

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 CONTINUES

A study of the Holy Gospel according to St. John the Theologian is held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Join us for this excellent study!

FAMILY LUNCHEON FOR BEDIANI ORPHANAGE

TODAY a family luncheon to benefit Bediani Orphanage will be sponsored by the Sunday School for the St. George Community. “Lawrence the Magician” will entertain us. \$12 for Adults, \$7 for children under 12, children under 3 no charge.

GODPARENT-GODCHILD SUNDAY

TODAY Godparents/Honorary Godparents are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy together with their Godchild, reaffirm their Baptismal commitments, and visit his/her Sunday School class. Sunday School students will be sitting with their class. Grades K-3 in the Church. Grades 4-12 in the Chapel. Please make your reservations for the luncheon which benefits Bediani Orphanage.

GOYA

On Sunday, February 13, the St. George GOYA will be holding a Pizza Sale in the Grand Hall following the Divine Liturgy. Please come and support the youth of St. George. All proceeds from this sale will benefit the Parathosi Dance Troupe.

50 PLUS CLUB

The Annual Valentine Party will be held on February 9th at 11:30am at the Mykonos Restaurant, 121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852. There is a charge of \$25 which will cover all costs- full course meal, tax, and tip. Please call Maria Kopsidas by February 6th --301-493-5789-- if you plan to join us. On February 23rd at Noon, Dennis Menos will speak on “The Parthanon Sculptures: The Struggle to Bring Them Home“.

GREEK SCHOOL FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

The Greek School for Pre-schoolers is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year! Open registration is held from 1/19-2/22/2011. Please fill out the registration form (available on the church website) and follow the directions on the form. If you have any questions, contact Christina Stayeas @ christinastaveas@yahoo.com or Vasilias Contos @ contosgeorge@hotmail.com. Classes fill up quickly so don't delay!

APOKRIATIKO GLENDI (March 4)

The St George Greek School in association with other youth organizations of the Parish invites you to the Annual Apokriatiko Glendi to be held in the Grand Hall on Friday, March 4, 7 to 11pm. Ticket will be sold after services through February 27. Ticket prices are \$12 and \$8 for ages 6 and under. For information please contact Philios Angelides at 703-450-7963. Buy your tickets today! Tickets will not be sold at the door.

LITERARY LUNCHEON IN APRIL

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Literary Luncheon - featuring Ted Leonsis, Robert Krantz, Nick Tsiotos, and Eva Kalivas. Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 11:30am. At the Bethesda Country Club. For more information, go to www.philologians.com or call (301) 469-7990. Tickets \$65.

SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN

ST. PHOTIOS THE GREAT, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

FEBRUARY 6, 2011



This pre-Lenten Sunday reminds us of one central message: the Lord Jesus is Physician of body and soul. He heals within and without. He binds up our spiritual wounds. **He has given us a Holy Church whose single most important mission is to cure the soul of the believer.** The Canaanite woman persisted in seeking the healing of Jesus for her child. She laid herself bare, even in embarrassment, to beg Jesus' healing. So it is with us. We must first recognize what it is in us that requires healing. Then we must seek Him out with all persistence. Then we must do as He commands—change whatever we must — to allow his healing to pour in and through our souls.

Resurrectional Aplytikion

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Resurrectional Kontakion

Savior and Deliverer is He who raised up from the tomb and from the bonds those born on earth, for He is God; and He destroyed Hades' bars and gates, and on the third day arose, as the Master of all.

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EPISTLE Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

TODAY'S READER: GEORGE COMINOS

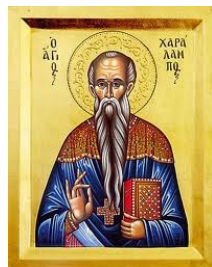
GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

FEAST OF THE HOLY MARTYR ST. HARALAMBOS

ORTHROS 8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 A.M.



This Saint was a priest of the Christians in Magnesia, the foremost city of Thessaly, in the diocese having the same name. He contested during the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235), when Lucian was Proconsul of Magnesia. At the time of his martyrdom the Saint was 103 years of age.

