



# St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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## STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World  
“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Are you a good and faithful servant? As Orthodox Christians, we have been given a sacred trust. We have received the treasure of the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ. With this sacred trust comes the great responsibility to share it.

If we compare ourselves to the stewards in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), do we multiply the treasure for which we are responsible and for which we will be held accountable when the master returns? Or do we bury our treasure in the ground, offering back only that which was given to us? Jesus said “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). At the end of our life, will He say to us, “Well done good and faithful servant”?

As recipients and stewards of this great treasure, we are called to protect it, keeping its message pure. This is difficult to do in a time when knowledge of the faith is formed so much by popular culture. Orthodox Christians in America may rely too heavily on our culture to bind people to the faith, often at the expense of knowledge of the Gospel message and the faith. As each generation becomes increasingly assimilated, these cultural ties become less effective in keeping people engaged in the life of the Church. For many, knowledge of the faith is insufficient to appreciate the unique teachings and traditions of Orthodox Christianity. Without a clear knowledge of our faith, we have become less able to share it as we have been called to do.

We are called to guard the Gospel message, but not to hoard it. We are instructed not to hide our light under a bushel (Matthew 5:15). As Jesus Christ sends us to be His voice in a changing world, we must also remove impediments or perceived impediments to non-Orthodox inquirers that seek His Truth. What messages do we send out intentionally or unintentionally? What might cause the Gospel message to be ignored or misunderstood?

Since the first Orthodox Christians came to America, the local parish has served as a guardian of the faith and also of the culture from which it was transplanted. Parishes must think carefully about how they share the faith with others. Thoughtful and sensitive consideration must be given to our outreach efforts in order to identify what aspects of our parish life may be creating potential stumbling blocks for others.

As we share the voice of Christ, the message we share is one of hope, truth, grace, divine power, life and invitation. In this busy, ever-changing world, His voice of wisdom is needed to guide us in discerning what is good, what is true and what will bring us closer to Him and to one another.

We live in a physical world that places great value on material possessions. Material possessions and wealth may bring power and status. But wealth and possessions can be fleeting. Circumstances change. It is the voice of Jesus Christ and the truth of His Gospel that remain constant. In our spiritual relationship with our Creator, we realize that we are called to be good stewards of His creation. And as stewards of His Gospel, we are called to use our material, worldly possessions to meet the needs of others.

The base from which we serve as the *Voice of Christ in a Changing World* is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home, and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make our local church all that it can be.

We conclude with these words of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America: “...we are called to be the light of the world; we are sent into a changing world to offer the voice of Christ to those who are not connected to the Church. This includes those who have never heard the voice of Christ, others who have not been prepared to listen, and still others who need a new invitation to return to Him. For these and even others who are distracted by disparate and deceptive ideas, the voice of Christ through us offers meaning and purpose in truth and love. In fulfilling our commission from God, we must continue to strengthen our ministries of outreach and evangelism so that our clergy and laity have the guidance, programs, and resources to offer His voice clearly and effectively” (from the Reflections of Archbishop Demetrios of America on the Theme of the Clergy-Laity Congress of 2016).

Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ, a gift of love in human flesh given to us from our heavenly Father. Christmas is that special day of love, peace, and joy which touches everyone, young and old and makes us smile. It is a season that offers many gifts and blessings, lifts our spirits, cleanses the soul, makes hearts leap for joy and brings light and renewed hope into our lives.

At Christmas time the night does not seem so dark nor does the cold feel as cold, because the Holy Infant of Bethlehem illuminates and warms all things. He, the newly born babe, the only begotten Son of God, renews the world and everyone and everything around us.

May we all, through prayer and fasting, through the reading of Holy Scripture, the singing of the beautiful hymns of the season, through confession and repentance, and in receiving Holy Communion, venture into the deeper meaning and reality of the mystery and the miracle of Christ's birth and thus truly understand "peace on earth and good will to man."

May the light of that bright star which illumined the skies over Bethlehem some two thousand years ago, allowing the world to see the humble birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guide your every step toward Salvation.

With my paternal love in Christ,

Very Rev. Archimandrite Agathonikos M. Wilson  
(Father Mike)  
Dean of the Cathedral and Presiding Priest

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving with family and friends as we all have so much to be thankful for in our country and especially here at St. George Cathedral. These are busy times here at your community: Family Nights, Sunday School, Greek School, Cub/Boy & Girl Scouts, and Basketball starting up in full as we are again fielding teams in all age groups. Busy times indeed.

I want you to be aware of two recent donations we have made. The first was for the Hurricane Relief that was requested by the Metropolis to go to the IOCC. We used the money we all sent donated and sent a check for \$2,568 to our Orthodox brothers and sisters suffering in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico. Well done St. George.

