

SAINT GEORGE GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

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# The Trophybearer

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

As we welcome the New Ecclesiastical Year and we rejoin our Church organizations and ministries following a summer full of family activities and vacations, we are filled with excited expectation for the coming year! We look forward to seeing each other once again.

In this New Ecclesiastical year the Church gives us various ways of participating in the life in God. Besides the Sacramental, we also have the various ministries of the Church. We have Philoptochos, Bible Study, GOYA, JOY, Sunday School, and many others. Join us in these ministries and be fulfilled not in a worldly and sensual way but by the act of participating in God's Divine plan.

We are also excited for all the upcoming events that will happen in September. The Rock Island Labor Day Parade, our Festival (September 7-8), the Metropolis Listening tour, (September 17) and our Wine Tasting (September 29).

All these events have the potential to be used as active outreach events, that is, they are opportunities to show outsiders, as well as friends and family, that we are indeed an active parish that is open and willing to bring the stranger into our home. This way he ceases to be a stranger but a friend that transforms into a brother.

Finally, I look forward to seeing all those who were away throughout the summer, as we continue the process of re-dedication. And most especially join us as we "commit ourselves, each other, and our whole life to Christ our God" every Sunday at the Divine Liturgy and every day of our lives.

## September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. Souvlakia Skewering 8:30 a.m. Pre-Festival "Spring Cleaning"
<b>2</b> <b>14th Sunday of Matthew</b> 8:00 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Sacrament	<b>3</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  Rock Island Parade	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Fast Day</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Fast Day</b> <b>Greek Fest</b> <b>3:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> 9:00 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church <b>Greek Fest</b> <b>11:00 a.m.— 11:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Festival set up and preparation all Week!</b>						
<b>9</b> <b>Sunday before the Cross</b> 8:00 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy <b>Dress-Down Sunday</b> <b>Festival Clean up following the Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>Fast Day</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>The Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <b>Strict Fast Day</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy <b><i>Please note:</i></b> <b><i>The procession of the Holy Cross will occur following Orthros as is the ancient tradition and not the Divine Liturgy</i></b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Sunday after the Cross</b> <b>Fish, Wine and Oil allowed</b> 8:00 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy	<b>17</b> <b>METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL LISTENING TOUR IN ROCK ISLAND</b> 6:00 p.m. Meet and Greet 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Fast Day</b> 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum	<b>20</b> 6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	<b>21</b> <b>Fast Day</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>1st Sunday of Luke</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class begin with an Agiasmos Service Philoptochos Meeting following the Divine Liturgy	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Fast Day</b> <b>Falling Asleep of Saint John the Theologian</b> 9:00 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Assumption No Morning Orthodox Study Forum	<b>27</b> 6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Wine Tasting</b> <b>5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>30</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Luke</b> 8:30 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Class following Holy Communion						

## Parish Happenings

# Celebrating our 14th Year!



**Opa! 2 days of food, dancing & fun!**

Friday Sept. 7: 3 pm-11 pm, Saturday Sept. 8: 11 am-11 pm  
Drive Thru for Greek Food to Go!

### **St. George Greek Orthodox Church**

At the corner of 30th Street & 31st Avenue in Rock Island  
Call 786-8163 for more information.

**Admission \$2**  
Kids under 12 admitted free!

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A portion of the proceeds will go to support River Bend Foodbank and Care Link of Rock Island.

# Parish Happenings



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

40 E. BURTON PLACE, CHICAGO, IL, 60610 | TEL. (312) 337-4130 | FAX (312) 337-9391

### Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Listening Tour

His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael is conducting a Listening Tour throughout the Metropolis to meet parishioners, answer questions, understand concerns and outline his vision for the church's ministry in the Midwest.

**WHAT:** An open dialogue with His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael

**WHO:** His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael and parishioners of:  
St. George, Rock Island  
St. Elias, Dubuque  
Assumption of East Moline  
St. John, Cedar Rapids

**WHERE:** Saint George Greek Orthodox Church  
2930 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201

**WHEN:** Monday, September 17, 2018  
6:00 p.m. Meet and Greet  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Meeting

To RSVP and submit a question in advance or in absence of attendance, please visit: <https://midwesttour.squarespace.com>. Given that a large attendance is expected, advanced RSVPs are highly encouraged.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing you on September 17!

# Parish Happenings

## OUR BIG FAT GREEK WINE TASTING



Presented & Sponsored by  
Dimitri Wine & Spirits, Inc.

