

SAINT GEORGE GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

- Parish Priest:
Fr. Michael
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- Chanter: Deacon
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- Caretaker:
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- After Church Club:
Loukia Constantinides
- Outreach and Evangelism Chair: Angela Spurgetis
- Parish Council
President: Mary Rankin
- Philoptochos President: Susan Coin
- Prayer Ministry: Gus Pappas
- Sunday School Director: Deacon Paul Speed
- Senior Ministry: Kay Coin



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The Trophybearer

PASTORAL MESSAGE

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

How many of us will ever forget our first kiss? This is something that stays with us forever. Even if we decide to marry someone else, we will always be thinking about it and comparing it to all the other kisses that we will receive. It is special not because of the kiss itself, but because it is the first. I am sure that if we think back we could probably remember who won the Gold Medal at the last Olympics, but can we remember who won the silver. Probably not. This is because the first is always more memorable than any other. This month we also celebrate a first. We celebrate the first Emperor of the Roman Empire that became Christian along with his mother. This Emperor was Saint Constantine the Great and his mother was Saint Helen.

Saints Constantine and Helen have given the Church their all. They founded churches, they firmed up the faith and even liberated the Church. We remember them not only, because they were first rulers to believe but also because they gave us much to emulate. My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, we must take this example that they gave us and use it wisely. We must open the doors as they did, so that we may follow the words of the Lord "Go out and make disciples of the whole world baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Let us then go out from here energized by both the examples that they gave us and the power of our faith so that we too may become equal to the Apostles in our missionary fervor. Amen.

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Fast Day No Orthodox Study Forum	3	4 Fast Day	5
METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO CLERGY RETREAT				No Orthodox Study Forum		
6 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School classes following Holy Communion	7	8	9 Fast Day 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum	10	11 Fast Day	12
		6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting		6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum		
13 Sunday of the Blind Man Mother's Day 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School classes following Holy Communion	14	15	16 Leave-taking of Pascha 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum	17 The Ascension of our Lord 9:00 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy at the Assumption Church 6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	18 Fast Day	19
		5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Orthros and the Divine Liturgy at Saint George				
20 Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Classes following Holy Communion +Sacrament	21 Feast Day of Saints Constantine and Helen 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy at Saint George Church	22	23 Fast Day 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum Evening Meal	24	25 Fast Day 10:00-11:00 a.m. Arsenal Cemetery, Rock Island	26 Saturday of the Souls 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
				6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum		
27 Sunday of Pentecost Summer hours begin Fast Free 8:00 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy	28 Fast Free Memorial Day 8:00-9:00 a.m. Riverside Cemetery 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Memorial Park, Moline 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Memorial Park, Rock Island:	29 Fast Free	30 Fast Free 6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum Dinner @ Quad Cities USA	31 Fast Free		

