Beloved in the Lord,

May every blessing of our Savior be with all of you as we enter into this new Ecclesiastical Year. In these strange times, I pray that we may all be comforted that we share our labors and endurance with all the saints who have labored through the trials and tribulations of this world in centuries past, upheld by the hope of the Resurrection and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In a normal year, we would be resuming all of the ministries of the Church in these weeks, and in the final throes of preparation for the Greek Festival. Sadly, we have had to cancel the Festival, and none of our ministries will be “normal,” but we will continue to work together to do what can be done. Regular updates are sent by email; if you are not on the Church’s email list, please contact the Church office and ask that your email address be added. In this way, you will receive the weekly bulletin and all other special announcements.

The most important ministries of all in the life of the Church are Sunday School and Greek School; the instruction of the next generation of our Church in the matters of our Faith, our language, and our culture are essential to their well being throughout their life, and to the future of the Church and community. Both of these are very disrupted this year, but we have developed a plan to face these disruptions.

**Greek School**
For Greek School, our teachers have developed a strong approach to online, virtual learning over the end of the spring session and continuing through the summer session. When we resume Greek School in October, we will continue with that approach; Greek School parents can expect an update soon. In the meantime, please go ahead and register your young people. The link is here: https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/9cc64049-ff1c-4e0a-bc7b-d264baa58937

**Sunday School/Religious Education Initiative**
For Sunday School, we are taking a different approach. We have learned over the past few months that it is not feasible to conduct our normal Sunday School program in a virtual setting. Instead, then, we are creating a program for use during the week in parishioner households.

This Religious Education Initiative is not limited to the families with children; every household in the parish can participate. It consists of three selections from the Scriptural and cultural heritage of our Church each week, to be read...
together by each household, along with a few discussion questions. It should take no more than ten minutes per day, three days each week.

This approach will allow us to be flexible during this coming year. If we are able at some point in the coming months to resume in person Sunday School, then the teachers who are able to teach will conduct a review of the material discussed during the week, and help to evaluate the young people to help the parents discern whether they are learning what they need to learn. And if we are not able to resume in person classes for the entire school year, it will ensure that when we DO come together again, we will come together as a community that has journeyed together through the same material, even though separated.

This material is live on the Church website now, from both the main page, and from the Ministries tab. Along with the readings, I will upload a brief reflection on these same readings to serve as my contribution to each household’s engagement with our heritage and Faith. Those reflections can be found on the Church’s Facebook and Youtube pages, and on the Religious Education Initiative web page.

http://stgeorge.mi.goarch.org/ministries/rei

We do ask that families register their young people for the Sunday School program this year, so that we can contact them with updates and information throughout the coming months. The registration form is here: https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/7634eb24-ce89-40f1-a60a-1a7674c3a8c5

General Assembly/Parish Council Elections

We will be holding our fall General Assembly a month early this year - the date will be Sunday, September 27th. The primary matter for the agenda concerns the parish council elections, with the nominations process for the PC and the appointment of the Board of Elections & Board of Auditors. The elections themselves will be held on Sunday, November 1st. Please see the enclosed materials for more information.

Good Standing

Please remember that it is necessary for everyone who participates in the General Assembly, and for everyone who votes or submits a nomination, as well as for nominees to the parish council, to be members in financial good standing. Please contact the Church office to fulfill your 2020 stewardship minimum as soon as possible. If you wish, you can pay your Stewardship securely online at the Church website, or at this direct link:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st1630219

Phone Tree

I want to thank the several members of the community who have volunteered to call the Faithful of the community over the past several months. Their labors have helped immensely to keep all of us connected to one another. If any of you would like to help with the next round of phone calls, please contact me and let me know.

With all of these efforts, we look forward with prayer and joy to the day when we will meet once again without masks and without concern. May the Lord grant that day to come soon!

With love in Christ,
+Fr. Anthony Cook
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Dear Parishioners,

We pray this letter finds you and your family well.

Our General Assembly will be held on Sunday, September 27. Under the current circumstances, the General Assembly will be held inside the Nave of the Church, immediately after the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy, at approximately 11:30 a.m. A take-away sack lunch will be provided for those who stay for the meeting. The agenda is as follows:

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer
2. Confirmation of Members in good standing present
3. Election of Chair
4. Parliamentarian Appointed
5. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting
6. Report of the President
7. Report of the Pastor
8. Report of Treasurer—for the first eight months of 2020 and approval of 2021 Budget
9. Deaconess Report by the President of the Board of St. George Housing for Seniors

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Set date for upcoming Parish Council Elections – Sunday, November 1, 2020
2. Nominations for the New Parish Council
3. Nominations for the Elections Committee
4. Nominations for the Audit Committee (for the year 2021 and 2022)

III. CLOSING PRAYER

In order to participate at the General Assembly, you must have paid your 2020 Stewardship of $300 in full or a minimum of $250. For seniors, you must have paid your 2020 Stewardship of $200 in full or a minimum of $170. Please attend this meeting!

