

EPISTLE READING Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:35-46

At that time, a lawyer asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying "What do you think of Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Wednesday, September 8, is the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos.. Orthros will be at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy will be at 9:30 a.m. Let us join to venerate her, whose complete submission to God's will, made it possible for her to become the one through whom the Father would speak His Eternal Word. Most Holy Theotokos pray to God that our souls may be saved!

40 DAY BLESSING

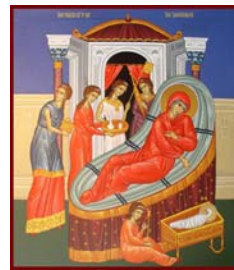
A 40 Day Blessing will be given today to **Ioanna Gia**, daughter of Faith and Peter Lotsikas. God grant her many years!

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THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

By St. Andrew of Crete

Let there now be one common festal celebration in both heaven and on earth. Let everything now celebrate, that which is in the world and that beyond the world. Now is made the created temple for the Creator of all; and creation is readied into a new Divine habitation for the Creator. Now our nature having been banished from the land of blessedness doth receive the principle of theosis and doth strive to rise up to the highest glory. Now Adam doth offer from us and for us elements unto God, the most worthy fruit of mankind -- Mary, in Whom the new Adam is rendered Bread for the restoration of the human race. Now is opened the great bosom of virginity, and the Church, in the matrimonial manner, doth place upon it a pure pearl truly immaculate. Now human worthiness doth accept the gift of the first creation and returns to its former condition; the majesty darkened by formless sin -- through the conjoining by His Mother by birth "of Him Beauteous by Goodness," man receives beauty in a most excellent and God-seemly visage. And this creating is done truly by the creation, and recreation -- by theosis, and theosis -- by a return to the original perfection! Now a barren one is become beyond expectation a mother, and the Birth-giver hath given birth without knowing man, and She doth sanctify natural birth. Now is readied the majestied color of the Divine scarlet-purple and the impoverished human nature is clothed in royal worthiness. Now -- according to prophecy -- there sprouts forth the Offshoot of David

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, 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.

Who, having eternally become the green-sprouting Staff of Aaron, hath blossomed forth for us with the Staff of Power -- Christ. Now of Judah and David is descended a Virgin Maiden, rendering of Herself the royal and priestly worthiness of Him that hath taken on the priesthood of Aaron in the order of Melchisedek (Heb 7:15). Now is begun the renewal of our nature, and the world responding, assuming a God-seemly form, doth receive the principle of a second Divine creation.



CHECKING THE PRAYER LIST

We would like to keep the prayer list below as current as possible. If there is someone on the list who needs to be removed, please notify the Church Office. If you submitted any names, please make sure that they still need to be on the list. For example, if they have been restored to health, or had a problem resolved, or reposed in the Lord, please call the Office at 301-469-7990. The power of our common prayer cannot be underestimated.



MEMORIAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 12, we will have a Memorial Service to commemorate the **Greek Holocaust** and its victims at Thrace, Asia Minor, and Pontos. Let us remember in prayer those who lost their lives and ask God to make their memories eternal! Let us also ask God to deliver us and humankind from similar tragedies.

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.

ORTHODOX INQUIRY

If you or anyone you may know are interested in embracing Holy Orthodoxy and being baptized or chrismated, please contact Fr. Dimitrios at 301-469-7990 or by email at FrAntokas@stgeorge.org

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE RESUMES

A reminder: **Next Sunday, September 12, we resume our regular schedule for Sunday Divine Services.** Orthros will be at 8:45 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Please note this coming change.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING

Sunday School begins next Sunday, September 12. Please register your children **BEFORE** next Sunday. The registration form is on the parish website under **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**, and may be mailed to Athena Kranias, Sunday School Director, here at the Church: 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. You may also bring the **COMPLETED** form next Sunday.

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, a Greek Ouzeri, a Glendi on Saturday night, October 2 from 8 p.m. to midnight, and a raffle where the winner receives a luxury cruise vacation for two to the Greek Isles. Join us for this special community-building and fund-raising event. Mark your calendars!

THE GREEK SCHOOL

The Greek School of St. George offers classes from pre-K to 7th grade, as well as preparation classes for the Ellinomathia exams. Registration for the Friday School is on Sept. 10, 2010 at 3:45pm, and for the Saturday School on Sept. 11, 9:15am. For more information, please contact Lena Petropoulos at (301)-774-4558 or skpetrop@comcast.net, or Katerina Papaioannou at (301) 229-4286 or [michaelkateri-
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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. There is still time to complete your 2010 pledge commitment. Don't hesitate!

ST. GEORGE BULLETIN

15TH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW SS. ZACHARIAH AND ELIZABETH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010



**SS. Zachariah and Elizabeth
Parents of St. John the Forerunner**

"In the vesture of a priest, according to the Law of God, thou didst offer unto Him well-pleasing whole-burnt offerings, as it befitted a priest, O wise Zacharias. Thou wast a shining light, a seer of mysteries, bearing in thyself clearly the signs of grace; and in God's temple, O wise Prophet of Christ God, thou wast slain with the sword. Hence, with the Forerunner, make entreaty that our souls find salvation. "

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.



Seasonal Kontakion

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."