2018 Stewards

Father and Presbyter Michael Constantinides	Connie Kappas	Louis and Amanda Katzevelos	Angela Perantinos
Deacon and Diakonissa Paul Speed	Peter and Becky Caras	George and Diane Karoules	Ted and Georgjean Pitsoulakis
Jorge and Basema Alias	George and Nancy Coin	Chris and Lennice Kavalieros	Demetrios Pliakos
Ray and Connie Allen	Harry G. and Susan Coin	Ermioni Keber	Ann Polillo
Dale and JoElaine Allison	Harry S. and Paula Coin	Doug and Patti Kenyon	Mike and Vickie Pyevich
Jeff and Elaine Amidon	Nick and Nancy Coin	Quinn and Anne Kirkpatrick	Mary Rankin
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Paul and Christine Bagatelas	Helen Corelis	George and Linda Kutsunis	Effie Skafidas
Tom and Jenny Bakeris	John and Shan Corelis	Ted and Debra Kutsunis	Frank J. and Mary Jane Skafidas
Benjamin and Georgena Barnes	Brad and Mariellen Crosson	Jason Leon	Gordon and Helen Smith
Kevin and Kathy Begyn	Cleo Dalamaggas	Von Lillios	Randy and Chris Smith
Pascal Booras	Angeline Douglas	Dena Manta	Angela Spurgetis
Frances Bourboulas	Jayme Eckert	Emmanuel and Tracy Mathews	Colette Spurgetis
Diane Breckon	Steve and Mary Kay Eckert	Nancy Mathews	Dennis and Nancy Spurgetis
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Joe Burmeister	Tony and Candace Elias	Ken and Pam Mott	Nick and Fran Spurgetis
John and Darcy Callas	Paul and Cathy Farrell	Richard and Marguerite Nelson	Helen Stiegel
Peter Callas	Scott and Alexa Florence	Anthony and Marianne Nichols	John and Martha Stratton
	Elaine Froumis	Pauline Nichols	Marge Stratton
	George Gnatovich	Demetrios and Kathy Papageorgiou	James and Elizabeth Teros
	Nick Grevas	Chris and Joanne Pappas	Veronica Tolescu
	Pat Grevas	Gus and Kerri Pappas	Ellen Tsagaris & Dino Milani
	Michael Gust	Judy Pappas	Gafo Tuku
	Pete and Arlene Gust	Matt and Lori Pappas	Frank Vretis
	Pete and Allison Hadjis	Nick Pappas	Bill and Diane Whitehead
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	Tim and Kathy Joannides	George and Alexia Patramanis	Kulla and Harlan Wiss
	Marina Johnson	Vickie Patramanis	Marina Yokas-Reese
	Scot and Adrienne Johnson		John and Joanne Zaimis
	Candice Kalman		Connie and Russ Zeroth
	Georgia Kalomas		

We are deeply grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for our faithful and committed Stewards. Listed here are the individuals/families who pledged their commitment in 2018!

Epistle Readers

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Alexa Florence

Sunday, May 13, 2018
Sunday of the Blind Man

Kay Coin

Sunday, May 20, 2018
Sunday of the Fathers

Loukia Constantinides

Sunday, May 27, 2018
Pentecost

Isabella Elias

EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEERS

May 23-Nancy and Nick Coin

June 27-Pat Andrews and Evening Orthodox Study Forum

July 25-Dr. Vicky Pyevich and GOYA

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

Prosphora Baking Schedule

Sunday, May 6 2018

The Crossons

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Open

Sunday, May 20, 2018

The Kenyons

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Mary Kay Eckert

Parish Registry

Baptism

The servant of God **Samuel, son of Nicholas and Alexandra Gnatovich,** was **Baptized** into the **Orthodox Faith** on **April 14, 2018** and the sponsor was **James Corelis.**

Parish Council Sunday Duty

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Brad Crosson,
Mariellen Crosson
Doug Kenyon
Ted Pitsoulakis

Sunday, May 13, 2018
Nick Coin,
John Mekus,
Dennis Spurgetis,
Diane Spurgetis

Sunday, May 20, 2018
Joe Burmeister,
Mary Kay Eckert
Gus Pappas
Mary Rankin

Sunday, May 27, 2018
Brad Crosson,
Mariellen Crosson
Doug Kenyon
Ted Pitsoulakis

Coffee Hour Hosts for May 2018

Sunday, May 8, 2018
hosted by:
Marcia Allen and Rachel Dooley

Sunday, May 13, 2018
hosted by:
John and Shan Corelis

Sunday, May 20, 2018
hosted by:
Diakonissa Romilie, Kirsten and Cecily

Sunday, May 27, 2018
hosted by:
Open

Community News

PASTORAL NEWS

Father Michael will be away from the Parish from April 30, 2018, through May 3, 2018. He will be attending the annual Clergy Retreat in Wisconsin. In the event of an emergency please telephone the Church office.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Will be on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Green room.

OUTREACH NEWS

Having difficulty getting to Church? Need a ride? Please notify Angela Spurgetis, 319-631-8154.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

On May 20th we will be taking a day to honor our graduates here at St. George. Everyone who has or knows someone who is graduating this year either from High school or College should please email their names to Father Michael at frmike99@aol.com no later than Sunday, May 13.

