

**FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

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# THE LADDER



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**– Deacon Euthym Kontaxis,  
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.*

## **FROM THE MASTER'S TABLE**

Faith, humility and love were among the greatest virtues of the Canaanite Woman of today's Gospel passage. These virtues are interwoven in her personality, through which a miracle occurred. St. John Chrysostom would say that it was because of her that her daughter was healed.

Love is both a passive and an active "verb." It is passive in the sense that it works to make us wise. It is active in the sense that it makes us work to do things that are good. Through love, we are able

to understand other people; to feel their pain and experience their joys. As St. Paul once said, through love, one is able to "be all things to all people." The Canaanite Woman loved her daughter so much that her daughter's pain was at the same time her own pain. In asking our Lord to heal her daughter, the Canaanite woman's words were: "Help me!"

In her love, she sought out every possible means to bring healing to her daughter. Exhausted of every other hope, this woman - an idol worshiper

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## **ST. HARALAMBOS**

Today we commemorate St. Haralambos the Holy Priest-Martyr. St. Haralambos 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.

When news of his preaching reached the authorities of the area, the proconsul Lucian and military commander Lucius, St. Haralambos was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed his faith in Christ and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. Despite his advanced age, he was tortured mercilessly. They lacerated his body with iron hooks, causing his skin to fall apart. The saint had only one thing to say to his tormentors: "Thank you, my brethren, for scraping off the old body and renewing my soul for new and eternal life."

St. Haralambos is commemorated on February 10th, with the exception when this date falls on the Saturday of the Souls preceding Lent or on Clean Monday (the first day of Lent), in which case the feast is celebrated on February 9th.

*--Taken from [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)*



Η πίστις, η ταπεινοφροσύνη και η αγάπη ήσαν αρετές της Χανααναίας Γυναίκος της σημερινής Ευαγγελικής περικοπής. Αυτές οι αρετές εσυνενώθησαν στην προσωπικότητάν της διά μέσου της οποίας έγινε ένα θαύμα, σύμφωνα με τον Αγ. Ιωάννην τον Χρυσόστομον.

Η αγάπη είναι και παθητικό και ενεργό ρήμα. Είναι παθητικό με την έννοιαν ότι λειτουργεί για να μας κάνει σοφούς. Είναι ενεργό με την έννοια ότι μας κάνει να κάνουμε καλές πράξεις. Διά μέσου της αγάπης μπορούμε να κατανοήσουμε άλλους ανθρώπους και να αισθανθούμε τους πόνους των και να βιώσουμε τις χαρές των. Είναι ο Αγ. Παύλος που είπε ότι, διά μεσου της αγάπης, ο άνθρωπος μπορεί να είναι <τα πάντα τοῖς πάσιν.> Η Χαναναία αγαπούσε την κόρη της τόσο πολύ ώστε ο πόνος της κόρης της ήταν ταυτοχρόνως ο δικός της πόνος. Ζητώντας από τον Κύριον να θεραπεύσει την κόρην της, ο λόγος της Χανααναίας ήταν: <Κύριε, βοήθει μοί!>

Το θαύμα της ιάσεως της κόρης της Χαναναίς έγινε σύμφωνα με το Θέλημα του Θεού. Αλλά, έγινε επίσης ως αποτέλεσμα της ενώσεως της με τον Παντοδύναμον Θεόν. Τα θαύματα γίνονται διά μέσου της προσευχής μας, η οποία αποτελείται από την πίστη μας στον Θεόν, την ταπεινοφροσύνην μας ενώπιον του Θεού και την αγάπην μας για τον Θεόν και για τον πλησίον μας. Αυτός είναι ο λόγος για τον οποίον ο Αγ. Ιωάννης ο Χρυσόστομος είπε: <Δείτε πως συνέβαλε αυτή η γυναίκα στην θεραπείαν της κόρης της; Το είπε ο Χριστός: Ω Γύναι! Μεγάλη σοῦ ἡ πίστις! Γενηθήτω σοῖ ὡς θέλεις.> (Ματθ. 15: 28).

+Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ

herself, summoned her last ounce of faith in the "Son of David" -- a title synonymous with "Messiah." Obviously having heard that Jesus is the Messiah of the Jewish people, she considered Him to be a "god." However, idol-worshippers were not worthy of the Messiah. The Messiah was to be sent only to "the lost children of Israel." She was no more important to anyone than a simple dog. With what right does she cry after Jesus causing trouble with His Disciples?!

At some point, her love pushed her to reach out with faith. But, her faith in idols made her unworthy to seek the Lord, for, after all, it is impossible for anyone to "serve two masters." Realizing that her false gods were of no use, she humbled herself before Christ our True God. So, she agreed that she was of no more importance to anyone than a dog and her prayer was not important to the Lord. "It is not fair to take the children's bread and to cast it to the dogs," He said. Her response is in essence a confession of faith that Jesus Christ is the One True God - *the Master*. "But even the dogs eat from the crumbs that fall from their Master's table." This confession of faith, based on her love for her daughter and her humility before God is the *energy* that makes for the miracle.

This miracle was not only for the benefit of the Canaanite Woman and her daughter. Our Savior does not give blessings to people for "private use." God's blessings have a catch! God's blessings make us *useful* to others, which in itself further blesses us with meaning and purpose in life. Accepting God's blessings allows Him to use us for blessing others. This may mean that our personal agendas take second place for a while. That's right...in humility we are *used* by God. But, that is okay for those who are humble before the Lord, as was the Canaanite Woman.

Indeed, this miracle took place according to the Will of Christ our God. But, this miracle also occurred as the result of the faith, love and humility of the Canaanite Woman. This *energy* of prayer is the result of our union with Almighty God, which can only happen through faith *in* God; humility *before* God, and love *for* God and for others.

On this point, let's go back to St. John Chrysostom. Regarding the Canaanite Woman, St. John Chrysostom's full statement about her is this: "See how this woman contributed not a little to the healing of her daughter? For to this purpose...did Christ say, 'O Woman! Great is your faith. (Therefore), Let it be as you want.'" *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Vol 10; "On the Gospel of St. Matthew," Homily 52, pg. 323).*

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*"Become wise so that my heart may be glad. Turn away from reproachful words...As faces are not like other faces, so neither are hearts like other hearts...A lawless heart seeks evil; an upright heart seeks knowledge."*

— Psalm 27: 11; 19; and 23



## 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. Amen.

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 made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.*

Sunday Resurrectional Hymn: *To fedron tis anastaseos (Tone 4)...((When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has Risen from the dead and granted to the world the Great Mercy.)*

Hymn for St. Haralambos: *Ohs steelos aklonitos...(A pillar unshakable are you in Christ's holy Church, and, as your own name denotes, an ever radiant lamp, all-blessed Haralambos, shining throughout the whole world by your feats as a martyr, driving away the darkness of the worship of idols. With confidence, therefore, pray to Christ, entreating Him to save our souls.)*

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.)*

Sunday Kontakion Hymn: *Prostasia ton Christianon...(A Protection of Christians unshamable; mediation with the Creator immovable. We sinners beg You: do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since You are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to You with faith: Hurry to intercession; and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos, Who defends at all times those who honor You.)*

READINGS— EPISTLE -2 Timothy 2: 1-10 / GOSPEL - St. Matthew 15: 21-28

Communion Hymn: *Enite ton Kyrion...(Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the highest)...page 64 of our Divine Liturgy books.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee Hour: Joan Panopoulos & Paulette Carkonen**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CLEO ANTON! TODAY SHE TURNS 100 YEARS OLD!**  
A special birthday card will be circulated in our parish hall today for everyone to sign in sharing their prayers for many blessings for our beloved Cleo Anton.

**PHILOPTOCHOS** --We need Coffee Hour Hosts or Sponsors for February and March. Check your calendar and see **Pat Dalkas**. On Sunday, February 24 we will be passing a tray for Autism.

**SWING & HOP** - Our Philoptochos will be selling Greek pastries and delicacies at the “**Swing and Hop**” event, which will take place on El Paseo on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We are all invited to support our Philoptochos Chapter and our entire parish at this event!

**CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS** - Due to the on-going cold weather lately, we have been informed that the homeless are suffering greatly due to lack of coats, sweaters, socks and blankets. Those who want to donate any such items for the homeless may place them in the boxes marked “**Street Life**” in the parish hall outside of Fr. Ted’s office throughout the rest of this month (February 24th).

**FESTIVAL: YIAYIA’S ATTIC and PAPOU’S GARAGE-** We need your items for Yiayia’s Attic. We take all sorts of household things. This year we have added Papou’s Garage. We want tools, golf clubs and anything of value. Donations should be in good condition, clean and/or polished. You may drop off items near classroom 1 in the parish hall. Also, please get a tax-deductible form from Chris Delegans, as you may be able to deduct your donation value for tax purposes. If you have any questions, call chairperson **Chris Delegans** at 650-207-5254.

**SAVE THE DATE: Parish Spiritual Symposium – Saturday, April 6th. Details to follow.**

**ST. GEORGE GOLF TOURNAMENT – Save the date: Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Desert Falls Country Club.** See enclosed flier.

## WEEKDAY CALENDAR

**Final preparation for the 2019 Greek Festival throughout this entire week: 9:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.**  
*Please Note: Next Sunday: Orthros-8:00 a.m. / Divine Liturgy-9:00 a.m.*

*“A woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out after Jesus, ‘Have mercy on me, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.’ Jesus answered her not a word and His Disciples urged Him, ‘Send her away, for she cries after us.’ He said, ‘I am not come except to the lost sheep of Israel.’ But, she came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ Then, Jesus said, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s bread and cast it to the dogs.’ ‘Yes,’ she said, ‘But, even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their Master’s table.’ Jesus then answered her, saying, ‘Woman, great is your faith. Let it be unto you as you desire.’ And her daughter was healed from that very same hour.”*  
– St. Matthew 15:22-28)

*The Ladder for February 2019 is lovingly sponsored by:  
Harry Psaltis*

*“In memory of my first friends: Stephen Geotas,  
George Tcharos, Pasquale (Pat) DiLuzio &  
George Flessas”*

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.



# Volunteer for the Festival

February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

## What Kind of Person Are You?

In this world there are four kinds of people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.

Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized it wouldn't get done by Anybody. It ended up that not only was the job not done, but Everybody accused Somebody, and Nobody accepted the responsibility.

Moral: Everybody's job is Anybody's. Nobody can be Somebody unless they are willing to do Anybody's work.



Please sign up to volunteer in the church hall after liturgy on any Sunday. You may also complete the information on the back and leave it with Jim Christopoulos or Father Ted. Finally, you may email or call Jim at [goofy\\_328@yahoo.com](mailto:goofy_328@yahoo.com) (note “\_” between goofy and 328) or 760-902-8460. God bless!

For those of you who are unable to volunteer, but want to help support the festival, you may want to consider “sponsoring” a shift. For a donation of \$60, you can sponsor a paid worker. If interested, please see Jim or Father Ted.

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## Festival Volunteer Form

Friday & Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

»Name: \_\_\_\_\_

»Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ »Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

»Availability (Please check all that apply):

Set Up Prior to Festival \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 2/16: \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30-3:30                      \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15-8:15

Sunday 2/17: \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30-3:30                      \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15-8:15

Tear Down Following Festival \_\_\_\_\_

»Please check off all areas that you would like to volunteer (we will try to place you in one of these areas, if possible).

Area	Chairperson(s)	Check if Interested
Set-up/Tear down	Doug Lyons	
Front Gate	Lou & Penny Karagianis	
Back Gate	Jim Christopoulos	
Greek Store	Rhonda Latkovic	
Kafenio	Tbd	
Kids Area	Melissa Hawkins	
Loukoumathes	Krisann Kontaxis	
Bars	Nick Krespis	
Dinner Line	Tasia Richards	
Gyros	George Argyros & John Petalas	
Cooking	George Argyros & John Petalas	
Appetizers	Jim Christopoulos	
Yiayia's Attic	Chris Deleganis	
Accounting/\$ Run	Nick Kaperonis	
Kitchen/Food Run	George & Stacy Argyros	
Pastries	Lula Valissarakos	
Parking Lot Carts	Jim Christopoulos	





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- KIDZ ZONE
- FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY



**EL PASEO COURTESY CARTS** available for festival attendee pick up & drop off. Route along El Paseo from San Pablo to Portola & church festival entrance.

