



# The Trophy-Bearer

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## Begotten, Not Created

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We talked last time about the buttressing synonyms of God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God, in the Creed, all of which confirm and define each other to emphasize both the full co-equality of the Father and the Son, and the distinct identity of each.

We continue with the conclusion of that crescendo, the capstone of those three terms in the Creed in its final form: Light of Light, True God of True God, and finally, to perfectly and emphatically define those prior synonyms, Begotten, Not Created.

Now, we have seen this term “Begotten,” before, in the Creed - twice, in fact. The Son of God is the Only-Begotten Son of God, He is Begotten of the Father before all ages. This third and final appearance of the term is intended, then, not simply to repeat, but to better define the term as already used, to remove a potential interpretation of Begotten-ness that had been used and abused by the Arians in the course of the controversy.

The problem is that begotten-ness implies a time in which the begetting happens. It implies that one person, the begetter, acts, and a new person, the begotten, then comes into being - and thus, the begetter has made something new, has created someone. It is because of these implications that the Arians affirmed that God the Father, in begetting the Son, had created Him, making the Son part of Creation, and *not* truly God. But Christians had always affirmed Jesus Christ to be truly and fully God - hence the problem.

In this clause of the Creed, then, the Fathers of the Church simply redefine the word “begotten” for theological usage by saying that, when we Christians say the Son of God is begotten, we absolutely and emphatically do *not* mean by that that He was “created.” Whatever part of the word Begotten normally implies creation, or beginning, or that the one begotten is less than the one begetting, all those shades of meaning are cut out, are excised from the word and its meaning in a Christian context. That the Son of God is begotten of the Father means simply that the relationship between them is that of Father and of Son, that the Father is the Father, the Eternal God, and the Son is the Son, the exact image of the Father, Co-Eternal with Him.

We could go into more detail about this, but really, in the end, this is

## REGULAR SCHEDULE

### Sunday

8:50 am – Orthros (Greek)  
10 am – Div. Liturgy (bilingual)

### Saturday

5 pm – Great Vespers (English)  
*Holy Confession by appointment*

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Wednesday

Presanctified Liturgy  
9-10:30 am March 14 & 28  
6-7:30 pm March 7 & 21

*Potluck following evening  
Presanctified Liturgies*

### Friday

6 pm – Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί  
*Mar. 2, 9, 16, & 23*

*Please see included calendar for additions or  
variations to this regular schedule.*

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Funerals

**February 21, 2018**

Katherine Dasich

**February 23, 2018**

Katerina Grias

**March 1, 2018**

Vasilios Tsikaris

### Baptisms

**February 24, 2018**

Jiavanna Bell

Parents: Joique Bell & Felicia Kollias

**February 25, 2018**

Sara Green

Parents: Christopher & Kristina

*Please call Church office with your  
announcements/community updates*

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sufficient. All of these phrases in the Creed are themselves another instance of “buttressing synonyms” as we discussed last time. We are repeating, in different ways, with different words, the same basic point, in order to absolutely and perfectly affirm the Full and Perfect Divinity of the Son of God.

Before we conclude this episode, and move on to the next phrase in the Creed, the phrase which finally resolved the Arian Controversy, I want to spend the rest of our time today stepping away from the intensity of deep historical theology, lest we miss the forest for the trees, as it were. The primary point here is *not* the details of theological language, of careful definition, philosophical argument, and logical distinctions. The primary point here is that Jesus Christ is *real*, and we are called into relationship with Him. The theology we have been discussing, this insistence on the full divinity of Jesus Christ, matters for the relationship that we have with God. There are true things that can be believed about God, and there are false things that can be believed, and as we are embarking daily, each of us individually, and all of us within the Church as a community, on a journey of growth in communion with God, it is critically important that we believe the right things about God. Otherwise, we may easily be led astray, we may pursue the wrong kind of relationship with God, and all of this theological detail is in service of that fundamental point.

We will be moving on to the next portion of the Creed very soon, in which we discuss not only the Perfect Divinity of Jesus Christ, but the unutterable wonder that this Uncreated, Perfect, Infinite God, Who is so distant from us that we could never hope to raise ourselves up to even begin to encounter Him, has Himself lowered Himself and come into our midst, and called us to communion with Him, to relationship with Him, to growth in His image and likeness, to become like Him, to become part of Him, to become one with Him.