MEMORIAL DAY

On Friday, May 25, Father Michael will be at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Then on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, Father Michael will be at Riverside Cemetery in Moline, IL from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery in Moline, IL from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. then at Memorial Park in Rock Island on 30th street from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Anyone who would like to have a Trisagion service should meet Fr. Michael at the cemeteries at the time designated. If you would like me to visit a different cemetery not on the list, please contact Fr. Michael at the Church office.

ST. GEORGE BOOKSTORE NEWS

Would you like a new icon for your home? Or to give as a gift for a holiday, name day, or other special occasion?

In May, the St. George Bookstore

(across from the church office,) plans to order icons from the St. Isaac of Syria Skete catalog that is on the bookstore table. Ordering a certain dollar amount of icons, incense, or other items qualifies us for a favorable discount. Ask Nancy Coin or Jon Spurgetis for more info, or peruse the catalog and leave a note with the icon # and size, i.e. A25 XL, and of course your contact info too.

Also,... if you're receiving a new icon and would like to donate a gently used one from home, please bring it in to the "Freewill Donation" cart, along side of the bookstore table, and we'll put it out. We welcome other Orthodox friendly service, prayer, or educational books, children's items, and things like votive candle holders, etc. etc. that you would like to "re-gift" to the congregation via the FD cart. Again, Nancy or Jon will be happy to assist. Thank You so much.



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

Senior Ministry News



The first meeting for our senior citizen group for 2018 will be on

Thursday May 24th. We will be traveling to Dubuque, Iowa to view the "The Treasures of St Luke's" at the United Methodist Church. The church was founded in 1833 and is home to 9 large and 9 smaller Tiffany stained glass windows, which are considered priceless in value.

We will meet at Saint George at 9:30 a.m. and drive to Saint Lukes, arriving at 11:00 a.m. where we will see a video about the church and its windows and receive a guided tour. The tour is free but donations are welcomed and go towards the pres-

ervation of the windows. Following the tour we will enjoy a "dutch-treat" lunch at nearby Mario's Restaurant. Father Dustin Lyon from Saint Elias Church will be joining us.

Please RSVP to Kay Coin if you plan to attend or call her at 309-786-0240 with any questions.

P.S. If you would like to ride the 4th Street Elevator (cable car) just down the street at a \$3.00 charge you can stop and do so on the way home. It provides a great view of the city

Commemoration of the Precious Cross that appeared in the sky over Jerusalem in 351 A.D. (May 7)

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

On this day in the year 351, not long after Cyril had succeeded Maximus as Archbishop of Jerusalem, during the reign of Constantius, the son of Saint Constantine the Great, on the day of Pentecost, the sign of the Cross appeared over Jerusalem. Saint Cyril, in his letter to the Emperor Constantius, says, "At about the third hour of the day, an enormous Cross, formed of light, appeared in the heaven above holy Golgotha and reaching to the holy Mount of Olives, being seen not by one or two only, but manifest with perfect clarity to the whole multitude of the city; not, as one might suppose, rushing swiftly past in fancy, but seen openly above the earth many hours in plain sight, and overcoming the beams of the sun with its dazzling rays"

What is the Church?

b. the people of God who come together for common worship

Who founded the Church?

c. Jesus Christ

Which of the following is **not** a name for the second person of the Holy Trinity?

d. Father

The head of the Orthodox Church is:

d. Jesus Christ

Who is the Theotokos?

a. the Virgin Mary

Pachomius the Great (May 15)

Saint Pachomius was born of pagan parents in the Upper Thebaid of Egypt. He was conscripted into the Roman army at an early age. While quartered with the other soldiers in the prison in Thebes, Pachomius was astonished at the kindness shown them by the local Christians, who relieved their distress by bringing them food and drink. Upon inquiring who they were, he believed in Christ and vowed that once delivered from the army, he would serve Him all the days of his life. Released from military service, about the year 313, he was baptized, and became a disciple of the hermit Palamon, under whose exacting guidance he increased in virtue and

