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Holy Communion Or-der

- 1. Please remain standing while following the direc-tions of our ushers.
2. Ladies, kindly re-move lipstick be-fore receiving.
3. When receiving Holy Communion, make the Sign of the Cross, state your name (baptismal name) , and naturally re-ceive as if being fed.
4. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Com-munion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service.
5. All Orthodox Chris-tians must be spirit-ually prepared to receive the Sacra-ment of Holy Com-munion. Please see the priest if you have any questions.

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ST. GREGORY PALAMAS



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 1:10-14; 2:1-3

In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end. But to what angel has he ever said, Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

GOSPEL— St. Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the

door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, My son, your sins are forgiven. Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone? And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins he said to the paralytic I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home. And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, We never saw anything like this!

Liturgical Notes for Today

With the Entrance with the Gospel: 1) *"When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, 'Glory to You, O Christ our God, the Giver of Life.'"* / Οτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον...

2) *"O Gregory the Miracle Worker, light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, comeliness of monastics, defender of theologians, the pride of Thessalonica, and preacher of grace, intercede forever that our souls may be saved."* / Ορθοδοξίας ο φωστήρ...

3) *"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

4) **Kontakion:** *"To You, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, Your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In Your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to You: 'Hail, Unwedded Bride.'"* / Τη Υπερμάχω...

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 2nd.....No Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3rd.....PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 5th.....PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY – 9:00 a.m.
SALUTATION SERVICE (Third Stanza) - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 6th.....ST. GEORGE PARISH LENTEN RETREAT – 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
(Lenten Luncheon – 12:00 noon)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Today, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. To fully participate, bring your 2024 St. George Stewardship Pledge up to date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday, April 14th is a Special School class for our students: **"Preparing for Pascha."**

PHILOPTOCHOS – General Members' Meeting-Monday, April 8th with lunch served. Special presentation by **Mary Brown** entitled, **"Icons of the Panagia"** at **12:00 noon**. R.S.V.P to **Tina Veroulis** by April 1st. The **Metropolis Philoptochos Kids-n-Cancer event: Sunday, April 14, 2024** at Newport Beach Country Club (\$100 per person). Contact **Rhonda Latkovic** for information.

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*, on the topic, **"Living the Divine Liturgy."**

GOLF TOURNAMENT - Saturday, May 18th at 12:15 p.m. at Eldorado Country Club.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS FOR WORSHIP - Lessons are available to learn to bake Altar Bread (Prosforo), Kollyva (boiled wheat) and "The Five Loaves" (Artoklasia) for Church services: memorials and prayers for health and wellbeing. Contact our parish office to sign up.

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, Mary, Athanasios, Nicholas.

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – COMMEMORATING ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

This Sunday we commemorate St. Gregory Palamas. By “prayer,” St. Gregory spoke of the prayer of the heart, which, like our heart-beat, beats unceasingly in our souls. Unceasing contemplation of the Name of Jesus extinguishes temptations and evil imaginations. Thus, “The Jesus Prayer” became a part of our Sacred Tradition and it is: “*O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*”

Through such unceasing prayer, we allow Christ to enter our thoughts and enlighten our souls. Our goal in this present life as Orthodox Christians is to be the *light of the world* by participating in the Uncreated Light of Christ, Who is the Giver of eternal Life. This is the meaning behind our baptismal candles.

Our baptismal candles will be aflame as we celebrate of our Lord’s Resurrection. As a prelude to this celebration, we now see this candle during Great Lent in the celebration of the Presanctified Liturgy as the priest exclaims: “*The Light of Christ, illumines all!*” +FR. THEODORE

St. George Greek Orthodox Church’s 2024 Lenten Retreat

Living the Liturgy

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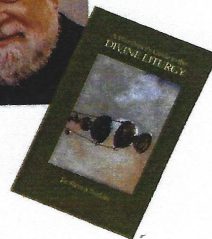
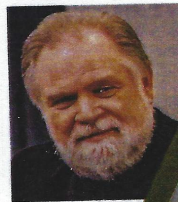
Father Steven Tschlis

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
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Liturgy of the Word

Session 2
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Liturgy of the Eucharist



A freewill
donation of
\$10
is appreciated

To Register:

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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 \$ _____**

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EVENT REGISTRATION

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Company/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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PLAYER NAMES

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

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

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