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SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

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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.*

EXPERIENCING GOD'S LOVE

In the celebration of the Divine Liturgy we hear the exclamation: *"Let us love one another, that we may with one mind confess."* We confess the love of Christ for each one of us and our own love for Him and for one another. Love is the *experience* of the Divine powers, through which miracles great and small occur. While it is true that many have experienced the grace of the Holy Spirit in tangible ways, there are not many people who are willing to confess this experience, possibly due to fear, or the temptation to boast.

One's personal experience of Christ-like love is deeply engraved in the soul of an individual, and thus he or she lives life with the purpose of giving thanks to the Lord in every way. It is given that a person who is healed with the grace of Christ feels a spiritual obligation to worship the Lord as did the man who was born blind, about whom we heard from today's Gospel passage.

The Blind Man simply did not speak about things he did not know, but he gave witness to the things he did know precisely on the basis of his personal experience. We are to do the same.

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THE SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes. The Savior sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. It was still lively in the minds of the people when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?"



Κατά την εκτέλεση της Θ. Λειτουργίας ακούμεν την εκφώνησιν, «*Αγαπήσωμεν αλλήλους ίνα εν ομοιοία ομολογήσωμεν.*» Αυτό που ομολογούμεν είναι η αγάπη του Χριστού για τον κάθε άνθρωπον και την δικήν μας αγάπη για τους συνανθρώπους μας. Η αγάπη είναι εμπειρία της Θεϊκής δυνάμεως, δια της οποίας γίνονται θαύματα. Ενώ είναι αλήθεια ότι πολλοί άνθρωποι έχουν βιώσει αυτήν την χάρη του Αγίου Πνεύματος με απτούς τρόπους, δεν είναι πολλοί τόσο πρόθυμοι να ομολογήσουν την εμπειρία τους, πιθανώς από τον φόβο η από τον πειρασμόν μήπως θα καυχηθούν.

Η εμπειρία ενός ανθρώπου της «εν Χριστώ» αγάπης είναι βαθιά ενσωματωμένη στην ψυχή του και έτσι ζει τη ζωήν του με σκοπον να ευχαριστήσει τον Κύριον με κάθε τρόπο. Είναι δεδομένο ότι ο άνθρωπος που θεραπεύεται με την χάρην του Χριστού αισθάνεται ψυχικήν υποχρέωση προς τον Κύριον να Τον λατρεύει, όπως έκανε ο άνθρωπος που εγεννήθηκε τυφλός περι του οποίου ακούσαμεν κατα το ανάγνωσμα της σημερινής Ευαγγελικής περικοπής.

Απλώς ο Τυφλός δεν ομίλησε για ο,τι δεν ήξευρε, αλλά αδκριβώς αυτό που ήξευρε από την πείραν του το εμαρτύρησε. Το ίδιο θα κάνουμεν και εμείς. Ηδη το κάνουν πολλοί. Για αυτό, ευχαριστώ τον Θεό για όσους αναζητούν τα Αγια Μυστήρια της Εκκλησίας. Ωστόσο, δοξάζουν τον Χριστόν και ενθαρρύνουν άλλους. Πολλοί έχουν δηλώσει τις θεϊκές εμπειρίες τους και επιβεβαιώνουν το ότι ο Χριστός μας προστατεύει πραγματικά από το κακό. Το να δοξάζουμε τον Θεό μας δίνει ουσιαστική αξία και θείο σκοπό στη ζωή μας. +ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ

We read in the *Orthodox Study Bible* these words: “*The formula, ‘That I don’t know, but what I do know is this,’ is foundational to witnessing one’s faith to others.*” (pg. 1443). There are many among our faithful who already give their witness to Christ’s glory. Along these lines, I give thanks to God for those who seek the Holy Sacraments. For example, at the performance of the Sacraments of Holy Matrimony and Holy Baptism, I give thanks for the bride and groom; for the parents of the children; for “koumbari” and God-parents, because they *bear witness* for Christ by seeking these Sacraments. In an age in which Christianity is mocked and there exists the possibility of future persecution against Christianity, these are today’s martyrs for the faith, many of whom would be prone to lay down their lives for God’s glory and for the salvation of the souls of others.

Like so many of our faithful, drawing on his own experience with our Lord was enough for the Blind Man to grow spiritually. His spiritual growth became more evident as he continued to anchor himself in his experience of Christ’s love through which he received his sight. “*The man moves from knowing almost nothing about Christ (v. 25), through the conclusion that Jesus could not possibly be a sinner (v. 31), through confessing that Jesus must be from God (v. 33), to finally seeing Him as the divine Son of God and worshipping Him (v. 38).*” (*Orthodox Study Bible*, pg. 1443).