This is why it matters that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is Light of Light, True God of True God, Begotten, not Created, of One Being with the Father, because this is the God Who has taken on our flesh and dwelt among us, this is the God that we encounter in the life of the Church. This is the God that we worship, this is the God that we love, in our broken and imperfect way.

So next time, we will set the seal on the Christological theology of the Church, and affirm that the Son of God is Of One Essence with the Father.

*The above is the sixteenth installment of our new Adult Education Program, updated weekly at <http://theruleoffaith.typepad.com>. Comments/questions are welcome, by email or via a comment on the website.*

# St. George Calendar of Events • MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4 ☿ ✨</b>                      Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas                      Gerasimos the Righteous                      Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3                      Gospel: Mark 2:1-12                      Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 &amp; 10 am)</p>	<p><b>5 ☿</b>                      Konon the Gardener                      Mark the Ascetic                      Isaiah 8:13-9:7; Genesis 6:9-22                      Proverbs 8:1-21</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      42 Martyrs of Amorion                      Finding the Cross by Helen                      Isaiah 9:9-10:4; Genesis 7:1-5                      Proverbs 8:32-9:11                      Greek School (5:30-7:30 pm)                      Book Club (5:30-7:30 pm)                      Philoptochos (7:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>7 ✨</b>                      7 Hieromartyrs of Cherson                      Laurence of Megara                      Isaiah 10:1-2; 20; Genesis 7:6-9                      Proverbs 9:12-18                      Presentified Liturgy (6:00 pm)                      (Potluck following)</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Theophylaktos, BP, Nicomedeia                      Hermas of the 70                      Isaiah 11:10-12:2; Genesis 7:11-8:30                      Proverbs 10:1-22</p>	<p><b>9 ☿ ✨</b>                      40 Martyrs at Lake Sebaste                      Caesrios the Righteous                      Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-10                      Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16                      Confession (5:00-6:00 pm)                      Salutations to the Theotokos (6:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>10 ☿ ◆</b>                      Kodratos &amp; his Companions                      Epistle: Hebrews 10:32-38                      Gospel: Mark 2:14-17                      GOYA Lenten Retreat AT STS. CONSTANTINE &amp; HELEN (9-5 pm)                      Great Vespers CANCELLED</p>
<p><b>11 ☿ ✨</b>                      Sunday of the Holy Cross                      Sophronios, Pat. of Jerusalem                      Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6                      Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1                      Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 &amp; 10 am)                      Dance Practice (12:15-1:30 pm)</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      Theophanes the Confessor                      Symeon the New Theologian                      Isaiah 14:24-32; Genesis 8:21-9:7                      Proverbs 11:19-12:6</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      Removal of relics of Nicephoros Pouplos, Bishop of Athens                      Isaiah 25:1-9; Genesis 9:8-17                      Proverbs 12:8-22                      Greek School (5:30-7:30 pm)                      Book Club (5:30-7:30 pm)</p>	<p><b>14 ✨</b>                      Benedict of Nursia                      Eusebion, BP, Lampasakos                      Isaiah 26:21-27:9; Genesis 8:18-10:1                      Proverbs 12:23-13:9                      Presentified Liturgy (9:00 am)</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Agapios &amp; his Companions                      Mannul of Crete                      Isaiah 28:4-22; Genesis 10:32-11:9                      Proverbs 13:19-14:6                      Seniors Luncheon (Noon)                      Sunday School Teachers (6:00 pm)                      Parish Council (7:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>16 ✨</b>                      Savinos of Egypt                      Christodoulos of Patmos                      Isaiah 29:13-23; Genesis 12:1-7                      Proverbs 13:19-14:6                      Confession (5:00-6:00 pm)                      Salutations to the Theotokos (6:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>17 ☿ ◆</b>                      Alexios the Man of God                      Patrick of Ireland                      Epistle: Hebrews 6:9-12                      Gospel: Mark 7:31-37                      Byzantine Chant for Kids (4:30-5:45)                      Great Vespers (5 pm)</p>
