

### 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.

### BIBLE STUDY

Offered Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The Gospel of St. John the Theologian is being studied. Join us for this important journey into God’s Word.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**TODAY** is Picture Day for grades 7-12. Sunday, October 3 is Choir Recognition Day. Although there is no Sunday School the Sunday School Choir will be recognized in the Church.

### 50 PLUS

St. George’s Fifty Plus Club next meeting is on Wednesday, October 13th at 11:30am. Featured speaker will be Dr. Akis Calamitsis, whose topic will be “The Greek Economic Crisis- Recent Developments and Challenges Ahead”. All are welcome. Reminder: Our Luncheon and Cruise on the Potomac is on October 27th. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by contacting Maria Kopsidas at 240-421-9909

### YAL (Young Adult League)

First meeting **TODAY** in the library after Liturgy. All 18-35 year olds are welcome to join us!

### GOYA PROGRAM BOOK

**TODAY** is the deadline for submitting ads for the GOYA Tournament Program Book. There are only 4 ads so far. Please consider putting in a half or full page ad which recognizes your children who play GOYA Basketball, or express your support for the St. George GOYA or all the GOYAnS, or advertise your business. Please remember that the GOYAnS who sell the most ads will win gift cards. The Ad Book has an approximate circulation of 500 players and parents at the tournament. There will be a GOYA table set up in coffee hour today for you to fill out the forms, to collect ads, and ads will also be collect ads at the St. Connie’s Tournament. **HELP YOUR GOYA!**

### THE GREEK SCHOOL

A new **ADULT Greek language class will be offered during the regular Friday Greek School class (4:30 to 6:00 p.m.) starting on the first Friday of October.** An advanced Greek language class for adults will be held every Thursday, 6:30-7:45pm. Another class will be added, as needed. For more information, please contact Lena Petropoulos at (301) 774-4558 or [skpetrop@comcast.net](mailto:skpetrop@comcast.net) or Katerina Papaioannou at (301) 229-4286 or [michaelkaterinap@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkaterinap@gmail.com)

### GREEK IT UP!

Our Fall Festival, “Greek it Up!”, will be held on Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3 here at St. George. There will be a wine tasting, and a Greek Ouzeri. Come have dinner on Saturday night, October 2, at the Ouzeri then join us for a night of music and dancing (Glendi—casual attire), and a raffle where the winner receives a luxury cruise vacation for two to the Greek Isles or the cash alternative of \$10,000. Join us for this special community-building and fund-raising event. Mark your calendars!

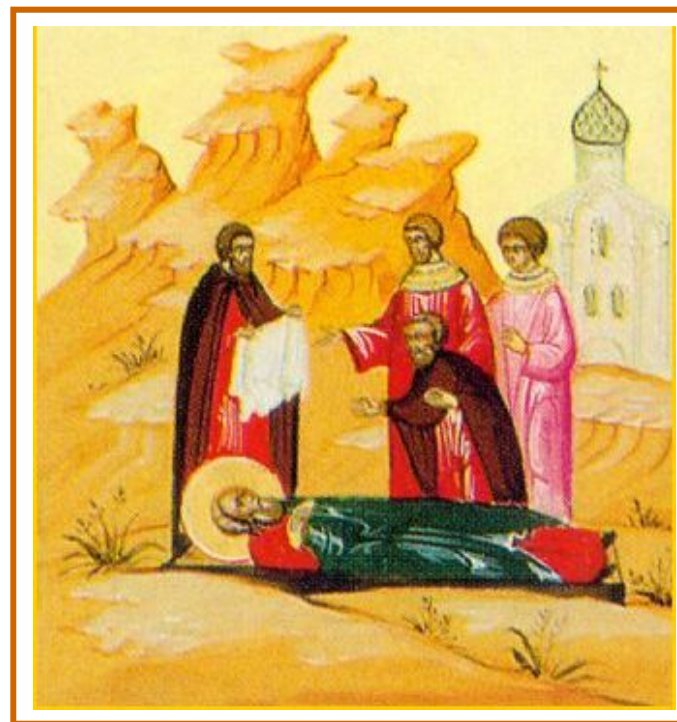
### **A REMINDER**

The current Stewardship year is swiftly drawing to a close. If you have pledged and are current with your giving, thank you! If you have pledged and have not yet given anything or are behind in your giving, please make good on your commitment as soon as possible. We need everyone’s help to keep the ministries, sacraments, charitable works, and other capital expenditures going. Complete your 2010 pledge by the end of the year (December 2010) and make sure you indicate on your check *2010 Stewardship Pledge*. The **NEW STEWARDSHIP YEAR BEGINS IN JANUARY 2011 AND ENDS IN DECEMBER 2011.**

# ST. GEORGE BULLETIN

## THE REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN

SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

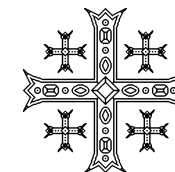


**The Repose of the Holy Apostle St. John**

“Leaning on Wisdom’s breast and learning knowledge from the Word, with inspiration you thundered: In the beginning was the Word; being the first fairly to write of the begetting without beginning and to announce to all the incarnation of the Word; therefore too with your tongue you caught the nations in a net and you teach the ends of the earth the grace of the Holy Spirit. Theologian, Apostle, intercede with Christ God to bestow forgiveness of faults on those who feast with love your holy memory.” (*Canon to St. John, Kathisma 8*)

### **Apolytikion**

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a people without defense. He who permitted you to recline upon His bosom, accepts you on bended knee before Him. Beseech Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of nations, asking for us peace and great mercy.