The second donation for \$2,500 was voted on by your Board of Directors from the Glendi proceeds, where we have had a long tradition to give something back to the greater community, our friends, neighbors, customers, through a worthy charity chosen each year when money makes it possible. I can recall the New Horizons, the Red Cross, the

flood victims in the greater Keene area as recipients of our proceeds in the past. After some discussion, this year we are sending the money to the Hope for Recovery-NH on Wilson Street. The addiction epidemic has touch many of us throughout St. George. The Hope for Recovery is doing wonderful work in the battle, the fight to keep especially our younger generation clean and sober. It is a life-long effort with programs and outreach, we need to pray for their success one person at a time, one day at a time.

We just held our Board elections and I want to thank Kelly O'Brien Hebert, who is stepping off the board, for her service to our church in that capacity, thanks Kelly. I also want to welcome William Hughen who was elected for the first time following in his father's footsteps. Congratulations Bill! I look forward to serving our beloved cathedral with you. I also want to thank our four returning Directors for putting up with me as we all will be continuing to serve our church: John Stavropoulos, Nikki Moutsoulis, Cathy Moufarge and George Copadis. Being a Director is an honor our community gives to some of us and we must never forget that, being here early, or late, going to meetings, cleaning up the mess, keeping us on track and focused, moving forward together as brothers & sisters. Mike Zoukis once told me it's not about being a big shot it is a service job, service to your church. Mike told me that 30 years ago and I have not forgotten and pray I always remember those true words.

The Stewardship letters will be going out to many to remind us to complete the final fulfillment of our 2017 pledge, some have always paid at years' end which is perfectly fine. Maybe we can still generate a few brand-new pledges for 2017, who come but have not yet become a steward of the church. Once the new year arrives the new 2018 commitment will be going out. The message is the same please be generous, it takes a lot of money to pay our bills, run our programs, and maintain our buildings. How about \$100 more from each of us, I know I'm just a pushy NY guy but the need is real. We all need to work on what does the church means to you and your family. We need to bring in more people to share the burden, get the young people back. Why not talk to your extended family? Is your brother, sister, adult children members of our church? Were you honored to be asked to be a Godparent years ago? Are they here with you? We all need to spread the word to belong in more than just a few passing comments. Let's get our own people back into their community, then we can work on the others, we know you're out there make a commitment. The times demand it.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

I do not want to offend anyone of any party allegiance, it really does not matter but I think it is noteworthy that a member of this church, a steward of this community, Chris Pappas, is beginning a run for the Congress of the United States. This is a young man who went to our Sunday school, played basketball in our center, went off to Harvard and then returned to contribute to his family business and to the success our events: appreciation dinners, Palm Sunday, the Glendi. It is notable and meaningful whether you ever vote for him or not, he is one of us, this is something to take some pride in and to tell your children, inform them that working hard, doing their best in school, does indeed still mean something that anything is possible in this wonderful country we all share.

I want to wish you a blessed, safe Christmas and New Year's, remember your church when enjoying your family and friends, we are part of your extended family. Please join with me in a prayer for our city, all its people and our country as we celebrate once again the birth of Christ, may God bless you all and continue to bless His Cathedral of St. George.

Frank C. Comerford  
President

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## 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.

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## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CHURCH READER?

Any adult or older teenager in the community who is interested in reading the Epistle at the Divine Liturgy please contact Father Mike directly.

## THE ANNA THEODOSOPOULOS SCHOLARSHIP

The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship is available to High School seniors and must be submitted by April 1. Applications can be picked up in the cathedral office.

### 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



## BOARD MEMBERS UPDATE COMING IN JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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## THANK YOU TAVERNA NIGHT 2017

Thank you one and all for making Taverna Night a Great Evening! Adults and children danced all night. Many thanks to those who donated their food and time. Tracy, Liz, Marilyn, Louise, Poppy, Steve, Christos, Dan and son, Maria and John, Tim and Vangie, Jim, Ken, and Cindy. Also Veneta for the pumpkins she donated.

With Great Appreciation,  
John Stavropoulos.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Weddings

Jennifer Aboshar and Andrew Otto  
Congratulations!

### Baptisms

Paisios, son of Theofilos and Angela Vougias  
Congratulations!

### Funerals

Irene Carnavos  
Zaferios Mitsopoulos  
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.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### **St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Sunday School Fund** in memory of:

Christos Kalaitzidis \$30.00

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

Dorothea Price \$100.00

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

Christos Kalaitzidis \$70.00  
Evangelos Tsingos \$250.00  
Andrew Keriazes \$100.00  
Georgia Lodge \$25.00

### **The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund** in memory of:

Evangelos Tsingos \$250.00

### **The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship Fund** in memory of:

Evangelos Tsingos \$250.00

### **The George Demos Altar Boy Scholarship Fund,** in memory of:

Sophia Plentzas \$30.00

John and Maria Dovas generously donated \$50.00  
to the St. George Greek Orthodox Senior Choir  
in loving memory of Sophia Plentzas.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul O'Brien generously donated \$100.00  
to the St. George Greek  
Orthodox Cathedral Holy Wine Fund.