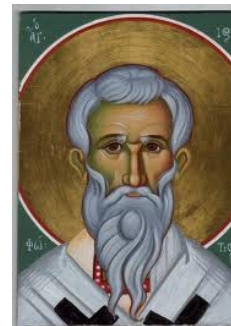
MEMORIAL

A Memorial Service will be offered today for **Agatha Koumas (10 Years)**, and sister-in-law **Peggy Pavlos (9 Years)**, requested by Agatha's son Ted (Nomy) Koumas and their children, and Bill, and Peggy's daughters and grandchildren. May their memories be eternal!

40 DAY BLESSING

A 40-Day Blessing will be given today to the child of God, **Athanasios Nicholas**, son of Alexandra and Nicholas Angelis. May God grant hi many years!

PRAYER LIST: Artie Constantinides, Stephen Alfieris, Antonia "Nitsa" Kempf, Connie Kanaris, Diana Lazar, George Markomanolakis, Argie Palaios, 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, 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.



A PILLAR OF ORTHODOXY: ST. PHOTIOS THE GREAT

The thrice-blessed Photius, the great and most resplendent Father and teacher of the Church, the Confessor of the Faith and Equal to the Apostles, he lived during the years of the emperors Michael (the son of Theophilus), Basil the Macedonian, and Leo his son. He was the son of pious parents, Sergius and Irene, who suffered for the Faith under the Iconoclast Emperor Theophilus; he was also a nephew of Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople (see Feb. 25). He was born in Constantinople, where he excelled in the foremost imperial ministries, while ever practicing a virtuous and godly life. An upright and honorable man of singular learning and erudition, he was raised to the apostolic, ecumenical, and patriarchal throne of Constantinople in the year 857. The many struggles that this thrice-blessed one undertook for the Orthodox Faith against the Manichaeans, the Iconoclasts, and other heretics, and the attacks and assaults that he endured from Nicholas I, the haughty and ambitious Pope of Rome, and the great persecutions and distresses he suffered, are beyond number. Contending against the Latin error of the filioque, that is, the doctrine that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, he demonstrated clearly with his *Mystagogy on the Holy Spirit* how the filioque destroys the unity and equality of the Trinity. He has left us many theological writings, panegyric homilies, and epistles, including one to Boris, the Sovereign of Bulgaria, in which he set forth for him the history and teachings of the Seven Ecumenical Councils. Having tended the Church of Christ in holiness and in an evangelical manner, and with fervent zeal having

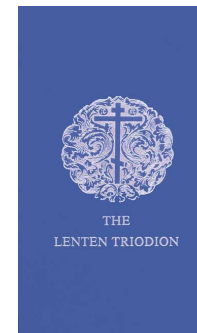
rooted out all the tares of every alien teaching, he departed to the Lord in the Monastery of the Armenians on February 6, 891.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

As a teacher to the world, being one with the Apostles, intercede with the Lord of all, O Photius, that He may grant the world peace, and to our souls His great mercy.

Kontakion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Far-reaching beacon of the Church and God, inspired Guide of the Orthodox, you are now crowned with the flowers of song. You are the divine words of the Spirit's harp, the strong adversary of heresy and to whom we cry, "Hail all-honorable Photius."



NEXT SUNDAY THE TRIODION BEGINS

Next Sunday, that of the Publican and the Pharisee, the Holy Church begins the *Triodion*. This is the service book of the Orthodox Church that provides the texts for the divine services for the pre-Lenten weeks of preparation, Great Lent, and Holy Week. *The Lenten Triodion* is the title of a classic and popular English book translated with an extensive and helpful introduction by Metropolitan Kallistos and Mother Mary; it provides many (but not all) of the texts necessary to observe the great fast. In Greek and Slavonic it is simply called the *triodion*. It is called the *triodion* because the canons appointed for Matins during this period are composed of three odes each. The weeks of preparation, and especially the Sunday gospel readings, serve to exercise the mind, whereas the fasting of Great Lent focuses on the body, and Holy Week's services exercise the spirit. Our attention continues to move towards Great Lent and the fast. Let us all prepare for this great penitential season by prayer and through establishing spiritual goals for ourselves.