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HOLY BAPTISM: TO PUT ON CHRIST

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Since we celebrate the Baptism of Christ on **January 6th**, it seems appropriate to talk about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In this, we remind ourselves that, upon baptism in Christ, we are given two things to wear: a baptismal garment and a cross. St. Paul explained it clearly to the Galatians: *“All who have been baptized unto Christ, they have put on Christ.”* (3:27). Our baptismal cross is not simply a “dead” materialistic ornament. It is a *living Sign* that carries with It the power of our Lord, giving life now and always.

As a result, our human abilities are not limited by our natural traits; they are expanded to include the grace of God in our lives. This means that we have Christ our God as a part of us. The things that Christ can do, *with Christ*, we can do, also. As Christ fought temptations, we can fight temptations; as Christ healed others, we can also heal others (as is evident from the lives of Saints). As Christ arose from the dead, we, too are arisen from the dead. We are given the grace to be replicas of God’s love and bearers of God’s power through prayer.

In our choice to follow Christ, our way of life is intimately tied to our personal participation in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Feast Days.

Through the Holy Sacrament, our minds, hands and feet become the minds, hands and feet of Christ our God. In this way, the Sacrament of Holy Communion fulfills our baptismal calling – a calling that comes to us through the prayer by which the Baptismal Waters are blessed: *“Manifest Yourself in this water, O Lord, and grant that the one to be baptized may be transformed therein to the putting away of the old nature, which has been made corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and the putting on of the new, which is renewed according to the Image of Him Who created him/her.”*

Our own baptism is the first step in uniting ourselves with Christ. Holy Confession is our “second baptism” by which we repent of our sins, shedding tears of sorrow for those sins, and tears of gratitude for God’s mercy. Likewise, our participation in Holy Communion and all of the Sacraments is all a matter of exercising our will to take on divine energies of Christ our God.

It all begins with our free will. St. Thalassios, a co worker with St. Maximos, says, *“An all-embracing and intense longing for God binds those who experience such longing both to God and to others.”* (Philokalia, Vol. 2, pg. 307).

+FR. THEODORE

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**PATRIARCHAL ENCYCLICAL
FOR CHRISTMAS**

**By God's Mercy, Archbishop of Constantinople-
New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch to All the
Plenitude of the Church: Grace, Mercy, and
Peace from the Saviour Christ
Born in Bethlehem**

Most honorable brother hierarchs,

Beloved children in the Lord,

With the grace of God, we are once again this year celebrating in chant, hymn, and spiritual song the Nativity according to the flesh of the pre-eternal Son and Word of God, namely the manifestation of the mystery of God and humankind. According to St. Nicholas Cabasilas, what occurs in the Divine Liturgy is "the mystagogy of the Lord's incarnation," while its introductory acclamation "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" is evidence "that it is through the Lord's incarnation that people first learned that God is three persons."¹ The same saintly Father proclaims that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the first and only to demonstrate the authentic and perfect human being, concerning His ethos, life, and everything else.²

The assumption of human nature in the person of the Son and Word of God, along with the opening of the way of human deification through grace, add unsurpassable value to humankind. Forgetting this truth leads to the diminishment of respect for the human person. The denial of the supreme destiny of human beings does not only liberate them, but also leads to diverse reductions and divisions. Without being conscious of their divine origin and their hope for eternity, humans struggle to remain human and are unable to handle the contradictions of the "human condition."

The Christian perception of human existence provides a solution to problems created by violence, war, and injustice in our world. Respect for the human person, peace, and justice are gifts from God; however, establishing the peace that comes from Christ demands the participation and cooperation of human beings. The Christian view on the struggle for peace lies in the words of Christ our Savior, who proclaims peace, addressing His

disciples with the greeting "Peace be with you" and encouraging us to love our enemies.³ The revelation in Christ is called the "gospel of peace."⁴ This means that, for us Christians, the way to peace is through peace and that non-violence, dialogue, love, forgiveness, and reconciliation have priority before other forms of resolving differences. The theology of peace is clearly described in the Ecumenical Patriarchate's document *For the Life of the World: Toward a Social Ethos of the Orthodox Church* (2020):

