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# The Trophybearer

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

How many of us remember hearing stories when we were young? We remember them to be fun and entertaining. Even now, I am trying to remember some of the stories that I heard when I was young so that I can tell them to my children. Stories, though entertaining, are also an important way to express certain truths that we as a society or we as individuals need to express. In fact, this story telling is as old as we are. Whenever you wish to express a truth, a story is the way to go even for adults. People will remember the story much better and longer than they will remember a lecture. My brothers and sisters in the Lord, tells us a story. He tells us the story of the Prodigal Son. Let us take a few moments to see what truth this story has to offer us and what impact it should have on our life.

We can see that Christ tells us a story to show us a truth. The truth is that we rejected God openly by leaving him, while the Jews rejected God in secret by refusing to accept his love for us. The point is that we both rejected him. We, while living in our world of sin and death, came to ourselves and realized that what we thought was opulence was really squalor. We returned to God. The Jews have not yet returned, but we do not know the end of the story. Will we as Christians fulfill our job and bring Christ to Israel? Or will we hoard God's mercy and love? We must remember that while all things are indeed lawful to those under grace, not all things are beneficial. We must complete our job as Christians. Let us then come to our senses. Let us then go out into the world and bring the good news of God's mercy to all people. Let us then remember the mercy shown to us and live it in our lives so that all may come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and be saved.

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Fast Free</b>  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	2 <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> <b>Fast Free</b>  9:00 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy at Assumption	3 <b>Fast Free</b>
4 <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b> 8:30a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion	5	6 <b>Feast Day of Saint Photios</b> <b>Fast Free</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy at Saint George	7 <b>Fast Day</b> 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum	8  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	9 <b>Feast Day of Saint Haralambos</b> 9:00 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy at Assumption	10 <b>1st Saturday of Souls</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy  5:00 p.m. Mardigras
11 <b>Judgment Sunday (Meat-fare)</b> 8:30a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion	12 <b>Fasting from meat only</b>	14 <b>Fasting from meat only</b>	14 <b>Fasting from meat only (Valentine's Day)</b> 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum	15 <b>Fasting from meat only</b>  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	16 <b>Fast Day</b>	17 <b>2nd Saturday of Souls</b> <b>Fasting from meat only</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
18 <b>Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)</b> <b>Teaching Liturgy</b> 8:30a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Vespers	19 <b>Clean Monday</b> <b>Great Lent Begins</b> <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Great Compline	20 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	21 <b>Fast Day</b> 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum  5:00 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy at Saint George	22 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	23 <b>Fast Day</b>  7:00 p.m. 1st Salutations	24 <b>3rd Saturday of Souls</b> <b>Oil and Wine allowed</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
25 <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Fast Day</b> <b>Oil and Wine allowed</b> 8:30a.m. Orthros 10:00 am. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion	26 <b>Fast Day</b>	27 <b>Fast Day</b>	28 <b>Fast Day</b> 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum  5:00 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy at Assumption			

## *The Council Connection*

### **Opportunities for Parish Participation**

At its first meeting of 2018, the council set the calendar for the remainder of the year and reviewed ministry assignments. Inclusion of additional parishioners beyond the council is sought for many of these endeavors: stewardship, building and grounds, finance, foundation fund, membership directory, hospitality, outreach, prayer and many

more. Please contact a council member to discuss the opportunities in which you may be interested!

Also, the Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday, February 10. Reserve your table for family and friends by contacting the church office and leaving a message or see Dennis Spurgetis after liturgy the next two Sundays. If you wish to contribute an item or an experience (baseball tickets,

trip to Tahiti) to be auctioned at the event, please contact Mary Winters at 563-355-4318.

