

OCTOBER 7, 2018

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M.D.

Holy Communion Order

1. Please remain standing while following the directions of our ushers.
2. Ladies, kindly remove lipstick before receiving.
3. When receiving Holy Communion, make the Sign of the Cross, state your name (baptismal name), and naturally receive as if being fed.
4. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Communion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service.
5. All Orthodox Christians must be spiritually prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see the priest if you have any questions.

GRATITUDE IN BODY & SOUL

From today's two passages from Holy Scripture (and certainly from the passages of Holy Scripture surrounding the celebration of Christ's Resurrection) the entire world-view of Orthodoxy takes its form: God loves each one of us so much that, through the Incarnation, death and Resurrection of His Only-Begotten Son, we are granted the gift of forgiveness and the opportunity to repent. Indeed, Christ is the Life and Resurrection. In addition, St. Paul learned of Christ's

Resurrection on the road to Damascus, since he saw the glory of the Lord's Kingdom: "And I saw this man, whether in the body or out of the body I do not know. God knows. He was taken to Paradise and heard things which are not proper for one to say." (2 Corinthians 11:33). In short, our lives are to be thanksgiving offerings to God for His love.

At least three times during the Divine Liturgy we hear thanksgiving prayers offered to God: 1) During the Tris-

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STS. SERGIUS AND BACCHUS, THE MARTYRS

These holy Martyrs were Romans of high rank in the service of the Emperor Maximian, to whom it was reported that they did not take part in the festivals of the idols. When he called them into his presence, they confessed their Faith in the one God. He had them arrayed in women's clothes and paraded through the streets in mockery. They were afterwards scourged, from which Saint Bacchus died.

This was about the year 296. Saint Sergius was then taken to Resapha in Syria, where he was tortured and beheaded. His tomb in Resapha became a very famous shrine, to which pilgrims came from as far away as Western Europe; Resapha was later renamed Sergiopolis in his honor.

"Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives." --St. Luke 21: 13-19



Απο τις δυο σημερινες περικοπες απο την Αγιαν Γραφην (και, σιγουρα απο τις περικοπες της Αγιας Γραφης του Πασχα) η ολοκληρη Ορθοδοξη Χριστιανικη αποψη περι ανθρωπινης ζωης παιρνει μορφη: Ο Θεος αγαπα τον καθεναν μας τοσο ωστε, δια μεσου της Ενσαρκωσεως, του θανατου και της Αναστασεως του Μονογενη Υιου Του, χαριζει σε εμας το δωρον της συγχωρησεως και την ευκαιριαν να μετανοησουμεν. Μαλιστα, οπως καταλαβαινουμεν απο την σημερινην περικοπην του κατα Λουκαν Ευαγγελιου, ο Χριστος ειναι η Ζωη και η Αναστασις. Επισης, ο Αγ. Παυλος εγνωρισε τον Ανασταντα εκ νεκρων Χριστον στην οδον προς την Δαμασκον, ενω ειδε την δοξαν της Βασιλειας του Κυριου: *<Και οίδα τον τοιουτον ανθρωπον, ειτε εν σωματι ειτε χωρις του σωματος ουκ οίδα. Ο Θεος οιδεν, οτι ηρπαγη εις τον παραδεισον και ηκουσεν αρρητα ρηματα α ουκ εξον ανθρωπω λαλησαι.>* (2 Κορ. 11:33).

Τουλαχιστον τρεις φορες στην εκτελεσην της Θ. Λειτουργιας ακουμεν ευχαριστηριων ευχες προς τον Θεον. 1) Κατα τον Τρισαγιον Υμνον: *<Ο διδους αιτουντι σοφιαν και συνεσιν και μη παρορων αμαρτανοντα, αλλα θεμενος σωτηριαν επι μετανοιαν.>* 2. Στο <Αξιον και δικαιον>: *<Συ...ημας παρηγαγες, και παραπεσοντας ανεστησας παλιν, και ουκ απεστης παντα ποιων εως ημας εις τον ουρανον ανηγαγες...>* 3. Στην Οπισθαμβωνον Ευχην: *<Οτι πασα δοσις αγαθη και παν δωρημα τελειον ανωθεν εστι καταβαινον εκ ου του Πατρος των φωτων...>*. Η ζωη μας ειναι δωρον απο τον Θεον που εχει σκοπον να δωθει πισω στον Θεον για να ειμεθα για παντα μαζι με τον Θεον.

+Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ

agion Hymn, *"You, O Lord, give to whoever asks wisdom and understanding and You do not overlook the sinner, but You have established repentance as the way to salvation."* 2) At the Magalinarion, *"You...brought us into being out of nothing and when we fell, You did everything to raise us up again..."* 3) At the Dismissal Prayer, *"...For every good thing and every perfect gift is given from above from the Father of lights..."*

Our life is a gift from God, which is to be given back to God for His glory so that we can be forever with God. The prayers of the Divine Liturgy teach us that our thanksgiving to God is expressed by giving to God everything that God gives to us in every occasion or event in our earthly sojourn: *"We offer to You these Gifts from Your own Gifts in all and for all."* This is the definition of salvation for which we are eternally grateful: union with God is this relationship of Divine "receiving and giving" in the joy of God's eternal love.

God's gifts to us and our gifts to God involve body and soul. Salvation itself is such a gift. The prayers of the Orthodox Funeral Service are replications of the prayers of the Divine Liturgy, calling all of God's people to pray for our departed brethren, while also preparing our souls for the Eternal Kingdom. On this, Metropolitan Anthony Bloom writes: *"The basic idea of the service is that we are indeed faced with death, but death does not frighten us any more when we see it through the Resurrection of Christ. [Seen this way],...the body is not a piece of outworn clothing, as some seemingly devout people like to say, which has been cast off for the soul to be free...The body from the very first day to the last has been co-worker of the soul in all things and is, together with the soul, the total person. It remains marked forever with the imprint of the soul and the common life they had together. Linked with the soul, the body is also linked through the Sacraments to Jesus Christ Himself. We commune to His Blood and Body and the body is thus united in its own right with the Divine world with which it comes into contact."* (Living Prayer, pg. 78)

Indeed, in the Resurrection of Christ our God, our whole person partakes in His Resurrection. As the young boy in today's Gospel was resurrected from death in body and soul, so too, will we be resurrected in our own time. As the boy's mother was grateful for the life of her child in body and soul, we, too are grateful. As St. Paul was joyful for the vision of Paradise in his encounter with the risen Christ, we, too are joyful with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

+FR. THEODORE

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY:

ANTIPHON I: "Tes presvies tis Theotokou..." (By the prayers of the Theotokos...)

Verse 1— Bless the Lord O my soul and everything within me; Bless His Holy Name.

Refrain: "Tes presvies tis Theotokou, Soter, soston imas."

Verse 2— Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His rewards.

Refrain: "By the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us."

Verse 3— The Lord prepared His throne in heaven and His Kingdom rules over all.

Refrain: "Tes presvies tis Theotokou, Soter, soston imas."

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Refrain: "By the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us."

ANTIPHON II: "Soston imas Ie Theou..." (Save us, O Son of God...)

Verse 1— Praise the Lord O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.

Refrain: "Soston imas Ie Theou, O Anastas ek nekron, psallontas si alleluia."

Verse 2— Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.

Refrain: "Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia."

Verse 3— The Lord shall reign forever; your God O Zion, to all generations.

Refrain: "Soston imas Ie Theou, O Anastas ek nekron, psallontas si alleluia."

Doxa Patri ke Io ke Aghio Pnevmati ke nin ke aei ke eis tous eonas ton eonon. Amin

People: "O Monogenis Ios ke Logos tou Theou..." (O Only-Begotten Son and Word of God...)

ANTIPHON III This is the day the Lord has made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.

