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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.*

THE LADDER



PRAYER FOR READING HOLY SCRIPTURES

"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: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, the point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and

with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Liturgical Notes for Today

At the Entrance of the Gospel: 1) **Entrance hymn:** "O Christ, the Angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the grave, seeking Your sacred Body. You destroyed Hades, yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and, through Her, bestowed life. Glory to You Who have risen from the dead!" / Αγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις...

2) "O venerable Father, you earned your reward by your patience, persevering in unceasing prayer. You loved the poor and provided for them. Now, intercede O blessed merciful John, to Christ our God to save our souls." / Ἐν τῇ υπομονῇ σου ἐκτήσω...

3) "Since you are a deliverer of captives..." [Hymn of St. George] / Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς...

4) **Kontakion:** "Today the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God enters this house of the Lord bringing with Her the grace of the Divine Spirit. The angels of God praise Her. She is the heavenly tabernacle." / Ὁ Καθαρώτατος Ναός...

GOD PROVIDES SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE!

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." We heard these words through the reading of today's passage of the 2nd Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. It is faith in the abundance of God's grace that should prompt us to show God's love to others. God gives us many blessings in order to provide our many blessings to others and to inspire them, so that they acquire abilities that help others to do God's Will throughout the world. God's work is always His work of love for our salvation.

In the Lord's Parable from today's Gospel passage, Christ takes upon Himself the identity of a Samaritan, suggesting that, just as the Samaritans were cut off from the Israelites, we are cut off from God as a result of our many sins. At the same time, we are all also like the traveler from Jericho -- stricken by demons and wounded by sins.

We can dissolve the division between us and God by imitating Christ, (the "Good Samaritan"), while at the same time helping each other to heal the spiritual and physical wounds from which we all suffer to some degree.

The Church is the hospital of our soul and mind. The medicine is the Holy Sacraments, when taken as prescribed -- with confession, penance and forgiveness with faith in Christ. +FR. THEODORE

«Δυνατός δε ο Θεός πάσαν χάριν περισσεύσαι εις υμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πάσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εις παν ἔργον ἀγαθόν...» Αὐτὰ τα λόγια τα ἀκούσαμε με τὴν ἀνάγνωσι τῆς σημερινῆς περικοπῆς τῆς 2ας Ἐπιστολῆς τοῦ Ἀγ. Παύλου πρὸς τοὺς Κορινθίους. Εἶναι ἡ πίστις στὴν ἀφθονία τῆς χάριτος τοῦ Θεοῦ ποὺ πρέπει νὰ μας ὠθεῖ νὰ δεῖχνουμε τὴν ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ στοὺς ἄλλους. Ὁ Θεὸς μας δίνει πολλὰ χαρίσματα με σκοπὸ νὰ παρέχουμε τα πολλὰ μας χαρίσματα σὲ ἄλλους καὶ νὰ τοὺς ἐμπνεύσουμε, οὕτως ὥστε νὰ ἀποκτοῦν ικανότητες ποὺ νὰ βοηθοῦν ἀκόμη ἄλλους γιὰ νὰ γίνῃ τὸ Θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ σὲ ὅλον τὸν κόσμον. Τὸ ἔργο τοῦ Θεοῦ εἶναι πάντοτε τὸ ἔργο τῆς ἀγάπης Του γιὰ τὴ σωτηρία μας.

Στὴν Παραβολὴ τοῦ Κυρίου τῆς σημερινῆς Εὐαγγελικῆς περικοπῆς, ὁ Χριστὸς παίρνει ἐπάνω Του τὴν ταυτότητα ἐνὸς Σαμαρείτη, υποδηλώνοντας ὅτι, ὅπως ἀποκόπηκαν οἱ Σαμαρείτες ἀπὸ τοὺς Ἰσραηλίτες, εμεῖς ἀποκοπήκαμε ἀπὸ τὸν Θεὸ, ὡς ἀποτέλεσμα τῶν πολλῶν ἀμαρτιῶν μας. Ταυτόχρονα, εἴμεθα ὅλοι ἐπίσης ὡς τὸν ταξιδιώτη ἀπὸ τὴν Ἰερικὴ -- ἔχουμε χτυπηθεῖ ἀπὸ δαίμονες καὶ εἴμεθα τραυματισμένοι ἀπὸ ἀμαρτίες.

Μποροῦμε νὰ διαλύσουμε τὴ διαίρεση μεταξὺ ἐμᾶς καὶ τοῦ Θεοῦ μιμούμενοι τὸν Χριστὸ, (τὸν

Συνέχεια στὴν ἐπόμενη σελίδα-- -->

«Καλὸν Σαμαρεῖτη»), ἐνὼ ταυτοχρόνως νὰ βοηθοῦμε ὁ ἕνας τὸν ἄλλον νὰ θεραπεύσουμε τὶς πνευματικὲς καὶ σωματικὲς πληγὲς ἀπὸ τὶς ὁποῖες υποφέρουμε ὅλοι μέχρι ἓνα σημεῖον.

Ἡ Ἐκκλησία εἶναι τὸ νοσοκομεῖο τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ τοῦ νοῦ μας. Τὸ φάρμακο εἶναι τὰ Ἁγία Μυστήρια, ὅταν μεταλαμβάνονται ὅπως ὀρίζεται -- με ἐξομολόγησι, μετάνοια καὶ συγχώρεσι με πίστη τὸν Χριστό. +Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday, November 13th.....Philoptochos General Members Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
Festival Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14th.....Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
AHEPA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 16th.....Parish Council Meeting – 2:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, November 19th...*St. George Fall General Assembly Meeting – Following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL – Regular Sunday School classes resume today, with added attention to our annual Sunday School Christmas Program**, which will be presented on **Sunday, December 10, 2023**, the theme of which is “Living Icons of the Nativity.” See the enclosed Sunday School 2023-2024 Family Calendar.