Yours in Christ,

*Mary Rankin*

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Parish Council President

## Stewardship Notes

### **2017 Wrap-Up and Looking Ahead to 2018**

A list of stewards for 2017 is enclosed in this month's newsletter. The list includes all households that made financial donations specifically to stewardship or donations not specified for a purpose (such as festival sponsorship or a memorial). If you make contributions that you wish to be applied to stewardship (which is the parish's primary source of providing for a priest, custodian, utilities, ministries, etc.),

please use a yellow envelope provided for this purpose or write *Stewardship* in the memo section of a check.

Statistics for 2017 stewardship and projections for 2018 will be reviewed in next month's newsletter for all of you number geeks out there!

### **Fasting Notes:**

- The week of January 29 2018, the first week of the Triodion, is a fast free week. That means we are allowed to eat anything on any day and still receive Holy Communion on Sunday. It is Fast-free because we do not wish to be like the Pharisee who fasted twice a week and was hypocritical, so we do not fast this week.
- The week of February 4, 2018, the second week of the Triodion, is normal fasting week. That means we are allowed to eat anything on any day except on Wednesday and Friday, (where we fast normally) and still receive Holy Communion on Sunday.
- The week of February 11, 2018, the third week of the Triodion, is fast-free from everything except meat. That means we are allowed to eat anything except meat on any day including Wednesday and Friday, and still receive Holy Communion on Sunday.
- The week of February 18, 2017, the fourth week of the Triodion, is we begin the Lenten Fast. That means Monday through Friday we fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil while on Saturday and Sunday we are allowed to have oil and wine, and still receive Holy Communion on Sunday.

# Epistle Readers

**Sunday,  
February 4, 2018  
Sunday of the Prodigal  
Son**

Mary Rankin

**Sunday,  
February 11, 2018  
Judgment Sunday**

Alexa Florence

**Sunday,  
February 18, 2018  
Forgiveness Sunday**

Stephanie Elias

**Sunday,  
February 25, 2018  
1st Sunday of Lent**

Scot Johnson



“O Lord, open my lips and  
my mouth shall show forth  
your praise!”

Anyone interested in being  
an epistle reader should  
contact the church office!

## Prosphora Baking Schedule

**Sunday, February  
4, 2018:**

**Mary Rankin**

**Sunday, February  
11, 2018:**

**Mary Kay Eckert**

**Sunday, February  
18, 2018:**

**Lina Assaf**

**Sunday, February  
25, 2018:**

**Georgjean  
Pitsoulakis**

## Parish Council Sunday Duty

**Sunday,  
February 4, 2018**

Brad Crosson,  
Mariellen Crosson  
Doug Kenyon  
Ted Pitsoulakis

**Sunday,  
February 11, 2018**

Nick Coin  
John Mekus,  
Dennis Spurgetis,  
Diane Spurgetis

**Sunday,  
February 18, 2018**

Joe Burmeister,  
Mary Kay Eckert  
Gus Pappas  
Mary Rankin

**Sunday,  
February 25, 2018**

Brad Crosson,  
Mariellen Crosson  
Doug Kenyon  
Ted Pitsoulakis

## EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEERS

**February 28, 2018**

**Susan Coin and Kathy Farrell**

**March 28, 2018**

**Patti Kenyon and family and  
Dena Manta**

Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile ministry should contact Dena Manta at 332-1684.

## Coffee Hour Hosts for February 2018

**Sunday, February 4, 2018  
hosted by:**

**Mary Rankin**

**Sunday,  
February 11, 2018  
hosted by:**

**The Family of Janice  
Smirles**

**Sunday,  
February 18, 2018  
hosted by:**

**Open**

**Sunday, February 25,  
2018 hosted by:**

**Open**

## Community News

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday February 18, 2018 Father Michael will be having a teaching Liturgy to explain the service to the Sunday School. The children should be present and be seated together by the pulpit.

### SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS

On Cheesefare Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m., we will be having forgiveness Vespers. Let us begin Great and Holy Lent with this moving service.

### CLEAN MONDAY COMPLINE SERVICE

On Clean Monday we will be having Great Compline at 6:00 p.m.. All are invited

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Will be on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Green room.

