

SAINT GEORGE GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

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# The Trophybearer

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

We have come to the middle of the period of time that Orthodox Christians have set aside for fasting, prayer and reflection. Of course I mean Great and Holy Lent. The Church now calls us to redouble our efforts. Let us use the rest of Great Lent as a time to join the Saints, the Angels and the Martyrs who gave their lives for Christ to fully embrace the Church and Her teachings by honoring our God.

Many of us fast like people who must take antibiotics. They take them until they feel better and then stop, resulting in disease that are resistant to those antibiotics. We do the same when we fast only the first week of Lent and possibly Holy Week. We do not use the medication that God provides properly and then blame the Physician for us not feeling better.

Let us then use the remainder of Great and Holy Lent as an opportunity to put our lives in order. Let us attend the various services, Compline, Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy, Salutations, Sunday Divine Liturgy. Let us give our Stewardship of time, talents, and treasures by participating within the life of the Church. Let us pick up our Cross and follow Christ. Let us also cry out with the Theotokos, "I am the handmaiden of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.

### Lenten Prayer

**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**

## March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	2 <b>Fast Day</b>  7:00 p.m. 2nd Salutations	3 <b>Oil and Wine allowed</b>
4 <b>2nd Sunday of Lent Oil and Wine allowed</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion	5 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Great Compline at Assumption Church	6 <b>Fast Day</b>	7 <b>Fast Day</b> 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum  5:00 p.m. Presanc- tified Divine Liturgy at Saint George	8 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	9 <b>Fast Day</b>  7:00 p.m. 3rd Salutations	10 <b>Oil and Wine allowed</b>
11 <b>3rd Sunday of Lent Oil and Wine allowed</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion	12 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Great Compline at Assumption Church	14 <b>Fast Day</b>	14 <b>Fast Day</b> 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum  5:00 p.m. Presanc- tified Divine Liturgy at Assumption	15 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	16 <b>Fast Day</b>  7:00 p.m. 4th Salutations	17 <b>Oil and Wine allowed</b> Ordination to the Episcopacy of His Grace, Metropolitan Elect Nathaniel at the Archdiocesan Cathedral in New York
18 <b>4th Sunday of Lent Oil and Wine allowed</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion Spring Assembly following the Divine Liturgy	19 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Great Compline at Assumption Church	20 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	21 <b>Fast Day</b> 10:00 a.m. Ortho- dox Study Forum  5:00 p.m. Presanc- tified Divine Liturgy at Saint George	22 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	23 <b>Fast Day</b>  5:00 p.m. <b>Akathyst Hymn</b>	24 <b>Oil and Wine allowed</b> 11:00 a.m. Enthronement of His Grace, Metropolitan Elect Nathaniel at the Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago. 1:00 p.m. HOPE/JOY Prosporo Making
25 <b>The Annunciation of the Theotokos Fish, Oil and Wine allowed</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 am. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion	26 <b>Fast Day</b>  10:30 a.m. Tour  6:00 p.m. Great Compline at Assumption Church	27 <b>Fast Day</b>	28 <b>Fast Day</b> 10:00 a.m. Ortho- dox Study Forum  5:00 p.m. Presanc- tified Divine Liturgy at Assumption	29 <b>Fast Day</b>  6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	30 <b>Fast Day</b>	31 <b>Saturday of Lazarus Oil and Wine Allowed</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy Sunday School Communion Break- fast followed by the making of Palm Crosses

## Sunday School News

Our Sunday School Students have been involved in some special activities this year. On February 18, they were front and center for a teaching liturgy, where Father Michael explained what happens and why in the Divine Liturgy. On Sunday February 25, they processed with icons to mark the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

On March 31, Lazarus Saturday, the Sunday School students will be participating in the Divine Liturgy that day. Then the Sunday School staff will treat them to a fasting breakfast and the students will learn to tie and help tie palm crosses for use on Palm Sunday. All students, of all ages, are invited and encouraged to come for this event to participate and to serve our parish, as well as to have fellowship together.

As always, we encourage all parents, grandparents, Godparents, aunts, uncles and friends to bring our young people to Sunday School every Sunday to share, to have fellowship, and to learn about and practice our Orthodox Christian faith.

## HOPE/JOY News

Hope/Joy will be making Proosphoro again this Lenten period. Join us at the church on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. The kids have so much fun making the Proosphoro and love that it's used for the Sunday Liturgy. We hope to see all the children of St. George there! GOYA kids are welcome to join us too.

Remember, all kids between the ages of 3-12 are encouraged to join in the fun. Please feel free to contact Presbytera Maria at [presmariazoe@aol.com](mailto:presmariazoe@aol.com) or Candace Elias at [elias4130@yahoo.com](mailto:elias4130@yahoo.com) with any ideas or questions.

