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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.

LIVING THE LITURGY

Today's Gospel passage tells us that God is Jesus Christ is God - "The Life and Resurrection" of all people in the world. This fact is what propelled the Holy Apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world. For the Apostles, the word "preach" is not confined to verbal exhortations; it involves worship, and, worship, in turn, involves a life-style based on a world-view, according to which, the "world" includes God's Eternal Kingdom. Their thoughts, words and deeds are embodied in the Sacra-

ment of Holy Communion.

The Divine Liturgy is "God-centered work," coming from the Greek words for "divine" and "work." By extension, the Divine Liturgy, far from being a "performance" is a life-style. In his book, *The Apostolic Gospel*, Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos notes, "St. Paul envisions life as a complete whole. The new life is marked by definite features: the redemptive paradigm of cross and resurrection; the centrality of love; a profound sense of holiness; the principle of mutual edification; and fervent prayer and worship, including

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WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO? – This question often arises from the deepest part of our souls, especially when we find ourselves at "cross-roads" in our lives. Way back in 1992 a publication appeared from the "Documents in Preparation for the Tenth All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America," with these words of advice: "Discernment of God's Will must be approached from two perspectives, personal and corporate. Each one is essentially "of the Church." We can make no decision touching upon our own life or the life of another person that does not have consequences for the entire Body of Christ. On both the personal and the communal level, discerning God's Will has more to do with an attitude of heart than with knowledge or rational understanding. We cultivate the attitude of our heart by actively devoting ourselves to the spiritual life – prayer, Scripture reading, repentance, and seeking guidance. If we honestly follow this path, the fruits of the Spirit increase in us and we are conformed to the mind of Christ (Phil 1:2)..."

"[Often] we pray...and yet God seems to remain silent. God's apparent silence can be met most appropriately by assuming a silence of our own. Inner silence is the necessary condition for prayer, repentance, and the 'purity of heart' that enables us to 'see' God and 'hear' His word, as the psalmist says, 'I have calmed and quieted my soul...(Ps 131:2)."

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Η σημερινή Ευαγγελική περικοπή μας λέγει ότι ο Ιησους Χριστος είναι ο Θεος – <Η Ζωή και η Ανάστασις> για όλον τον κοσμον. Αυτή η αληθεια ωθήσε τους Αγίους Αποστολους να κηρυξουν το Ευαγγελιο με υπερβολικό ζήλον σε όλους. Για τους Αποστολους, η λέξις <το κηρυγμα> δεν περιορίζεται σε λεκτικές προτροπές, αλλά περιλαμβάνει την λατρεία. Και, η λατρεία, με την σειρά της, περιλαμβάνει έναν τρόπο ζωής που βασιλεύει σε μια αποψήν του κοσμου, κατά την οποίαν <ο κοσμος> περιλαμβάνει την Αιώνιον Βασιλείαν του Θεου. Οι σκεψεις των, τα λογία και τις πράξεις των είναι ενσωματωμένες στο Μυστήριο της Θείας Κοινωνίας.

Η Θεία Λειτουργία είναι <η εργασία για τον Θεον.> Ως εκ τούτου, η Θεία Λειτουργία, αντι να είναι μια απλή <τελετή,> είναι μια ολοκληρωρή ζωή. Ο Απ. Παυλος συνοψίζει τον τρόπον ζωής του Χριστιανου, λέγοντας, <Χριστώ συνεσταυρωμαι, ζω δε ουκετι εγω, ζη δε εν εμοί ο Χριστος.> (Γαλ. 2:20). Η λειτουργική εκφώνησις που μεταφέρει το νοημα αυτου που λέγει ο Άγιος Παυλος είναι, <Τα Σα εκ των Σων, Σοι προσφερωμεν κατά παντα και δια παντα.> Δηλαδή, μια ζωή αφιερωμένη στον Θεον, δια μεσου της οποίας προσφερωμεν όλες τις ευλογίες Του προς το κάθε καλό για όλους είναι η ζωή της Θείας Λειτουργίας, δια της οποίας κληρονομούμεν την αιώνιον ζώην.

Η Θ. Λειτουργία είναι κατά βαθος η εκπλήρωσις του σκοπού της ζωής μας – η ενώνις με τον Θεον. Δια μεσών της προσευχής και της λατρείας διαμορφώνουμεν τις ψυχές μας έτσι ώστε να κάνουμεν τα έργα του Θεου. Η πνευματική ζωή είναι *εσωτερικό* έργο για να τελεσούμεν *εξωτερικά* έργα του Θεου.

+Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ

notably the rites of Baptism and the Lord's Supper." (pg. 69). In saying this, Fr. Stylianopoulos properly emphasizes that the Divine Liturgy is a matter of *living the Bible*, which involves *all* aspects of our daily lives:

- 1) *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me."* (Galatians 2:20). The Liturgical words that convey the meaning of St. Paul's words are, *"We offer to You these Gifts from Your own Gifts in all and for all"* (*"Thine own of Thine own..."*) - in all that we do and for all people everywhere.
- 2) *"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging symbol...Though I have all faith, but have not love, I am nothing."* (1 Corinthians 13:1-2). The Liturgical words that convey the meaning of these words are, *"Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess..."*
- 3) *"For God did not call us to uncleanness, but to holiness."* (1 Thessalonians 4:7). In the Divine Liturgy we hear these words, *"Let us attend! Holy Gifts for the holy people of God."*
- 4) *"Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being."* The Divine Liturgy conveys the meaning of these words thus: *"Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God"* – and *"lay aside our ["personal"] earthly cares"* so that all of us can *"receive the King of all"* into our lives.

With the reminder from today's Gospel passage that Christ is God, Who conquered death for our Eternal Salvation, we express our gratitude through a "life-style" of prayer and worship. Through the experiences of prayer and worship, we begin to mold our minds and souls in such a way so as to perform deeds of God's love and mercy to others. Spiritual life is work on our "inner selves" for the purpose of giving the Life of Christ, from within us "outwardly" to others around us.

+FR. THEODORE

"Rejoice always and pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for, this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil."

– 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-22

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:** *"Tes presvies tis Theotokou, Soter, soston imas."***Verse 3-** The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.**Refrain:** *"By the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us."***Chanter(s):** *Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.***Refrain:** *"Tes presvies tis Theotokou, Soter, soston"***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 Yio ke Aghio Pnevmati ke nin ke aei ke eis tous aonas ton aonon. Amin.** *"O Monogenis Yios ke Logos tou Theou..."***ANTIPHON III-** *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.***Sunday Resurrection Hymn:** *Katelisas to Stavro Sou ton thanaton (Tone 7)...(You have destroyed death by Your Cross; You have opened Paradise to the thief; You have changed the lamentation of the Myrrh-bearers into joy; and You have commanded your Apostles to proclaim that You, Christ our God, have arisen, granting to the world the Great Mercy.)***Hymn for St. Thomas the Apostle:** *Apostole Aghi-eh Thoma...(O holy Apostle Thomas, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.)***Hymn for St. George :** *Os ton ehmaloton eleftherotis... (As the one who sets the captives free and the protector of the poor; as physician to the sick and the champion defender of kings, bearer of trophies are you, O Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that He may save our souls.)***Kontakion Hymn for this Sunday :** *Prostasia ton Christianon...(O Protection of Christians that never fails, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.)***Axion Estin****Communion Hymn:** *Enite ton Kyrion ek ton ouranon. Enite Afton en tis ipsistees...(Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Allelouia)*

The Ladder for the month of September 2019 was sponsored by Bernice Shaheen.

The Ladder for this month is sponsored by Alice Pulos.



Coffee Hour: Presvytera Petula Pantels and Valentina Ostapenko

PHILOPTOCHOS-Tomorrow: Philoptochos Board Meeting at 11:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 17th** and plan to join us for the **Philoptochos Movie Matinee Afternoon, at 2:30 p.m.** at our parish hall. The movie that has been selected is *The Biggest Little Farm* – a Sundance Film Festival winner. See the enclosed flier.

ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS- The Altar Flower Bouquet “Season” has begun! Today’s Altar Flower bouquets offered to the glory of God are donated by **Ms. Josie Desnoyer** and **Mrs. Nelly Zambrano Banki**. Please see the enclosed Altar Flower announcement and contact our Altar Flower Coordinator, **Mrs. Louise Dobbs Barriger** to sign up in order to participate in this inspiring ministry.

PAINT EL PASEO PINK WALK-Sign up now to participate in the **Annual Pink Walk**, sponsored by the **Desert Cancer Foundation**. This is an annual fundraiser for the purpose of **raising funds to help cancer patients** with medical expenses. The Pink Walk will take place **on El Paseo on Saturday, October 12** and already many of our St. George parishioners have expressed an interest in participating. Let’s all join together for this cause! Sign-up forms are available in our parish hall and they are included in the October *Voice of St. George*. Be sure to sign up under “Team St. George.” Contact the Desert Cancer Foundation at 760-773-6532 for more information.

GREEK LANGUAGE CLASS – A class of instruction in the **Modern Greek Language for adults** is being formed. The **first day of class is October 22, 2019**...classes will be held every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. More details will be shared in the October *Voice of St. George*. Also, feel free to contact our parish office for more information and registration particulars.