### **2018 Executive Council**

Congratulations to our new Executive Council:

- Mary Rankin, President
- Mary Kay Eckert, Vice-President
- Dennis Spurgetis, Treasurer

Mariellen Crosson,  
Secretary

### **2018 Members**

- Joe Burmeister
  - Nick Coin
  - Brad Crosson
  - Mary Kay Eckert
  - Doug Kenyon
  - John Mekus
  - Gus Pappas
  - Mary Rankin
  - Dennis Spurgetis
  - Dianna Spurgetis
- MARDI GRAS**

Our Mardi Gras will be held on Saturday, February 10th. (see enclosed flier) The Mardi-Gras committee would like to remind all parishioners to think about donating items for our raffle. If you have something to donate for the raffle, please get in touch with the Church Office. Please help out as best you can to make this year's event as successful as we can!

## Parish Registry

### Baptism

The servant of God Isaiah, son of Dominique and Emily Nunn was Baptized into the Orthodox Faith on January 20, 2018 and the sponsor was Angela Spurgetis.

**O Lord and Master of my life, give me not a spirit of sloth, despair, ambition or vain talking.**

**But rather a spirit of purity, humility, patience and love bestow on me Your servant.**

**Yes, Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults, and not to judge my brother. For You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen**

**Saint Ephraim the Syrian**



### **Our Saint George Parish Community**

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Have we taken for granted our health? Some of our members who are no longer able to come to church would always appreciate a phone call just to say hello.

- Emily Caras
- Helen Corelis
- Stella Cudworth
- Elaine Froumis
- Pat Grevas
- Judy Pappas
- Jim Patton
- Xenia Patton
- Effie Skafidas
- Gordon Smith
- Helen Smith

## Sunday School News

Now that we are entering great Lent, we have a couple of very special events going on for our Sunday School students. We will be scheduling a teaching liturgy as we did last year with the vesting, to let our students learn more about our faith. More to follow on the date for that.

On Lazarus Saturday, March 31, we will follow the liturgy with a breakfast provided by the Sunday School program and making palm crosses. We urge all parents and students to set aside this day.

The students have the Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival topics and rules, dis-

tributed through the Sunday School teachers. This is a real opportunity for our youth to learn more and express more about our faith. More about the Festival to come. Let's all start the new year with a renewed commitment to raising our youth in the faith.

## Prayer Ministry Corner

In many instances, the first prayer we teach our children is the Lord's Prayer. Indeed, this prayer is of great importance. It originates from the Bible, which is the word of God Himself.

We praise God, acknowledge our obedience to Him, ask Him to forgive our sins, and protect us from evil.

Of profound importance is our forgiveness of others who have trespassed against us for

the Word of God tells us that if we are unable or unwilling to forgive others who have sinned against us, God will not forgive our sins.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our tres-

passes, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Biblical references to the Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6: 5-15

Luke 11: 1-4

## Outreach News

Saturday, March 3rd from  
10:30 to 12:30

"Pack the Backpack" Pack food items for needy children to have over the weekend.

Many children get breakfast and lunch at their school Monday through Friday but don't have enough to eat on the weekend, so River Bend

Foodbank (which serves 22 counties in Illinois and Iowa) prepares food packs for the children.

This assembly line type service is done at:

River Bend Foodbank Warehouse

[4010 Kimmel Drive](#)

[Davenport, IA 52802](#)

Please contact Angela Spurgitis if you can participate: [319-631-8154](tel:319-631-8154).

River Bend is in west Davenport close to the river, more detailed directions to come.

Thank you, I hope you can help us represent St. George Church in this worthy cause.