In His service and yours,

Nicholas Minton, President
Parish Council

With love in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Cook
Parish Priest
Αγαπητοί ύπαρξες,

Χαίρετε!

Προσευχόμεθα ὅπως υψηλάνετε μετά τῶν ἀγαπημένων σας οἰκογενεῖαν.

Διὰ τοῦ παρόντος γράμματος σάς πληροφοροῦμεν, ὅτι ἡ γενικὴ φθινοπωρινὴ συνέλευσις τῆς ἑνόριας μας θὰ εἶναι στὶς 27 Σεπτεμβρίου, ἡμέρα Κυριακή, τρέχοντος ἔτους, καὶ ἀμέσως μετά τὴν Θείαν Λειτουργίαν. Ἡ ἡμερησία διάταξε ἔχει ὡς ἕξης·

I. ΣΥΖΗΤΗΣΗ ΕΠΙ ΠΑΛΙΩΝ ΘΕΜΑΤΩΝ
1ον. Προσευχή
2ον. Ἐπιβεβαίωση διὰ τῶν ἀριθμῶν τῶν παρισταμένων μελῶν
3ον. Έκλογη Προεδρεύοντος τῆς συνελεύσεως
4ον. Διορισμός Κανονιστήπου
5ον. Ανάγνωση καὶ ἐπικύρωση τῶν πρακτικῶν τῆς προηγούμενης συνελεύσεως
6ον. Ἐκθέση τοῦ Προέδρου του Εκκλησιαστικοῦ Συμβουλίου
7ον. Ἐκθέση τοῦ Ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ Προϊσταμένου
8ον. Ἐκθέση τοῦ Ταμίου του Εκκλησιαστικοῦ Συμβουλίου, καὶ Ἡ Παρουσίαση καὶ ἐπικυρώσεις τοῦ προϋπολογισμοῦ του ἐρχομένου ἔτους 2021
9ον. Ἐκθέση διὰ τὸ Ντίκανες Τάουερ

II. ΣΥΖΗΤΗΣΗ ΕΠΙ ΝΕΩΝ ΘΕΜΑΤΩΝ
1ον. Νὰ ὀρίσουμε τὴν ἡμερομηνία τῶν ἐκλογῶν τοῦ Ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ Συμβουλίου γιὰ τὰ ἐρχόμενα ἔτη (2021-2022) – 1 Νοεμβρίου, 2020
2ον. Ὑποψηφιότητες γιὰ τὸ Ἐκκλησιαστικὸ Συμβούλιο
3ον. Ὑποψηφιότητες γιὰ τὴν Ἐπιτροπὴ τῶν Ἐκλογῶν.
4ον. Ὑποψηφιότητα γιὰ τὴν Ἐπιτροπὴ τοῦ Λογιστικοῦ Ἑλέγχου

Ἀντίγραφα τοῦ προϋπολογισμοῦ τοῦ ἔτους 2020 θὰ διανεμηθοῦν. Διὰ νὰ λάβετε μέρος εἰς τὴν Γενικὴν συνέλευσιν πρέπει νὰ ἔχετε πληρώσει τοὺς πρώτους δέκα μήνες τοῦ παρόντος χρόνου, δηλαδή, 250 δολλάρια, καὶ οἱ συνταξιούχοι 170 δολλάρια. Ἐπίσης, θὰ ἀνακοινωθοῦν τὰ ὄνομα ἕκεινων που ἔχουν πληρώσει τὴν συνδρομῆ τοῦ, ἢ μέρος αὐτῆς διὰ τὸ ἔτος 2020.

Μετὰ Χριστιανικῆς ἀγάπης,

Νικόλαος Μίντον
Πρέεδρος Ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ Συμβουλίου

Αἰδ. Ἀντώνιος Κούκ
Ἰερατικὸς Προϊστάμενος
SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
16300 DIX-TOLEDO ROAD  
SOUTHGATE, MICHIGAN

As stipulated in the Parish By-laws, Article V, Section 2, nominations for the Parish Council are to be made either at the General Assembly preceding the Election, or in writing by at least two members of the Parish in good standing. Written nominations may be prepared and submitted via the Church office at any time between your receipt of this newsletter and the opening of the General Assembly on September 27th, 2020.

PETITION FOR NOMINATION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

We, the undersigned ___________________________ and ___________________________ members of Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, nominate ___________________________ TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL.

_________________________  ___________________________
Signature of Nominator     Signature of Nominator