

BIBLE STUDY

Offered Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The Book of Genesis is being studied. Join us for this important journey into God's Word.

50 PLUS

A trip to the Dupont Winterthur Mansion and Longwood Gardens is planned for October 12th. Space is still available to this beautiful and interesting museum and garden. To reserve a seat please contact Maria Kopsides at 301-493-5789 as soon as possible. On October 26 Dr Evangelos Calamitsis will speak on **The Challenge of Population Aging** at our meeting. We urge all to attend the Wednesday Divine Liturgy for St. Dimitrios immediately before our meeting.

2011 FALL FUNDRAISER AND RAFFLE

Please join us for an evening of great food, excellent music, and dancing at our Greek Night Gala ("So, You Think You Can Greek Dance?") being held on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Gala tickets and raffle tickets are available for purchase after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays during Coffee Hour. Also, for those who have already mailed in your payment, your Gala tickets can be picked up during the Coffee Hour. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY for a successful and wonderful event!

NEW ADULT GREEK SCHOOL CLASS

The Greek School of St. George is offering **Greek language classes for adults during regular Greek School time, Friday, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** For additional information, contact Lena Petropoulos at 301-774-4558 or by email at skpetrop@comcast.net

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

Please join us for our monthly Philoptochos meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Founders Hall. Join us for fun and fellowship. You don't have to be a member to come and check us out. Please note that there will not be a morning circle meeting on the 11th. ***No morning circle meeting on the 11th!***

LITTLE ANGELS

Wednesday, October 12th 10:00-12:00 - Butler's Orchard - Pumpkin Patch; and Saturday, October 22nd 10:00-10:30 AM - Glen Echo Tot Theater and then play in the park and picnic.

JUNIORS/NEOPHYTES DANCE PRACTICE

– Juniors (Grades 3rd -6th) practice in the Founders Hall Oct 9th and 23rd from 12:15pm – 1:15pm. Practice on Oct 30th will be from 12:15pm – 1:15pm. Neophytes will begin practice Oct 30th from 12:15pm – 12:45pm. If you have any question please contact Olga at arisolga5@gmail.com or Evy at ek4818@me.com

In response to continued inquiries regarding church financials, the Church is publishing year-to-date operating income and expenses in the Sunday bulletin. God bless you and thank you for your support.

January 1 through October 4, 2011

Income \$987,144.86*

Expenses \$988,020.94**

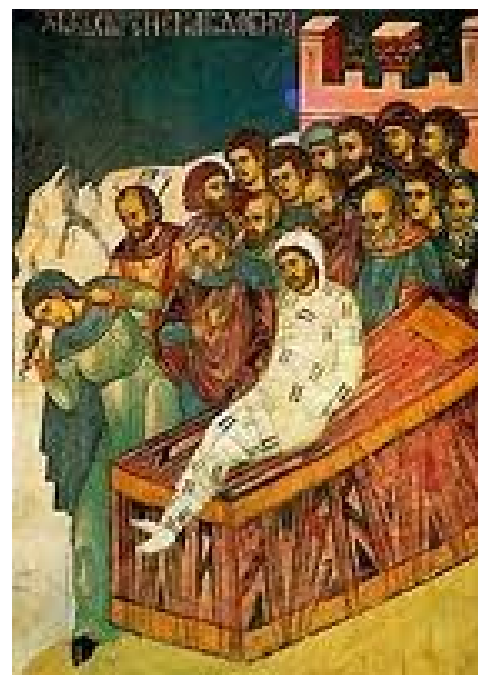
* - Includes any income (funds received) from Stewardship, Candles, Trays, Donations, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Fall Fundraiser, Greek School, Pre-School Program, Other Income and Harbor School Rent.

** - Includes expenses incurred (funds disbursed) for Administrative Items, Candles, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Fall Fundraiser, Greek School, Pre-School Program, Bookstore, Archdiocese Stewardship, For Those Who Serve, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, Liturgical, Maintenance, Mortgage Interest, Program Expenses, Taxes & Insurance, Utilities and Transfer to Reserves.

3RD SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE

**THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES,
SON OF ALPHAEUS**

OCTOBER 9, 2011



Today's Gospel narrative contains a twofold message. First, it is a story of life triumphant over death. Luke, in his description of the event, refers to Jesus as "Lord" — Kyrios — the title by which the early Christians normally designated the risen Messiah, victorious over death and the grave (Acts 2:36). This is the first time the Lukan narrative voice refers to Jesus by this title. Second, it is a story of Jesus' compassion. The root of the action in this scene is His spontaneous gaze of sympathy. Recognizing the dead man's mother as a widow with no other children — and no other means of support — He seizes the hour. Indeed, Jesus' compassion is qualified by this significant detail: the dead son is an "only child." In Luke's Gospel, this is the first of three miracles Jesus works for the benefit of parents of an "only child." What great mercy Jesus shows!