Sunday Resurrection Hymn: Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton (Tone 2)... (When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.)

Hymn for Sts. Sergius and Bacchus: ... (Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.)

Hymn for St. George: Os ton ehmaloton eleftherotis... (Since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor; a physician for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, O Great among the Martyrs and Glorious George: intercede with Christ our God that He may save our souls.)

Kontakion Hymn for this Sunday: Prostasia ton Christianon (pg. 97)... (A Protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for You are good; Your loving help bring to us, who are crying in faith to You: Hasten now to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a Protection for all time, O Theotokos, for those who honor You.)

READINGS: EPISTLE—2 Corinthians 11: 31-12:9 / GOSPEL – St. Luke 7: 11-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coffee Hour: Sponsored by Susana Cox in memory of her beloved parents, Toma and Vera Grbic.

PHILOPTOCHOS -- Tomorrow, October 8 is our General Meeting. We will have lunch (donation of \$7.00) and a speaker from the National Alliance of Mental Illness. After the presentation, we have a short meeting.

ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS – St. George Altar Flower Contributor for today is **Matushka Gloria Lehman (both bouquets).** Dedication: For my Dear Mother "Love never dies"-- your loving daughter!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th: PAINT EL PASEO PINK WALK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS: This even begins a 8:00 a.m. See the enclosed form and information flier.

ALSO... **METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO GALA CELEBRATING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR HOLY METROPOLIS.** Where: **Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa, Huntington Beach, CA.** Time: Reception at 6:00 p.m./ Dinner at 7:00 p.m. for more details, check out the flier posted on our parish bulletin board and/or contact Fr. Ted.

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FESTIVAL--Next weekend everyone is invited to enjoy the Greek Festival hosted by the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Murrieta, California. (See Fliers in our parish hall). Today is the Greek Festival at St. Nectarios Church in Covina.

IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT: You are cordially invited (please bring a friend). **When: Saturday, October 27, 2018; 10:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m.** Please **RSVP by October 22, 2018** by calling (760) 238-7185. **Hosted by: Ann Dixson.** A donation will be made to the St. George Church/Philoptochos.

PAINT EL PASEO PINK FUN WALK - Please register today for the Desert Cancer Foundation's event this **Saturday, October 13th at 8:00 a.m.** There is a \$25 entry fee, which includes a free T-shirt for participating. See **Rhonda Latkovic** for an entry form after the celebration of the Liturgy.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday, October 8th.....Philoptochos General Members Meeting - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 9th.....Bible Study-10:00 a.m.

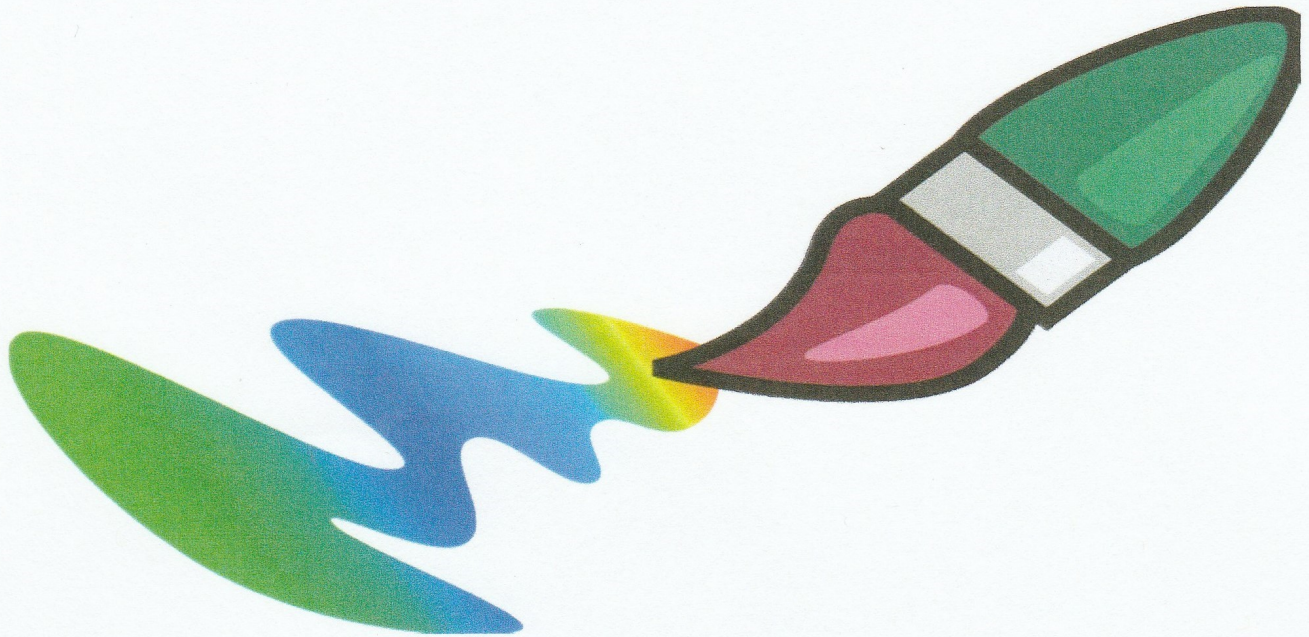
Thursday, October 11th.....Choir Practice - 1:00 p.m.

