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74-109 LARREA ST., PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA



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“...SO NOT TO CONDEMN MY BROTHER.”

Modern studies involving emotional health all verify that forgiveness is a good thing. According to Sonja Lyubomirsky of the University of California at Riverside, one great way to improve one's mood is for the individual to write a note granting forgiveness to any who have offended him or her to "clear the air and move on" stating that all is forgiven *and* forgotten (Lyubomirsky, UCR, 2005). Such studies regarding the positive effects of forgiveness in one's mood can also be found online.

This indicates that God created us with the innate capacity to forgive. We are not asked by our Lord to do something for which we are incapable of doing. It makes sense, then, that the first step toward forgiveness is to seek forgiveness from God. Indeed, forgiveness does not exist without

Christ.

Our forgiveness from Christ our God is itself our eternal salvation. In the same way, we are supposed to save the souls of those who offend us not only by overlooking their faults, but by sacrificing of ourselves for their salvation. This is the real meaning and purpose of forgiveness. It is with this meaning and this purpose that we begin Great Lent, following the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) on **February 18th**.

If forgiveness is difficult (and many agree that it is) it is because of two factors that lurk inside of us. Those factors are outlined in the short prayer of **St. Ephaim the Syrian**. A high opinion of one's self is one such stumbling factor, according to which others become secondary faces in our world. Temptations connected to ambition, lust, the pursuit for

power through wealth are linked to our image of self-importance and arrogance toward God. Another factor holding us away from forgiving others is the notion that we ourselves are without faults. Thus, we allow the faults of others to greatly offend us, while we assume that we have no faults of our own that are offensive to others and to God. This is becoming the great deception of our time: our so-called "self-faults" are easily excused as "being only human," or justified by blaming others, or blaming circumstances, such as the government, social inequities, or even the way we were born.

Agreeing that we live in generally unhappy times, Sonja Lyubomirsky's thoughts about forgiveness have meaning. Along these lines, we can learn much from the Saints of our Church. The

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joy of the Saints is missing from our lives today.

From the Saints, we can glean the truth that peace with God is the key to joy and happiness. When the priest blesses the faithful during the Divine Liturgy, saying, "*Peace be with you,*" it is this peace with God which is meant. In essence, translated into modern lingo, it is a blessing, saying, "*May you be happy!*" - "happiness" being a gift from God.

But, peace comes from a clear conscience - and a clear conscience comes from repentance of sins. Therefore, given our present context, in which many people today feel unhappy (and express it in many unhealthy ways), the topic of forgiveness/repentance should open the door for a range of conversations about achieving happiness - a positive thing for everyone.

The joy of the Saints is found in a mind-set that is foreign to us today. Contrary to comparing themselves to others, as we all do, their mode of being is to compare themselves to the *standard of perfection* given by Christ our God. Hence, knowing their imperfections and flaws, they would view themselves as sinners - not in a self-deprecating manner, but, in the manner of *sorrow*, tempered with the knowledge that our Lord grants the gift of repentance by which they can find their way back onto the road of salvation.

Repentance requires self-evaluation. Hence, Lent begins on **February 19th** with the **Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian**:

"O Lord and Master of my life, take away from me the spirit of carelessness, ambition, lust and pride. Give to me, your servant, instead the spirit of love, soberness, patience and humility. Grant me a vision of my own faults and so not to condemn my brother."

So it is. Christ our God is Lord and Master. Therefore, let us seek the things that His Saints seek and not condemn others; but, instead, let us seek forgiveness from God and grant forgiveness to others. This is the key to the joy that we want.

+FR. THEODORE

METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY



Clergy and laity representing the various parishes of our Holy Metropolis of San Francisco gathered at the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center near Fresno, California on Monday, January 29 and Tuesday, January 30, 2018 for the Annual Metropolis of San Francisco Clergy-Laity Assembly.

His Eminence, **Metropolitan Gerasimos**, in His key-note address, emphasized the need for all of us to be living examples of our Savior's love, ministry and teachings, bringing the message of the Gospel to the world around us in visible ways, which include charity and sincere worship. We are each challenged to live our lives as imitators of our Orthodox Christian Saints.

Father Stavros Kofinas, who currently serves as the Coordinator of the Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Health Care was the featured speaker, speaking on the topic, *Leading the Church in a Chaotic World*. In the realm of his ministry, he has led many psychotherapeutic groups, particularly for couples, parents and young people. He has organized and participated in many educational seminars, training programs and conferences for clergy, doctors, nurses and social workers in Greece and abroad. Parallel to this, he is well known for his writings in the area of psychology and pastoral care.