"Nothing is more contrary to God's will for His creatures fashioned in His image and likeness than violence one against another . . . We may justly say that violence is sin par-excellence. It is the perfect contradiction of our created nature and our supernatural vocation to seek union in love with God and our neighbour. . . Peace is a real revelation of the still deeper reality of creation as God intends it and as God fashioned it in his eternal counsels."⁵

Peace cannot be taken for granted; it is not self-evident. It is an obligation, an achievement, and an incessant struggle to preserve it. There are no automatic solutions or permanent recipes. In the face of ongoing threats to peace, we need to have vigilance and willingness to resolve problems through dialogue. The great heroes of politics are the champions of peace. As for us, we continue to underline the peacemaking role of religion. This is during a time when religions are criticized for nurturing fanaticism and violence "in the name of God" instead of being forces of peace, solidarity, and reconciliation. However, this indicates an alienation of religious faith and not an integral part of it. Genuine faith in God is the harshest critic of religious fanaticism. Religions are the natural allies of all human beings who strive for peace, justice, and the preservation of creation from human destruction.

This year, the world honours the 75th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (December 10, 1948), constituting a summary of fundamental humanitarian ideals and values, "the shared standard, to which all peoples and all nations should aim." Human rights, whose cen-

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PATRIARCHAL ENCYCLICAL, Continued

tral point of focus includes the protection of human dignity with its individual, social, cultural, economic, and ecological conditions, are only understood in their original dynamics if they are acknowledged as the basis and criterion of global peace, associating it with freedom and justice. In this sense, the future of human rights and peace is also linked to the contribution of religions in the matter of respecting them and making them a reality.

With these thoughts and festive sentiments, in full conviction that the life of the Church in itself comprises resistance against inhumanity, wherever such inhumanity arises, we invite all of you to the good fight of constructing a culture of peace and solidarity, where people will see in the face of their fellow human beings a brother or sister and a friend, rather than a threat and enemy. Moreover, we remind you all, dear brother Hierarchs and children, that Christmas is a time of self-consciousness and thanksgiving, of the revelation of the difference between the God-man and "man-god," of the realization of the "great miracle" of freedom in Christ and of the healing of the "great wound" of alienation from God. Finally, we kneel respectfully before Mary, the Mother of God, who bears in her arms the incarnate Word, and we convey to you the blessing of the Mother Holy Great Church of Christ, wishing you an auspicious, healthy, fruitful, peaceful, and joyous new year of the Lord's favour.

Christmas 2023

+ **Bartholomew of Constantinople**

Your fervent supplicant of all before God

1 On the Divine Liturgy XII, PG 150.392D.

2 On the Life of Christ VI, PG 150.680C.

3 Cf. Mt. 5:44

4 Eph. 6:44

5 *Life of the World Document*, pgs. 42,43, and 44

SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

by

DEACON EUTHYM

"Nothing else drives patience out of the soul as does prideful thinking." ..St. Ignatius

When we are short with others, impatient, judgmental, and lack compassion and mercy for oth-

ers we need to look inside. The tendency is to blame others for our impatience and their shortcomings. Rather, it is our pride that does not let us have compassion on others. One of the early signs of pride is impatience with others. This is a good warning sign for us to remember. When we lose patience easily, it may be time to look at ourselves, confess and examine the root of pride in our soul. Christ our God, showed the ultimate patience with us. Can't we be a bit patient with others? Remember the parable of the man who was forgiven the 10,000 talents by the Master, but could not forgive another for the little he owed him? Let us not forget the patience and mercy God has for us.

"I realized that we all worry about ourselves too much and that only he who leaves everything to the will of God can feel truly joyous, light, and peaceful." ...Elder Thaddeus

The self becomes our "god" and then we have stress and heaviness. When we remove the self, and rely only on God's will, we feel joy and peace, beyond comprehension. So if we find ourselves troubled, stressed, upset, let us inquire, am I focusing on myself too much? Have I forgotten to seek God's will and, instead, seek to exercise only my own? By even asking ourselves such a question, we begin to allow God to enter and clean the "inside of the cup". Self-will is the Pharisaical effort to clean the "outside of the cup". God's will is to clean the "inside of the cup." This is the inner peace we seek and desire and, as long as we abide in Christ, we will be with Him in eternity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School students and staff produced an excellent **Christmas program** for our parishioners on **Sunday, December 10, 2023**. Special thanks to God for **Athena Snarskis**, our Sunday School coordinator, and **Pres. Petula Pantels** for their tireless efforts in bringing our Sunday School students together for this excellent program and for presenting the lessons for our students throughout the school year.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