Friday, October 12th.....Coloring Book - 12:00 noon (RSVP Today)

"Brethren, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

--Philippians 2:12

We encourage all of our parents to sit in the church with their entire family as they participate in the beauty and mysteries of the Divine Liturgy. For those with young children, feel free to sit near an aisle in order that you may easily take your children for a break, as needed. If necessary, we have a "crying room" in the vestibule for your use. God Bless.



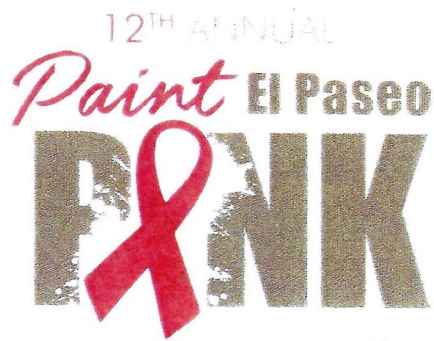
**ADULT COLORING
SESSION & LUNCHEON**

WHEN: Friday, October 12th, 2018 from 12:00-2:00 PM

WHERE: Saint George Church Hall

RSVP: By October 7th to Rhonda Latkovic

Our next Adult Coloring Session is planned for October 12th. Lunch will be served at noon with coloring to follow. A raffle drawing will be held. A \$5.00 donation is requested for the luncheon. Coloring supplies will be provided. Please join Us!



SIGN UP FORM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 • 2018

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

Sex: M F

Phone:

E-mail:

Team Name: *Saint George*

I am raising pledges. My goal is:

I am a breast cancer survivor.

PARTICIPATION TYPE (Per Entry)

Registration Fee \$25 (includes T-shirt) \$

I'd like to buy an additional T-shirt \$25 each \$

I'd like to make a donation \$

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

T-Shirt Size: (Select size for each registered participant.)

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Cash Credit Card Check
(Make check payable to Desert Cancer Foundation.)

Select One: Amex Visa MasterCard Discover

Credit Card Number:

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For registrations with credit card authorization
e-mail to: info@desertcancerfoundation.org
fax to: Desert Cancer Foundation at 760-773-6532.

Mail your completed registration form and payment to: *

Desert Cancer Foundation
74091 Larrea St.
Palm Desert, CA 92260.