PHILOPTOCHOS -Today is the **Philoptochos “Paint & Sip” Party**, beginning at **12 noon**. Please note the additional Philoptochos announcements for this week...

- o Thank you to all who attended Saturday’s Philoptochos “Welcome Back to the Desert” reception! We are grateful for the support of our community and to the volunteers that made this event possible!
- o Monday, Nov. 13th, 11:30 AM is the Philoptochos General Members Meeting with a special guest speaker from SafeHouse of the Desert. Our chapter will be donating the no-sew blankets that we have been making over the past several months to this organization.
- o Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov. 14th, 15th we will be baking Greek cookies, melamakarona & paximathia. We are in need of volunteers. Please contact **Tina or Rhonda** if you can help.
- o Our annual Philoptochos **Christmas Party is Saturday, Dec. 9th**. Seating is limited so make your reservation soon. See Tina.

- **VETERANS TO BE HONORED – Today**, we offer our sincere gratitude to the members of our parish who have served and who are still serving in the Armed Forces of our country.
- **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD** – Enclosed, please find a copy of our annual “St. George Community Christmas Card Participation Form.” We look forward to everyone’s participation in sharing the blessings of our Lord’s Nativity.
- **FESTIVAL MEETING – Tomorrow, November 13th** at our parish hall at **4:00 p.m.!**
- **AHEPA** – The members of our AHEPA 528 Chapter will meet on **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.** at our parish hall. Please note that this year’s **AHEPA Christmas dinner** will be a pot-luck dinner held at our parish hall on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. See the enclosed flyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE – -->

- **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** - We trust that all of our parish stewards received the mailing with the notification of our **St. George Fall General Assembly Meeting**, which will be held following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in our parish hall **next Sunday, November 19, 2023**. Included in the mailing were copies of the minutes from the last General Assembly Meeting and financial reports, along with updates regarding our parish programs and ministries. Those who have and are contributing responsible stewardship contributions toward next their 2023 Stewardship Pledge may participate in this important Fall General Assembly Meeting.



2024

GREEK FESTIVAL
MEETING

Monday,

November 13, 2023

At

4:00 p.m.

2023 CHRISTMAS CARD



Dear Parishioners,

Once again, our community of St George Greek Orthodox Church of the Desert will be preparing a Parish Christmas Card. We are certain that all of you will want to participate in this very popular and meaningful Christmas Blessing.

Please join the many families of our parish in expressing Christmas Greetings to fellow members and friends by completing this form. A donation of \$20.00 should be enclosed along with this form and made payable to St. George Greek Orthodox Church of the Desert. You can mail it to 74109 Larrea St., Palm Desert, CA 92261 or give to Tina Veroulis in the office. We would appreciate the return of the form by November 25, 2023.

Please print your name, as you would like it to appear on the card on the line below. (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Deadline: November 25, 2023

Philoptochos Christmas Party

Dec. 9th 11:00 am

**Sun City Clubhouse
38180 Del Webb Blvd, Palm Desert**

Please Join Us! Bring a Friend!

-RSVP by December 4th-

Luncheon Price \$60.00 per person includes:

Buffet luncheon with Tri-tip steak & baked fish, salad, potatoes, rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables & bread plus a special dessert. Coffee, iced tea, & water included. Cash Bar.
*Vegetarian meal option is available.

Cash Bar! Music! Hostess Gift! Raffle!

I am attending: (Name) _____

I am bringing a guest: (Name) _____

Total Number Attending: _____

Payment Type: Cash _____ Check _____ CC _____

Total Payment Amount: _____

I prefer a: *Vegetarian Meal (circle)



CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK

EVERYONE IS WELCOME – PLEASE RSVP

This will be a pot-luck dinner, please bring your favorite dish feeds12, please email or call so we do not duplicate dishes, beverages and bar provided by AHEPA Chapter 528.

Tuesday 12/12/2023

6:00 pm at

St George Church

• 74109 Larrea, Palm Desert CA 92260

RSVP by 12/05/2023

Ahepa528.org

Contact@ahempa528.org

*Wynn @ 760.832.2825 mobile/text
or leave message with Fr Ted*

*Please bring a wrapped gift
(no more than \$15 value)
for a fun gift exchange game.*

CHAPTER 528






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SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023/24 FAMILY CALENDER

*Sunday School Class – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month.
Outreach Project events – TBA each month see below*

Sept 10	Regular class schedule	
Sept 17	Regular class schedule for SERVICE PROJECT	
Sept 24	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Oct 1	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Oct 8	Regular class schedule	
Oct 15	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Oct 22	Regular class schedule – HARVEST PATIO PARTY!	
Oct 29	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Nov 5	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Nov 12	Regular class schedule - Nativity Practice	
Nov 19	Regular class schedule - Nativity Practice	
Nov 26	Regular class schedule - Nativity Practice	
Dec 3	Regular class schedule - Nativity Practice	
Dec 10	"LIVING ICONS OF THE NATIVITY" PROGRAM	
Dec 17	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Dec 24	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Dec 31	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Jan 7, 2024	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Jan 14	Regular class schedule	
Jan 21	Family Worship Sunday (class not held)	
Jan 28	Regular class schedule – SERVICE PROJECT TBA	