## PHILOPTOCHOS News

From Sunday March 3 - April 1, The Philoptochos society is again asking parishioners to help fill milk jugs to benefit local charities. This year proceeds will go to **Bethany for Children & Families and Family Resources**. These two organizations are located in Illinois and Iowa and are both dedicated to keeping children safe, strengthening families and building healthy communities. **The Philoptochos will match the donations up to \$300.** So **change your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters into something that can help change the lives of those in need.**

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

### Word Puzzle

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

S a i n t s

1 7 10 13 12 1

P o l y c a r p

2 8 11 14 3 7 15 2

C a t h o l i c

3 7 12 4 8 11 10 3

H e r o

4 9 15 8

M a r t h a

5 7 15 12 14 15

R o m e

6 8 5 9

C h r i s t i a n

3 4 15 10 1 12 10 7 13

S m y r n a

1 5 14 15 13 7

A p o s t o l i c

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".

I a m t h e l i g h t

2 3 4 5 6 1 7 2 8 6 5

o f t h e w o r l d:

9 10 5 6 1 11 9 12 7 13

H e w h o f o l l o w s

6 1 11 6 9 10 9 7 7 9 11

15

M e w i l l n o t

4 1 11 2 7 7 16 9 5

w a l k i n d a r k  
n—

11 3 7 14 2 16 13 3 12 14 16

e s s b u t w i l l

1 15 15 17 18 5 11 2 7 7

h a v e t h e

6 3 19 1 5 6 1

l i g h t

7 2 8 6 5

o f l i f e

9 10 7 2 10 1

### Code

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

# Epistle Readers

**Sunday,  
March 4, 2018  
2nd Sunday of Lent**  
Mary Rankin

**Sunday,  
March 11, 2018  
3rd Sunday of Lent**  
Isabella Elias

**Sunday,  
March 18, 2018  
4th Sunday of Lent**  
Loukia Constantinides

**Sunday,  
March 25, 2018  
The Annunciation of the  
Theotokos**  
Ethan Kirkpatrick

## Parish Council Sunday Duty

**Sunday,  
March 4, 2018**  
Nick Coin, John Mekus,  
Dennis Spurgetis and  
Diana Spurgetis

**Sunday,  
March 11, 2018**  
Joe Burmeister, Mary Kay  
Eckert, Gus Pappas and  
Mary Rankin

**Sunday,  
March 18, 2018**  
Brad Crosson, Mariellen  
Crosson, Doug Kenyon  
and Ted Pitsoulakis

**Sunday,  
March 25, 2018**  
Nick Coin, John Mekus,  
Dennis Spurgetis and  
Diana Spurgetis

## Coffee Hour Hosts for February 2018

**Sunday, March 4, 2018**  
hosted by:  
Open  
**Sunday,  
March 11, 2018**  
hosted by:  
Open

**Sunday,  
March 18, 2018**  
hosted by:  
Presbytera Maria  
**Sunday, March 25, 2018**  
hosted by:  
Stratton/Pappas

### 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

### Prosphora Baking Schedule

**Sunday, March 4,  
2018:**

**Presbytera Maria**

**Sunday, March  
11, 2018:**

**John Stratton**

**Sunday, March  
18, 2018:**

**Anne  
Kirkpatrick**

**Sunday, March  
25, 2018:**

**Hope/Joy**

**EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEERS  
March 28, 2018**

**Patti Kenyon and family and Dena  
Manta**

**April 25, 2018**

**Elizabeth and Jim Teros**

**May 23, 2018**

**Nick and Nancy Coin**

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

# Parish Happenings

## Notification of the Spring General Assembly on March 18, 2018

Dear St. George Stewards,

On Sunday, March 18, 2017, following the fellowship and coffee hour, we will be convening our Spring General Assembly in the Gold Room. Please make every effort to attend.

As a reminder, the General Assembly is a meeting of all members in good-standing. A member in good-standing is defined by the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese as any person eighteen years of age or older who was baptized according to the rites of the Orthodox Church, or was received into the Orthodox Church by Chrismation, who lives according to the faith and canons of the Orthodox Church, who has met his or her stewardship obligation and abides by the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese and the by-laws of the Parish. Members in good-standing, in attendance, constitute a quorum of the General Assembly.

A new member may vote in the General Assembly provided that they have been in good-standing at least three (3) months prior to the date of the General Assembly. If you would like to vote on any of the motions made during the General Assembly, you must be present. Absentee ballots will not be counted.