**ADDITIONAL PARKING AVAILABLE** at Washington Charter School, and Hope Luthern Church & Spiritual Center.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE PROVIDED.**



We are pleased to provide assistance to anyone requesting it. If you need help, please ask.

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23<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

# GREEK FESTIVAL

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**Saturday & Sunday**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**11am to 8pm**

on the Church Grounds

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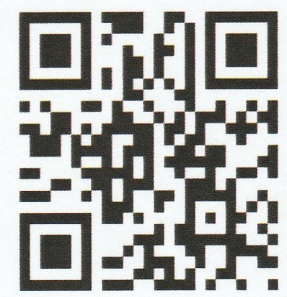
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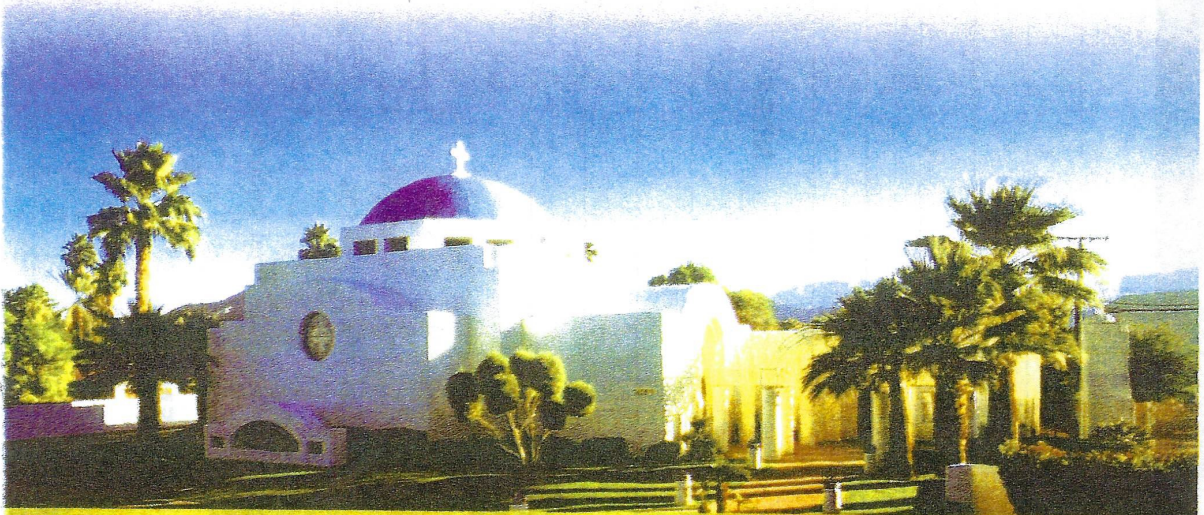
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# TOURNAMENT DETAILS

**Date & Time**  
 Saturday, May 4, 2019  
 11am Registration  
 12 noon Shotgun Scramble Format

**Entry Fee**  
 \$175 includes golf and dinner

**Entry Deadline**  
 April 26, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
11 am	Registration & Raffle
12 noon	Shotgun Start / Scramble Format
5 pm	Social Hour / Appetizers St. George Greek Orthodox 74109 Larrea Street, Palm Desert, CA 92260
6 pm	Traditional Greek Dinner / Dance

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**Payment**  
 Entry Fee due by April 26, 2019  
 Pay by credit card or check.

**Contact**  
 760.568.9901  
 gargyros@verizon.net

# EVENT REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company (Organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER NAME(S)**

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Individual Player(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (# of players) x \$175 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tee Sponsorship (s) \_\_\_\_\_ (# of sponsorships) x \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Traditional Greek Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ (# of dinners) x \$35 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT**

**Registration deadline:**  
 Friday, April 26, 2019

**Pay by credit card or make checks payable to:**  
 St. George Greek Orthodox Church

**Send check and registration form to:**  
 PO Box 4755 Palm Desert, CA 92261