### **Kontakion**

Who can tell thy mighty works, O virgin Saint? For thou pourest forth miracles, and art a source of healings, and thou dost intercede for our souls, as the Theologian and the friend of Christ.

## EPISTLE St. John's First Universal Letter 4:12-19

No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us.

**TODAY'S READER: GEORGE COMINOS**

## GOSPEL John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

At that time, standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.



## A PRAYER FOR ONE'S ENEMIES



Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst command us to love our enemies, and those who defame and injure us, and to pray for them and forgive them; Who Thyself didst pray for Thine enemies, who crucified thee: grant us, we pray, the spirit of Christian reconciliation and meekness, that we may heartily forgive every injury and be reconciled with our enemies. Grant us to overcome the malevolence and offences of people with Christian meekness and true love of our neighbor. We further beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant to our enemies true peace and forgiveness of sins; and do not allow them to leave this life without true faith and sincere conversion. And help us repay evil with goodness, and to remain safe from the temptations of the devil and from all the perils which threaten us, in the form of visible and invisible enemies. Amen.

## 40-DAY BLESSING

A 40-Day Blessing will be given today to **Christopher**, son of Nicole and Andrew Daniels. May God grant him many years!

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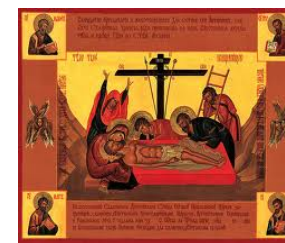
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## THE APOSTLE OF INTIMACY WITH GOD

The life and writing of St. John the Theologian speak to us of *intimacy with God*. He was the "beloved Apostle" of the Lord. He alone reclined on Jesus' chest at the Last Supper. He alone stood with Mary, the Holy Theotokos, as Jesus died. He alone was given the care of the Mother of God by her dying Son. St. John gives us a paradigm for our own attempts at coming close to God. Christ offers that intimacy to all who would yearn for Him in love. Today's Epistle from St. John reminds us "*God is love and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him.*" Being intimate with God, then, is directly linked to *loving* — to responding to God's first move to love us and to our genuine attempts to love one another. There can be *no closeness* to God without the loving of our brothers and sisters. We cannot hope for intimacy with Christ if we fail to love others. "*How can you love a God Whom you do not see when you do not love your brother whom you do see?*" The Apostle of Love reminds us throughout his writings that the two are inextricably linked. If we desire this sense of closeness and intimacy with God, then we must hold our tongue and don't gossip, cease being angry with others, reach out to someone in need in our life, acquire a spirit of gentleness, learn that life doesn't revolve around our ego needs, choose our words carefully and avoid crass or vulgar speech, avoid jealousy — **do the things of love**. Turn good intentions into Orthodox Christian action. In this way we will grow in that sense of intimacy with God, supported by our daily prayer. May God grant that it be so!



## LEARNING THE LITURGY: THE ANTIMENSION

The *antimension*, a square piece of fine cloth with an image depicting the deposition of Christ from the Cross or His entombment and the four Evangelists, is essential for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. sewn into it are actual relics (bone fragment) of a Holy Martyr or Saint. The relics of saints are fixed into a pocket in the cloth with a seal of wax and signed by the Bishop. He then sends the antimimension(s) to the parishes of his diocese. The antimimension is a sign that the Divine Liturgy is only celebrated in communion with the Bishop and under his authority. The antimimension is a very real symbol of a Bishop's sacramental and pastoral authority as chief Shepherd of the church. The priest is appointed and delegated by the Bishop to serve the people of the parish and to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Recall the words of St. Ignatius the God-Bearer: "*Where stands the Bishop, there stands the Church.*" The antimimension is left folded in the center of the Holy Altar Table under the Gospel Book. During the Divine Liturgy, while the Cherubic Hymn is being sung, the antimimension is unfolded to prepare the Holy Altar Table for the arrival of the gifts of bread and wine. The holy gifts are placed upon the antimimension and they are consecrated upon it. After Holy Communion, the antimimension is folded, set into the middle of the altar and the Gospel Book is replaced on top of it.



**PRAYER LIST:** Antonia "Nitsa" Kempf, Connie Kanaris, Diana Lazar, George Markomanolakis, Argie Palaios, Katherine Panagakos, Priscilla Preuss, George Virvan, Sylvia Basdekas, 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, William Coulopoulos, Milton Kayafas, Mary Agis, Maureen Shriver, Tiffany Keiker, Mary O'Hara, Sophia and Bill Coulopoulos, and Robert Shriver. **US ARMED FORCES:** (Col.) Fr. Alexander Webster, 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 and PFC Brett Hughes.