Dear Parishioners,

We have been focusing the last several months on the importance of a regular, disciplined life in the Church, centered on our shared worship and fellowship in the Church on Sunday and an active life of Faith in the home. In addition to this, of course, a great part of our parish’s life is social, and the month of February is a very active month for parish social events. We take this opportunity to inform you of the many activities and events that are planned for this month.

Events for All

Football Party
On Sunday, February 2nd, we will have our annual Football Party to watch the Super Bowl, starting at 4:30 pm and running until the end of the game. The whole family and parish is welcome to attend, as always; the newly formed Men’s Club may take the opportunity while everyone else watches the commercials to lay some plans for future events. Entry is $10, which includes the meal and snacks. Cash bar available as well. Doors open at 4:30, but the game starts at 6:30. See attached flyer.

Godparent Sunday
On Sunday, February 9th, we will celebrate Godparent Sunday. The parents of Sunday School children should all have received in the mail a letter announcing this, including letters for their children to send to their godparents inviting them to join us that day. Following the Divine Liturgy, we will have a light luncheon for the entire parish, with a craft for the younger children, while the older children will have a brief Altar Group meeting (see the Sunday School section below for more on that). Please see the attached flyer for further details about Godparent Sunday.

Apokreatiko Carnevale Dinner Dance
On Saturday, February 15th, we will have our annual Apokreatiko Dinner Dance. This event is appropriate for all ages, as we celebrate together and prepare for Great Lent. We hope you and your families plan to attend. Please see the attached flyer for details, and make your reservations at the Church website.

OPA Vespers/Fellowship
On Saturday, February 22nd, all of the families of the parish are invited to attend the Vespers service at 5 pm, so that we can worship together. The service will be brief, no more than half an hour, and then we will have some
time for fellowship and conversation afterward. We will wrap up no later than 6:30 pm. This will be primarily for the parents of younger children this month, as the GOYA are doing their annual Ice Skating outing to Campus Martius that same evening, and we need several parents to serve as chaperones. Please see the GOYA section for more information on this.

Orthodox Life (Bible Study)
Due to other conflicts the next few weeks, our Tuesday evening Orthodoxy Life Bible Study is on hiatus. We’ll resume at 6 pm February 18th. All ages are welcome.

HOPE/JOY events (ages 3-11)
HOPE/JOY Vespers with Storytime w/Fr. Anthony
This coming Saturday, February 1st, we invite the children of HOPE/JOY (age 3-11) to participate in the Vespers service, both reading and singing, under my instruction and direction. Afterwards, we’ll have pizza and I’ll read them a story - we’ll be finished by 6:30 sharp. Please let me know whether you and your kids will be coming by email (franthonyyc@mac.com) or text message (734-716-2268), so I can order the right amount of pizza.

Valentine’s Day Bingo
On February 7th from 7 till 9 pm, the HOPE/JOY mothers will hold their annual Valentine’s Day party. Tickets are $5 each - please see the attached flyer for more information.

GOYA events(ages 12-18)

From Olga Tsipras, GOYA Advisor:
"Dear GOYA Parents,

In trying to communicate better and enable you all to be more involved with GOYA activities, we will be emailing you periodically so that as parents you know what is going on and can “nudge” your Goyan to participate and communicate. For your information, we try to incorporate 2 activities a month. One of those events is the regular Vespers & Fellowship with Fr. Anthony on the 3rd Saturday of each month, and the other is a social event or outing that the kids choose. Sometimes it’s something larger, and other times just an impromptu movie night, game night or bonfire. We communicate with the kids via text message through the GroupMe app - we are happy to add any parents that are interested to that group. Please contact Fr. Anthony at 734-716-2268 if you would like to be added.

February’s Vespers & Fellowship falls on the same night as the Apokreatiko, February 15th. The service will start at 5, and the kids will run the service themselves, together with Fr. Anthony. After that, we’ll have a question & answer period with Father, and then proceed into the Apokreatiko for all who are attending that. Since the Apokreatiko Dinner Dance follows immediately, we will NOT have pizza this time. Please make sure your young people are in attendance - they can come already dressed for the Apokreatiko.

For February’s outing, the Goyans decided to go ice skating on the 22nd. We will meet at Chick-fil-a (at the Allen Park Mall On The Hill) at 4 pm
for dinner, and will then meet at the skate rental at Campus Martius at 530! For this event, we need several parent chaperones, as we are going into the city, and need to make absolutely certain we are prepared to take care of all the kids that attend. Please contact me at (313) 815-5319 if you are able to come along.