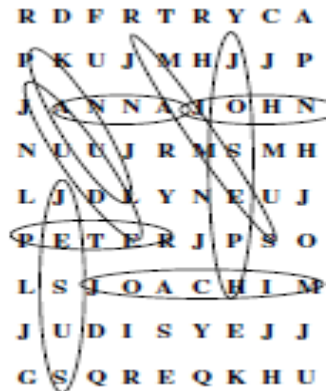
grace, and reached such a height of holiness that "because of the purity of his heart," says his biographer, "he was, as it were, seeing the invisible God as in a mirror." His renown spread far, and so many came to him to be his disciples that he founded nine monasteries in all, filled with many thousands of monks, to whom he gave a rule of life, which became the pattern for all communal monasticism after him. While Saint Anthony the Great is the father of hermits, Saint Pachomius is the founder of the cenobitic life in Egypt; because Pachomius had founded a way of monasticism accessible to so many, Anthony said that he "walks the way of the

Apostles." Saint Pachomius fell asleep in the Lord before his contemporaries Anthony and Athanasius the Great, in the year 346. His name in Coptic, Pachom, means "eagle."

Word Search

Jesus and His family

- JOACHIM
- JESUS
- JOSEPH
- PETER
- JAMES
- ANNA
- PAUL
- MARY
- JOHN
- JUDE



Philoptochos Senior Luncheon

Monday, May 21, 2018

Immediately following the service for

Saints Constantine and Helen

Approximately 11am, Gold Room

All are invited who attend the service compliments of

St. George Philoptochos

Menu:

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Rice Pilaf

Mixed Green Salad

Bread

Strawberry Shortcake

Wine, Ice Tea, Coffee

Test Your Faith...

THE BEATITUDES

Across

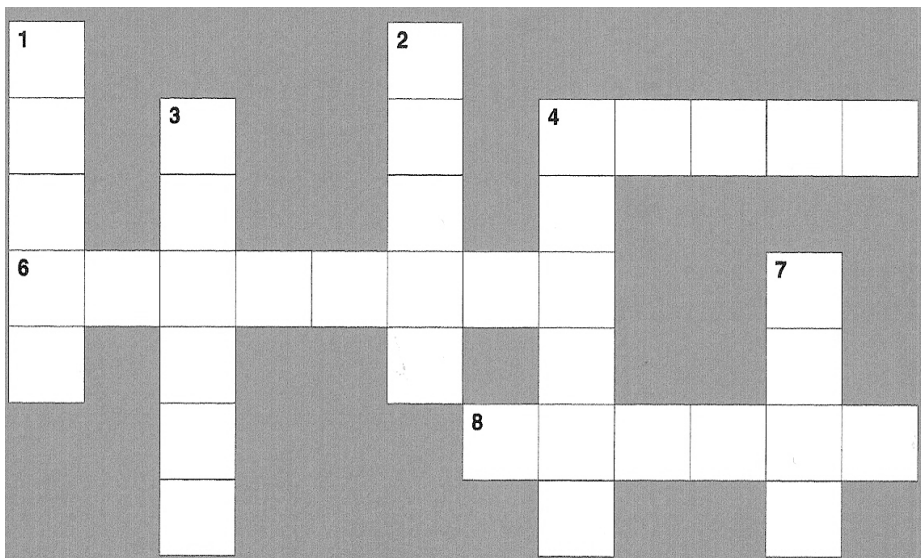
4. Blessed are the pure of _____, for they shall see God.
6. Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called _____ of God.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of _____.

Down

1. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain _____.
2. Blessed are they who _____: for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the poor in _____: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed are they who _____ and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7. Blessed are the _____: for they shall inherit the earth.

CHURCH ROLES

1. Deaconess
2. Abbess
3. Bishop
4. Reader
5. Chanter
6. Deacon
7. Novice
8. Abbot
9. Dean
10. Nun



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