We need to be watchful over our inner life in the spiritual struggle between wanting to simply exist, on the one hand, and wanting to live in order to inherit God’s Eternal Kingdom, on the other. That which holds us back is the fantasy that we can love God and still deny Him when what is needed is to deny ourselves in order to love God and our neighbor. Dr. M. Scott Peck put it this way: “*[God] is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end... and, because we believe it, it demands from us all that we can possibly give, all that we have.*” (*The Road Less Traveled*).

We bear witness by way of our self-sacrifice of time, effort and resources to those in need, as well as by our presence in the public worship of Christ our God. In this way, many have declared their own divine experiences and verify that Christ protects us all from evil. Thus, by glorifying God we are given meaningful worth and a divine purpose for our lives. Our love -- or, rather God’s love *in us* -- will feed the poor; impart hope to those in despair, and inspire others to grow to have greater faith in God’s strength. It is this divine love that creates Saints and makes the Orthodox Church more alive than ever in today’s world.

+FR. THEODORE



PRAYERS FOR READING HOLY SCRIPTURES

"Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Blessed are You at Your throne of the glory of Your Kingdom, seated above the Cherubic angels, now and forever."

"Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us, also, reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all these things that are pleasing to You. For You are the Light of our souls and bodies and to You we give glory together with Your Father Who is without beginning and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen"

EPISTLE- ACTS 16:16-34 --In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by sooth-saying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

GOSPEL- ST. JOHN 9:1-38--As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those

who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him.

MEMORIAL

Today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Life and Salvation for the servant of God, **Thomas Kersey, Andrew Demetropoulos, Anastasia Demetropoulos, Alexander Demetropoulos, Dorothy Demetropoulos, Harriet Demetropoulos, Victoria Demetropoulos, Olga Demetropoulos, and Susann Dmetropoulos**, the beloved parents, relatives, brothers and sisters of **Nicholas Demetropoulos**.

In addition, today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Life and Salvation for the servants of God, **Fr. T. P. Theophilos, Steve Geotas, Stan Georgalakis, Steve N. Pisanos, George Tcharos, Robert (Haralambos) Maverick, Thomas (Athanasios) Evans, J.J. (Demetrios) Richards**, the beloved members of AHEPA Chapter 528.

May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who arose from the dead, grant Eternal Life and Salvation to: **Thomas, Andrew, Anastasia, Alexander, Dorothy, Harriet, Victoria, Olga, Susan**, as well as to: **Fr Theophilos, Steve, Stan, Steve, George, Robert, Thomas, and J.J.**, and may He grant peace and comfort to **Nicholas Demetropoulos** and the brothers of AHEPA Chapter 528. **MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!**

PLEASE NOTE:

The church is closed. Deacon Euthym and I will be serving Church services behind closed doors. Video telecasts of our St. George church services are available by contacting our **parish website:** www.go-stgeorge.org (through Facebook link).

Follow some of the website telecasts from our Archdiocese at: <https://www.goarch.org/live-broadcasts>.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

"ZOOM" COFFEE HOUR AFTER CHURCH SERVICES TODAY – 11:30 a.m. See attached flier for Zoom Meeting information and be sure to join us!...Go to: <https://zoom.us/join>. Then, type in the meeting ID Number: **885 0545 9492**. The Password is: **172597**. Everyone is invited to our Philoptochos Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom Meeting. Join by telephone if you cannot connect to Zoom: 1-669-900-6833; dial in the Password: 172597.

PHILOPTOCHOS – Tuesday, May 26th through Friday, May 29th (from 10:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. each day) join in support of our "Philoptochos Critical Food Drive." See enclosed flier.

AHEPA- Congratulations to the recipients of this year's AHEPA 528 Fr. T. P. Theophilos Memorial Scholarship awards: **Eve Kolytiris** received the **St. George Award**, in the amount of \$1,000; **Cani Karalis** received the **George Tcharos Educational Award**, in the amount of \$750; **Symeon Seraphim** received the **Pericles Educational Award** in the amount of \$500; **Zoe Kolytiris** received the **Penelope Educational Award** in the amount of \$500. Many blessings to the recipients of this year's AHEPA 528 Fr. T. P. Theophilos Memorial Scholarship Awards. A special insert in the **June 2020 Voice of St. George** will feature some of the great accomplishments of these fine college students from our St. George community. In addition, everyone is asked to support as best as they can the AHEPA 528 Fr. T. P. Theophilos Memorial Scholarship Fund. Go to www.ahepa528.org.