“Christmas Break” for Sunday School began on Sunday, December 17, 2023. **Classes will resume on Sunday, January 14, 2024.** A special Sunday School class and service project are scheduled for **Sunday, January 28th.**



Pictured above with the clergy (top row), Fr. Ted (left), His Grace, Bishop Spyridon of Amastris (center) and Deacon Euthym (right) are the Sunday School students and staff who presented this year’s Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, December 10, 2023.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The **Annual Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon** at the Sun City Clubhouse in Palm Desert on Saturday, **December 9, 2023** was a tremendous success. Special thanks to **Margarita Pagoulatos** for paving the way for our parishioners to take part in this event at the elegant Sun City Clubhouse.

This year’s **Philoptochos Holiday Bake Sale** throughout December was also very successful. Pastries prepared by our Philoptochos ladies sold out and were received with great joy. Special thanks to all who supported this year’s Bake Sale.

Throughout December, our Ladies Philoptochos Chapter has made donations to **SafeHouse of the Desert, Birth Choice of the Desert, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, and the Narrow Door**, in addition to making & delivering twenty-eight Holiday Baskets for the shut-ins in our community. We thank everyone who participated in and supported this effort!

Vasliopita Sunday is January 7th and we will have a limited amount of vasilopita available for purchase on that day.

January calendar... Philoptochos Board meeting, Monday, January 8th at 11:00 a.m. / Philoptop-

chos General Meeting, Monday, January 15th at 11:30 a.m.

Paint & Sip is back for January! If you enjoyed the wine bottle painting in November, then you will enjoy painting a Greek vase at our next event on **Sunday, January 21st!** (See flier for details).



Pictured above, Rhonda Latkovic (left) and Athena Snarskis (right) offered the raffle prizes to the winners at the Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 2023.



Pictured above, Tina Veroulis (left) and Linda Kallis (right) announced the winning tickets of the various raffle prizes at the Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon on December 10th.



To the left, is a snapshot of the many participants in this year’s Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Sun City.

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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS, Continued



Our St. George Philoptochos members hosted their annual Christmas Luncheon at Sun City on December 9, 2023. Pictured from left to right: Nikki Tripodis, her husband, Peter Tripodis, His Grace, Bishop Spyridon of Amastris, Vasilios Tsakumis, Fr. Ted, and Golfo Tsakumis, the beloved wife of Vasilios Tsakumis.



Pictured above are the Philoptochos members who worked to prepare and deliver Philoptochos Holiday Baskets to our home-bound parishioners. From left to right: Linda Bozigian, Jenny George, Gloria Christopoulos, Athena Snarskis, Linda Kallis, Emily Kayaloglou and Philoptochos President, Rhonda Latkovic.

AHEPA

This year's **AHEPA Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner** on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023** was one of the most successful Christmas gatherings that our AHEPA Chapter 528 held. More than fifty people attended, including our St. George parishioners and friends. Our parish hall was alive with the joy of the season.

Many thanks to God for those who brought such delicious dishes for everyone to enjoy. Santa Claus (a.k.a., our Chapter President, Wynn Storton) visited to add special holiday cheer.

A special feature was included in this year's event. It was the "**Christmas Gift Exchange.**" Many thanks to **Harry Loukatos** for his lead-

ership role in this part of the evening.

The only "business" of the evening was that in which Wynn Storton introduced new AHEPA members and AHEPA members who recently transferred their membership to our Chapter 528. All our 528 members welcomed **Paul Carkonen**, **Michael Hallinan**, and **Harry Platis** to our St. George Chapter.

Many thanks to brothers **Nick Latkovic** and **Matthew Holm** for their dedicated service in helping set-up and clean-up for this wonderful event.

