



# The Trophy-Bearer

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## A Chosen Generation

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Dear Parishioners,

*"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart, so that you may proclaim the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).*

(Sunday School Theme for 2016-2017)

It is time to begin our preparations for the new Sunday School year, with the presentation of this year's theme. Last year's theme reminded us that the Lord has given great and precious promises to all of us - to those of us who are mature in the Faith, and to our children, and to all those who have yet to come into the Church, whether children yet to be born, or adults who may yet come into the family of the Lord through our lives and witness in this world.

This year's theme is a reminder of what that promise is - a promise of light and love and glory, and a calling upon all of us to become vessels of the Lord's presence and action in the world. The theme outlines four ways in which this is true.

1. We are a chosen generation. This is a reference to the Roman and Hellenic heritage, baptized in the Christian Faith by the Fathers and the Martyrs, that we are blessed to have inherited, but most especially, it is a reminder that we who are the members of the local Church, in this time and place, are chosen by God for a high purpose.
2. We are a royal priesthood. This refers to a reality that we too often forget - namely, that the priesthood which our clergy exercise in the life of the Church, while important, is far from the central "priesthood" of the Church - the community itself, all of us together, have a fundamental priestly calling. We offer ourselves and all that we touch each day - our joys, our sorrows, our friends, our enemies, our homes, our places of work and school, our city, and the entire world - all this, we offer to God each Sunday as we come to the Liturgy. And it is in the offering of the world itself that we make to Christ each Sunday, symbolized in the bread and wine that we offer, that our Lord offers Himself to us, and through us, to all the world.
3. We are a holy nation. In this troubled election season, this is a reminder that our first loyalty is not to our earthly nation, but to the Lord. Of course, we remain loyal or devoted citizens of the United States, and we hold fast to our devotion to the Hellenic nation of our heritage, for we are commanded by the Lord Himself to "render unto Caesar the things that

## REGULAR SCHEDULE

### Sunday

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

### Tuesday

5-7 pm – Greek School  
(starts October 4)

### Saturday

5 pm – Great Vespers (English)  
*Soup & Fellowship to follow*

*Please see included calendar for other meetings & weekday services. Please note that Holy Communion is distributed at any "Liturgy."*

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Funeral

**August 16, 2016**

Fotini Gikas

**August 13, 2016**

Katherine Greanias

**August 30, 2016**

Damianos Balanos

### 40-Day Blessing

**July 14, 2016**

Evangelos

Parents: Evangelos & Sarah Bakas

### Chrismation

**September 4, 2016**

Bobbie Sue (Paraskevi) Tsachtsiris

### Wedding

**September 3, 2016**

George & Honey (Hyatt) Kosmides

*Watch this space for parishioner updates, including sacraments, services, and other announcements, if space permits. If you would like your news to be included, please call or email the Church Office.*

# SAINT GEORGE

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are Caesar's," which means that we give the nation in which we live our tax money, our loyalty, and our service, both in peace and in time of war. But we give that loyalty in obedience to Christ above all, Who Himself gives authority to nations and governments. We do not allow our loyalty to our nation or party to separate us from Jesus Christ - because we are called by His name, to be a holy nation, transcending borders and blood and language. We do not hate, for Christ has called us to love. We do not fear, for Christ has cast out fear. We do not choose one party or another, for Christ has called us to unity in Him.

4. We are a people set apart by God. This means that we do not enter into the spirit of the age, we do not follow the crowd, we do not submit to the spirit of this world. We are set apart by God, and we are called to proclaim the praises of Him Who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

All this means that Church isn't somewhere that we go on Sunday, and to which we pay a membership fee. It's not a club, it's not a gym, and it's not a venue. The Church is the Body of Christ, the active presence of Jesus Christ on this earth. It is our family, our identity, our calling, our very life. As we enter upon this Sunday School year, reflecting together on the words of the Divine Liturgy, that we dedicate ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ, our God, we will take this verse from 1 Peter as our theme.

