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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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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 Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2--Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight,

and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30--The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Behold, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY -- *"We honor all the Saints, for they are keepers of God's commandments. They are shining examples of virtue...Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year... But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all Saints. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; the glorification of the Saints as 'the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior.'" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).*

--Taken, edited and excerpted from our Archdiocese website: www.goarch.org

MEMORIAL -- Today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Salvation for **Angelo Stambolos (5 years)**, son of the late **Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stambolos**, father of **Sharon Stambolos**, son-in-law **Stefan Weber**, granddaughter **Anna Weber**, brother to **Irene Stambolos** and **Vera Manolakas** and brother-in-law of the late **Alex Manolakas**. Nieces, Nephew and their families: **Angela Manolakas, Stacy and Stuart MacKaskill, Christina and Alexis MacKaskill, Michael and Colleen Manolakas, Courtney, Alexandra, and Sean Manolakas.**

Also, today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Salvation for **Angelica Lykiardopoulos (40 years)** and **George Lykiardopoulos (27 years)**. Parents of **Margarita Pagoulatos, Lucy Temenos, Peter Lykiardopoulos** and **Antonia Chant**. They are survived by their 4 children and their families which include 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. **MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!**

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 21st.....Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. SOPHIA SUMMER CAMP -- 2022 Camp Registration is now open!

Week 1: July 25th - July 29th - Camp Cedar Lake in Big Bear Lake, CA. Week cost: \$565 (online) / \$550 (check) / Week 2: August 2nd - August 7th -- Camp St. Nicholas in Frazer Park, CA . Week cost (\$665 online) / \$650 (check) / Register online: <https://www.saintsophiacamp.org>

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY -- We are preparing an **updated parish directory**. If you do not want to be listed; if you only want a phone number listed, or if there is any other preference desired in your participation in our parish directory, **please contact our parish at: pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com**, or 760-568-9901.

SPECIAL REQUEST : \$1 A DAY

Beloved St. George Parishioners:

First and most importantly, I wish to thank the faithful Stewards of our Parish for their continued generosity. Our Parish is currently financially viable and in a better financial position than most coming out of the pandemic. The invoices are being paid on time and we are current with the Metropolis and Archdiocese in all aspects.

I believe we are all aware the Parish has not had a Festival in the last two years. As expected, that loss of income has put a financial strain on the church's cash flow - particularly during the last half of the year. In addition, our rental property tenant unexpectedly decided not to renew their lease in this down market for donated space at another office.

The parish budget has been examined line by line for cost reductions and appropriate actions have been taken. As you well know, costs of goods and services have increased and average monthly cost of operating the parish in a responsible manner has increased. For information purposes, the monthly cost of operating the parish ranges from \$24,000 to \$30,000. The lack of Parish Festival's created a decreased income of approximately \$200,000 which could not be helped due to the pandemic and lack of labor.

As I asked before at the March General Assembly, if each family could find it in their budget **to increase their donations by \$1 per day, less than a cup of coffee** or tea, the Parish would find itself not operating at a loss during the second half of the year. Some have already increased their stewardship contributions. I realize this is a difficult ask and we would not ask if not needed. Some will give more, some less while all is welcome.

In full disclosure, if you are interested in seeing the latest monthly financials, please do not hesitate to contact me at: N.M.Latkovic@gmail.com.

Nick Latkovic,
Parish Council Treasurer



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ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

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Archepiscopal Encyclical for Father's Day

Sunday of All Saints

June 19, 2022

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America:

My Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Father's Day, I ask for our entire Archdiocese to remember the "fathers" of our communities across the nation – that is, our very own clergy, who serve everyone so selflessly. This is our second year of recognizing the parish clergy of the Church on this special occasion. And the fact that it coincides with the feast of All Saints gives it even greater force, as we ourselves are all "called to be saints" as well (Romans 1:7).

We observe this day for our priestly "fathers in Christ" by asking for special collections to be made for the Clergy Pension Fund. Your generosity will help secure this fund for future generations of clergy, who sacrifice so much for the life of our communities. Such donations can be made either individually – with voluntary, charitable giving – or through parishes, which support this effort by their participation in the Clergy Benefits Program. Either way, every gift has a tremendous impact on the health of the fund, by bringing it to its full potential.

And so, I express to each and every member of our Sacred Archdiocese my profound gratitude for the support – both material and spiritual – that they offer to our priests. Your dedication to the life of our parishes through your sustaining love for the clergy is vital to our progress as a Church. Therefore, as we fulfill the injunction to 'honor our fathers,' let us make of this Father's Day a very special opportunity for true philanthropy and support the Clergy Pension Fund.

With paternal blessings and love in Christ,
† ELPIDOPHOROS

Archbishop of America

TO COMMIT OURSELVES UNTO GOD

St. Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, reminds us of the devoted commitment to our Lord that was displayed by the prophets of old. In today's Gospel passage, our Lord tells us that we are to place our hope only in Him. Our love for parents, children, friends and neighbors is not to be greater than our love for the Lord. Love for God and for our neighbor is a life-time commitment. However, our Savior assures us that, by loving Him, we will be able to properly and fruitfully love our loved ones, as well as the other people throughout the world. This has been the experience of the Saints in our world throughout history. It is the experience of many God-loving, saintly people to this day. Love for God yields love for others. This is the essence of today's celebration, the Sunday of All Saints.

As we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, we confess our love for one another -- *"with Christ in our midst."* In one voice we praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit, knowing that, without Christ in our midst, we have no genuine, divine love that can be offered to us from others, nor that we can offer others from within us.

+FR. THEODORE

Η αγάπη για τον Θεό είναι μια δια βίου δέσμευση για να δείχνουμε την αγάπη του Θεού στους άλλους και να διατηρούμε τις Εντολές Του. Ωστόσο, ο Χριστός μας διαβεβαιώνει ότι, αγαπώντας Αυτόν, θα μπορέσουμε να αγαπήσουμε σωστά και καρποφόρα τους αγαπημένους μας, καθώς και τους άλλους ανθρώπους του κόσμου. Αυτό ήταν η εμπειρία των Αγίων σε όλη την ιστορία του κόσμου. Είναι η εμπειρία πολλών θεόφιλων ανθρώπων μέχρι σήμερα. Η αγάπη για τον Θεό φέρνει αγάπη για τους άλλους. Αυτή είναι η ουσία της εορτής σήμερα, που είναι η Κυριακή των Αγίων Πάντων.

Χωρίς τον Χριστό «εν τω μέσω ημών», δεν μπορεί κανείς να μας προσφέρει αληθινή και θεϊκή αγάπη, και ούτε θα μπορέσουμε να προσφέρουμε μια τέτοια θεϊκή αγάπη σε άλλους από την ψυχήν μας.

+Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