Blessed is he who is considerate to the needy and the poor. Not even night should interrupt you in your duty of mercy. There should be no delay between your intention and your good deed. Generosity is the one thing that cannot admit of delay. He who does acts of mercy should do so with cheerfulness. The grace of the deed is doubled when it is done with promptness and speed. What is given with a bad grace or against one's will is distasteful and far from praiseworthy. When we perform an act of kindness we should rejoice and not be sad about it. Let us visit Christ whenever we may, let us care for him, feed him, clothe him, welcome him, honor him, not only at a meal or by anointing him as Mary did, or by giving him gold, frankincense and myrrh, like the Magi.

The Lord of all asks for mercy, not sacrifice and mercy is greater than myriads of fattened lambs. Let us then show him mercy in the persons of the poor and those who today are lying on the ground, so that when we come to leave this world they may receive us into everlasting dwelling places.

*A Sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzes*

Parish Happenings



**Music & Dancing**

with

**Live & Silent Auction Items**

**Saturday**

**February 10, 2018**

**Serving from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Menu**

**Roast Chicken**

**Macaroni with Kapama Sauce, Greek Salad, Roll and Dessert**

<b>Adults:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Children (under 12)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

Tickets available at door or by calling Church Office 786-8163

St. George Greek Orthodox Church  
2930 - 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois



**Annual Assumption Super Bowl Party**



**Sunday, February 4th**

**Party Starts at 4pm**

**Kickoff at 5:30pm**

Cost will be \$15 for adults and \$5 children

All you can eat appetizers  
and a 150 inch screen!



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30  
20  
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## St. Photios the Patriarch of Constantinople (February 6)

As for the thrice-blessed Photios, the great and most resplendent Father and teacher of the Church, the Confessor of the Faith and Equal to the Apostles, he lived during the years of the emperors Michael (the son of Theophilus), Basil the Macedonian, and Leo his son. He was the son of pious parents, Sergius and Irene, who suffered for the Faith under the Iconoclast Emperor Theophilus; he was also a nephew of Saint Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople (see Feb. 25). He was born in Constantinople, where he excelled in the foremost imperial ministries, while ever practicing a virtuous and

godly life. An upright and honorable man of singular learning and erudition, he was raised to the apostolic, ecumenical, and patriarchal throne of Constantinople in the year 857.

The many struggles that this thrice-blessed one undertook for the Orthodox Faith against the Manichaeans, the Iconoclasts, and other heretics, and the attacks and assaults that he endured from Nicholas I, the haughty and ambitious Pope of Rome, and the great persecutions and distresses he suffered, are beyond number. Contending against the Latin error of the filioque, that is, the doctrine that the Holy

Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, he demonstrated clearly with his how the filioque destroys the unity and equality of the Trinity. He has left us many theological writings, panegyric homilies, and epistles, including one to Boris, the Sovereign of Bulgaria, in which he set forth for him the history and teachings of the Seven Ecumenical Councils. Having tended the Church of Christ in holiness and in an evangelical manner, and with fervent zeal having rooted out all the tares of every alien teaching, he departed to the Lord in the Monastery of the Armenians on February 6, 891

**When I ponder in my wretchedness on the many terrible things that I have done, I tremble for that fearful day, the Day of Judgment. But trusting in the mercy of Your compassion, like David I cry to You, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy."**

## Great-Martyr Theodore Stratelates "the General" (February 8)

The holy Martyr Theodore was from Euchaita of Galatia and dwelt in Heraclea of Pontus. He was a renowned commander in the military, and the report came to the Emperor Licinius that he was a Christian and abominated the idols. Licinius therefore sent certain men to him from Nicomedia, to honor him and ask him to appear before him. Through them, however, Saint Theodore sent back a message that it was necessary for various reasons, that Licinius come

to Heraclea. Licinius, seeing in this a hope of turning Saint Theodore away from Christ did as was asked of him.

When the Emperor came to Heraclea, Saint Theodore met him with honor, and the Emperor in turn gave Theodore his hand, believing that through him he would be able to draw the Christians to the worship of his idols. Seated upon his throne in the midst of the people, he publicly bade Theodore offer

sacrifice to the gods. But Theodore asked that the emperor entrust him with the most venerable of his gods, those of gold and silver, that he might take them home and himself attend upon them that evening, promising that the following day he would honor them in public. The Emperor, filled with joy at these tidings, gave command that Theodore's request be fulfilled.