With love in Christ,

+Fr. Anthony

### ST. GEORGE CHURCH LUNCH/DINNER RESERVATIONS

#### CHOIR SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 9, 2016

#### PLEASE PRINT

PURCHASER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PURCHASER PHONE: \_(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

#### HOW MANY TICKETS?

12 YEARS & UP \_\_\_\_ (\$10/pp) 11 YRS & UNDER FREE \_\_\_\_

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*Make Checks Payable to: St. George Church*

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***DROP IN OFFERING PLATE OR CHURCH OFFICE***

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BEFORE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

#### Office Use Only

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# St. George Calendar of Events • SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2016

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <b>11 ✠</b><br><b>Sunday Before Holy Cross</b><br>Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18<br>Gospel: John 3:13-17<br>Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 & 10 am)<br>Sunday School Mtg (12:15 pm)<br>Dance Practice (1:00-3:00 pm)                        | <b>12</b><br>Automomos the Hieromartyr<br>Courmoutos, Bishop of Iconium<br>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15<br>Gospel: John 11:47-54<br>Grecian Center (6:00 pm) | <b>13</b><br>Forefast of Elevation of Cross<br>Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-4<br>Gospel: John 12:25-36<br>NO Book Club<br>Vespers AT HOLY CROSS in Farmington Hills (7:00 pm)  | <b>14 ✠</b><br><b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b><br>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24<br>Gospel: Jhn 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30<br>Orthros/Liturgy (9 & 10 am) | <b>15</b><br>Nikitas the Great Martyr<br>Philotheos the Righteous<br>Epistle: Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1<br>Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22<br>Festival Prep (9:00 am-1:00 pm)<br>Parish Council (7:00 pm) | <b>16</b><br>Euphemia the Great Martyr<br>Melitina the Martyr<br>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10<br>Gospel: Luke 7:36-50              | <b>17 ◆</b><br>Sophia, Faith, Hope, Love<br>Herakleides & Myron<br>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:6-31; 21-5<br>Gospel: John 8:21-30<br>Great Vespers (5:00 pm)                                      |
| <b>18 ✠</b><br>Sunday after Holy Cross<br>Eumenios, Bishop of Gortyna<br>Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20<br>Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1<br>Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 & 10 am)<br>GREEK FEST (Noon-7:00 pm)                                | <b>19</b><br>Trophimos, Sabbarios, & Dorymedon<br>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:10-19<br>Gospel: Luke 3:19-22   | <b>20</b><br>Eustatios and family<br>Eustathios, Arb. of Thessolonica<br>Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17<br>Gospel: Luke 21:12-19<br>Book Club (6:00-7:00 pm, but check Facebook to confirm)  | <b>21</b><br>Apodosis of the Elevation<br>Quadratus the Apostle<br>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:3-13<br>Gospel: Luke 4:1-15                                     | <b>22</b><br>Phocas, Bishop of Sinope<br>Phocas the Gardener<br>Epistle: Galatians 1:1-3, 20-24; 2:1-5<br>Gospel: Luke 4:16-22<br>Seniors Luncheon (Noon)  | <b>23 ♂</b><br>Conception of John the Baptist<br>Xanthippe & Polyxene<br>Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27<br>Gospel: Luke 1:5-25          | <b>24 ◆</b><br>Thekla the Equal-to-the-Apostles<br>Silvan of Athos<br>Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15<br>Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28<br>Great Vespers (5:00 pm)                                  |