The Archdiocese Youth Ministry policy for having background checks performed for those working with youth was discussed. Y²AM (the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and the Office of Camping Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America) is in the process of finalizing new Policies for the Protection of Youth and Children. These Policies are scheduled to be fully rolled-out across the Archdiocese in 2018.

An inspiring report regarding the many programs of charity on the part of the Ladies Philoptochos was given .

MEETING THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is a somewhat neglected major feast of both Christ and the Virgin Mary. One of the best terms for this feast is "Meeting of the Lord in the Temple." Since the Law required that the first born son of parents should be dedicated to God in the Temple, the feast is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, which is February 2. The account of the Meeting and Presentation is recorded in Luke 2:22-35. Indeed, Luke gives us the most striking history of Christ's humble birth. It should be noted that in the Church both girls and boys are blessed.

Mary and Joseph were not wealthy, so they bought two turtle doves for the sacrifice. Then, when they arrived at the Temple, they were met by an old man named Simeon. He had studied the prophets about the Messiah who would deliver Israel from their conquerors. He spent hours and days in prayer and had been told through by God that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Few could imagine how this "deliverance" would take place. The story of Christ's Presentation is the story of *our* "meeting" the Lord.

When Simeon saw Jesus, he took Him in his arms and made this prophetic forecast: *"Lord, now let your servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before all people - a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles and glory to Your people Israel."* Who could possibly know that centuries later many Roman Emperors would be baptized in His Name? **Who could imagine the wonders this Savior ould give to the world!**

But, Simeon had more to say, telling Mary, *"Behold, this Child is set for the falling and rising of many in Israel and of a sign which is spoken. Yes, a sword will pierce Your own soul that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."* Also, an elderly prophetess, Anna, was also in the Temple and offered prayers and praise to God for Jesus. She spoke to everyone present about His importance

for the redemption of Jerusalem. Indeed, the real Temple is Jesus Christ Himself and He redeems us spiritually as members of His Body.

In Christmas, we know of Christ's taking on human flesh to redeem and sanctify all humanity - men and women. But His dedication in the Temple is the occasion through which we learn from the prophesies of Sts. Simeon and Anna why we revere and worship Him

In a real sense, we all *meet* the Lord and try to accept what He has given to us and how He redeemed us. A New Israel was born and made sacred. **May our "meeting" with the Lord be truly blessed and sacred!**

--MATTHEW DAVIS

2018 ST. GEORGE GREEK FESTIVAL



The **Annual St. George Greek Festival** will take place this month - **Saturday, February 17th and Sunday, February 18th, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. both days.**

Volunteers are needed and those who have yet to volunteer are asked to contact **Jim Christopoulos** any Sunday following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. A special "Festival Volunteer Form" appears in each week's Sunday bulletin, *The Ladder*. Also, the form appears on the bulletin board in our parish hall.

Festival flier/programs are now available for distribution throughout our Coachella Valley community.

Preparation of Festival dinner, appetizer and pastry menu items continue **Monday through Friday** every week leading up to the Festival weekend. Volunteers helping with Festival preparations are asked to arrive at the church by **9:00 in the mornings** (Monday-Friday).

The **final Festival meeting** - and of great importance - will be held on **Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** Every effort to attend this meeting will be most appreciated. A **Festival flier** is included herein to reproduce and share with all.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

January

In January we sent a Goodie Package to our adopt a student Devon Latkin.



Included were our baked cookies, our Christmas Card, a wood ornament from Jerusalem and a Starbucks gift card. Devon wrote us a moving thank you note for our \$200 donation in October which he used towards buying a plane ticket to fly home to his family for the holidays. Our January donations were: National Philoptochos for UNICEF, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for their Food Drive Our ongoing Knitting Project is going very well. We have completed several Prayer Blankets and more are being knitted. The Prayer Blankets will be given to our parishioners who are homebound or in the hospital. As you know we have been food prepping all of January for the Festival. Thank you to all of our members and parishioners who helped this month with the myriad of details that need to be taken care of for a successful Festival.

February

On Sunday, February 4 be prepared to wear red for GO RED for Women sponsored by the American Heart Association. They have this day to increase awareness and help prevent heart disease. Heart disease is the #1 killer of American women. Metropolis Philoptochos has asked for a group picture of our members wearing red. So smile! Also on February 4 we are having a Bake Sale at Coffee Hour. Favorite desserts will be made and brought in by our Philoptochos members. Your donations will be used to support our local charities. Since this is also Super Bowl Sunday, you may want to pick up a dessert to take to your Super Bowl party. There will not be a General Meeting in February due to the food preparation schedule for the Festival.