When the Saint had taken the idols home, he broke

## Great-Martyr Theodore Stratelates “the General” (Continued)

them in pieces and distributed the gold and silver to the poor by night. The next day a centurion named Maxentius told Licinius that he had seen a pauper pass by carrying the head of Artemis. Saint Theodore, far from repenting of this, confessed Christ boldly. Licinius, in an uncontrollable fury, had the Saint put to many torments,

then crucified. While upon the cross, the holy Martyr was further tormented -- his privy parts were cut off, he was shot with arrows, his eyes were put out, and he was left on the cross to die. The next day Licinius sent men to take his corpse and cast it into the sea; but they found the Saint alive and perfectly whole. Through this,

many believed in Christ. Seeing his own men turning to Christ, and the city in an uproar, Licinius had Theodore beheaded, about the year 320. The Saint's holy relics were returned to his ancestral home on June 8, which is also a feast of the Great Martyr Theodore

## Great-Martyr Theodore the Tyro (“the Recruit”) (February 17)

Saint Theodore who was from Amasia of Pontus, contested during the reign of Maximian (286-305). He was called Tyro, from the Latin , because he was a newly enlisted recruit. When it

was reported that he was a Christian, he boldly confessed Christ; the ruler, hoping that he would repent, gave him time to consider the matter more completely and then give answer. Theo-

dore gave answer by setting fire to the temple of Cybele, the "mother of the gods," and for this he suffered a martyr's death by fire. See also the First Saturday of the Fast.

## Hieromartyr Polycarp the Bishop of Smyrna (February 23)

This apostolic and prophetic man, and model of faith and truth, was a disciple of John the Evangelist, successor of Bucolus (Feb. 6), and teacher of Irenaeus (Aug. 23). He was an old man and full of days when the fifth persecution was raised against the Christians under Marcus Aurelius. When his pursuers, sent by the ruler, found Polycarp, he commanded that they be given something to eat and drink, then asked them to give him an hour to pray; he stood and prayed, full of grace, for two hours,

so that his captors repented that they had come against so venerable a man. He was brought by the Proconsul of Smyrna into the stadium and was commanded, "Swear by the fortune of Caesar; repent, and say, 'Away with the atheists.'" By atheists, the Proconsul meant the Christians. But Polycarp, gazing at the heathen in the stadium, waved his hand towards them and said, "Away with the atheists." When the Proconsul urged him to blaspheme against Christ, he said: "I have been serving

Christ for eighty-six years, and He has wronged me in nothing; how can I blaspheme my King Who has saved me?" But the tyrant became enraged at these words and commanded that he be cast into the fire, and thus he gloriously expired about the year 163. As Eusebius says, "Polycarp everywhere taught what he had also learned from the Apostles, which also the Church has handed down; and this alone is true" (, Book IV, ch. 14,15).

**Come let us cleanse ourselves by almsgiving and acts of mercy to the poor, Not sounding a trumpet or making a show of our charity. Let not our left hand know what our right hand is doing; Let not vain-glory scatter the fruit of our almsgiving; But in secret let us call on Him that knows all secrets; Father, forgive us our trespasses, for Thou lovest mankind."**

