



MARCH 17, 2024

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Holy Communion Order

- 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

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESE-FARE 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—Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

GOSPEL— St. Matthew 6:14–21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Liturgical Notes for Today

With the Entrance with the Gospel: 1) "O Merciful One You came from on high, and condescended to Your three day burial, to save us from passions. You are our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to You." / Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ...

2) "Since You are a deliverer of captives and a protector of the poor; a physician for the sick; a noble attendant to kings, O Great among the martyrs and glorious George, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls." / Hymn for St. George

3) Kontakion: "O Master, Prudence, Guide of Wisdom, Instructor to the foolish and Defender of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it discernment. Give words, Word of the Father, for, behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying out to You, 'O Merciful One, have mercy on me who have fallen.'" / Της σοφίας οδηγέ ...

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday, March 18th.....GREAT LENT BEGINS

Special in-person Orthodox Christian Catechism Class with Lenten Morning Prayers – 9:00 a.m.
COMPLINE SERVICE – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19th.....Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20th.....PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22nd.....PRESANCTIFIED DIVIEN LITURGY – 9:00 a.m.
SALUTATION SERVICE (First Stanza) - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd.....SATURDAY OF SOULS

Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m. followed by the Memorial Service

Next Sunday, March 24th....SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY (Procession of Holy Icons)

Next Monday, March 25th...ANNUNCIATION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Next Sunday, March 24th (Sunday of Orthodoxy) is a Special School class for our students with a special presentation by Mary Brown: "Icons from Pascha to Pentecost: Eyewitnesses to the Resurrection". Also, parents & students are encouraged to bring their favorite icons for the procession next Sunday – The Sunday of Orthodoxy.

PHILOPTOCHOS - Philoptochos General Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served. Special presentation by **Mary Brown** at 12:00 noon. **R.S.V.P** to **Tina Veroulis** by **April 1st**. –
– **Part 2: "Paint-n-Sip Icon Workshop" - Sunday, March 24th** (following Church Services)...Contact **Athena Snarkis** or **Rhonda Latkovic** for more information and details.

– **Metropolis Philoptochos Kids-n-Cancer event: Sunday, April 14, 2024** at Newport Beach Country Club (\$100 per person). Contact **Rhonda Latkovic** for information.

ST. GEORGE PARISH SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Sunday, March 31st after Services.

BOOKSTORE - Now available: *The Akathist Hymn* (for Friday Salutation services) & *Services for Holy Week and Easter*. (Narthex Press Publications).

ST. GEORGE PARISH LENTEN RETREAT – Saturday, April 6th...Fr. Steven Tschilis, author of *A Worshiper's Guide to the Divine Liturgy*, will offer a two-part presentation on the topic of **Living the Divine Liturgy**. Informational fliers are available in our parish hall!

GOLF TOURNAMENT - Saturday, May 18th at 12:15 p.m. at Eldorado Country Club. Registration/Reservation Forms are available in our parish hall.

PROSFORO (ALTAR BREAD) - We need parishioners to prepare Altar Bread for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Feast Days. Contact **Fr. Ted or Christina Kundanis** to set up times for instruction. Preparing the Altar Bread for the Divine Liturgy is a great blessing.

LESSONS FOR PREPARING KOLYVA AND "THE FIVE LOAVES" – Kolyva (boiled wheat) is prepared for Memorial Services. "The Five Loaves" (Artoklasia) are prepared for services, which are held on special Church Feast Days for health of parishioners and loved ones. There are ladies of our Philoptochos who are willing to teach those who want to learn! Contact **Fr. Ted, Rhonda Latkovic, or Tina Veroulis**.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, Continued

PARISH PUBLICATIONS - The parish publications are currently being re-formatted, as is our website. Announcements and/or fliers are to be submitted by Wednesday of every week.

PRAYER REQUESTS - Call Fr. Ted at (760) 880-5869. Please pray for: Evangelia, Nancy, Eve, Annette, Ann, Diane, Bess. We also pray for the servants of God, Tanya, Michael, and Mary.

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE SUNDAY)

Today is "Forgiveness Sunday." As we enter the season of Great Lent tomorrow, we are reminded that forgiveness is currency through which we store up treasures in Heaven. For our efforts in observing the discipline of fasting to be sincere throughout this season, the fullness of our Church's spiritual life and worship must be pursued. This includes the virtue of forgiveness! We are commanded by our Lord to seek forgiveness for our own sins through prayer and repentance. As a critical part of our prayer and repentance, we are to forgive others, as well.