March

SAVE THE DATE. Our Membership Lunch will be on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to hostess our lunch in your home, please contact Linda Petalas or Linda Kallis.
--LINDA KALLIS,
Philoptochos President

AHEPA NEWS



Members of AHEPA Chapter 528 participated in the **AHEPA District 20 Mid-Winter Conference** which was held in San Bernardino, California on **Saturday, January 27, 2018**. Along with discussing the charitable work of AHEPA on local, regional and national levels, plans were crystalized in preparation for the **AHEPA Family Western Regional Convention**, which is scheduled to take place in Reno, Nevada from June 21 to June 24, 2018.

Mark **February 4, 2018** on your calendars and plan to join us for our first annual **Super Bowl Party** at **3:00 p.m.** Information and details are outlined on the enclosed AHEPA Super Bowl Party flier. We invite all present AHEPA 528 members and perspective members to join us for this event.

Our AHEPA Chapter would greatly appreciate any special donations toward the **AHEPA Fr. T. P. Theophilos Memorial Scholarship Fund**, since scholarships are due to be given on AHEPA Sunday this May. Applications for this scholarship can be found online at: www.ahepa528.org. Now is the time to encourage students to apply!

The next AHEPA 528 meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.** This will be an important meeting in planning for AHEPA members' participation in upcoming events. There will be a review of the success of our Greek Festival AHEPA Booth and the participation of Chapter members in helping for the general success of this year's St. George Greek Festival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Our Sunday School staff, under the direction of Dr. Jim Christopoulos and Deacon Euthym is planning a spiritual retreat at the Shield's Date Gardens where a walk-through display featuring the events surrounding our Lord's Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection. The date scheduled for this retreat is Saturday, **March 24, 2018**. More details to follow in *The Ladder* and the March 2018 *Voice of St. George*.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We would like to express our appreciation for the outstanding response of our parishioners in turning in their 2018 Stewardship Pledge Cards to the office. We are currently at 70 Stewards for a combined Pledge total of just under \$80,000. We are well on the way to making our Stewardship Goal of \$120,000.

Parishioners often ask how much should they give? The Bible speaks to this issue in both the Old & New Testaments with the standard being a "tithe". A "tithe" is ten percent of your income.

In the New Testament we see Jesus commending the Pharisees for their tithing but then condemning them for tithing without caring about mercy, justice, love, and humility. (Luke 10:42, 18:9-14, 21:1-4). So, in order to be saved, it's not just the amount of money that we give to the church, but the manner in which it is given. If we gave 100% of everything we had for God's purpose, it would not be enough to automatically buy salvation. It's not for sale. By this we should ask ourselves, are we living worthy of God's calling? Are we willing to risk closing off the doors of grace in any area of our lives?

What if we gave 10% of our income? The median household income in the USA is \$50,000. We have around 110 families in our parish. If we gave that 10%, the resources that St. George would have to do God's work—not to line anyone's pockets— would be over \$500,000 per year. If we gave just 3%, we would have over \$300,000 per year.

Here is how a 3% Giving Guideline would look:

Household Income	Weekly	Monthly
\$250,000	\$ 144.25	\$ 625.00
\$200,000	115.40	500.00
\$150,000	86.00	375.00
\$100,000	57.00	250.00
\$ 90,000	51.00	225.00
\$ 80,000	46.00	200.00
\$ 70,000	40.00	175.00
\$ 60,000	34.00	150.00

Household Income	Weekly	Monthly
\$50,000	28.00	125.00
\$40,000	23.00	100.00
\$30,000	17.00	75.00

Based on the Stewardship reports that have been shared with everyone, we know we are not giving at 10% or even 5%. We're giving less than 2%. And yet how much do we spend each year on entertainment? How much do we spend on things we consume and then forget? How much do we waste? We ask you to reflect on the amount of stewardship you can give, but even more importantly, reflect on all the ways we can become more like Christ and ultimately gain salvation. He gave it all. Not just possessions, but His very life. If He gave it all, then we can give something more than we are. God Bless You!