<p><b>18 ☿ ✨</b>                      Sunday of St. John Climacus                      Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem                      Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20                      Gospel: Mark 9:17-31                      Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 &amp; 10 am)                      Oratorical Festival</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      Chrysanthos &amp; Daria                      Demetrios the New Martyr                      Isaiah 27:33-38:6; Genesis 13:12-18                      Proverbs 14:27-15:4</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      Fathers Monastery of St. Sarvas                      Cuthbert the Wonderworker                      Isaiah 40:1-8; 31; Genesis 15:1-15                      Proverbs 15:7-19                      Greek School Independence Day Program (5:30-7:30 pm)</p>	<p><b>21 ✨</b>                      James the Confessor                      Thomas, Pat. of Constantinople                      Isaiah 41:4-14; Genesis 17:1-9                      Proverbs 15:20-16:9                      Presentified Liturgy (6:00 pm)                      (Potluck following)</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Great Canon of Andrew of Crete                      Basil of Ancyra                      Isaiah 42:5-16; Genesis 18:20-33                      Proverbs 16:17-17:17</p>	<p><b>23 ✨</b>                      Akathist Hymn                      Nikon &amp; Companions                      Isaiah 45:1-17; Genesis 22:1-18                      Gospel: Proverbs 17:17-18:5                      Confession (5:00-6:00 pm)                      Salutations to the Theotokos (6:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>24 ☿ ◆</b>                      Forefeast of Annunciation                      Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7                      Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56                      Byzantine Chant for Kids (4:30-5:45)                      Great Vespers AT ANNUNCIATION CATH. (7 pm)</p>
<p><b>25 ✨ ◆</b>                      Annunciation                      Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18                      Gospel: Luke 1:24-38                      Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 &amp; 10 am)                      Independence Parade (3-5 pm)                      GOYA Game Night (5:00 pm)                      JOY Game Night (5:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>26 ☿</b>                      Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel                      26 Martyrs in Crimea                      Isaiah 48:17-49:4; Genesis 27:1-41                      Proverbs 19:16-25</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      Matrona of Thessaloniki                      Paul, Bishop of Corinth                      Isaiah 49:6-10; Genesis 31:3-16                      Proverbs 21:3-21                      Greek School (5:30-7:30 pm)                      Book Club (5:30-7:30 pm)                      Deaconess/Executive (7 &amp; 8 pm)</p>	<p><b>28 ✨</b>                      Hilation the New                      Herodion of the 70                      Isaiah 58:1-11; Genesis 43:26-31;                      45:1-16; Proverbs 21:23-22:4                      Presentified Liturgy (9:00 am)                      FOCUS Detroit Food Bag Prep (6:30 pm)</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      Mark, Bishop of Arethusa                      Cyril the Deacon                      Isaiah 65:8-16; Genesis 46:1-7                      Proverbs 23:15-22:4</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      John Climacus                      Sosthenes, Apollous                      Cephas                      Caesar &amp; Epaphroditos                      Isaiah 66:10-24; Genesis 49:33-50:26                      Proverbs 31:8-31</p>	<p><b>31 ☿ ✨ ◆</b>                      Lazarus Saturday                      Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-29, 13:1-8                      Gospel: John 11:1-45                      Orthros/Liturgy (9 &amp; 10 am)                      Communion Breakfast (11:30 am)                      Parish Clean-up Day (12:30-4:00 pm)                      Great Vespers (5 pm)</p>
<p><b>1 ✨ ✨ PALM SUNDAY</b>                      Mary of Egypt                      Gerontios &amp; Vasilides                      Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9                      Gospel: John 12:1-18                      Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 &amp; 10 am)                      Fish Luncheon/Bake Sale                      Bridgroom Orthros (6:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>2 ◆ HOLY MONDAY</b>                      Titus the Wonderworker                      Theodora of Palestine                      Gospel: Matthew 21:18-43; 24:3-35                      Bridgroom Orthros (6:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>3 ◆ HOLY TUESDAY</b>                      Nikitas the Confessor                      Joseph the Hymnographer                      Gospel: Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39;                      24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2                      Bridgroom Orthros (6:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>4 ✨ ◆ HOLY WEDNESDAY</b>                      George of Maleon                      Plato the Studite                      Gospel: John 12:17-50; Matthew 26:6-16                      Presentified Liturgy (9:00 am)                      Unction Service (5:00 pm)                      Philoptochos (7:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>5 ✨ ◆ HOLY THURSDAY</b>                      Epistle: 1 Cor. 11:23-32; Gospel: Matt. 26:1-20; John 13:3-17; Matt. 26:21-39;                      Luke 22:43-44; Matt. 26:40-75; 27:1-2                      Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil (6-8 am)                      Holy Communion (8-9 am)                      Service of the Crucified Lord (Twelve Gospels) (6 pm)</p>	<p><b>6 ◆ HOLY FRIDAY</b>                      Epistle: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8                      Gospel: Matthew 27:62-66                      Royal Hours (7-9 am)                      Decorate Epitaphio (9 am-Noon)                      Holy Friday S.S. Retreat (12-3 pm)                      Unmailing Service (3:00 pm)                      Epitaphio Service (6:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>7 ✨ HOLY SATURDAY</b>                      Epistle: Romans 6:3-11                      Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20                      Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil (Profi Anastasis) (9 am)                      Easter Egg Hunt (11:30 am/after Liturgy)                      Paschal Vigil (11:00 pm)</p>

