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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 - Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GOSPEL - St. Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of

his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

ST. PAUL THE CONFESSOR-- St. Paul the Confessor was Ecumenical Patriarch during three periods, spanning from 337 to 351. Heretics spread false teachings about Christ, saying that He was only a created being, existing in a particular period of time. These heretics went on to exile and then murder St. Paul, as they wanted to stop him from preaching that Christ is Himself True God.

Liturgical Notes for Today

At the Entrance of the Gospel: **1) Entrance Hymn:** *"The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, 'Death is vanquished; Christ our God is risen, bestowing upon the world His great mercy.'"* / Το φαιδρον... **2)** *"Your confession of divine faith showed you to be for the Church another Paul, a zealot among priests. Abel cries out with you to the Lord as does the righteous blood of Zachariah, venerable father. Entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy."* / Θεια Πιστεως... **3) Hymn for St. George. 4) Kontakion Hymn:** *"Champion of Christians put not to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten you intercession and urgently make entreaty; for you unfailingly defend, Theotokos, those who honor you."* / Προστασια των Χριστιανων...

THE LAW AND THE SPIRIT

St. Paul reminds us, by way of his Epistle to the Galatians, that it is Christ our God Who saves us, not the law. While the law is "of the letter," Christ is the Love. The law itself doesn't cover every circumstance. There are some situations which often call us to "use our best judgment." However, without the Love of our Lord, our "best judgment" is not always made with the best motives.

While the law addresses our fallen nature, faith in Christ is the foundation for the renewal of our nature according to the Image and Likeness of God. Being content to be a simple "law abiding" citizen gives way to a life-style in which we act in accordance with the limitations of our imperfections, under the notion that we are just "being human." Seeking to emulate the love of God in all that we do leads to a life-style in which we become co-workers with God. As co-workers with God, we take on the Likeness of God, sharing God's Love in our relationships with others.

If all our motives in life were governed by love for God, imagine the peace that we would have -- both inner peace, as well as peace in the world. If all our motives were governed by love for God, we would understand better the meaning of the Divine Liturgy. Praying for "peace in the world," means that we want to be peacemakers. At the same time, the peace that is imparted to us by the priest or bishop, with the words, "Peace be to all," is a blessing intended to motivate us to avoid temptations and to repent of any of our sins so that we can maintain peace in our souls.

+FR. THEODORE

Ο Άγιος Παύλος μας υπενθυμίζει, μέσω της προς Γαλάτας Επιστολής του, ότι είναι ο Χριστός που μας σώζει και όχι ο νόμος. Ενώ ο νόμος είναι «γράμματα,» ο Χριστός είναι η Αγάπη. Ο νόμος δεν καλύπτει κάθε περίπτωση. Υπάρχουν ορισμένες περιπτώσεις που έχουμε να διακρίνουμε μόνοι μας το σωστό. Αλλά, χωρίς την Αγάπη για τον Θεό, οι προσπάθειές μας να διακρίνουμε τις σωστές πράξεις δεν γίνονται πάντα με τα καλύτερα κίνητρα.

Ενώ ο νόμος απευθύνεται στην έκπιωτην φύση μας, η πίστις στον Χριστό μας οδηγεί προς την ανανέωση της φύσεώς μας σύμφωνα με την Εικόνα και την Ομοιότητα του Θεού. Αν θέλουμε μόνο να είμεθα «νομοταγείς» πολίτες, θα ενεργούμε μόνο σύμφωνα με τους περιορισμούς των ανθρώπινων ατελειών μας. Ομως, όταν θέλουμε να μιμηθούμε την αγάπη του Θεού, γινόμεθα συνεργάτες με τον Θεό. Ως συνεργάτες με τον Θεό, αναλαμβάνουμε την Ομοιότητα του Θεού, και μοιραζόμεθα την Αγάπη του Θεού με τους άλλους γύρω μας.

Εάν τα κίνητρά μας ερυθμιζονταν από την αγάπη μας για τον Θεό, φανταστείτε το μέγεθος της ειρήνης που θα είχαμε στον κόσμο -- τόσο την εσωτερική μας ειρήνη, όσο και την ειρήνη όλου του κόσμου. Αν τα κίνητρά μας ρυθμίζονται από την αγάπη μας για τον Θεό, μπορούμε να κατανοήσουμε καλύτερα το μυστήριο της Θείας Λειτουργίας. Προσευχόμεθα για «την ειρήνη του κόσμου», που σημαίνει ότι θέλουμε να είμεθα ειρηνοποιοί. Η ειρήνη που μας μεταδίδει ο ιερέας ή ο επίσκοπος με την εκφώνηση, «Ειρήνη πάσι,» είναι μιά ευλογία που μας παρακινεί να αποφύγουμε τους πειρασμούς και να μετανοήσουμε για τις αμαρτίες μας, ώστε να διατηρήσουμε την ειρήνη της ψυχής.

+Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday, November 7th....Festival Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8th....STS. MICHAEL & GABRIEL.Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.
AHEPA - 6:00 p.m. (Bible Study), 6:30 p.m. (meeting)

Wednesday, November 9th..ST. NECTARIOS. Orthros -8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 10th...Parish Council - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12th ...ST. GEORGE PARISH FALL RETREAT - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Greek-style lamb luncheon -12 noon)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PAN-ORTHODOX CELEBRATION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY – Today we welcome the **Sts. Michael and Gabriel Romanian Orthodox parishioners from Palm Springs** who are joining us for the celebration of the **Divine Liturgy**. Their fundraiser for construction of their new church edifice on Vella Rd. in Palm Springs will be held today in our St. George parish hall.

