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**Holy Communion Or-
der**

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- Rom. 6:18-23

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL - St. Mathew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching

him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

ST. ANTHONY OF KIEV -- Along with the commemoration of the 45 Martyrs of Nikopolis in Armenia, we commemorate today St. Anthony of Kiev. He was tonsured as a monk in the Monastery of Esphigmenou on the Holy Mountain, Athos. From there, in 1013, he was sent by his abbot to Kiev. This was two years before the death of St. Vladimir, Great Prince of Kiev. Many were attracted to his way of life, and, when the number of followers grew, a church in honor of the Dormition of the Theotokos was built, thus laying the foundation of what was to become the renowned Kiev Caves Lavra. Refusing the abbotship, St. Anthony entrusted this to his disciples. He reposed in peace in 1073 at the age of ninety.

--Taken in part from the Archdiocese website: www.goarch.org

Liturgical Notes for Today

At the Entrance of the Gospel: 1) "Let the Heavens rejoice..." (Tone 3)/ Εφρηναίσθω τα ουράνια..., 2) The hymn of St. George, 3) Kontakion - "Protection of Christians.../Προστασία των Χριστιανών...

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 5th.....Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

THE GIFT OF LIFE

The miracles of our Savior all have the *sanctification* of human life as their purpose. An example of this is from today's Gospel from which we learn that our Lord healed the paralyzed servant of a centurion in response to his faith in Him. The evidence of the centurion's faith becomes an example for all of us. The miracles show our Lord's love for us as we continue to live in this present world, with the promise that we will also abide with Him in His Kingdom beyond this present world.

The miracles of the raising from the dead of Lazarus, Jairus' daughter, and the widow's son at Nain are testimonies that Christ is True God. His gift of life is a gift that is to last for eternity, but which begins in this present world in which we live. Lazarus, Jairus' daughter and the widow's son were raised from death back to life in this present world. Thus, our lives in the present are valuable to God because each person is to be a vessel of God's loving energy in order for *all of creation* to reflect the glory of God.

The tremendous value that God places on each individual gives meaning to each of our lives. The biggest concern of our Church regarding the present-day issues of abortion, capital punishment and physician-assisted suicide, is that we should never lose sight of the fact that our own lives, as well as those of all people are gifts from God. At the same time, our lives are meant to eternally be *with* God. As such, we are each a gift in the lives of others. This is true for all human life -- the lives of the born and preborn; the sinner and the saint; the believer and unbeliever; the old and the young; male and female of every race and nationality.

St. Paul, through today's Epistle passage, warns us not to be slaves to sin -- i.e., "slaves unto ourselves." Instead, he urges us to be "slaves to God" and receive blessings in this life and the inheritance of Eternal Life.
+FR. THEODORE

Τα θαύματα του Σωτήρος μας έχουν όλα ως σκοπό τον *αγιασμό* της ζωής του κάθε ανθρώπου. Ένα παράδειγμα αυτού είναι από τη σημερινή Ευαγγελική περικοπή, εκεί που διαβάζουμε ότι ο Χριστός εθεράπευσε τον δούλο ενός εκατοντάρχου για να τον απελευθερώσει από την παράλυσή του, καθώς μας ενθαρρύνει να έχουμε ισχυρή πίστη σε Αυτόν, όπως αποδείχθηκε από τον ίδιον εκατόνταρχον.

Τα θαύματα του Χριστού δείχνουν ότι η ζωή μας στον παρόντα κόσμο είναι πολύτιμη για τον Θεό, γιατί ο καθνας είναι ένα «δοχείο» της στοργικής ενεργείας του Θεού, προκειμένου όλη η δημιουργία να αντανακλά τη δόξα του Θεού. Είναι το απόλυτο νόημα της καθημερινής ζωής μας!

Το μεγαλύτερο ενδιαφέρον της Εκκλησίας μας σχετικά με τα σημερινά ζητήματα της αμβλώσεως, της θανατικής ποινής και της υποβοηθούμενης υπό γιατρού αυτοκτονίας, είναι ότι δεν πρέπει ποτέ να παραβλέπουμε την αλήθεια ότι η δική μας ζωή και οι ζωές όλων των ανθρώπων -- γεννημένων και προγεννημένων, αμαρτωλοί και άγιοι, πιστοί και άπιστοι, γέροι και νέοι κάθε φυλής και εθνικότητας -- είναι *δώρα του Θεού*, ο Οποίος είναι ο Δωρητής της Ζωής.

Ο Άγιος Παύλος μας προειδοποιεί να μην γίνουμε δούλοι της αμαρτίας ή, με άλλα λόγια, «δούλοι του εαυτού μας», αφού η αμαρτία οδηγεί στον θάνατο. Αντίθετα, ας είμεθα «δούλοι του Θεού», ώστε να έχουμε ευλογίες σε αυτή τη ζωή και να έχουμε ως κληρονομιά την Αιώνιον Ζωή.

+ Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ

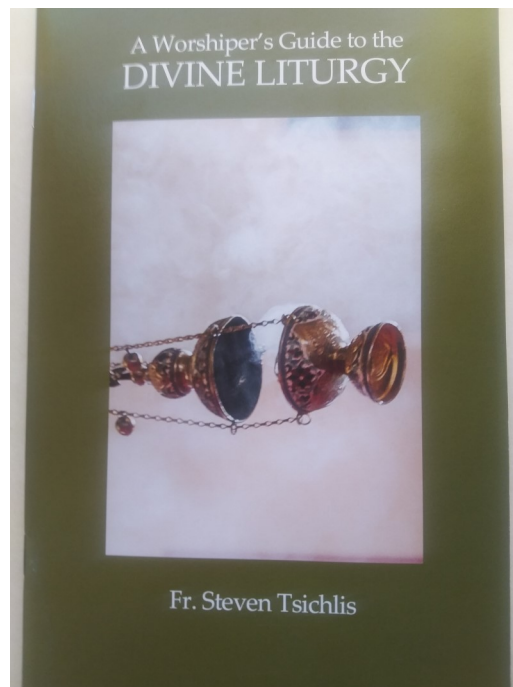
ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY -- We are preparing an **updated parish directory**. A general mailing has been sent out for our parishioners to complete so that they can be included in the directory. Each parishioner may indicate if he or she does not want to be listed, or only wants a phone number listed and/or email address listed. **Please contact our parish at:** pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com, or 760-568-9901 for more information regarding participation in our upcoming new parish directory.

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS -- A **Welcome Committee** is in the process of being formed, especially in preparation for the **New Ecclesiastical Year**. Visitors and new parishioners are to be welcomed into the life of our parish. This includes introducing them to our parishioners and visiting with them during our "coffee hour." We would also like them to receive our parish **Welcome Packets**, with information about the Greek Orthodox Faith and the life of our St. George parish.

CHANTERS, READERS & CHOIR MEMBERS - Young and old are all invited to join our chanter group and our choir! Those interested in learning to chant and properly read liturgical passages during Church Services, as well as those newly interested in singing with the choir, are invited by Fr. Ted to an initial "workshop" on **Sunday, September 18, 2022** following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Our Choir music, as well as CD disks from Narthex Press will be presented.

A WORSHIPER'S GUIDE TO THE DIVINE LITURGY -- As we continue through the summer months and into the New Ecclesiastical Year, beginning on September 1, 2022, the dominant theme in our St. George parish life will be "**Understanding and Living the Divine Liturgy!**" With this in mind, two parish retreats are being planned -- one this coming fall, and the other being our Annual St. George Parish Lenten Retreat in the spring. In addition, a pamphlet entitled, "**A Worshiper's Guide to the Divine Liturgy**" is available in our church pews, which explains the meaning of the movements and prayers that constitute the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. We ask that these pamphlets remain in our church. If interested in purchasing the "Worshiper's Guide to the Divine Liturgy," please contact Fr. Ted.



CELEBRATE TRADITIONS!

On Sunday, July 24th, 2022, after church services, the local AHEPA Brothers of St George will be serving a Chicago Style Vienna Beef Hot Dog luncheon.



Donations accepted at www.ahepa528.org or mailed to:

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PO Box 1735 Palm Desert, CA 92261**

**contact@ahepa528.org
Scholarship awards benefit members of
Saint George Church and the AHEPA 528 Family**

ABOUT VIENNA BEEF HOT DOGS

It's Not a Chicago Dog Without Vienna Beef

In 1893, two Austrian-Hungarian immigrants debuted their Vienna Beef hot dog at the World's Columbian Exposition, much to the wonder and delight of its over 27 million visitors. Over a century later, few foodstuffs are as worshiped on a national and local level more than the iconic Chicago-style hot dog. Fiercely prideful of America's most popular sausage, Chicagoans are downright religious when it comes to the dog: about 700,000 are made daily at the Vienna Beef headquarters to supply the more than 1,800+ local hot dog vendors who sell them,



'cuz a dog just ain't a dog made any other way!

***** NO KETCHUP ALLOWED *in deference to our Chicagoans***



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TO: All Beloved Faithful of St. George Greek Orthodox Church

July 7, 2022

Dearly Beloved,

This summer we have taken on the project of updating our St. George Parish Directory. Over the past few years, we have seen some of our members move to other locales; we have welcomed others who have chosen to make our Coachella Valley their new home. In addition, over time, we have seen some of our members fall asleep in the Lord.

The format of the new parish directory will be very similar to our Philoptochos Chapter directory, making the cost for publication very reasonable. Those who would like to help underwrite this cost are asked to contact me for details.

On the reverse side of this letter, please find a participation form to be completed and returned to our office by **July 20, 2022** so that: 1) Your listing will be accurately printed; or, 2) Without further inquiry, we can respect your wish to not participate in our parish directory.

May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ grant to you all of His great and rich blessings now and always.

Fr. Ted Pantels,
Parish Priest



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ST. GEORGE 2022 PARISH DIRECTORY PARTICIPATION FORM

Do not write on lines for items that you do not want to appear in the directory. Please print out all information as you want it to appear in the directory. Check for spelling errors.

NAME _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email Address _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ Cell phone _____

Email Address _____

HOME ADDRESS:

Street _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

If you do not want to participate in the St. George 2022 Parish Directory, please indicate below:

_____ I do not want to participate in the St. George 2022 Parish Directory.

X _____

Date _____

Print Name