*or give to Rhonda Latkovic

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I know that the 12th Annual Paint El Paseo Pink event on Saturday, October 13, 2018, is a potentially hazardous activity and I hereby assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur during my participation in this event or while on the premises of this event, and I hereby release and hold harmless and covenant not to file suit against Desert Cancer Foundation, the City of Palm Desert, its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers, any Walk sponsors and their agents and employees, and all other persons or entities associated with this event (the Releasees) from any loss, liability or claims I may have arising out of my participation in this event, including personal injury or damage suffered by me or others, whether some be caused by falls, contact with participants, conditions of the course, negligence of the Releasees or otherwise. Participant shall cause all walkers participating in Promotion to hold harmless and release Owner and Taubman Company LLC as Managing Agent from any and all claims and liability growing or arising out of the Promotion or their presence at the Center in connection with the Promotion. I hereby grant permission to Desert Cancer Foundation and its authorized agents to use my name, photographs, videotapes, motion pictures in connection with this event, including recording any other record of my participation in this event for any purpose.

Signature: _____



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METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO



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You are invited to join His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
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honoring the extraordinary leadership of

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with the Theofanis Economidis Award

Saturday, October 13, 2018

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner, Entertainment, Program,
and Dancing to Follow

Black Tie

For details on sponsorships or
reservations call 415.753.3075

Reservation deadline: September 12, 2018

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10am – 9pm

SUNDAY

11am – 7pm

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because Mercedes St. will be blocked.

Improve Your Health & Environment

You Are Cordially Invited (please bring a friend)

When: Saturday, October 27, 2018

10:00am and again at 1:00pm (choose time that is convenient for you)

Where: St. George Greek Orthodox Church Hall


74-109 Larrea Street, Palm Desert, CA 92260

The event is FREE, the information is priceless - Products will not be sold at the event

Special Guest: Sheila Backus, Health & Wellness Advocate

Refreshments Will Be Served

Please RSVP by October 22, 2018 by calling (760) 238-7185



The graphic features a green and yellow background with a white outline of a house. At the top right is a logo of a leaf with a drop. Below it is a logo for 'Oligo' with the text 'PROVEN. PROTECTED. PATENTED.' At the bottom left is a photo of Ann Dixon, and at the bottom right is a photo of Sheila Backus.

Hosted by Ann Dixon
A donation will be made to the
St. George Ladies Philoptochos

Sheila Backus

PET BLESSING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2018 @ 9:00 AM

SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



ANNUAL PET BLESSING

Please join us for our annual pet blessing event on Sat., Nov. 3rd, 2018 at 9:00 am in the back church courtyard at 74109 Larrea Street, Palm Desert. The blessing service will begin at 9:30 AM.

Our special guest is Richard Waxman, founder of "Paws and Hearts" Animal Assisted Therapy, a non-profit organization located in Palm Desert.

Animal Samaritans will be on hand with pets available for adoption. Anyone bringing a dog food donation (either canned or bagged) will be entered into a gift basket drawing.

Complimentary light refreshments & dog biscuits will be available for attendees. Selected Greek pastry items will be available for sale.

All pets must be on leash and supervised. Please join us! **RSVP by Oct. 30th to:**
pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com

What: Pet Blessing Event

When: November 3rd, 2018 @ 9:00 am

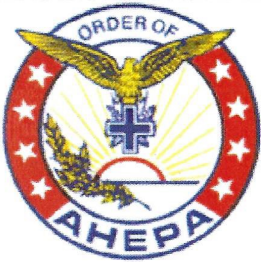
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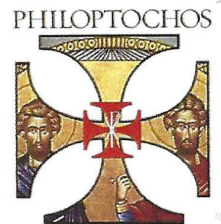
Let's Celebrate God's Goodness

SUNDAY, 12:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 18th, 2018



Town Center Cafe

44491 Town Center Way
Palm Desert, CA



\$25.00

Children \$12.00 *under 12*

Tickets can be purchased from Philoptochos or AHEPA 528

**All proceeds go to Fr. Theophilos Theophilos
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PO Box 1735 Palm Desert, CA 92261-1735

contact@ahepa528.org

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Deadline for Reservations: Sunday, November 11, 2018

Thank You for your Continued Support!