**Admission: \$35 at door \$25 purchased in advance**



**Saturday  
September 29, 2018  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**St. George Greek Orthodox Church**  
2930 31st Avenue Rock Island, Illinois 309-786-8163



## Parish Happenings

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**2018** ORTHODOX TEEN  
VIDEO CONTEST

WHAT I **LOVE**  
ABOUT ORTHODOXY

SUBMISSIONS DUE: OCTOBER 15, 2018  
OPEN TO TEENS AGES 13-19

**\$500** CASH PRIZE

RULES & INFO: [RELIGIOUSEDMC@CHICAGO.GOARCH.ORG](mailto:RELIGIOUSEDMC@CHICAGO.GOARCH.ORG)

## Epistle Readers

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**  
14th Sunday of Matthew

Alexa Florence

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
Sunday before the Cross

Scot Johnson

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
Sunday after the Cross

Loukia Constantinides

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

1st Sunday of Luke

Mary Rankin

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

2nd Sunday of Luke

Kay Coin

## Parish Council Sunday Duty

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**

Joe Burmeister,  
Mary Kay Eckert  
Gus Pappas  
Mary Rankin

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Brad Crosson,  
Mariellen Crosson  
Doug Kenyon  
Ted Pitsoulakis

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Nick Coin,  
John Mekus,  
Dennis Spurgetis,  
Diane Spurgetis

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

Joe Burmeister,  
Mary Kay Eckert  
Gus Pappas  
Mary Rankin

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

Brad Crosson,  
Mariellen Crosson  
Doug Kenyon  
Ted Pitsoulakis

Coffee Hour Hosts for September  
2018

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**  
hosted by: Open

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
hosted by: Angelina Perantinos

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
hosted by:

The Constantinides and Pitsoulakis families

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**  
hosted by: Penny McGimpsey

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**  
hosted by: Kay Coin

## EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEERS

September 26-Adrienne  
Johnson and Kathy Farrell

October 24-Mary and Bill  
Rankin

November 14-Dena Manta,  
Alexa Florence and Nancy G.  
Coin

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

## Parish Registry

### Weddings

Sarah Arter and Alex Reese were united in the Sacrament of Holy Marriage on August 18, 2018 and the sponsor was Bill Johnson.

Lori Pappas and Matthew Pappas were united in the Sacrament of Holy Marriage on August 25, 2018 and the sponsor was Brad Crosson.

### Funeral

The servant of God, Pat Grevas, fell asleep in the Lord and was buried on August 23, 2018.

### Prophora Baking

#### Schedule

Sunday,  
September 2 2018  
Diane Breckon

Sunday,  
September 9, 2018  
Open

Sunday,  
September 16, 2018  
Patti Kenyon

Sunday,  
September 23, 2018  
Lina Assaf

Sunday,  
September 30, 2018  
Open

## STAVRO LOGO BOOK- STORE SIDEWALK DAY

Remember us? We are the table set up directly across from the church office. Due to prudent fiscal responsibility our inventory is small. However, the convenience we offer is large.

We have stocked some new small gift items at very reasonable prices. If you have a special occasion coming up, we also offer a new selection of Orthodox greeting cards and blank note cards.

In addition, we will offer a small sample inventory of more expensive items as well as catalogs from which we can take prepaid orders.

Our sidewalk day is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2018.

Please stop by and check out our merchandise. There will be a station for pre-paid orders also. Catalogs may be checked out and taken home if you need more time to choose.

Nancy Coin and John Spurgetis

### Moses the Prophet & God seer (September 4)

The Prophet Moses-whose name means "one who draws forth," or "is drawn from," that is, from the water-was the pinnacle of the lovers of wisdom, the supremely wise lawgiver, the most ancient historian of all. He was of the tribe of Levi, the son of Amram and Jochabed (Num. 26:59). He was born in Egypt in the seventeenth century before Christ. While yet a babe of three months, he was placed in a basket made of papyrus and covered with pitch, and cast into the streams of the Nile for fear of Pharaoh's decree to the mid-wives of the Hebrews, that all the male children of the Hebrews be put to death. He was taken up from the river by Pharaoh's daughter, became her adopted son, and was reared and dwelt in the King's

palace for forty years. Afterward, when he was some sixty years old, he fled to Madian, where, on Mount Horeb, he saw the vision of the burning bush. Thus he was ordained by God to lead Israel and bring it out of the land of Egypt. He led Israel through the Red Sea as it were dry land and governed the people for forty years. He wrought many signs and wonders, and wrote the first five books of the Old Testament, which are called the Pentateuch. When he reached the land of Moab, he ascended Mount Nabau, on the peak called Phasga, and there, by divine command, he reposed in the sixteenth century before Christ, having lived for some 120 years. The first two Odes of the Old Testament, "Let us sing to the Lord"

and "Attend, O heaven, and I will speak," were written by him. Of these hymns, the first was chanted by the shore of the Red Sea as soon as the Israelites had crossed it; the second, in the land of Moab, a few days before his repose. The Holy High Priest Aaron was the elder brother of the Holy Prophet Moses. He was appointed by God to serve as the spokesman of Moses before the people, and also before Pharaoh, in Egypt. Afterwards, in the wilderness, he was called to the ministry of the high priesthood, as narrated in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers in the Old Testament. The name Aaron means "enlightened"

### The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross (September 14)

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the

thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she touched the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of

the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

Rest from labour. A Fast is observed today, whatever day of the week it may be.