Our AHEPA 528 President, **Wynn Storton**, who is also the Western Regional AHEPA Supreme Governor, along with delegates from our Chapter will be representing our community at the **Annual AHEPA District 20 Mid-Winter Conference** in **Long Beach, California** on **January 27th**. Our Chapter placed a full-page ad in the program book for this Mid-Winter Conference.

Mark **Sunday, February 11, 2024** on your calendars and plan to join in the **Annual AHEPA 528 Super Bowl Party** at our parish hall. Details will be provided in the near future.

The next **AHEPA 528 meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 9, 2024** at **6:30 p.m.** (Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.)

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Pictured above, three new members of our AHEPA 528 Chapter were introduced to those attending our AHEPA Chapter Christmas Pot-luck Dinner on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. As shown, from left to right: Michael Hallinan, Paul Carkonen, Wynn Storton (AHEPA 528 President), and Harry Platis.



Harry Loukatos led the Gift Exchange portion of this year's AHEPA 528 Christmas Pot-luck Dinner on December 12, 2023.



A good turnout of St. George parishioners and their friends and relatives enjoyed the AHEPA 528 Christmas Pot-luck Dinner on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

2024 ST. GEORGE GREEK FESTIVAL

Baking for our **2024 Greek Festival**, scheduled for **February 17-18th**, begins on **January 8, 2024**.

- Week of Sunday, January 7th: dolmathes
- Week of Sunday, January 14th: tyropita and spanakopita
- Week of Sunday, January 21st: pastries
- Week of Sunday, January 28th: pastries
- Week of Sunday, February 4th: baklava

- Week of Sunday, February 11th: packaging & galaktobouriko

Festival flyers are available in our parish hall for distribution throughout our community. See the enclosed copy of our flyer!

Indeed, manpower is an issue with regard to our Festival. The costs of hiring help can be off-set by our parishioners by donating funds that can be used to pay hired workers. A **donation of \$100** can pay a **hired hand for a 4-hour shift**.

Costs for food ingredients and set-up supplies can be covered by our parishioners by underwriting some of these costs with meaningful financial contributions. Also, **sponsorship ads** for the **Festival program book** are **\$500**, which also helps off-set costs.

Festival station chairpersons are asked to meet with our Festival Chairman, George Argyros for their station's needs.

Festival Meeting – Wednesday, January 10th at 4:00 p.m. at our parish hall.

2024 ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL

Candidates who were elected to the 2024 Parish Council from last month's Parish Council Election are: **Tina Veroulis, Nicholas Kaperonis, and Tasia Richards**.

All Parish Council members for 2024 are: **Chris Maletis, Nick Latkovic, Matthew Holm, Deborah Pousen, Tina Veroulis, Peter Snarskis, Tasia Richards, Nick Kaperonis, Nick Krespis**.

Many thanks to God for the services of **Linda Kallis** as a member of the Parish Council through 2023. Her contributions were always a blessing! We look forward to her future service.

Also, many thanks to God for the services of this year's Election Committee: **Annette Laskaris, Ana Storton, and Michael Hallinan**.

STEWARDSHIP

As the New Year begins, it is an opportunity to remind one and all of their responsibility to support the work of our Holy Orthodox Christian Church on the local, national and world-

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STEWARDSHIP, Continued

wide levels. Our 2024 St. George Stewardship Cards will soon be available. Many of our parishioners dream of the day when the purpose of a Greek Festival will be purely for helping those in need, rather than for paying the monthly bills that our parishioners' Stewardship contributions should be covering. Below is a draft of a sample letter from our Archdiocese Office of Stewardship Ministries that is addressed to each one of us (edited):

"Jesus gave us the Parable of the Talents to teach that we are responsible to use God's gifts - to develop them, to grow them, and then to offer them back to Him. Although we all receive different gifts, we see in this parable that there is no difference in God's reward for what we accomplish with them. If you want to be a faithful servant, then take whatever you have and offer it faithfully to the Lord. It is not about how much you have, it is what you do with it.

Through our Stewardship contributions, we support the work of our Church on a local level, but, just as importantly, we support our Holy Metropolis of San Francisco and our Holy Archdiocese. In the coming year, on a large-scale basis, there are plans to launch many new ministry initiatives...

Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, "What are the dues?" but "How can I thank God for my many blessings?" We see our church, not as it is, but as it could be. We offer our treasure and ourselves sacrificially, so that, as members of the Body of Christ, we may reach our full potential in Him.

Before completing your Commitment Card for 2024 and its "Information Form," please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. Giving is not a substitute for commitment - it is an expression of commitment and an expression of thanks for the many blessings in our life."

HOUSE BLESSINGS

With the Feast of the Theophany on January 6th, we enter a traditional season of house blessings as we begin the New Year. If anyone wants Fr. Ted to bless their homes for the New Year, feel free to contact him in order to make an appointment. House Blessings can be scheduled over the next few weeks.

ONLINE CATECHISM CLASS

Our Online Catechism class resumes on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**, following the Christmas break. There are eight people taking the class. However, everyone is invited to join. Those who would like to join the Online Catechism Class, please send an email to our office at pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com to request a Zoom link.

CHOIR

Annette Laskaris has been serving faithfully as our Choir director over these past many years. Her service has truly been a blessing for our St. George parish, through which many have been inspired to "sing along" with the Choir as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Annette, however, has come to the point where she has communicated the need to step back as our Choir director, while assuring us that she is always ready and willing to help sing our liturgical hymns at weekday services and on occasions when the need arises. Annette Laskaris' commitment to our St. George parish Choir and to our Orthodox Christian Church music, in general has been one of unparalleled devotion!

PARKING LOT RESURFACING-RENTAL

The parking lot area behind the rental property (known as the Desert Cancer Foundation building) has been beautifully resurfaced. The need for this maintenance procedure was long overdue, since the area was riddled with divots and craters, making the area unsafe. This was particularly important, since people accessing equipment from the storage bins were in danger of injuring themselves while transporting them across the pavement. We are grateful to **Peter Snarskis** for his efforts in arranging for this work to be done in time for our upcoming Greek Festival in February.

PARISH CALENDAR – JANUARY 2024

- Monday, January 1st.....CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD/COMMEMORATION OF ST. BASIL
Orthros- 8:30 a.m./ Divine Liturgy of St. Basil-9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 2nd.....Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 3rd..Online Orthodox Christian Catechism – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 5th.....EVE OF HOLY THEOPHANY (THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD)
Royal Hours-8:00 a.m./Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil-9:30 a.m. (approx.)
Great Blessing of the Waters-10:45 (approx.)
- Saturday, January 6th.....HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD
Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy- 9:30 a.m.
Great Blessing of the Waters- 10:45 a.m. (approx.)
- Sunday, January 7th.....Philoptochos Vasilopita Celebration following the Divine Liturgy
- Monday, January 8th.....Festival Baking Begins (See enclosed Festival Baking schedule)
Philoptochos Board Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 9th.....Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
AHEPA 528 Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Bible Study-6:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, January 10th..Festival Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
Online Orthodox Christian Catechism-6:30 a.m.
- Friday, January 12th.....*Matter of Life* film at Sacred Heart Church-6:00 p.m. (see enclosed flyer)
- Sunday, January 14th.....Sunday School classes resume
- Monday, January 15th.....Philoptochos General Members Meeting – 11:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 16th..... Bible Study-10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 17th...EVENING CELEBRATION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY -
commemorating St. Anthony the Great (Jan. 17th) and St. Athanasios the Great (Jan. 18th) -5:00 p.m.
No Online Orthodox Christian Catechism.
- Sunday, January 21st."Paint & Sip" project following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.
- Tuesday, January 23rd.....Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 24th....Online Orthodox Christian Catechism – 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 25th.....ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN
Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Saturday, January 26th-27th....AHEPA District 20 Mid-Winter Conference in Long Beach,
California (Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox parish)
- Sunday, January 28th.....Sunday School special class and service project.
- Tuesday, January 30th.....THE HOLY THREE HIERARCHS
Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 31st.....Online Orthodox Christian Catechism – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 2nd.....PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.

Celebrate the New Year!
Join us for the cutting
of the Vasilopita!



St. George Philoptochos is ringing in the New Year with our annual Vasilopita cutting on **Sunday, January 7th, 2024** in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy by Fr. Theodore Pantels. Appetizers & refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome! A goodwill offering is greatly appreciated.

