / Usher				
Clean-up	MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS	COMMUNICATIONS Website % F. mail			
Interior Repairs	Campus Ministry	Website & E-mail			
Exterior Repairs	Welcome Team	Bulletin & Newsletter			
Hall Rentals	New Member Events	Public Relations			

#### STEWARDSHIP 2017

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Philip & Sofia Plentzas

Evangelos & Pauline Poulos

Sophia Plentzas+ James & Hayley Politis

#### St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Basketball

*Tradition* ● *Competition* ● *Fun* 

2017-2018



To: Basketball Players, Cheerleaders, and Parents

It is that time of year again – BASKETBALL TIME! We would like to have teams compete at all the CYO levels noted below. Last year we were unable to field teams in several of the CYO leagues. If you know of children in these age groups that do not get this newsletter please let them know about these basketball opportunities and have them contact the office or Ted Setas at 603-289-4947.

Attached is the form (Basketball League Player Participation Form) you need to complete and return to the St. George Cathedral office **ASAP** if you would like to play basketball with any of the following teams this year. Practices for the CYO teams will begin in October so please contact the office, or Ted Setas ASAP if you are interested in having your child (ren) play basketball. The Instructional Clinic for ages 5 to 8 will begin in late November/early December.

<u>Team</u>	Grades/Age	Coaches
High School	High School Boys	Ted Rokas Mike Goudouros Louis Demos
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Girls	7 <sup>th &amp;</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls	TBD
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Boys	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys	TBD
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Boys	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys	TBD
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Girls	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls	TBD
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> Coed	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls	Michael Ferrari Louie Dimos
Instructional Clinic	Children ages 5 -8	Billy Timbas
Cheerleading	3rd – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls	TBD

If any parent is interested in coaching a basketball team please call Ted Setas at 603-289-4947. If you have any questions, please call the office, or Ted.

Saint George Sunday School

#### Pancake Breakfast



#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR



FIFTH ANNUAL HARVEST

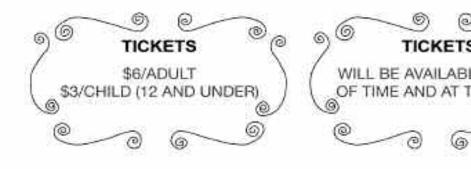


PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DURING COFFEE HOUR

TO BENEFIT THE

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM!



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

# WHAT CONCERN IS IT TO US IF OUR BRETHREN DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH? FAMILY OUTREACH SUNDAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Saint John Chrysostom was asked the same question in the late 4th Century and offered the following reply: "Now these remarks of mine are not so much directed to those who do not attend, as to you who do not bring them forward and do not rouse them from their idleness, and bring them to this table of salvation. I call to mind that on the festival days the multitudes assembled resemble the broad expanse of the sea, but now not even the smallest part of that multitude is gathered together here. Where are they now who oppress us with their presence on the feast days? It is clear that the absence of all the others is due not only to their own idleness, but also to your neglect. But what if they do not desire to come, you say. Make them desire it by your continual demand to attend, for if they see you insisting upon it they certainly will desire to come. For what profit is a lamp if it does not give light to him who sits in darkness and what profit is a Christian when he leads no one back to virtue? Do you not see doves which have been trained, how they hunt for others when they are let out? Let us also do this. For what kind of excuse shall we have, if irrational creatures are able to hunt for an animal of their own species, while we who have been honored with reason and so much wisdom, neglect this kind of pursuit? I exhort you with these words: Go each of you to the houses of your brethren, wait for them to come out, lay hold of them, and bring them here. Now reach out as never before, rouse yourselves up, and let each person enter the Church accompanied by a member of his family: let them incite and urge on another to the assembly here, the father his son, the son his father, the husbands their wives and the wives their husbands, brother his brother and friend his friend; or rather let us not summon friends only but also enemies to this common treasury of good things. If thy enemy sees you care for his welfare, he will undoubtedly relinquish his hatred."

#### MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Please help a needy child and or family through the Make-A-Wish Foundation gift-giving program. Gift tags will be available during the first week of December. Please return the wrapped gift to the church by Thursday, December 14, 2017. Gift requests are listed by age and gender on the individual tags.

### THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE NOVEMBER 21

The Entry into the Temple of the Theotokos, according to Holy Tradition, this took place in the following manner: the parents of the Virgin Mary, Righteous Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Mary in Her finest clothes. With the singing of sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple. There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood.

Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence. Righteous Joachim and Anna, having entrusted their Child to the will of the Heavenly Father, returned home. The Most Blessed Mary remained in the quarters for virgins, near the Temple. Round about the Temple, through the testimony of Holy Scripture, and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters, in which dwelt those dedicated to the service of God. The earthly life of the Most Holy Virgin Mother from the time of Her infancy to the time of Her ascent to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Blessed Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer, that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. In remembrance of the Entry of the Most Holy Virgin Mother into the Jerusalem Temple, Holy Church from ancient times established a solemn Feast day. The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells the blessing of God for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE GOSPEL

The Gospel Book in the Orthodox Church is kept enthroned on the altar, which shows how much we respect and honor the word of God. In non-Orthodox churches the Bible is kept at the pulpit or on a lectern. Not so in the Orthodox Church where Christ is present on the altar as the Bread of Life in the tabernacle and as the Word of God in the Gospel Book.

The Gospel Book contains readings for every day of the year, but is not the complete New Testament, as it does not include the epistles, only the four Gospels. The epistles are contained in another book called the "Apostolos".

Through the Gospel Book Christ speaks to us in every Liturgy. He speaks to us the very same words He spoke to His disciples. He enters into conversation with us. It is as if He were here now, in fact, He really is here when we hear His word read to us. How much we need to listen to Christ today. We have many questions about life. We fumble about not knowing who we are or where we are going or why we are here. All the while the Lord Jesus is trying to tell us, "Why don't you try reading my directions for life in this Book. Here is where I tell you what life is about."

God is present in this book. He wants to speak to us through it and has many wonderful and great things to tell us if only we open this book at home every day and read it. The Bible is not just another book — it is God's personal letter to us, the living, actual Word of God — to me and to you. Please spend a few minutes each day reading just one chapter. It will give you God's guidance for the whole day.

God wants His Gospel Book to be enthroned not only on the Church altar but also in your heart and your mind. It will change your life.

Excerpts from <u>Introducing the Orthodox Church: Its Faith and Life</u>, Fr. Anthony Coniaris, c. 1982,

Light and Life Publishing, Minneapolis, MN



#### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

It is that time of year when we all start thinking about the upcoming holiday season. Along with the joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we enjoy wishing everyone a very blessed and happy season.

Please fill out the attached form, along with your donation, and return it to the church office no later than **NOVEMBER 28, 2017.** 

Please note the deadline as NO NAMES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE IN ORDER TO INSURE DELIVERY.

This year's donation will be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) however, any greater amount you wish to contribute will be most welcomed.

Please make checks payable to St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Do not hesitate to share this wonderful opportunity with as many relatives and friends as possible.

This year profits from the Christmas Card will be used to fund Youth Ministry Programs.

Thank you in advance for another successful Community endeavor. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

#### PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY! PLEASE PRINT.

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# November 2017

Sat	4. Baptism of Paisios, son of Theo & Angela Vougias at noon.	11.	18.	25.	
	3. Card Making Family Fun Night 6-9 pm in CC. No Basket- ball  OSed	10. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	17. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	24. Cub Scout Babysitting 5 am—2 pm in CC. (Office Closed) 5th/6th Boys BB 6-	
Thu	am 2. HS BB 7:30 –9 p.m. 3. Ca Fami in CC. pm i pm ii  Cathedral Office Closed	9. Feast of St. Nektarios Div. Lit. 10 am. HS BB 7:30—9 pm in CC.	16. HS BB 7:30 –9 pm in CC.	23. Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed)	30. Feast of St. Andrew Div. Lit 10 am. HS BB 7:30—9 pm in CC
Wed	1. Bible Study 11 am & 6:15 pm at An- nex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm at Annex. Cat	8. Bible Study 11 am & 6;15 pm at An- nex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm at Annex.	15. Bible Study 11 am & 6 ;15 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm at Annex.	22. No Bible Study. No Cub Scouts	29. Bible Study 11 am & 6:15 pm at Annex.  Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm
Lue		7. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	14. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	21. Feast of the Presentation Div. Lit 10 am. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	28. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.
Mon		6. Pre-School 4:30- 5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7-8:30 pm	13. Pre-School 4:30 -5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm. BOD Mtg. 7 pm at Annex. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in	20. Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm. in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7-8:30 pm in CC	27. Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in
Sun		5. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. School 10 a.m. Joint Installations AHEPA/DOP 3 pm CC	12. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. School 10 am. Sun. School Pancake Breakfast in CC. Greek Dance 6-8 p.m. in	19. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. School 10 am. Board of Directors Elections 10 am—4 pm in C.C.	26. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. No Sun. School



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December 2017

Thu Wed Tue Mon Sun

Fri

Sat

1. No Basketball 2.	8. Gingerbread 9. House Family Night 6 -9 pm in CC. No Basketball	Feast of St. 16. Eleutherios Div. Lit. 10 am. No Basketball Cub Scout Parent	Royal Hours of 23.  Christmas 10 am.  Cub Scout Parent  Night 5-9 pm in CC.	29. 5th/6th Boys 30. BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.
	7. Cadillac Mtg. 6:30 pm at Annex. HS BB 7:30 9 pm in CC.	14. HS BB 7:30 9 pm in CC.	21. HS BB 7:30 9 pm in CC.	28. HS BB 7:30 9 pm in CC.
	Feast of St. Nicholas 10 am. at St. George Cathedral. Bible Study 6:15 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in	13. Bible Study 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m. at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC	20. No Bible Study Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC	No Bible Study Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.
	5.Feast of St. Nicholas Great Vespers at St. Nicholas Church 7 pm. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	12. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	<ul><li>19. 5th/6th Boys</li><li>BB 6-7:30 pm in</li><li>CC.</li></ul>	26. Holiday (Office Closed)
	4. Pre-Sch. 4:30 5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7-8:30 pm in CC.	11. Pre-Sch. 4:30 5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7-8:30 pm in CC.	18. Pre-Sch. 4:30 5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7-8:30 pm in	Merry Christmas Div. Lit. 10 am. (Office Closed)
	3. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Sun. Sch. 10 am.	Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am. Sun Sch. Christmas Pageant and Party.	17. Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Sun. Sch 10 a.m.	24. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Christmas Eve Great Vespers 6 pm.  31. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Youth & Family Bowling Lakeside Lanes 1 pm & Pizza following bowling at Church.

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#### **BASKETBALL LEAGUE - PLAYER PARTICIPATION FORM**

20	017-2018 Season			
Player Name				
Address				
City	State Zip			
Home Telephone No	Cell Phone (mom) (dad)			
Father's Name:	Mother's Name:			
Email Address:	Email Address:			
Age Birth Date Grade	School Name			
1 1 2	league; \$40.00 per player in Instructional/Clinic n family cost of \$125.00)			
Paid in Full Yes No	Date Paid/			
Parents are members in good standing at (list church)				
Do you play on any other team (list)				
<u>IN.</u>	JURY DISCLAIMER			
I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, its constituent organizations, including but not limited to the coaches of the team of St. George from any and all liability for personal injuries or property damage or death to my child/ward that arises in any way from participation in the Athletic Program activities, including but not limited to transportation to or from these activities including all liability that results from the alleged negligence of any person or cause. Furthermore, I agree to have my child treated for emergency medical or dental problems that should result from injuries received, providing treatment is advised by a licensed physician or dentist. I accept full responsibility for all costs related to such emergency treatment.  On the lines below I have listed any medical condition, physical disability, allergy to medicine which is				
relevant to rendering medical care to my child				
I understand that photographs of my child ma If you do <b>NOT</b> want your child's photograph	by be taken and used for publicity and/or newspaper articles. used, please notify the coach in writing.			
Signature - Parent/Guardian	Date			