### 2018 SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

**March 18, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

FESTIVAL REPORT

MARDI GRAS REPORT

AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

ELECTION OF ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY-LAITY REPRESENTATIVES

PRIEST REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT

# Parish Happenings

## 2018 Saint George Pascha Potluck Dinner

Come join us following AGAPE Vespers for a wonderful Lamb dinner provided by St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

Everyone brings something along with them and we share in the truest sense of Christians.



Fun for the kids with our annual Easter egg hunt.

Good Music

Fun fellowship

Foods from all around the world.

*Again Join us for the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church annual*

## *PASCHA POTLUCK DINNER*



## Parish Happenings

# Change for Change Challenge

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# Parish Happenings

## Annual Prosphoro Making

DATE: SATURDAY

MARCH 24, 2018

TIME: 1:00PM



*St. George Church  
Rock Island, IL*

RSVP TO:  
PRESBYTERA MARIA:  
PRESMARIAZOE@AOL.COM

Hope/Joy



## Parish Happenings

# PALM CROSS MAKING



Join us on the Saturday of Lazarus

Attend the Divine Liturgy...

Take Communion...

Share a Lenten Breakfast...

and Make Palms!

All Sunday School Students, Teachers, Parents &  
Guests are welcome to attend:

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 31, 2018**

**ORTHROS BEGINS AT**  
**8:30 A.M.**

Sponsored by Saint George Sunday Church School

## Gregory Dialogos, Bishop of Rome (March 12)

Saint Gregory was born in Rome to noble and wealthy parents about the year 540. While the Saint was still young, his father died. However, his mother, Sylvia, saw to it that her child received a good education in both secular and spiritual learning. He became Prefect of Rome and sought to please God even while in the world; later, he took up the monastic life;

afterwards he was appointed Archdeacon of Rome, then, in 579, apocrisiarius (representative or Papal legate) to Constantinople, where he lived for nearly seven years. He returned to Rome in 585 and was elected Pope in 590. He is renowned especially for his writings and great almsgiving, and also because, on his initiative, missionary work be-

gan among the Anglo-Saxon people. It is also from him that Gregorian Chant takes its name; the chanting he had heard at Constantinople had deeply impressed him, and he imported many elements of it into the ecclesiastical chant of Rome. He served as Bishop of that city from 590 to 604.

## The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria (March 19)

Saint Chrysanthus, who was from Alexandria, had been instructed in the Faith of Christ by a certain bishop. His father, who was a senator by rank and a pagan, had him shut up in prison for many days; then, seeing the unchanging disposition of his mind, he commanded that a

certain young woman named Daria be brought from Athens. She was a very beautiful and learned maiden, and also an idolater, and Chrysanthus' father wedded him to her so that he might be drawn away from the Faith of Christ because of his love for her. Instead of this however,

Chrysanthus drew Daria unto piety, and both of them boldly proclaimed Christ and received the crown of martyrdom in 283, during the reign of Numerian, when they were buried alive in a pit of mire

## Photini the Samaritan Woman (March 20)

Saint Photini lived in 1st century Palestine and was the woman that Christ met at the well in Samaria as recorded in the Gospel according to John (4:4-26). After her encounter with Christ, she and her whole family were baptized by the Apostles and became evangelists of the early

Church. Photini and her children eventually were summoned before the emperor Nero and instructed to renounce their faith in Christ. They refused to do so, accepting rather to suffer various tortures. After many efforts to force her to surrender to idolatry, the emperor or-

dered that she be thrown down a well. Photini gave up her life in the year 66.

**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."**

# Test Your Faith...

God came to them and asked, "Have you eaten the fruit?" They had. Adam blamed Eve for eating the fruit and Eve blamed the serpent. God ordered them to leave the Garden forever and work for...

2	5	6	7
t	f	h	s
9	10	12	11
n	e	I	v
13	1	15	4
h	q	f	r
8	6	3	18
l	I	r	v
5	14	21	25
f	I	y	v
20	27	31	2
n	c	j	g

Cross out the odd number letters. List the remaining letters in the spaces below to complete the sentence.

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Always reminded of how they had disobeyed God, Adam and Eve taught their children to respect and love God. Cain and Abel were taught to make...

To complete the sentence, use this chart to decode the following:

**A=7 F=5 K=21**  
**B=19 G=24 L=6**  
**C=2 H=18 M=10**  
**D=23 I=12 N=9**  
**E=13 J=26 O=16**

**P=4 U=22 Z=8**  
**Q=25 V=17**  
**R=11 W=20**  
**S=1 X=15**  
**T=14 Y=3**

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13 1 14 16

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1 18 16 20 14 18 7 9

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21 5 22 6 9 13 1 1