Christ God tells us to store up treasures in heaven. What does God treasure most? Each person born into the world is God's treasure! Sincere forgiveness, then, means that we want for ourselves and for the people around us to be among God's treasures, which are stored up in heaven.

+FR. THEODORE

**St. George
Greek Orthodox Church's
2024 Lenten Retreat**

Living the Liturgy

with

Father Steven Tschlis

Pastor of St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Irvine, CA
Author of *A Worshiper's Guide to the Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, April 6, 2024

10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Lenten Lunch Included

Session 1

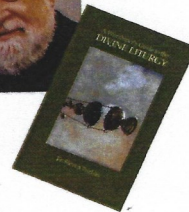
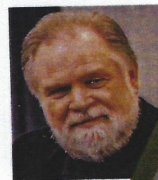
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Liturgy of the Word

Session 2

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

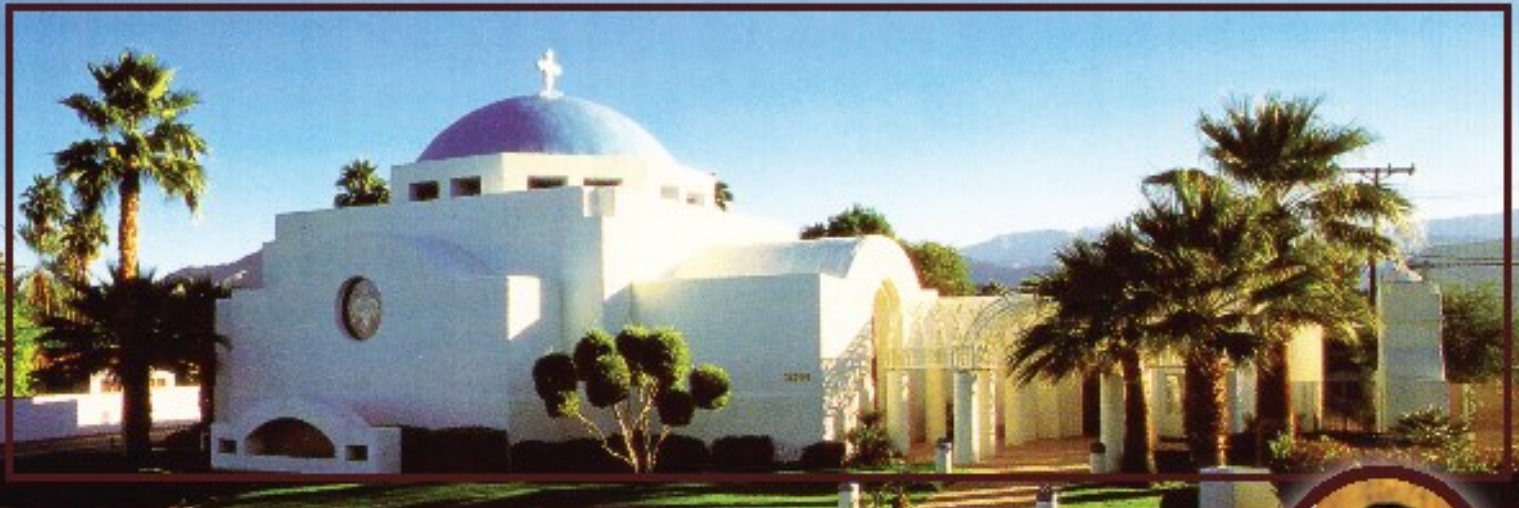
Liturgy of the Eucharist



A freewill
donation of
\$10
is appreciated

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SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 18, 2024 | 12:15pm Shotgun Start | Eldorado Country Club



ENTRY INFORMATION

Saturday, May 18, 2024

- \$185 per player (includes Golf and Awards Dinner)
- 12:15 PM Shotgun Start at Eldorado Country Club
- 5:00 PM Social Hour at St. George Greek Orthodox Church
- 6:00 PM Traditional Greek Dinner at St. George Greek Orthodox Church | Silent Auction and Live Music

ENTRY INFORMATION

Individual Player(s) ____ (# of players) x \$185 \$ _____

Tee Sponsorship(s) ____ (# of sponsorships) x \$100 \$ _____

Traditional Greek Dinner ____ (# of dinners) x \$50 \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

EVENT REGISTRATION

Name _____

Company/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PLAYER NAMES

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CREDIT CARD (please mark one) VISA MASTER CARD

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

EXP. DATE: _____ 3-DIGIT SECURITY NO. _____

CARD HOLDER NAME: _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

Sign up online at www.go-stgeorge.org/Events/Golf/

Mail Checks and Registration Form to:
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Make Checks Payable To:
"Saint George Greek Orthodox Church"