| <b>25 ✠</b><br>Euphrosyne of Alexandria<br>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4<br>Gospel: Luke 5:1-11<br>Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 & 10 am)<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS<br>Festival Post-Mtg (12:30 pm)<br>GOYA Game Night (5:00 pm) | <b>26</b><br><b>Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian</b><br>Epistle: 1 John 4:12-19<br>Gospel: John 19:25-27; 21:24-25                                   | <b>27</b><br>Kalistratos & his 49 Companions<br>Epistle: Galatians 5:21; 3:1-7<br>Gospel: Luke 5:12-16<br>Greek School Parent Mtg (5-7 pm)<br>Book Club (6:00-7:00 pm)<br>Deaconess (7:00 pm)<br>Executive Committee (8:00 pm) | <b>28</b><br>Chariton the Confessor<br>Allison of Nicopolis<br>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15<br>Gospel: Luke 6:17-23   | <b>29</b><br>Kyriakos of Palestine<br>Martyr Petronia<br>Epistle: Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2<br>Gospel: Luke 6:12-19   | <b>30</b><br>Gregory, Bishop of Armenia<br>Mardonios & Stratimikos<br>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24<br>Gospel: Matthew 24:42-47   | <b>1 OCTOBER ◆</b><br>Holy Protection of Theotokos<br>Ananias, Apostle of the 70<br>Epistle: Acts 9:10-19<br>Gospel: Luke 5:17-26<br>Metrop. Youth Wkr Conf (9-5 pm)<br>Great Vespers (5:00 pm) |
| <b>2 ✠</b><br>Cyprian and Justina<br>Eleutherios and Roustifikos<br>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15<br>Gospel: Luke 6:31-36<br>Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 & 10 am)<br>Philothochos meeting (11:45 am)                                 | <b>3</b><br>Dionysios the Areopagite<br>John the Chozebite<br>Epistle: Acts 17:16-34<br>Gospel: Luke 6:24-30  | <b>4</b><br>Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens<br>Domnina and her daughters<br>Epistle: Galatians 5:11-21<br>Gospel: Luke 6:37-45<br>GREEK SCHOOL BEGINS (5-7 pm)<br>Book Club (6:00-7:00 pm)  | <b>5</b><br>Charitina the Martyr<br>Methodia of Kinodios<br>Epistle: Galatians 6:2-10<br>Gospel: Luke 6:46-49; 7:1   | <b>6</b><br>Thomas the Apostle<br>Erotias of Cappadocia<br>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16<br>Gospel: John 20:19-31  | <b>7</b><br>Sergius & Bacchus of Syria<br>Polychronios the Hieromartyr<br>Epistle: Ephesians 1:7-17<br>Gospel: Luke 7:31-35         | <b>8 ◆</b><br>Pelagia the Righteous<br>Pelagia of Antioch<br>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28<br>Gospel: Luke 5:27-32<br>Altar Boy Retreat (Noon)<br>Great Vespers (5:00 pm)                     |
| <b>9 ✠</b><br>James the son of Alphaeus<br>Andronicus & Athanasia of Egypt<br>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10<br>Gospel: Luke 7:11-16<br>Orthros/Liturgy (8:50 & 10 am)<br>Choir Spagnetti Luncheon (12:30 pm)                   | <b>10</b><br>Eulampios & Eulampy<br>Theophilus the Confessor<br>Epistle: Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:1-3<br>Gospel: Luke 7:36-50                                     | <b>11</b><br>Philip the Apostle of the 70<br>Theophanes, Bishop of Nicea<br>Epistle: Acts 8:26-39<br>Gospel: Luke 8:1-3<br>Greek School (5:00-7:00 pm)<br>Book Club (6:00-7:00 pm)   | <b>12</b><br>Symeon the New Theologian<br>Provos, Andronicus, & Tarachos<br>Epistle: Ephesians 3:8-21<br>Gospel: Luke 8:22-25                                | <b>13</b><br>Carpos, Pappulos, Agathodoros, & Agathoniki, Benjamin the Deacon<br>Epistle: Ephesians 4:14-17<br>Gospel: Luke 9:7-11   | <b>14</b><br>Nazarios, Gerasios, Protasios, & Celsus, Kosmas the Haghiopolite<br>Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-25<br>Gospel: Luke 9:12-18 | <b>15 ◆</b><br>Loukianos of Antioch<br>Savinos, Bishop of Catania<br>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 14:20-25<br>Gospel: Luke 6:1-10<br>Great Vespers (5:00 pm)  |

• Shaded days denote a fast day. ✠ denotes a Liturgy ◆ Great Vespers/Compline ❖ Akathist/Paraklisis & Presanctified Liturgy ‹‹ fish/wine/oil allowed ♂ wine/oil allowed

# CHOIR SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

HOSTED BY THE ST. GEORGE CHOIR



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

**GARDEN SALAD**

**PASTA**

**CHOICE OF 3 KINDS OF SAUCES:**

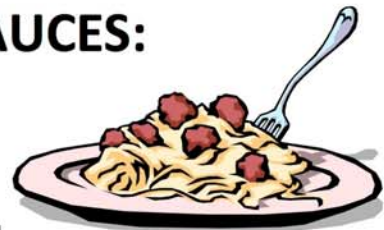
**MARINARA**

**MEAT**

**CREAM FETTUCCINI**

TRY ALL THREE IF YOU'D LIKE!

THERE WILL BE PLENTY FOR 2nds AND 3rds!



**PUMPKIN PIE W/ WHIPPED CREAM**

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**Reserved Seating Only by Oct. 5!**

**NO Tickets will be sold at the door.**

***LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9!***