**Sunday of Orthodoxy,  
Matins. -  
"The Lenten Triodion"**

## 2017 St George Stewards

Fr. Michael and Pres. Maria Constantinides	Scott and Alexa Florence	Timothy Pappas
Father Chris and Pres. Stavroula Matos	Hilary and Tony Frakes	George and Alexia Patramanis
Deacon Paul and Diaconessa Romille Speed	Elaine Froumis	Mike and Vickie Patramanis
Jorg and Sema Alias	George Gnatovich	Angela Perantinos
Marsha Allen	Nick Grevas	Ted and Georgjean Pitsoulakis
Ray and Connie Allen	Pat Grevas	Demetrios Pliakos
Dale and JoElaine Allison	Mike Gust	Ann Pollilo
Jeff and Elaine Amidon	Pete and Arlene Gust	Mike and Vickie Pyevich
John and Pat Andrews	Gus and Irene Harb	Mary Rankin
Lina Assaf	Nick and Claudette Jannes	Jovanka Rastovic
Paul and Christine Bagatelas	Tim and Kathy Joannides	David Ray
Tom and Jenny Bakeris	Scot and Adrienne Johnson	Daniel and Jessica Sheridan
Ben and Georgena Barnes	Candice Kalman	Effie Skafidas
Christine Beck	Georgia Kalomas	Frank and Mary Jane Skafidas
Kathy Begyn	Louis and Amanda Kantzavelos	Tom Skafidas
Pascal Booras	George and Diane Karoules	Janice Smirles
Frances Bourboulas	Chris and Lennice Kavallieros	Gordon and Helen Smith
Diane Breckon	Ermioni Keber	Randy and Christine Smith
Spiro Bruskas	Doug and Patti Kenyon	Angela Spurgetis
Elaine Burmeister	Anne and Quinn Kirkpatrick	Colette Spurgetis
Joe Burmeister	Deborah Kutsunis	Dennis and Nancy Spurgetis
John and Darcy Callas	George and Linda Kutsunis	Diana Spurgetis
Peter Callas	Ted and Debbie Kutsunis	Jon Spurgetis
Peter and Becky Caras	Jennifer Lensgraf	Nick and Fran Spurgetis
Carol Chickris	Jason Leon	Ted Spurgetis
George and Nancy Coin	Von Lillios	Ken and Helen Stiegel
Harry G. and Susan Coin	Darlene Lingris	John and Martha Stratton
Harry S. and Paula Coin	Tasso and Francie Liras	Marge Stratton
Nick and Nancy Coin	Dena Manta	James and Elizabeth Teros
Stan and Kay Coin	Manny and Tracy Mathews	Veronica Tolescu
John and Shan Corellis	Nancy Mathews	Gus and Virginia Tripilas
Anthony Corellis	John and Linnea Mekus	Ellen Tsagaris and Dino Milani
Helen Corellis	Helen Moorhead	James Tsagaris
Brad and Mariellen Crosson	Steve Morgan	Gafo Tuku
Cleo Dalamaggas	Kenneth and Pam Mott	Ted Vlahos
Angeline Douglas	Richard and Marguerite Nelson	Gena and Eric Voss
Jayne Eckert	Anthony and Marianne Nichols	Frank Vretis
Steve and Mary Kay Eckert	Pauline Nichols	Bill and Diane Whitehead
Dan and Mari Elias	Dimitri and Kathy Papageorgiou	Kim and Mary Winters
Maurice and Sue Elias	Chris and Joanne Pappas	Kulla Wiss
Tony and Candace Elias	Gus and Kerri Pappas	Marina Yokas-Reese
Sam and Caitlin Eliopoulos	Judy Pappas	John and Joanne Zalmes
Andrea Faulhaber	Matt and Lori Pappas	Connie and Russ Zeroth
Paul and Cathy Farrell	Nick Pappas	

## 2018 St George Stewards

**Note: The following parishioners have submitted a pledge card for 2018.**

It is helpful for the parish to receive a card from each household for budgeting purposes and for communication purposes because in this age of technology, phone numbers and email addresses frequently change. Also, people are moving more often (both downsizing and upsizing), so it is vital to have current contact information each year. Thank you for your cooperation!