BIBLE STUDY-Tuesday, May 26th -10:00 a.m. Selected Bible Passage for the Study is: **St. John 9: 1-38.** (Contact Fr. Ted 760-880-5869 on Monday, May 18th for Zoom Meeting details or complications.) The Meeting ID : 895 8854 9472 . Call-in number is: 1-669-900-6833. Be sure to also use the Password: **592427**

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOR- Thursday, May 21st - Orthros-8:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. (Divine Liturgy will be live-streamed)

Saint George Virtual Coffee Hour
on Zoom, sponsored by Philoptochos
All Are Welcome!



Join us on Sunday, May 24th @ 11:30 AM

To join go to <https://zoom.us/join> and type in the meeting ID and Password

ID: 885 0545 9492

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Rhonda Latkovic is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St. George Philoptochos Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime 11:30 AM (PST)

Join Zoom Meeting

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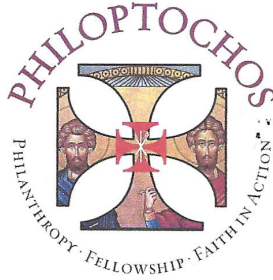
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ST GEORGE PHILOPTOCHOS **CRITICAL FOOD DRIVE- May 26th-29th**

Many of you have asked what you can do to help other during this pandemic. There is an immediate and critical need for food in our valley.

“The Narrow Door” ministry in Indio normally distributes around 14,000 pounds of food per month. However, during this crisis they have distributed more than 57,000 pounds of food in the past month. They are in critical need of non-perishables.

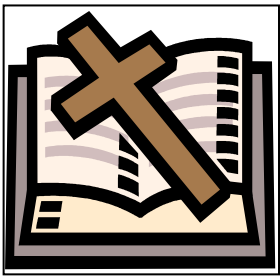
We will begin collecting donations starting Tuesday, May 26th through Friday, May 29th at the church. You can drive up to the church between the hours of 10:30 AM-1:00 PM and drop off your food donations in the box by the side door to the office. (Please note that the church is closed and only open for appointments with Father Ted.) Or we can take monetary donations that we will use to purchase food. (Please make check out to Philoptochos-memo food drive.)

Below is the shopping list of the foods that are needed:

Rice
Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Pasta
Cereal/Oatmeal
Canned Chili
Canned Tuna/Chicken
Canned Soup/Stew
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Peanut Butter
Crackers

Please make sure products are within expiration dates. No glass containers. No cans larger than 15 oz.

Thanks For Your Support!



JOIN US FOR: ST. GEORGE TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

At: 10:00 a.m.

Selected Scripture Passage for Study: St. John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

ZOOM Bible Study Sign-in Information is:

Go to: <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID : 820 6752 0518


Password: 592427

If you can't figure out how to do the video you can always join with audio only.

You can join the Zoom meeting via your desktop computer, laptop, tablet, iPad, or iPhone:

Dial 1-669-900-6833. Then, dial the password: 592427

AHEPA SUNDAY CHAPTER 528



2020

Founded December 17, 2003

Christ is Risen! Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη!

AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922 in response to the evils of bigotry and racism that emerged in early 20th century American society. It also helped Greek immigrants assimilate into society.

Today, AHEPA brings the ideals of ancient Greece, which includes philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence to the community.

Although a majority of the membership is composed of Americans of Greek descent, application for membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission of the organization.

We would like to continue our support by making a pledge to continue expanding our membership and to make a positive witness to our community.

AHEPA continues to monitor COVID-19 developments with concern and out of an abundance of caution for the community. The health, well-being, and safety of the community is our top priority.

AHEPA Chapter 528 will be holding ZOOM meeting June 10th, 2020.


Email or call if you wish to join in on the fellowship

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Announcing the 2020 Fr. Theophilos Memorial Scholarship finalists:



Eve Kolytiris (age 18) a graduating Senior at Rancho Mirage High School. Eve is an exemplary, high achieving student who has been accepted to the University of San Diego and will begin in the Fall. Eve is majoring in Real Estate and Environmental Studies and plans for a career in Real Estate Development, focusing on sustainability. She is graduating with a long list of accomplishments including: a 4.3 GPA, Distinguished Scholar Honor Roll (all 4 Years), Principal's Honor Roll (all 4 Years), Athletic Scholar, and CIF Tennis Champion. In addition, to her academic commitment Eve has demonstrated incredible skills as a star Varsity tennis player, on the Rancho Mirage High School Varsity tennis team. Eve also serves as Parliamentarian on the Rancho Mirage High School Associated Student Body and as the Chair to the RMHS Culture & Diversity club.