PARISH BOOK STORE – We are most grateful to God for the anonymous donation of items to be sold at our parish book store: Orthodox key rings; tryptic and diptych Orthodox icon sets; Orthodox-style book marks and icon-bearing electric votive lights. Stop by our book store, located in the classroom next to Fr. Ted’s office, and check it out!

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday, October 7th.....Philoptochos Board Meeting – 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8th.....Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 10th.....Choir Practice -1:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 12th.....“Paint El Paseo Pink” Walk- at El Paseo – 8:00 a.m.

<p>EPISTLE—2 Corinthians, 6:1-10 – Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as</p>	<p>punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.</p> <hr/> <p>GOSPEL –St. 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!"</p>
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The Ladder- New Season - Altar Flowers for October – December 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Contributors have begun to sign-up for this seasons Altar Flowers, and request are nearly filled on our Poster (located on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall), with signees, with the exception of October 26st, and December 29th. If you are interested in those dates for this year please sign-up **NOW!!** See **Louise Dobbs Barringer** for additional information.

Altar Flower Contributors, and Dedications for today!

Ms. Josie Desnoyer, for her mother Adela; I thank you, Father Lord of Heaven, and Earth that you have given our Dear Mother 94 years of life here with us. You have blessed us with her life, and we give you the Glory for her life here with us! Thank you our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Mrs. Nelly Zambrano Banki, for my Dear mother Blanca, may God remove her stresses, and anxieties over her son Miguel (my brother), who is mentally challenged, may he be healed, and for my father Luis's improved health, who was recently released from an Ecuadoran hospital. I give God all the honor and praise!

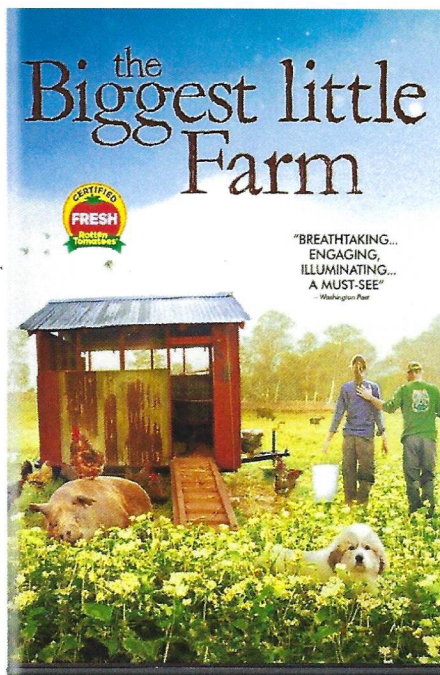


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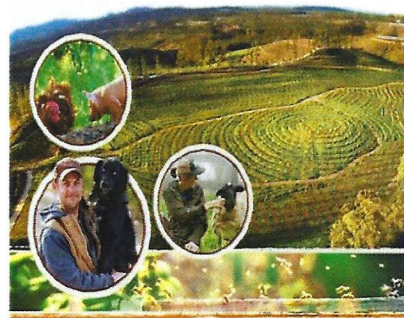
MOVIE MATINEE



"LIKE FRESH AIR FOR THE SOUL" – Variety

"In a time when climate news is near uniformly depressing, this is a nature documentary that pays loving hopeful tribute to the complex web of life" – New York Post

"Uplifting, educational and entertaining! 96% audience approved" – Rotten Tomatoes

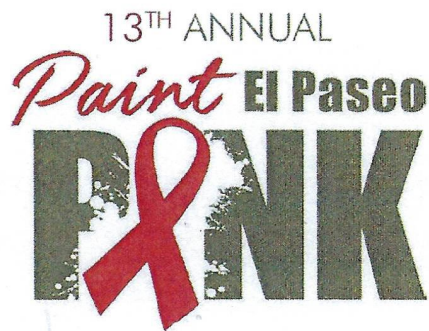


OCTOBER 17th

2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos

RSVP Rhonda 714-875-4661 or Athena 219-313-6940



SIGN UP FORM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 • 2019

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

First Name:		
Last Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Sex: <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		
Phone:		
E-mail:		
Team Name: SAINT GEORGE		
<input type="radio"/> I am raising pledges. My goal is:		
<input type="radio"/> I am a breast cancer survivor.		

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I know that the 13th Annual Paint El Paseo Pink event on Saturday, October 12, 2019, 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 same 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.

PARTICIPATION TYPE (Per Entry)

Early Registration Fee \$25 - by October 10 (includes T-shirt)	\$
On-Site Registration Fee \$30 - after October 10 (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:

Expiration Date: / /

For registrations with credit card authorization,
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.

Signature: _____

Parent/guardian signature if participant under age 18



STEP UP FOR CANCER AWARENESS!