FESTIVAL MEETING - Everyone is invited to participate in our **Festival Meeting**, as we plan for our upcoming **St. George Greek Festival, February 18-19, 2023**. The meeting will take place at our parish hall on **Monday, November 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

AHEPA - Our **AHEPA 528 Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022** at our parish hall. **Bible Study-6:00 p.m./ Meeting-6:30 p.m.**

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS: "Sock-Tober" Philoptochos socks-drive has been extended to November 13th. We are taking donations of new men's & women's socks to be distributed to the homeless through The Narrow Door and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. A \$20 donation buys 18-20 pairs of socks!

ST. GEORGE PARISH FALL SPIRITUAL RETREAT – This coming **Saturday, November 12, 2022** to join in our St. George Parish Fall Retreat. The theme is: "Understanding the Divine Liturgy." The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m, with Dr. Eve Tibbs, director of our Metropolis of San Francisco Christian Education Ministry. You may participate for either the morning topic or the afternoon topic – or both. Our luncheon will feature a Greek lamb plate, prepared at our new out-door rotisserie, courtesy of our Greek Festival team. (Everyone welcome; no one turned away!)

FAMILY SUNDAY & GREEK FOLK DANCE GROUP -- November 13th is "Family Sunday" Sunday School following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Along with lessons showing how our Church worship services are expressions of thanksgiving to God for His blessings, we will introduce the topics for our annual Christmas Program, which will take place in December. **Following "Family Sunday" all students are invited to join our Greek Folk Dance group. Lunch will be provided for parents and students.**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Please note that our **St. George Fall General Assembly** will be held on **Sunday, November 20, 2022** following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. To participate, we ask one and all to be sure that their **2022 Stewardship Commitment is up to date.**

ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD - Enclosed is a "**St. George Community Christmas Card Participation Form.**" Deadline for submission is November 25th.

PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY - **December 10, 2022** at the **Sun City Club House, 38180 Del Webb Boulevard -- 11:30 a.m.** See enclosed flyer.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church Fall Parish Retreat

Saturday, November 12, 2022

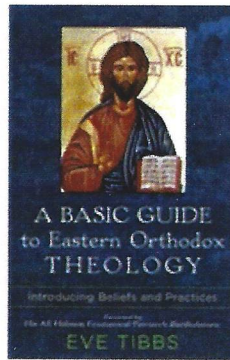
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Luncheon included*)

OUR THEME FOR THE YEAR:
UNDERSTANDING THE DIVINE LITURGY

Our Speaker is Dr. Eve Tibbs

Dr. Tibbs is the celebrated author of the newly published book, *A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology*.

Copies of Dr. Eve Tibbs' book will be available in our parish book store. In addition, Dr. Tibbs is the affiliate assistant professor of theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, and the director of our Metropolis of San Francisco Christian Education Ministry.



**GREEK-STYLE
LAMB LUNCHEON
SERVED !**

**\$10 donation appreciated
(but no one will be turned
away)**

The Topics for the day:

- 1) "Why Do We Worship the Way We Do?"**
- 2) "Understanding the Great Feasts Through Icons and Hymns"**

Dr. Tibbs' presentations are fast-moving, interactive, visually interesting, and accessible!

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***Registration: \$10.00 payable to St. George Greek Orthodox Church**

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FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT

(NOT ON NOVEMBER 20TH AS PLANNED)

NEW
DATE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022

**Sunday School
Families & Friends
Welcome!**

(immediately after Holy
Communion until 12:00 p.m.)

2 SERVICE PROJECTS!

Thanksgiving project for
homebound parishioners and
SOCK-TOBER packaging (see below)

**TACO
FIESTA
LUNCH!**



***Give thanks to
the Lord, for He
is good: For His
mercy endures
forever. Amen +***

Psalm 117



“SOCK-TOBER”
DONATION EVENT for the HOMELESS
October 2nd-23rd

Extended until Nov. 13th

- o Did you know that the number 1 needed clothing item for a homeless person is a pair of socks?
- o Please help the St. George Ladies Philoptochos provide new socks to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for the in-program residents & homeless population in the east valley.
- o Deposit new socks in the bins provided that are located in the church hall. Monetary donations can be made & we will do the shopping if you are not able.
- o Both women & mens socks are needed in Casual or Dress styles. Please donate only new socks!

PLEASE RSVP:

MRS. ATHENA - Athna2@aol.com or 219-313-6940



Dear Parishioners,

Once again, our community of St George Greek Orthodox Church of the Desert will be preparing a Parish Christmas Card. We are certain that all of you will want to participate in this very popular and meaningful Christmas Blessing.

Please join the many families of our parish in expressing Christmas Greetings to fellow members and friends by completing this form. A donation of \$20.00 should be enclosed along with this form and made payable to St. George Greek Orthodox Church of the Desert. You can mail it to 74109 Larrea St., Palm Desert, CA 92261 or give to Tina Veroulis in the office. We would appreciate the return of the form by November 25, 2022.

Please print your name, as you would like it to appear on the card on the line below. (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Deadline: November 25, 2022

Philoptochos Christmas Party

12/10/22 11:30 AM

Sun City Clubhouse

38180 Del Webb Blvd, Palm Desert



Please Join Us! Bring a Friend!

Luncheon Price \$45.00 per person includes:

Appetizers, buffet luncheon with tri-tip steak & baked fish, salad, potatoes & rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables, & bread plus a surprise dessert along with a sheet cake. (coffee, iced tea & water included.) *Vegan or vegetarian meal option is available.

Cash Bar! Music! Hostess Gift! Raffle!

I am attending: (Name) _____

I am bringing a guest: (Name) _____

Total Number Attending: _____

Payment Type: (Cash) _____ Check _____

Total Payment Amount: _____

I prefer a: Vegan Meal/Vegetarian Meal (circle one)

***RSVP by December 4th**