Finally, our parish is hosting the Michigan GOYA Lenten Retreat on March 15th. The flyer for that is attached below - please save the date and register your kids as soon as possible! If any of you are willing to help with the hosting responsibilities, please contact me or Fr. Anthony

Thank you!
-Olga Tsipras"

Sunday School

Sunday School starts at 10:30

As a reminder to all parents, the Gospel reading and children’s sermon are an integral part of our Sunday School class, and we kindly urge all students to be in church by 10:30 for both.

Altar Group Meeting

On Sunday, February 9th, after the Godparent Sunday luncheon (around 1:15), we will have a brief (half hour) meeting for the Altar Group, including all the Sunday School children, both boys and girls, ages 10 and up. We’ll go over the Altar & Icon Stand Cover change schedule, the responsibilities of both the young men, who serve inside the Altar, and the young women, who serve in the Nave and Narthex, and answer any questions.

Save the Dates

The Sunday of Forgiveness is March 1st this year. As always, the Sunday School kids will go play Dodgeball after Church, and then return to the Church for pizza at 4, followed by Forgiveness Vespers at 5.

The Oratorical Festival will be Sunday, March 15th.

Weekday Liturgies

Saturdays of Souls

The three Saturdays of Souls this year will be February 22nd, February 29th, and March 7th. Orthros will start at 9 am on these days, and the Liturgy at 10 am. Please make certain to arrive with your Kollyva no later than 11 am, to ensure that you don’t miss the Memorial Service.

In short - February will be a very busy month, as we prepare for the beginning of Great Lent in March. We look forward to seeing all of you at these many events.

With love in Christ,
+Fr. Anthony

Our weekly Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings at 6 pm. Virtual participation is an option - please contact Fr. Anthony for details.

We live stream each Sunday’s Orthros & Divine Liturgy on our parish Youtube channel at https://www.youtube.com/c/franthonyc-stgeorgesouthgate.

A recording of the Sunday Sermons is also posted on the YouTube channel.

The parish website (http://www.stgeorgesouthgate.org) includes current announcements and an updated calendar of feastdays, readings, services, and events.

Those interested in digging deeper into our Faith can also check out Fr. Anthony's catechetical podcast at http://theruleoffaith.typepad.com.

The young women of the parish are asked to participate in the changing of the Kalimata (cloth covers) for the Icon Stands, and to help to welcome parishioners and visitors in the Narthex each Sunday. More information will be forthcoming - the next change of the Kalimata will be February 9 as we change to Gold for the beginning of Triodion. We will also have a meeting for the boys & girls of the Altar Group after the luncheon that day, to discuss in full the duties and responsibilities of all each Sunday. Please attend!

Our choir practices each Wednesday at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join. Those who would like to learn Byzantine Chant should speak with Fr. Anthony AND join the choir.
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**Weekend Events**

- **Saturday**: Events, Greek Fest, Greek Night
- **Sunday**: Church Services, Events, Family Fun Day

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**General Class Schedule**

- **Monday**: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Tuesday**: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- **Wednesday**: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **Thursday**: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Friday**: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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**Special Events**

- **February 21**: Greek Night Event
- **February 22**: Family Fun Day
- **February 23**: Church Services

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**Winter Break**

- **February 24** to **March 2**: No School

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**Spring Break**

- **March 3** to **March 7**: No School

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**Summer School**

- **June 8** to **August 1**: Summer School Registration
- **August 2** to **August 6**: Summer School Classes
Football Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Join us for Food, Drinks & Fun!

Doors Open 4:30 pm
Game Starts 6:30 pm

$10.00 at the Door -- includes Food!
Cash Bar Available

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers vs KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
The Grecian Center Apollo Hall
!! BIG SCREEN !!
HOPE & JOY

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 7, 2020
7-9 PM

DOOR PRIZES
GAMES
REFRESHMENTS

TICKETS: $5

Grecian Center – Apollo Hall
16300 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate

For more information, call the Church Office at 734/283-8820
OPA EVENT

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 9, 2020
PARENTS, CHILDREN, & GODPARENTS

Please join us on Sunday, February 9, as the OPA organization will host a light luncheon for all parishioners, children, and their Godparents, immediately following Divine Liturgy.

There is no charge for the light luncheon, but we do request that you phone the Church office by Mon., Feb. 3, if you plan to attend with number of adults and children.

There will be a surprise craft project for the children to work on with their parent and/or Godparent after the luncheon.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF ALL GODPARENTS!
APOKREATIKO
CARNEVALE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020
DOORS OPEN 7:00 PM / DINNER 7:30 PM
GREEK & AMERICAN MUSIC BY DJ JOHN PAPADONTAS
PHOTO BOOTH
PREMIUM BUFFET / OPEN BAR
ADULTS - $30  YOUNG ADULTS 12-20 - $15  CHILDREN 11 & UNDER-FREE
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED
FOR TICKETS - ONLINE AT STGEORGESOUTHGATE.ORG or CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 734.283.8820
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