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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 - Titus 3:8-15

GOSPEL - St. Matthew 5:14-19

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

ST. MARINA - Along with the Holy Fathers of the 4th Eccumenical Council, we commemorate today St. Marina the Martyr. This Martyr lived during the reign of Claudius II (268-270). She was from Pisidia of Cilicia and was the only daughter of a certain priest of the idols. On being orphaned by her mother, she was handed over to a certain woman who instructed her in the Faith of Christ. When she was fifteen years old, she was apprehended by the ruler of Olmbrius, and when asked her name, homeland, and faith, she answered: "My name is Marina; I am the offspring of the Pisidia; I call upon the Name of my Lord Jesus Christ." Because of this she endured bonds, imprisonment, and many whippings, and was finally beheaded in the year 270. Saint Marina is especially invoked for deliverance from demonic possession. -- Taken from www.goarch.org

Liturgical Notes for Today

At the Entrance of the Gospel: 1) "The Women Disciples learned from the Angel of the Resurrection..." (Tone 4)/ Το φεδρον της Αναστασεως..., 2) Hymn for the Holy Fathers; 3) Hymn for St. Marina; 4 Hymn for St. George, 3) Kontakion - "Protection of Christians.../Προστασία των Χριστιανών...

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 19th.....Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 20th....ST. PROPHET ELIAS - Orthros, 8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

OPENING THE EYES OF OUR MINDS

During the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, a prayer is read by the priest asking our Savior to "shine the light of divine knowledge upon us and open the eyes of our minds to comprehend the message of His Gospel." These words are found in the prayer for reading Scripture passages during the Divine Liturgy. St. Paul notes that "comprehending the message of the Gospel" gives way to a life-style of performing good deeds (Titus 3:8). By living such a life-style, we become "the light of the world" both as individuals and as a community.

"Pursuing a spiritual way of life" means that we live according to God's Commandments and to, therefore, experientially participate in the "Light of Christ." The "Light of Christ" is, in fact, the *energy* of divine love. As Christ God is Himself the "Light of the world," expressing the love of Christ makes us also the "light of the world." Opening our eyes to the message of the Gospel enlightens us with the meaning of our lives.

We *are* the light of the world, because Christ *is* the Light of the world. We live this truth liturgically when we "receive the Light" to light our candles when we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection from the dead. Lighting our candles when we arrive for worship; after we are baptized, and when we are married in the Orthodox Church reminds us of this reality, which we share with the world around us. Liturgically, our candles represent the *energetic action* of the Divine Liturgy, whereby we offer God's gifts as our own offering to God's glory: "Offering You these Gifts from Your own Gifts, in all and for all." In this way we proclaim to everyone that Christ God took upon Himself our flesh and bones so that we can take upon ourselves His divine energy. As St. Athanasios would say, "God became Man so that Man can become like God."

For those who have reached sainthood throughout the centuries, icons are written showing them with halos, indicating that they are partakers in the "Light of Christ," which made them the light of the world.

+FR. THEODORE

Η επιδίωξις ενός «πνευματικού τρόπου ζωής» σημαίνει ότι ζούμε σύμφωνα με τις Εντολές του Θεού και, ως εκ τούτου, συμμετέχουμε βιωματικά στο «Φως του Χριστού». Το «Φως του Χριστού» είναι στην πραγματικότητα η *ενέργεια* της θείας αγάπης. Καθώς ο Χριστός είναι ο Ιδιος το «Φως του κόσμου», οι πράξεις που δείχνουν την αγάπη του Χριστού μας κάνουν επίσης να είμεθα το «φως του κόσμου».

Εμείς είμεθα το φως του κόσμου, γιατί ο Χριστός είναι το Φως του κόσμου. Ζούμε αυτή την αλήθεια λειτουργικά όταν παίρνουμε το Φως του Χριστού κατα την εορτή του Πάσχα και ανάβουμε τα κεριά μας. Ανάβουμε τα κεριά μας επίσης τις Κυριακές όταν μπαίνουμε στο ναό μας και στις εκτελέσεις των Αγίων Μυστηρίων της Βαπτίσεως και του Γάμου. Τα κεριά που έχουμε στην Εκκλησία μας θυμίζουν αυτή την πραγματικότητα ότι είμεθα το φως του κόσμου επειδή αγαπάμε τον Χριστόν, ο Οποίος αγαπά όλον τον κόσμον.

Με αυτό τον τρόπο διακηρύσσουμε σε όλους ότι ο Χριστός ο Θεός επήρε επάνω Του τη σάρκα και τα οστά μας για να πάρουμε επάνω μας τη θεϊκή Του ενέργεια της αγάπης. Όπως θα έλεγε και ο Αγ. Αθανάσιος ο Μεγας, «ο Θεός έγινε άνθρωπος για να γίνει ο άνθρωπος σαν τον Θεό.» Για όσους έγιναν άγιοι ανά τους αιώνες, βλέπουμε στις εικόνες των ότι έχουν φωτοστέφανα, υποδεικνύοντας ότι συμμετέχουν ακόμη στο «Φως του Χριστού», δια του οποίου αυτοί έγιναν το φως του κόσμου.

+Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL -- Today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Rest and Salvation of **the victims of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974**. We pray that our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ will grant to them Eternal Life. **MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!**

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY -- For those who have not yet returned the Parish Directory Participation Form, please note that we are preparing **an updated parish directory**. A general mailing has already been sent out for our parishioners to complete so that they can be included in the directory. Enclosed is a copy of the Participation Form. 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 the narthex, which explains the meaning of the movements and prayers that constitute the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. We ask that these pamphlets be returned to the narthex following the celebration of the Liturgy. If interested in purchasing the "Worshiper's Guide to the Divine Liturgy," please contact Fr. Ted. More copies are on their way!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN IN NEXT SUNDAY FOR OUR SPECIAL AHEPA 528
"SUMMER CELEBRATION" LUNCHEON!

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:

**AHEPA 528
Attn: Scholarship Fund
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



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

48th Anniversary of the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus

July 11, 2022

✠Euphemia the Great Martyr

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord...”
Hebrews 12:14

On July 20, 1974 the people of Northern Cyprus suffered greatly during the invasion of the Turkish forces. Since that day, their lives have forever been changed. The destruction, persecution, loss of homes, jobs and lives are constant reminders of those very dark days which still persist 48 years later. There have also been more recent aggressive actions by Turkey against the legitimate right of the Republic of Cyprus to develop its offshore resources.

While we are blessed with many freedoms in this country, many other parts of the world continue to suffer under oppression. We should be grateful for the liberty that we enjoy, while remembering in fervent prayer all those whose rights have been taken away and continue to be persecuted.

As you gather in church on Sunday, July 17, 2022, I ask that each parish in our Metropolis offer a Memorial Service in remembrance of all those who lost their lives during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Let us call to mind our brothers and sisters in Northern Cyprus who are still suffering, lifting them up in prayer, and seeking peace and justice for their homeland through the Lord’s wisdom and mercy. We must continue to honor them with our prayers as well as with our ongoing commitment for a just and viable resolution and the restoration of their deserved freedom.

With Love in Christ,

Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

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