Ioannis Kalaitzidis generously donated \$50.00  
to the St. George Greek Orthodox Beautification Fund.

## ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL 2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Children will assemble in the church at 10 AM each Sunday for Divine Liturgy and then proceed to classrooms after Communion. Students will be dismissed from class at 11:45 AM. There will be a collection in the classroom each Sunday for Orthodox Christian Missions and charities.

November 5	Family Sunday/NO class - Marathon Sunday
November 12	Regular Sunday - Pancake Breakfast
November 19	Regular Sunday
November 26	Family Sunday/NO class - Thanksgiving
December 3	Regular Sunday - Rehearsal Christmas Pageant
December 10	Regular Sunday Christmas Pageant and Party
December 17	Regular Sunday Christmas Pageant and Party Snow Date
December 24	Family Sunday/NO class Christmas Holiday Break
December 31	Family Sunday/NO class Christmas Holiday Break
January 7	Regular Sunday
January 14	Regular Sunday - Teaching Liturgy
January 21	Regular Sunday
January 28	Regular Sunday - Godparent Sunday & Gyro Luncheon Fundraiser
February 4	Regular Sunday
February 11	Regular Sunday
February 18	Regular Sunday
February 25	Family Sunday/NO class - Winter Break
March 4	Regular Sunday
March 11	Regular Sunday
March 18	Regular Sunday
March 25	Regular Sunday
April 1	Regular Sunday - Palm Sunday
April 8	Family Sunday/NO class - Easter
April 15	Regular Sunday
April 22 F	Family Sunday/NO class - Spring Vacation
April 29	Regular Sunday
May 6	Regular Sunday
May 13	Regular Sunday
May 20	Last day of Sunday School End of year program SS sponsored coffee hour
June 2	Canobie Lake Park Field Trip (Tentative Date)

## ST. GEORGE RUMMAGE SALE

Will be held in the spring. Date to be announced. Save your gently used items--clothing, toys, home goods.

## COMING UP IN JANUARY 2018

Feast of Saint Basil and the  
Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord,  
Monday, January 1, 2018, Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

The Eve of Epiphany, Friday, January 5, 2018,  
Vesperal Divine Liturgy and the  
Lesser Blessing of the Waters 6:00 p.m.

The Feast of Epiphany, Saturday January 6, 2018,  
Divine Liturgy and the  
Greater Blessing of the Waters 10:00 a.m.

The Feast of Saint John the Baptist,  
Sunday January 7, 2018,  
Orthros / Matins 9:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday, Swearing in of the Board of Directors  
of the Church and of the Anagenesis Ladies Society,  
Cutting of the Vasilopita.

Note: The cutting of the Vasilopita will take place in the  
Church. The heads of every organization of the parish will  
be asked to come forward to receive their slice of the  
Vasilopita and make a monetary offering at that time.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

**Service of Royal Hours of the Nativity**  
Friday, December 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**  
Christmas Eve Morning  
Sunday, December 24, 2017  
Matins / Orthros at 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**Great Vespers of Christmas**  
Christmas Eve  
Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**  
Christmas Day Morning  
Sunday, December 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

## CALLED TO BE SAINTS . . .

### DIONYSIUS OF ZAKYNTHOS DECEMBER 17



The holy hierarch, Saint Dionysius, who was born and reared on Zakynthos, was the son of pious and wealthy parents, Mocius and Paulina by name. In his youth he entered the ancient monastery of the Strophada Islands, which lie south of Zakynthos, and there he donned the monastic habit. Later, he was appointed Archbishop of Aegina, and adorned its throne for a considerable time. Thereafter he returned to his homeland. One incident in his life especially reveals to what virtue he attained. A man came to him in desperation, witnessing that he had committed a murder, and was being pursued by the slain man's family. He asked Saint Dionysius to give him refuge. The Saint agreed to this, upon learning that it was his own brother whom the man had slain, he said nothing, but concealing the agony of his grief, hid him. When the Saint's kinsmen arrived at the monastery, he told them that the Murderer had gone by such and such a way. When they had departed, he admonished the man concerning the gravity of his sin, instructed him in repentance, and sent him off in peace having forgiven him his brother's murder. According to local tradition, this man later returned and became a monk at this same monastery. Saint Dionysius reposed in peace in 1621, leaving behind his sacred and incorrupt relics as a treasure for his fellow citizens.