--RHONDA LATKOVIC,
Stewardship Chairperson

THE ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

The Saint George of the Desert Endowment Fund grew from \$321,682.32 at month end November, 2017 to **\$334,610.17** at the month end December, 2017. For the year ending 2017, we began the year January 1, 2017 with \$288,807.91 and ended with a Market Value on December 31, 2017 of **334,610.17. Market value grew by \$42,806.71.**

There were donations of **\$925.00** and a Security Transfer (Stock-United Health Care) of **\$5,124.56**. Our current Asset Allocation follows the Fund's by-laws as shown below:

A. Domestic Equities	\$180,380.5352%
B. Domestic Fixed Income-	\$127,326.9940%
C. International Equities	\$ 25,301.717%
D. Cash & Equivalents.....	\$ 1,600.94 1%
Total	\$334,610.17100%.

Our Advisor as well as myself offers the following for 2018: U.S. Stocks charged straight into the year end, while U.K. stocks rallied sharply in December after a lack luster October and slide through November, and European stocks cooled off at year end following a short lived run up in

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ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT, Continued

late October. Mainland Chinese stocks peaked in late November. Oil prices climbed in the 4th Quarter to over \$60 per barrel for the 1st time since July 2015 on the last day of 2017.

Looking out over the next year or so, we think global growth can still be vibrant enough to allow risk assets to perform well. Until we see a more significant deterioration in the economic and financial fundamentals that have underpinned the global bull market in risk assets over the past two years, our default investment stance is to stay the course.

Parishioners are always welcome to donate by check to the Endowment Fund through the St George Parish Office with St George of the Desert Endowment Fund written on the Memo Line of the check. Remember the Church in your estate planning.

--NICHOLAS LATKOVIC,
Endowment Fund Chairman

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE DAY

On Friday, January 19, 2018 Christians from all over the United States stood, and many marched for the Life of the unborn child. Approximately 30-35 parishioners from throughout the Coachella Valley representing Sacred Heart Church, and St. George Greek Orthodox Church which was represented by **William G. Barringer, and Louise Dobbs Barringer**. We sang songs and prayed prayers as passers-by shouted " God bless you all" "with thumbs up" which was a warming and spiritual experience!

May God bless all who faithfully, and prayerfully join together in representing the Dignity of Life, and also who respect the gift of human life!

"National Sanctity of Human Life Day", Declared, and Proclaimed by the President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, this day **January 19, 2018!**

--LOUISE DOBBS BARRINGER,
Parish Outreach Committee



St. George Greek Orthodox Church and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, both of Palm Desert, CA., were represented at the National Sanctity of Human Life Prayer Rally held in Rancho Mirage on Friday, January 19, 2018. Representing St. George were William G. and Louise Dobbs Barringer.

GREEK STORE UPDATE

The Greek Store at this year's Greek Festival will offer festival attendees many new Greek imported items along with Greek inspired items for sale.

We will have an imported Greek extra virgin olive oil under the brand name "Kastania" in 250, 500, & 750 ml bottles. This product is truly high quality olive oil and a must for every cook! In the Greek novelty category, of course we will have our Greek Festival tee shirts, at a \$10 retail, but this year, they have our Palm Desert, CA location printed on them as an added personalization! And our recycle bags are back again this year & will be selling for \$2.50 each. Our best selling novelty aprons are back with a couple new designs and we are holding last year's price of \$15 each.

New items included our baby "Mati" pins; Mati adjustable rings; Spartan Warrior costume items including a helmet, shield, and sword; greek goddess items including a wreath crown, hairband, hair clips, arm bands, and bracelets; Greek history and mythology coloring books for children. These and many more in our offering are imported directly from Greece!

Please take a few minutes during the festival to stop by the Greek Store Booth and make your selection!

--RHONDA LATKOVIC &
OLYMPIA PILAFIDIS-FICK
Booth Co-Chairs



<----A sample of materials which will be available at our Festival Greek Store.

USING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TO PREPARE FOR HOLY CONFESSION

The First of the 10 Commandments is this: *"I am the Lord Your God; You shall not have any other gods before Me."*

1. Do I truly believe in God the Father; the Son and the Holy Spirit?
2. Have I failed to trust in God and His mercy?
3. Have I complained against God?

4. Have I been thankful for God's blessings? Have I taken them for granted? Have I felt that I am owed blessings by God?
5. Have I given way to doubt about the Bible and/or snubbed the teachings of the Church?
6. Have I tried to serve God and obey all of His Commandments, or just those that I think are important to me?
7. Have I given way to superstition?
8. Have I given worship to evil powers or publicly denied the truth of my Orthodox Faith?
9. Have I failed to do God's work due to fear of ridicule or persecution?
10. Is money or possessions more important to me than God?