We will also have a limited number of Vasilopitas for you to purchase for take home. Each will have a coin inside for good luck in the New Year!

Enjoy this tradition that symbolizes the sweetness & joy of life everlasting!
Best wishes for 2024!

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR

Paint & Sip

Sunday

01/21/2024 @ 1200 p.m.



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St George Ladies Philoptochos

74109 Larrea St – Palm Desert, CA 92260

Bring your friends and join us for an afternoon of appetizers, refreshments, wine and painting a beautiful small Grecian vase!

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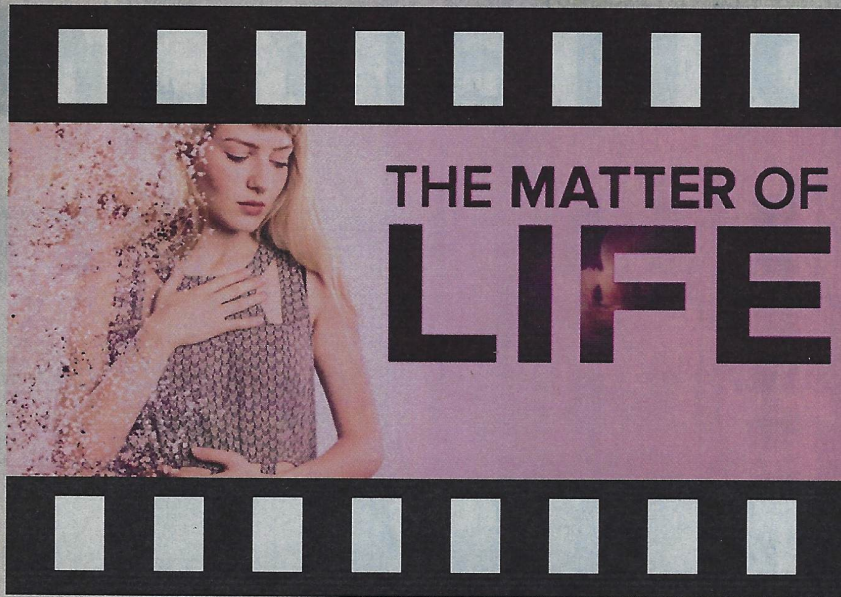
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Check out our talented and fun group from our first Paint & Sip Art Event on 11/12/2023. A great time was had by all!



Community

MOVIE NIGHT



A film that clarifies the most contentious issue of our day.

JANUARY 12

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM • STARTS AT 6:00PM

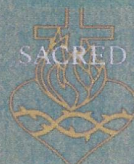
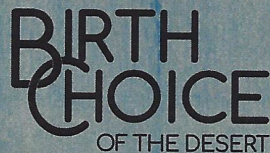
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Support our Festival!

Our festival is just a few months away and, God willing, everyone will have a rewarding experience. We thank our parishioners and friends for your past support and want to take a moment to remind you of all the ways you can help this upcoming year.

Volunteering – Volunteers are welcome as of the 18th of December for cooking. Such support will be needed up until the festival in February. Please reach out to George or Stacy Argyros to get more information. In addition, assistance is appreciated during the week before the festival to help set up, during the festival and following the festival to assist with cleanup. If you’ve volunteered before and wish to continue, feel free to contact the past chairperson to again offer your assistance. If you’d like to volunteer for the first time or don’t have contact information for the past chairperson, feel free to reach out to Jim Christopoulos at 760-902-8460 or at goofy_328@yahoo.com.

Sponsorships – Any person can pay for a sponsorship, whether it be to advertise your business or send a personal message. You may also ask friends and/or owners of businesses you frequent to buy a sponsorship. These not only provide financial support for the festival, but are a wonderful way to advertise businesses. Sponsorship donations can be sent to our parish office. For more information, please call our parish office at (760) 568-9901. Make checks payable to “St. George Greek Orthodox Church” and in the memo, write, “FESTIVAL DONATION.”

Donations – Unable to volunteer? Sponsorship not appropriate? Another option would be to provide a cash donation. Such a donation would help offset our many expenses.