# STEWARDSHIP 2017

Michael & Donna Aboshar  
Mark & Elaine Adam  
Arthur Adamakos  
Joanne Adamakos  
Alex & Agoritsa Agoritsas  
Bill Aivalikles  
Anastasia Ambargis  
Alex Anagnost & Amy Cloutier  
Dick & Demetria Anagnost  
Stavros Anagnost  
Alexander Apostol  
Panagiota Arfanakis  
Milton & Sally Argeriou  
Anastasios & Helen Argiras  
Stratos Argiras  
James Arvanitis  
William & Cheryl Athanas  
Brad & Katerina Atkinson  
Christos & Alexandra Babis  
Christine Ballas  
Toula Barber  
Ashley Bardwell-Moufarge  
Curtis & Erika Barnes  
Agapi Baryiames  
Helen Benson  
George & Joy Bentas  
Joan Bentas  
William & Susan Berry  
Lawrence & Zoya Berube  
Donald & Cynthia Bisson  
Andrew & Michelle Blake  
Philip & Anita Blatsos  
Connie Boardman  
Diane Bobotas  
Peter & Kate Boisvert  
Thomas & Joanne Bonito  
Mary Booras  
Thomas & Paula Borbotsina  
Keir & Joanne Bordner  
Arthur & Sandra Boujoukos  
Christopher & Angela Bourassa  
Nancy Timbas Brennan  
Rosemary Buder  
Fanny Canotas  
Vasiliki Canotas & Mark McCue  
Brian, Cathy, & Alexis Carr  
Daniel & Amanda Casey  
Gregory & Meagan Chadis  
Dorothy Chakas  
Steve Chakas  
William & Maria Chaloge  
Fran Chiavaras  
Stephanie Chiavaras  
Christos & Barbara Chrisafides  
Dean & Evangeline Christon  
William Christy  
Marie Clapsaddle  
Ronald & Marion Coble

Pamela Colantuono  
Brian Comerford  
Frank & Alice Comerford  
George Copadis  
Nick Copadis  
Jason & Aspasia Cote  
Lynn Cross  
Elaine Croteau  
Alice Crusade  
Andrew & Heather Cummings  
Jenny Dakos  
Maria Dakos  
Julia Damalas  
Maria Damalas  
Sturgis Damalas  
Nancy Daskal  
John & Vasoulla Demos  
Vivi Desjardins  
Victoria Dewey  
Cynthia Diamantis  
Michael & Demetra Dillon  
George & Linda Dimakis  
Harry Dimos  
James & Alyssa Dimos  
Michael & Christina Dimos  
Zoes & Athena Dimos  
Rob & Angela Dion  
Tom & Carol Dionis  
Kyriakos & Theologia Dongas  
Maria Dongas  
Sophia Dongas  
Nicholas & Artemis Donis  
Michael & Joanne Doukeris  
Effie Dovas  
John & Marie Dovas  
Stephen Emanouil  
Koula Fasekis  
Michael & Elizabeth Ferrari  
Robyn & Alexys Ficek  
Nancy Folis  
Timothy & Kristine Gagne  
George & Bessie Gamas  
Adamantia Gatsas+  
Matthew & Celia Gatsas  
Michael Gatsas  
Pauline Gatsas  
Theodore & Cassandra Gatsas  
George & Olga Gatzoulis  
Kostas & Visaria Gekas  
Demetrios & Stephanie Georgaklis  
Philip George  
Alexander Georgeou  
Gigi Georges & Jeff Oxman  
Arthur & Sarah Giavroutas  
Stephen & Brenda Gikas  
Aphrodite Giotas  
Ifigenia Giotas  
John Giotas

Nicholas Giotas  
Tim & Vangie Giotas  
Martin & Caroline Glennon  
Roger & Ellen Goupil  
John Grammas  
Christopher Gregorios  
Evangelos & Grace Griburas  
Sophie Grimanis  
Peter & Tana Gustafson  
Carmelo & Paraskevi Guzzardi  
Pamela Hagen  
Maria Hand  
Athanasios & Vaya Handras  
Georgia Karafotias Harb  
Nick+ & Louise Hart  
Nicholas & SeSun Hartofelis  
Olga Haveles  
Jeffrey & Kelley Hebert-O'Brien  
Stephanie Spanos Honan  
Christy Houpis & Dawn McGuire  
William & Jennifer Hughen  
William & Joan Hughen  
John Ine  
Alice Ivos  
Alexander & Jessica Jasiukowicz  
Nicholas Jaskolka  
John & Kathryn Jaskolka  
Jason & Alexis Jones  
Betty Kacavas  
Thomas & Irene Kalampalikis  
Nola Kalantzis  
Nicholas & June Kalipolites  
Angeliki Kanellos  
William & Orania Kanteres  
Christos & Haido Karageorgos  
Emilianos & Theodora Karagiannis  
Theodore & Panagiota Karametros  
John & Barbara Karanasios  
Eva Karandanis  
Rigas & Maria Karoutsos  
John & Elaine Katsoupis  
Chris & Helen Kehas  
Anna Kennefick  
Peter & Elaine Kiriakoutsos  
George & Elizabeth Kitsis  
George & Zoitsa Kitsis  
Cynthia Klinefelter  
Martha Kokkinos  
Andrea Kokolis  
Ernest Kotekas  
William Kotekas  
Mary Koukos  
Dennis & Anita Kounas  
Michael & Effie Koustas  
Nicholas & Despina Koustas  
Kathy Koutroubas & Family  
Johny & Katelyn Kuttab  
George & Dafnoulia Lalopoulos