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Resurrectional Kontakion

When You had risen from the grave, You also raised those who had died and resurrected Adam; and now Eve is celebrating in Your Resurrection, and the ends of the world keep festival, for Your rising from the dead, O Most-Merciful.

Seasonal Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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: MICHAEL KITSOULIS

GOSPEL Luke 7:11-16

AT THAT TIME, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

PRAYER LIST: Lee Konjas, Alexander Wadas, Constantina Speris, Joseph Papadakis, Nate Cekay, Chris Calender, Robert Shriver, Demitra Aposporos, **Dr. Joseph Paul Smith**, Vasilios, Omorfia Spathopoulos, Evie Konjas



PRAYER—BRINGING THE MIND TO THE HEART

To kindle in his heart Divine Love, to unite with God in an inseparable union of love, it is necessary for man to pray often, raising the mind to him. For as a flame increases when it is constantly fed, so prayer, made often, with the mind dwelling ever more deeply in God, arouses Divine Love in the heart. And the heart, set on fire, will warm all the inner man, will enlighten and teach him, making him like a flaming seraph, always standing before God within his spirit, always looking at Him within his mind, and drawing from this blessed vision the sweetness of spiritual joy. This is because the center and final purpose of the soul, which God created, must be God Himself alone—and nothing else —God from whom the soul has received its life and its nature, and for whom it must eternally live.

(Metropolitan Kallistos of Diocleia)

CHALLENGE LITURGY

The monthly Challenge Liturgy is this coming Saturday, Oct. 15, at 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship.

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SAYINGS OF SOME CONTEMPORARY GREEK FATHERS

Elder Amphilochios

In the hour in which we are tempted we must be patient and pray. Temptation is a clever craftsman. He is able to make small things loom large. Temptation disquiets, saddens, and creates external battles. He knows many arts. He brings man to doubt. For this reason we have many shipwrecks. When we are beset by temptations, that's when the grace of God comes. When one undergoes temptation, he recognizes his weakness, is humbled and attracts the grace of God. Don't let the winds of temptation affect you. They can't do you any harm.

The Jesus Prayer is the foundation of perfection. There is no other way to purification and sanctification except through the Jesus Prayer. This prayer has filled Paradise with holy men and women. Once you have cultivated the Jesus Prayer, you will become children of the palace. You will know the King's language and the ways of true royalty.

Elder Gabriel

Complete simplicity together with the fear of God brings man to the condition of blessedness that the first-created ones had before their disobedience in paradise.

Elder Joel

We need to be very careful in the choice of books that we read, for time is valuable and mustn't be spent in the study of shallow and insubstantial books. A book that isn't worth reading a second or third time isn't worth reading even once.

BISHOP GEORGE MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Next weekend is the Bishop George Memorial Basketball Tournament here at St. George. We are hosting some 200 players from 12 other churches. On Saturday, the tournament will be played at the Northern Virginia Sportsplex in Chantilly, VA. Finals will be Sunday here at St. George. Please help us welcome all our guests next weekend. GOYA is organizing the event and many thanks to them for that. Join us to support our youth and to have fun!

MEMORIALS

A Memorial Service will be offered today for **Panayiotis Apostolides (40 Days)**, requested by his sister Mary (George) Cokinos and family; and for **Andreas Mavrochilos**, requested by his daughter, Christiana Chrysostomou and her husband Andreas.. May his memory be eternal!

40-DAY BLESSING

A 40-Day Blessing will be given to **Nicholas**, son of Panayiotis and Miriam Galiatsatos. God grant him many years!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIRD GRADE STUDENTS TO RECEIVE PANAGIA PORTAITISSA ICON TODAY



The word "Portaitissa" in Greek means "Keeper of the Portal". Tradition holds that the original icon was written by St Luke and was in the possession of a pious widow during the iconoclastic controversy in the 9th century. A soldier entering her home to destroy icons, struck this Icon with his sword, and blood began to flow from the gashed cheek of the Virgin Mary. The soldier repented and advised the widow to hide the icon. She placed the icon into the Sea of Marmara. The Icon floated upright on the waters as it sailed across the sea to Mount Athos where the monks of the Inveron Monastery received it. The Mother of God appeared to the fathers, promising to protect the monastery as long as Her Icon remained at the gate. The Portaitissa icon is one of the most revered on Mount Athos and has worked countless miracles. **Most Holy Theotokos intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!**

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