• Shaded days denote a fast day. ✨ denotes a Liturgy ◆ Great Vespers/Compline ✨ Akathist/Paraklisis ✨ Presentified Liturgy ✨ fish/wine/oil allowed ☿ wine/oil allowed

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**PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES  
AND  
LENTEN POTLUCK MEALS**

**Please come with your families to the Lenten Potluck dinners immediately following the Presanctified Liturgies on the following dates:**

**Please bring the following Lenten food item according to the beginning letter of your last name on the date of the Potluck Meal you are attending:**

**FEBRUARY 21 (Wednesday) 6:00 PM**

**A-G: Main Entrée**

(examples: lentil/bean soup, shrimp & rice, spaghetti)

**H-N: Dessert**

(examples: halva, Lenten cake, Lenten cookies, fruit)

**O-Z: Side dish or salad**

(examples: hummus, tabbouli, three-bean salad)

**MARCH 7 (Wednesday) 6:00 PM**

**A-G: Side dish or salad**

(examples: hummus, tabbouli, three-bean salad)

**H-N: Main Entrée**

(examples: lentil/bean soup, shrimp & rice, spaghetti)

**O-Z: Dessert**

(examples: halva, Lenten cake, Lenten cookies, fruit)

**MARCH 21 (Wednesday) 6:00 PM**

**A-G: Dessert**

(examples: halva, Lenten cake, Lenten cookies, fruit)

**H-N: Side dish or salad**

(examples: hummus, tabbouli, three-bean salad)

**O-Z: Main Entrée**

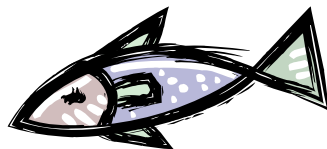
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**Ladies Philoptochos**

# **PALM SUNDAY**



# **FISH DINNER**

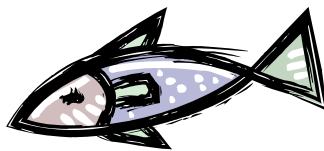
***April 1, 2018***

*Immediately Following Divine Liturgy*

## **Donation**

Adults: \$15.00

Children 11 yrs. and under *free*



***Please reserve your seat and pay in advance  
at the Reservation table, Church office, OR  
on our website ([www.stgeorgesouthgate.org](http://www.stgeorgesouthgate.org))  
no later than Wednesday, March 28.***

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# EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

April 8, 2018

Approx. 1:45 am

## "MAGIRITSA" MEAL

*(following Divine Liturgy)*

### **Menu:**

Magiritsa

Lamb

Greek Style Potatoes

Easter Bread

Greek Salad

Eggs

<p><b>Donation:</b> Adults \$15.00 Children 11 years and under Free</p>
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Reservations online ([www.stgeorgesouthgate.org](http://www.stgeorgesouthgate.org)) OR through the Church office (734.283.8820) no later than Wednesday, April 4.

\*\*\*NO TABLE ASSIGNMENTS\*\*\*