# STEWARDSHIP 2017

Diane Spiro LaRoche  
Michael & Erica Lawton  
John & Evdoxia Lazos  
Stefanos Letares  
Phil Liakos  
Stephen & Maureen Liakos  
Menelaos+ & Mary Lianos  
Elias & Martha Loukas  
Adam Love  
Alice Love  
Jeanne Lucas  
Daniel & Maria Lustenberger  
John & Marie MacArthur  
Bill & Claire Macenas  
M. Kathryn MacPhee  
Eleni Magerias+  
Stamatia Malatras  
Helena Malik  
George Mallios  
Effie Mandelos  
Pamela Manolakis  
Joyce Mantia  
Soterios Margaritis  
Linda Martin  
Anthony & Karen Massahos  
Charles & Lisa Massahos  
Margaret Mathios  
Barbara McCabe  
Harry & Imelda Mehos  
Socrates & Evdoxia Merisotis  
Aspa Michalopoulos  
Kerri Mikolaities  
Olga Mikolaities  
Bill & Valerie Millios  
Spiro & Maria Millios  
David Minkle & Helen Tsipopoulos  
Katherine Mitchell+  
Demetrios Mitsopoulos  
Nikolas Mitsopoulos  
Spiros & Sharon Mitsopoulos  
Timothy Mitsopoulos  
Zachary Mitsopoulos  
Zaferios & Roula Mitsopoulos  
Soulтана Mokas  
Marilyn Motowylak  
Cathy Moufarge  
Bess Mousseau  
Elias Moutsioulis  
Kosta & Nikki Moutsioulis  
Nick Moutsioulis  
John Nacos  
Leonidas & Georgia Nacos  
Hercules & Chrysanthe Nagios  
Andromahi Nakos  
Doucas & Brunelle Nakos  
Mark Nakos  
Theodora Nakos  
Effie Naum

Julia Naum  
Charles, Iris & Nicholas Newdorf  
Winston & Ann Nye  
Paul & Joanna O'Brien  
Michael & Elaine Oleniak  
Androniky O'Neil  
Joy Osborne  
Michael & Joan O'Shaughnessy  
Ralph & Voula Paglierani  
Demetrios & Maria Palangas  
Nicholas Palangas  
William Pananos  
Costas & Mary Papachristos  
Frank & Athanasia Papanicolau  
Arthur & Dawn Pappas  
Chris Pappas  
Paul Pappas+  
William & Toni Pappas  
Artemis Paras  
Kristine Haveles Pelletier  
Evangelos & Brenda Pervanas  
George & Helen Pervanas  
George Petrikas  
Eugenia Pleat  
Greg & Beth Plentzas  
Philip & Sofia Plentzas  
Sophia Plentzas+  
James & Hayley Politis  
Evangelos & Pauline Poulos  
Gregory Poulos  
Eleni Randos  
Chrisoula Ricard  
Giorgio & Denise Ricciardi  
Georgia Saitas  
Christos & Jackie Samaras  
Dimitrios & Christina Samaras  
Eleni Samaras  
George Samaras  
Joanna Samaras  
Nicholas & Ann Samaras  
Phil & Pam Sapienza  
Nicholas & Stella Savvas  
Diana Seitz  
Michael Seitz  
Theodore & Elaine Setas  
John & Maria Sinclair  
George Sioras  
Joyce Skaperdas  
Georgia Sousa  
Kosta & Tina Spanos  
Stergios Spanos & Family  
Katherina Springer  
Lee Spyridakis  
Stephen & Sonia Statires  
Vangie Statires  
William Statires  
John & Elizabeth Stavropoulos  
Nicholas & Sarah Stavropoulos