GO RED for WOMEN BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2018

*All proceeds will be used for the purchase of an AED Machine (Automated Defibrillator Machine).

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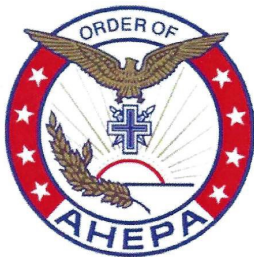
Enjoy delicious tempting treats including cookies, cakes, pies, candy, & more! All homemade by the St. George Ladies of Philoptochos.

Pick up goodies for the Big Game on Sunday!

For more information or questions call Pam Zaverdas @ 847-814-4299.



AHEPA 528 1st ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY



FUN FOR EVERYONE

Game starts at 3:30 pm

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
74109 Larrea St Palm Desert, CA 92261


\$20 Donation requested

We will have doors open at 3pm.

BYOB - refreshments and fun provided!

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL GO TO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please make any checks to AHEPA Chapter 528 or donate online
Scholarship awards benefit members
of Saint George Church and the AHEPA 528 Family
AHEPA528.ORG


SUPER BOWL
FEB 4TH 2018

\$20 DONATION

and you get

- 1 Square in the Football Pool
- Refreshments
- Appetizers
- Live Game
- Cash Prizes

\$10 pool square*

**After first donation*

**BYOB
REFRESHMENTS
AND FUN
PROVIDED!**



**PLEASE SEE BROTHERS
WYNN STORTON,
HARRY LOUKATOS OR
NICK KRESPIS
FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

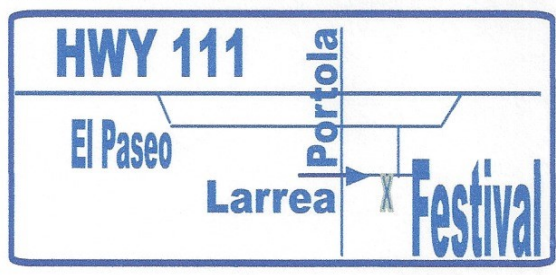
**CONTACT@AHEPA528.ORG
760.832.2825**

GREEK CHICKEN - MOUSAKA - SPANAKOPITA - DOLMADE - PASTICHIO - SOULVAKI - BAKLAVA - DOLMADES - GYROS
 - GYROS - GREEK LAMB - BAKLAVA - LOUKOUMADES -



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(760) 568-9901

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

GYROS - GREEK LAMB - BAKLAVA - LOUKOUMADES

Festival Volunteer Form

February 17th & 18th 2018

»Name: _____

»Phone Number: _____ »Email Address: _____

»Availability (Please check all that apply):

Set Up Prior to Festival _____

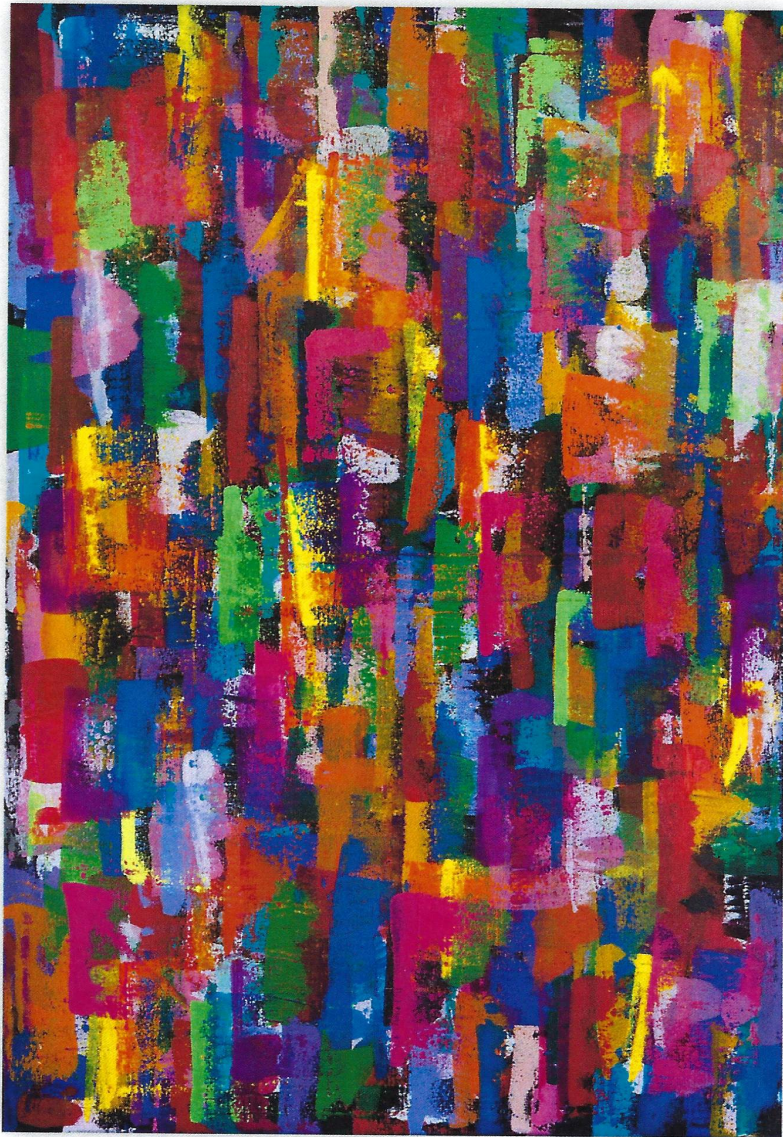
Saturday 2/17: _____ 10:30-3:30 _____ 3:15-8:15