Fr. Michael and Pres. Maria Constantinides	Von Lillios
Deacon Paul and Diaconessa Romilie Speed	Dena Manta
Jeff and Elaine Amidon	Manny and Tracy Mathews
AJ and Pat Andrews	Nancy Mathews
Dale and JoElaine Allison	John and Linnea Mekus
Tom and Jenny Bakeris	Helen Moorhead
Kevin and Kathy Begyn	Kenneth and Pam Mott
John and Darcy Callas	Gus and Kerri Pappas
Peter Callas	Matt and Lori Pappas
George and Nancy Coin	George and Alexia Patramanis
Harry G. and Susan Coin	Demetrios Pliakos
Harry S. and Paula Coin	Ann Polillo
Nick and Nancy Coin	Mary Rankin
John and Shan Corelis	Colette Spurgetis
Cleo Dalamaggas	Jon Spurgetis
Steve and Mary Kay Eckert	Nick and Frances Spurgetis
Marina Johnson	John and Martha Stratton
Scot and Adrienne Johnson	Marge Stratton
Candice Kalman	James and Elizabeth Teros
Connie Kappas	Gus and Virginia Tripilas
George and Diane Karoules	Veronica Tolescu
Chris and Lennice Kavallieros	Bill and Diane Whitehead
Doug and Patti Kenyon	Kim and Mary Winters

## Answers to Last Month's "Test Your Faith..."

As Jesus' trial proceeded, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judas became troubled. 16 12 17 3  
 He was sorry for what he  
 had done and was hoping \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jesus would free Himself \_\_\_\_\_  
 by some miracle. 24 10 18 25 11 26 24

Use this chart to decode the following sentence:

- A=9 K=6 U=1
- B=26 L=10 V=22
- C=23 M=17 W=7
- D=21 N=14 X=8
- E=24 O=11 Y=5
- F=18 P=19 Z=8
- G=15 Q=4
- H=16 R=20
- I=12 S=3
- J=2 T=25

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Cross out all the letters that appear 4 times only. List the remaining letters in the spaces below to complete the sentence.

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 25 16 24 12 20  
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 9 14 21 3

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Solution: BUT JESUS WAS ALLOWING HIMSELF TO BE HELPLESS IN THEIR HANDS.

When Jesus was finished speaking, He was lifted up into heaven. The disciples watched until Jesus disappeared. They knew that Jesus was really the Christ, the Savior, the ...

SON OF GOD!

# Test Your Faith...

## Word Puzzle

Fill in the spaces above the numbers with the letters from the code.

— — — — —  
1 7 10 13 12 1

— — — — — — — — —  
2 8 11 14 3 7 15 2

— — — — — — — — —  
3 7 12 4 8 11 10 3

— — — — —  
4 9 15 8

— — — — — — — — —  
5 7 15 12 14 15

— — — — —  
6 8 5 9

— — — — — — — — —  
3 4 15 10 1 12 10 7

—  
13

— — — — — — — — —  
1 5 14 15 13 7

— — — — — — — — —  
7 2 8 1 12 8 11 10

—  
3

## Code

1=s 6=r 11=l  
2=p 7=a 12=t  
3=c 8=o 13=n  
4=h 9=e 14=y  
5=m 10=i 15=r

## Word Puzzle

Fill in the spaces above the numbers with the letters from the code. All number 1's are "E".

— — — — — — — — —  
2 3 4 5 6 1 7 2

— — — — —  
8 6 5

— — — — — — — — —  
9 10 5 6 1 11 9 12 7

—:  
13

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6 1 11 6 9 10 9 7 7

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9 11 15

— — — — — — — — —  
4 1 11 2 7 7 16 9 5

— — — — — — — — —  
11 3 7 14 2 16 13 3 12

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14 16

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1 15 15 17 18 5 11 2 7

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7

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6 3 19 1 5 6 1 7 2

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8 6 5

— — — — — — — — —  
9 10 7 2 10 1

1=E 6=H 11=W 16=N  
2=I 7=L 12=R 17=B  
3=A 8=G 13=D 18=U  
4=M 9=O 14=K 19=V  
5=T 10=F 15=S