Chuck & MaryEllen Stergiou  
John & Roxann Stergiou  
James & Nita Stewart  
Eva Stilkey  
Visarion & Sotiria Sverkos  
Olga Sysyn  
Aphrodite Tagalakis+  
James & Dorothy Tagalakis  
Lisa Tagalakis  
Marc Tagalakis  
Aphrodite Taris  
Andrea Tartsa  
Anthy Tartsa+  
Vasilios & Nancy Tatsis  
Tracy Terrio  
Theodora Thanos  
Gregory Timbas  
Nikolaos & Kylee Tingas  
Vasilike Tolios  
Mary Tosi  
George & Joyce Trapotsis  
Vasso Tsingos  
Thomas & Virginia Tsirimokos  
Hercules & Constance Tsirovakas  
Vasilios & Christos Tsourvakas  
Alexandra Tsoutsas  
Despina Tsoutsas  
George Tsoutsas  
Despina Tziros  
Panagiotis & Ashley Tziros  
Anastasia Vailas  
Tom & Cathy Valiton  
Vasilios & Penelope Vasilopoulos  
Christos Veziris  
George+ & Constance Viscarola  
Stergios Vizakis  
Vasilios Vlahos  
James & Constance Vlangas  
Fotios & Joanna Vougias  
Theofilos & Angela Vougias  
Vasilios & Christina Vougias  
Edward & Cynthia Wade  
Matthew & Mary Wade  
Argy Walker  
Bradley & Pamela Warren  
Timothy & Kristen Wheeler  
Matthew & Megan Whitney  
Michael & Ellen Whitney  
Helen Wilcox  
Fr. Agathonikos Wilson  
Philip & Nicole Wu  
Arthur Zetes  
Artistotle & Joanna Zevos  
Eric & Alyssa Zink  
George & Phyllis Zioze  
Haidy Zioze  
John Zioze  
George & Ruth Zogopoulos

Saint George Sunday School

# Pancake Breakfast

## A BIG THANK YOU

TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HARVEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR COOKING, SETTING UP, CLEANING, SERVING AND RUNNING THE DOOR:  
Carter Bevan, Angela Dion, Stephanie & Sophia Ferro  
Tim Giotas, Jimmy Lalopoulos, Maria Millios  
Andrea Moutsioulis, Dan Robitaille  
Pam & Angelina Sapienza, Niko Skaperdas  
John Stavropoulos, Eva Marie Stilkey  
Veneta Tatakis, All the kids who served!

With much appreciation, Athena Moutsioulis Bevan  
Sunday School Director

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Hurricane Relief efforts. We sent \$2568.00 to the International Orthodox Christian Charities – U.S. Emergency Response, all the proceeds from the monies collected here at Saint George. The Anagenesis Ladies Society sent \$250.00, also to the IOCC – US Emergency Response, for relief work caused by the devastation in Texas, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, and in Puerto Rico from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Again, thank you for your generosity and your kindness.

## THE HOME INSTEAD 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.



## TEA PARTY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made the First Annual Anagenesis Afternoon Tea Social a great success.

Welcome to our New Members

Litsa Pavlopoulos, Michelle Kapos, Louise Hart and Kathy Daskal!

(Absent from photo: Vasoulla Demos and Helen Minkle).  
See you all next year!

## FAMILY AND YOUTH BOWLING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

From the beginning of Father Mike’s ministry he has had a long running tradition of taking the parish children bowling on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year.

On Sunday, December 31, 2017, Father will be taking our youth and interested parents to Lakeside Lanes at 2171 Candia Road for an afternoon of bowling and pizza. We will meet there at 1:00 p.m. Father pays for the bowling and you are responsible for the shoe rental. Afterwards we will come back to the church for pizza and refreshments. We will all pitch in for the pizza and cold drinks.

In order that the bowling alley knows how many lanes to reserve for us, we need to give them a rough idea of how many people will be coming that day. Therefore, please let Father know that you are coming on or before December 24, 2017.



## ANAGENNESIS COFFEE HOUR 2018

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

It is time to once again to address the subject of our Beloved Coffee Hours.

More volunteers are needed to make this weekly event run smoothly. What is expected of you if you sign up to volunteer? The duties are easy and the work is quick if many hands are making the work go quickly. **Everyone** is welcomed to become a team member—men, women, and teens! The more people we have volunteer the easier and more enjoyable it will be for everyone.

Here is what you are agreeing to do:

- Arrive at the community center at approximately 9:45 am to begin setting up.
- Duties include making and serving coffee, keeping the beverage table and the buffet table stocked. Serving at special coffee hours.
- If you cannot make it on your week or will be late you need to notify the captain or co-captain of the team so that they will have enough time to find a replacement. (If you have someone who has agreed to take your place, please let captain or co-captain know.)
- Lastly, everyone should stay through clean up to make it as quick as possible.

So, if you attend Coffee Hour regularly, here is your opportunity to give back to your community. Stewardship consists of three parts: Time, Talent and Treasures. Volunteer to help at Coffee Hour and you have used your talents! Get your friends together and create a whole team.

We would like to open the coffee hour patronage to more than just Memorials. Let's celebrate a happy occasion! Dedicate a Coffee hour to someone's Birthday, Anniversary, a Big Promotion, or a new Career. Sign up with Joyce in the office just like you would for a memorial.

Below is a list of what is served at each type of Coffee Hour.

**Regular Coffee Hour includes:** cheese and crackers, grapes, two types of pastry, kids' table offerings, coffee, milk, juice, and paper products – The cost if you sponsor a Regular Coffee Hour is **\$100**.