Sunday 2/18: _____ 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	
Entrance	Lou & Penny Karagianis	
Greek Store	Rhonda Latkovic	
Greek Coffee	Tbd	
Kids Area	Melissa Hawkins	
Loukoumathes	Krisann Kontaxis	
Bars	Nick Krespis	
Dinner Line	Tasia Richards	
Gyros	George Argyros & John Petalas	
Lamb Chops	George Argyros & John Petalas	
Cooking	George Argyros & John Petalas	
Appetizers	Tbd	
Yiayia's Attic	Becky Allen	
Accounting/\$ Run	Nick Kaperonis	
Kitchen/Food Run	George & Stacy Argyros	
Pastries	Lula Valissarakos	



NICHOLAS KONTAXIS

HEATHER JAMES
FINE ART

MARCH 17, 2018

4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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Palm Desert, California 92261
web: www.go-stgeorge.org/ email: pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com
Telephone: (760)568-9901 / FAX: 9760) 568-9492

Schedule of Sunday Services: Orthros-8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.
Sunday School-10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Schedule of Sunday Services: Orthros-8:30 a.m. D. Liturgy-9:30 a.m. Sunday School-10:30 a.m.				1	2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE Orthros-8:30 a.m. D. Liturgy-9:30am	3 Vespers-5:00 p.m.
4 The Prodigal Son Ep.-1 Cor. 6:12-20 Gos.-St. Luke 15:11-32	5 Festival Meeting-7:00 p.m.	6 Bible Study-10:00 a.m.	7	8 Choir Practice-1:00 p.m. Parish Council-2:30 p.m.	9	10-SATURDAY OF SOULS (St. Haralambos) Orthros-8:30 a.m. D. Liturgy-9:30 a.m. Vespers-5:00 p.m.
11 Meatfare Sunday (Judgment Sunday) Ep.-1 Cor. 8:8-13;9:1-2 Gos.-St. Matth.25:31-46	12	13 No Bible Study	14 <u>F E S</u>	15 <u>T I V A L S E</u>	16 <u>T-UP</u>	17- SATURDAY OF SOULS (St.Theodore-Tyre) Orthros-8:30 a.m. D. Liturgy-9:30 a.m. GREEK FESTIVAL
18 Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday) Orthros-7:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy-9:00 am Ep.-Rom.13:11-14:1:4 Gos.-St. Matth.6:14-21 GREEK FESTIVAL	19 GREAT LENT BEGINS Compline Service-6:00 p.m. Festival Appreciation Lenten Dinner-7:00pm	20 Bible Study-10:00 a.m.	21 Pre-Sanctified D. Liturgy-6:30 p.m. AHEPA Meeting-6:30 p.m.	22	23 Pre-Sanctified D. Liturgy-9:00 a.m. 1st Salutations-7:00 p.m.	24 - SATURDAY OF SOULS Orthros-8:30 a.m. D. Liturgy-9:30 a.m. Vespers-5:00 p.m.
25-Sun. of Orthodoxy Ep.-Heb.11:24-26; 32-40 Gos.-St. John 1:43-51	26	27	28 Pre-Sanctified D. Liturgy- 6:30 p.m.	<u>MARCH 1</u>	<u>MARCH 2</u> Pre-Sanctified D. Liturgy-9:00 a.m. 2nd Salutations-7:00 p.m.	<u>MARCH 3</u>