

**EPISTLE Hebrews 9:1-7**

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

**TODAY'S READER: JEANNE KITSOULIS**

**GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28**

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**



Nominations will be open until Saturday, November 27 for the 2011 Parish Council. Elections will be held on Sunday, December 5. You may nominate a candidate by sending or dropping off a letter to the Church office, or via telephone or e-mail to either Chrysostomos at [cgunning@stgeorge.org](mailto:cgunning@stgeorge.org) or Catherine at [catherine@stgeorge.org](mailto:catherine@stgeorge.org). We look forward to your participation in this very important ministry of Saint George.

**MEMORIALS**



Today, we commemorate the 11th anniversary of the falling asleep of the servant of God, **His Grace Bishop George** (Papaioannou), former Proistamenos of St. George. May God grant him a place at the Heavenly Altar to celebrate the eternal Liturgy with Christ the High Priest, and may his memory be eternal!

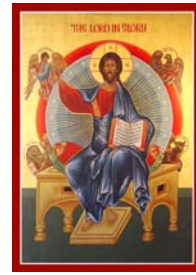
A Memorial Service will be also be offered today for **Margaret Karas Campbell (1 Year)**, requested by here daughter Barbara (Patrick) and Alexa and Christian, her grandchildren. May her memory be eternal!



On **Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, St. George will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m.** Everything we are and have comes from the gracious love of

God. Pause from your holiday celebrations and remember that without Him we are and have nothing. Join us to give thanks to the Lord, to praise Him for his benefits to us, and to ask His blessing on each home and every person.

**THANKSGIVING: THE HEART OF ORTHODOXY**



It is on Thanksgiving Day that we have a chance to help America look deeper into itself – by looking at this “typical” American holiday of Thanksgiving from an Orthodox point of view. We know that to be Orthodox, if we really know about Orthodoxy, implies that “deeper look.” But what is meant by looking deeper? To begin with, if we as Americans, both Orthodox and non-Orthodox, fail to see the greater lesson of what “Thanksgiving” means, if it is just the remembering of an historical event, it will remain only a memory and not something that we call a Holiday, or better yet, a Holy Day. This is so because just the memory is not enough. Memory may be helpful, but it does not guarantee holiness. Why do we say Holy Day? When we answer this question, we will have taken that “deeper look.” Surely those that landed in America understood why the day was “holy.” They were not only celebrating their historic landing as holy, as we do today in this shallow way; they looked deeper and when they did, they gave thanks together in a real communion with each other and with God for all the bountiful gifts with which they were blessed. Perhaps they understood, even better than we do, what it means when we sing in our Liturgy: “for the abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times....” That’s it! That’s the deeper look; men standing together before God in thankfulness. Men bound by common problems. Men bound by common goals. Orthodoxy, therefore, has the great opportunity to be able to dissect the word “Thanksgiving,” to show this fullness. In fact, we are constantly showing what it really means at every Liturgy, for it is here that thanksgiving is not only a memory, not only a day; it is a “state” or a “position” that we are in. What is

that “state” which is holy? It is a standing together – no, it begins earlier – it begins with the procession of each of us from the bed of our homes to the place where we will stand, to be together, even as those pilgrims were, to give thanks. The height of this thanksgiving is when we offer up the gifts of bread and wine – “*Thine own of Thine own, we offer unto thee, in behalf of all and for all*” – while we are offered life in return from God. Can we take America back to that original meaning, to that deeper look? The pilgrims had it, but we have preserved it! Perhaps now we can say “we” instead of “they” to show that Thanksgiving is not only for non-Orthodox. Certainly, it is at the Divine Liturgy where “we” should begin this Day of Thanksgiving. Can we do anything greater?



*“Orthodox Christians, surrounded by and already swimming in a sea of humanist-worldly philosophy and practice, must do everything possible to create their own islands, in that sea, of other-worldly, God-oriented thought and practice.”* (Blessed Seraphim of Platina)

**40-DAY BLESSING**

A 40-Day Blessing will be given today to the child of God, **Stelios, son of Anastasia and Michael Lazos**. May God grant him many years!

**PRAYER LIST:** Artie Constantinides, Stephen Alfieris, Antonia “Nitsa” Kempf, Connie Kanaris, Diana Lazar, George Markomanolakis, Argie Palaos, Katherine Panagakos, George Virvan, George Speris, Mariah Smiley, Doris Webb, the child Camille Feruzzi who is gravely ill, the child Heather Greene, Irene Pappas, Marty Levine, Lindsey Reijsoo, the child Ashley Lyvers, the child Alexis Ross, Joseph Papadakis, the child Joseph Saxon, Francine Bruggeman, Estrella Grandea Ocampo, Stephanie Skanderis, Georgia Haldas, Eric Ricasa, Milton Kayafas, Mary Agis, Maureen Shriver, Tiffany Keiker, Mary O’Hara, William Coulopoulos, Matina Mantis, and Robert Shriver. **US ARMED FORCES:** Rev. Fr. John Kalantzis, Lt. Nicholas Karnaze, Spc. Spiro Nino, John Xanthakos, Colonel James Karas, and Gary Hogman (Iraq) and his wife Cindy, 2nd Lt. Phillip Natsios, Private Louis Tiches, EG Robert Stock, and PFC Brett Hughes.

### PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Please inform the Church Office 301-469-7990 (ext 300) of any loved ones who are hospitalized or “shut-ins,” so they may be visited and receive the grace of Holy Communion.

### PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

**TODAY** is the deadline for donations for your name to be included in our annual Christmas Card which is sent to all parishioners. Don't be left out! Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift? Stop by our table to purchase a Christmas ornament of the Nativity icon in our Church. Proceeds help our many charities. Our annual and fun Lunch with Santa is Sunday, December 5th. Please RSVP to Desiree Drakakis at [ddrakis@verizon.net](mailto:ddrakis@verizon.net) by November 28th -- **DON'T WAIT: NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** Please join us on November 30th at 7:30 p.m. to help decorate our Church and Halls for the holiday season that is fast approaching. All hands are welcome and needed! Our Christmas Social is Tuesday, December 14th. Please mark your calendars; additional information will be forthcoming. Lastly, our traditional Christmas Bake Sale will take place on December 19th following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for your love and support!

### FEED THE HUNGRY

**TODAY IS FEED THE HUNGRY SUNDAY.** We need help to prepare, cook, package and deliver food to the shelters for the homeless in the Bethesda area. Why not volunteer that day to help? *“Insofar as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me!”*

### 50 PLUS

**The annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale is TODAY** after Divine Liturgy. The annual Pot Luck Party will be on December 8, with entertainment once again by Achilles Papefthemiou providing music and accompanying dancing for Christmas season. Everyone is welcome to both events!

### PARATHOSI JUNIOR DANCE TROUPE

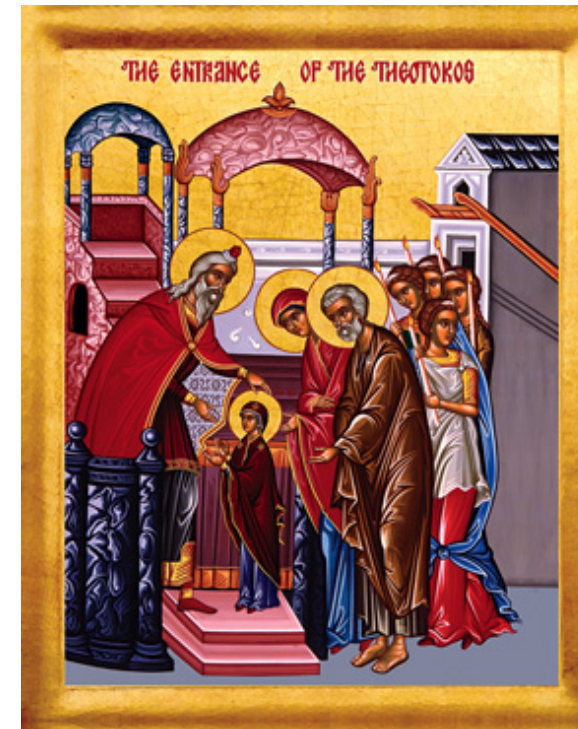
Practice will be held **TODAY** in the Founder's Hall from 12:15pm - 1:15pm for youth in grades 3rd - 6th. Our next practice will be held on December 12, 2010. If you have any questions, please email Olga Kasakeris at [arisol-ga5@gmail.com](mailto:arisol-ga5@gmail.com) or Evy Vlahos at [ek4818@me.com](mailto:ek4818@me.com)

**Remember, this is Stewardship season. We are asking you to pledge for the 2011 year (January through December). We need the support of every member if we are to sustain our ministries, deal with facility issues, and see to it that the poor, hungry, homeless, and needy are cared for — in other words, do the work of the Church. Please find it in your heart to give, and perhaps, to increase your pledge from last year's. God has granted us growth during the past year. Let us show Him our thanks by supporting His Holy Church. Hand in your pledge cards during Liturgy today, or mail them to the Church Office. God bless you for your generosity!**

## ST. GEORGE BULLETIN

### THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

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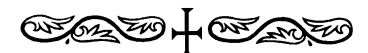
*“Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house. So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord, and you must worship him.....All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters; her raiment is threaded with spun gold. In embroidered apparel she is borne in to the king; behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you. They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king. The place of your fathers your sons shall have; you shall make them princes through all the land. I will make your name memorable through all generations; therefore shall nations praise you forever and ever.” (Psalm 45:11-18)*

### **Apolytikion**

Today is the prelude of God's pleasure and the proclamation of man's salvation. The Virgin is clearly made manifest in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also cry out to her with mighty voice, "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation. “

### **Kontakion**

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.



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