**Memorial/Special Coffee Hour includes:** cheese and crackers, grapes, three types of pastry, veggie platter and 150 tiropetakia, kids' table offerings, coffee, milk, juice, and paper products **\$150** (effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018)

If you would like to have Sandwiches ordered the additional cost is:

- 36 assorted finger sandwiches \$45.00 (prices subject to change)
- 72 assorted finger sandwiches \$90.00
- 108 assorted finger sandwiches \$135.00... etc.

We would like to extend a **Huge Thanks** to those who do volunteer their time each week to serve at our Coffee Hours!!

We are **always** looking for more help, if you would like to Volunteer on a team please contact Tracy Terrio at 623-0847.

God Bless.... The Anagennesis Ladies Board



**St. George Gingerbread House Event  
Community Center  
December 8th - 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Please join us and decorate a gingerbread house with your family!  
(The gingerbread house will already be assembled!)  
\*\*\*Gingerbread House Contests \*\*\***

**Fun activities will be set up to design an ornament  
or two and decorate the tree.**

**Join us for some hot cocoa, snacks and dessert!!**

**Come in your PJ's or comfy clothes and bring a blanket  
or sleeping bag to sit on while we watch a holiday classic!**

**Cost \$20.00 per family  
\*Please bring a bag or two of candy that can  
be shared and used for decorating\***

**Please sign up below if you would like to join us and  
return the form and payment to the  
St. George Cathedral office in an envelope labeled  
GINGERBREAD EVENT.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#coming:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:** \_\_\_\_\_



## THE SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

Why were the Shepherds the first people to find out about the birth of Jesus? And what an amazing way they found out about it!

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

At that time, sheep farmers were generally seen as having low or little value by other people. The type of sheep the shepherds would have been raising were 'fat tailed' (or broad tailed) sheep. They often had lambs in the autumn and winter, rather than in the spring with most sheep in western countries these days.

The shepherds were quietly getting on with their own business when suddenly an angel appeared to them. I'm not surprised they were afraid! The angel's words to them told them of Jesus and his amazing birth and how they could recognize him in a very crowded town. The words of the hosts of angels is very similar to the words sung during a sacrifice service in the temple when there were three blasts of the temple trumpets.

This is only the second time in the whole Bible that a group of angels rather than one angel had appeared to people, so this proved that they had a very important message to give to them. We don't know the names of the angels or how

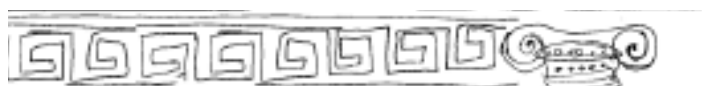
many there were of them, but in the Bible it says that there are millions of angels - so it would have been an amazing experience! Having seen the new baby, the Bible says "...they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."

## 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.

## UPCOMING FAMILY EVENT


**Gingerbread House Family Fun Night** Fri, Dec. 8th  
Family Fun Nights are from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
in the Community Center.



### Greek Dance Class for Adults

2017-2018 Sunday Dates

6:00-8:00 PM



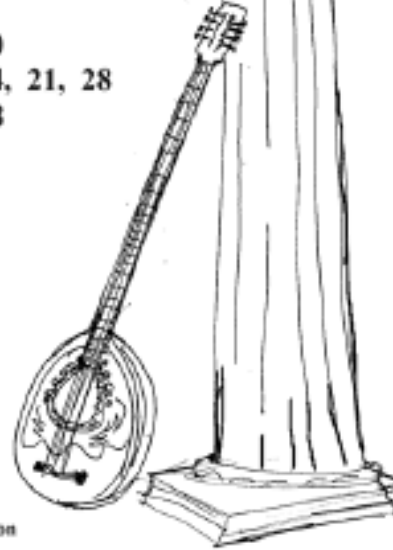
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## **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS JANUARY 7, 2018**

In 1970 if you pledged \$100.00 per year to our beloved Saint George Cathedral, that translates into \$1,000.00 in today's money. We all tend to forget that inflation has taken a great toll on our money. In 1970, you paid \$2,500.00 for a brand new automobile, which today would cost you \$25,000.00. The cost of everything has increased continually over the years. Thirty years ago the church paid \$6,000.00 to heat the church for the winter season. Last year it cost us \$60,000.00 to heat the church.

We offer ourselves as Stewards. Stewardship is our response to God's grace and moves us from grace to gratitude. Just as we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:14), we give because God first gave to us. The question of the psalmist, "What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits towards me?" (Psalm 116:2), is answered in every Divine Liturgy when the priest calls us to "offer ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God." This is the same thought that we ought to have when we make our stewardship offering to the Church as we do so with humility, appreciation, thanksgiving, joy, respect, and love.