Eve has participated in Musical Theatre University for the last four years, singing, dancing, and performing in several major musicals. Additionally, Eve gives back to our desert community, serving in the National Charity League, working as a Ball Kid to the Tennis Professionals for the annual BNP Open Tennis Tournament, and volunteering at Eisenhower Medical Center's ER, coordinating a program to provide toys for the pediatric patients, and has delivered over a 1000 toys in total.

We are proud to present Eve Kolytiris with the St George Educational Award, in the amount of \$1000.00.

Cani Karalis (age 20), is no stranger to the AHEPA scholarships program. Cani has earned several awards over the last 4 years including the AHEPA District 20, AHEPA National Award, The AHEPA Daughters of Penelope Scholarship, and the AHEPA Journey to Greece including a study abroad attending the Webster University in Athens. Most notably, Cani received a top scholarship from the Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Organization, in Chicago last year.



Cani is a Junior, with Senior standing at the University California at Santa Barbara pursuing a (BA) bachelor's degree in Classics, with an emphasis in Greek and Roman Culture.

Additionally, Constantina is planning graduate studies, to obtain a Master's in Education and a California Teaching Credential. Her goal is to become a Middle School History teacher and she plans to return here to teach, in her adopted hometown of Palm Desert.

Constantina's work ethic and dedication to her studies has continued to be extraordinary, with 2 years on the UCSB College of Letters and Science, Dean's Honor List. Constantina serves as a student spokesperson for the Classics Dept at UCSB and she recently furthered her studies, in Rome, Italy. Constantina is also involved in the UCSB Classic club on campus, and between her studies and her love of dance and is involved in the SBK Latin Dance club and the SBK Performing Latin dance team, on campus.

We are proud to present Constantina Karalis with the George Tcharos Educational Award, in the amount of \$750.00 towards completing her studies.

Symeon Seraphim (age 17) along with his parents moved here from Cyrus two years ago. They have become



active members of the St George family and his father has many years of AHEPA membership spanning decades. Symeon attends Palm Springs High School and will be graduating with Honors, as a recipient of the Principal's Honor List each semester. Symeon has impressively completed 4 years of California High School requirements, in only 2 years. Symeon will be attending Cal State University San Bernardino, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Music Performance. Although he was offered full scholarships to attend The University of Portland and the University of Redlands, he is choosing to attend CAL State San Bernardino to continue his studies under Ms. Esther Cho, professor of Music and director of the CSUSB

ensemble. Symeon has future plans, to pursue a career as a World Class Cello, soloist.

Symeon excels in musical talent of the highest caliber and has been performing with the Cal State San Bernardino Cello Ensemble in addition to his responsibilities as an active member of both the Palm Springs High School Orchestra and the Orchestra String Quartet. Symeon is now an Assistant Principal Cellist at CSUSB and next summer, he is scheduled to perform at the prestigious, Carnegie Hall in New York City.

We are proud to present Symeon Seraphim, the Pericles Educational award, in the amount of \$500.00.

Zoe Kolytiris 18) is a lifelong member of the St George Family. She will be graduating from Rancho Mirage



High School and attending the Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business and Communications, with future career goals in Real Estate entrepreneurship.

Zoe has been an exceptional student balancing her studies, athletic pursuits, extracurricular activities, and a talent for Journalism. Zoe serves as the Palm Springs High School Journalism Assistant Editor, and recently received the Journalism II award.

In addition to her dedication to her studies, Zoe is the Captain of Rancho Mirage High School Varsity Tennis Team. She has earned the Captains and Coaches Awards, her Junior and Senior year. Zoe has been an active member of the Musical Theatre University, singing and dancing in several productions each year. Zoe excels in citizenship, community service, and philanthropy and has volunteered her hours with the prestigious National Charity League for four years serving in the leadership position of Historian.

We are proud to present Zoe Kolytiris, the Penelope Educational award, in the amount of \$500.00

**Please help our students receive educational support.
Fr. Theophilos Theophilos Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Donations accepted at

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