Your 2018 Stewardship packets will be mailed to you very soon. Please reflect upon and consider the gifts that you have received from God and give accordingly to your Church. Please fill out your 2018 Stewardship Form and return it to the Church on or before Sunday, January 7, 2018 – Stewardship Sunday. At the end of the Divine Liturgy a basket will be passed and you will place your 2018 Stewardship Form in this basket in a sealed envelope. All of the stewardship forms returned to the Church prior to this date will also be placed in this basket as well. Father will then take the basket to the Altar and offer a prayer over our stewardship pledges for the coming year.



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# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Sun. Sch. 10 am.	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.	5. Feast of St. Nicholas Great Vespers at St. Nicholas Church 7 pm. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 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 CC	7. Cadillac Mtg. 6:30 pm at Annex. 5th/6th Boys BB 6:45 pm 8:15 pm in CC HS BB 8:15 pm 9 pm in CC.	1. No Basketball	2.
Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am. Sun Sch. Christmas Pageant and Party.	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.	12. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	13. Bible Study 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m. at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC	14. 5th/6th Boys BB 6:45 pm 8:15 pm in CC HS BB 8:15 pm 9 pm in CC.	8. Gingerbread House Family Night 6 -9 pm in CC. No Basketball	9.
17. Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Sun. Sch 10 a.m.	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 CC.	19. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.	20. No Bible Study Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC	21. 5th/6th Boys BB 6:45 pm 8:15 pm in CC HS BB 8:15 pm 9 pm in CC.	Feast of St. Eleutherios Div. Lit. 10 am. No Basketball Cub Scout Parent Night 5-9 pm in CC.	16.
24. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Christmas Eve Great Vespers 6 pm.	25 Merry Christmas! Div. Lit. 10 am. (Office Closed)	26. Holiday (Office Closed)	No Bible Study Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	28. HS BB 7:30 9 pm in CC.	Royal Hours of Christmas 10 am. Cub Scout Parent Night 5-9 pm in CC.	23.
31. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Youth & Family Bowling Lakeside Lanes 1 pm & Pizza following bowling at Church.						30.



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# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7. <u>Vasilopita</u> &amp; <u>Stewardship Sunday</u>            Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10 a.m. &amp; Swearing In of Both Boards.</p>	<p>Happy New Year!            (Office Closed)            Divine Liturgy 10 am</p>	<p>2. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.</p>	<p>3. No Bible Study.            Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.</p>	<p>4. HS Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.</p>	<p>5. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.            Vespers Div. Lit. &amp; Lesser Blessing of the Waters 6 pm.</p>	<p>6. Div. Lit. &amp; Greater Blessing of the Waters 10 am.</p>
<p>14. Orthros 9 a.m.            Div. Lit 10 a.m.            Sun. Sch. 10 am. Greek Dance Class 6-8 pm in CC.</p>	<p>8. 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 CC. HS BB 7-8:30 pm in CC.</p>	<p>9. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.</p>	<p>10. Bible Study 11 am &amp; 6:15 p.m. at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.</p>	<p>11. HS Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC</p>	<p>12. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.</p>	<p>13.</p>
<p>14. Orthros 9 a.m.            Div. Lit 10 a.m.            Sun. Sch. 10 am. Greek Dance Class 6-8 pm in CC.</p>	<p>No Pre-School.            Martin Luther King Event in CC.            Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm.</p>	<p>16. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.</p>	<p>17. Bible Study 11 am &amp; 6:15 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.</p>	<p>18. HS Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC</p>	<p>19. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.</p>	<p>20.</p>
<p>Orthros 9 a.m.            Div. Lit. 10 a.m.            Sun School 10 am.            Greek Dance Class 6-8 pm in CC.</p>	<p>22. 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 in CC.</p>	<p>23. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.</p>	<p>24. Bible Study 11 am. &amp; 6:15 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.</p>	<p>25. HS Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC</p>	<p>26. 5th/5th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC.</p>	<p>27. Queen City Comedy Bowl all Day in CC.</p>
<p>28. <u>God Parent Sunday</u>            Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. Sun Sch 10 am</p>	<p>29. 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 in CC.</p>	<p>30. Cadillac Set-up. No Basketball</p>	<p>31. Cadillac Set-up Bible Study 11 am. &amp; 6:15 pm at Annex. No Cub Scout Mtg.</p>			

# Daughter's Of Penelope



- MT56 snowmen fall from the sky... unassembled 
- MT57 This house believes in  Santa
- MT58  Sleigh bells ring
- MT59 Snowflakes make your eyes sparkle
- MT60 Come let us adore Him

When: Sunday December 3, 2017  
 Time: Noon -During Coffee Hour  
 Where: St George Community Center  
 There will be many sayings to choose from  
 Families Welcome  
 Can't wait to see you there.



Your creator Pauline Woodbury  
 Cell/Text 603-490-4735

## Holiday Sign Make and Take Gathering

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