The HERALD

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TIME TO TAKE STOCK

The Scottish philosopher and poet Thomas Carlyle wrote: "Everyone's life is driven by something. The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder - a waif, a nothing, a no one." In his inimitable 19th century style, Carlyle's directness confronts us with some of those nagging "ultimate questions" most of us avoid asking – What drives *my* life? What are *my* priorities? In the terms of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, what are the treasures in which *my* heart lies? (Mt. 6:21)

The new ecclesiastical year offers an excellent opportunity for each of us to identify the espoused life priorities we *think* we have, compared to the *actual* priorities we live out every day. Likewise, it is an opportunity for our Church community to sort out the same issues – we say we are disciples of Jesus, and that He is at the center of our lives. Do we live our lives as if that were true? It was Mohandas Gandhi who penned the aphorism "Actions reveal our priorities." What do my actions say about the priorities of *my* life?

A survey of Americans found that in the average 70-year life span, sleeping (23 years), work (16 years), and watching television (8 years – not including computer and video game use) were the three top activities that people spent their time on. Following these were eating (6 years), traveling (6 years), leisure (4.5 years), illness (4 years), and dressing (2 years). We spend an average of six months, or 0.7% of an average lifespan, on matters of God and spiritual pursuits. We Orthodox Christians are by no means immune from this severe misplacement of priorities in our life.

We often boast that we are Orthodox but live as though Orthodoxy is simply a matter of getting our name on a stewardship list or belonging to a particular ethnic group. We say that we are genuine disciples of the Lord Jesus but think that merely going to Church on some Sundays constitutes following Christ, who told us "Give me your all!"

We assert defensively that prayer is an important part of our lives, yet spend precious little actual time everyday praying, communicating with and listening to God – preferring instead "prayer on the run." We often pride ourselves on raising our children Orthodox, yet rarely if ever pray together as families, read Scripture together, or talk about the importance of faith in our lives.

We lament the disappearance of values and moral behavior, and are ready and willing to harshly judge others' failures, while we are blind to our own weakness and sin, rarely if ever

standing before the icon of Christ in Church to acknowledge our share of the ancient and ancestral curse in the Sacrament of Confession.

The local church too can lose sight of its ultimate priorities and gloss over its primary nature and purpose. We can say that the church stands for "this and that," or that our parish believes in certain values, while in the execution of everyday practice its life is about many other extraneous things.

Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos reminds us that "the most dangerous thing of all is when the Church is downgraded to a busy organization, involved in all things but the one thing needful - the spiritual healing and cure of the soul." For us as individuals and for us as a community of faith, this is the time to take stock of our purpose and priorities, to identify the gaps between what we say or think we believe and how we actually live each and every day. To do this, to realign our priorities as individuals and as a parish, you and I need to *change our mind and change our lifestyle.*

Change our mind. We need to rethink our lives, to place first things first, to re-establish the boundaries in which we live, not just physically, but spiritually. This means cultivating an Orthodox *phronema* - the proper mindset, attitude, or way of thinking. It means we take Jesus seriously when he said: "Seek ye ***first*** the kingdom of God and all else will be given unto you" (Mt. 6:33); "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his soul?" (Mk. 8:36); or St. Paul when he admonished the Colossians: "Keep seeking the things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on the things of earth." (Col. 3:1-2) Is your relationship with Jesus Christ the God-Man really and truly the ***first, lived priority*** of your life?

Change our lifestyle. Once we have clearly identified our spiritual priorities, our practical lives must follow suit. In this regard, the tyranny of time plays havoc with us. We are willing to make time for lots of things, some of which are required but a great many others are usurpers of the essential time for God. The architecture of our spiritual life ought to include daily time for prayer and Scripture reading, time for greater participation in Church services and religious education programs, fidelity to fasting, time for the doing of good for others (including our families), time ***away from*** material distractions such as television, computers, electronic games, and telephones, time for actually reading a spiritual book, and more creative and quality time with family and friends, especially over meals together. Yes, this is difficult, but we are talking about our relationship with God, our priority.

In living our true priorities, we slowly but steadily purify our hearts and come ever closer to God. It is the heart that matters. St. Peter wrote: "*Do not let your adornment be merely outward... rather let it be the hidden person of the heart.*"

May God bless you with insight into your inner person and guide you in living faithfully in and for Him.

Fr. Dimitrios

DIVINE LITURGIES

Sunday Services: Orthros 8:45am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Weekday Services: Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

Saturday, September 8- Nativity of the Holy Theotokos

Sunday, September 9- Sunday Before the Holy Cross

Friday, September 14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday, September 16- Sunday After the Holy Cross

Sunday, September 23- 1st Sunday of Luke

Wednesday, September 26- Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian

Sunday, September 30- 2nd Sunday of Luke

RITES AND SACRAMENTAL REGISTRY

40 Day Blessings

February
Themistocles Spiros Avgeropoulos

March
Antonio Leal IV

April
Alexa Maria-Christine Balatsos
George Karellas

May
Maria Anna Charuhas
Emmanouil Petradakis

June
Achilles Chatterjee
George Benson

July
Jace Stelios Podaras
Marco Martinez
Ioannis Maximus Magallanes
James Alexander Coras

August
Nicole Sardelis
Thomas Kranias
Dimitrios Kominakos
Audric Matten

May God grant them many years!

Memorials

February
Vasiliki Boba (11 Days)
Emilio Boba (29 Days)
Charles Nicholas Maravell (40 Days)
Helen Vamvas (40 Days)
Stephanie Claros (1 Year)
Eva Vanelli Papageorge (1 Year)
Helen Scounas Pappas (1 Year)
Athanasios Tzaferis (1 Year)
Vasilia Vassilas (1 Year)
Emanuel John Alahouzos (5 Years)
William Djinis (5 Years)
Evegenios A. Vassilas (5 Years)
Chris Sarris (15 Years)
Antigone Cois (50 Years)
George Cois (51 Years)

March
Fotini Hajimihalis (40 Days)
Leonidas Harisiadis (1 Year)
James G. Mellis (1 Year)
Helene Catsouras (3 Years)
Frieda Coussoule (3 Years)
Christis Dimitriou (3 Years)
Gail Johnson (5 Years)
Marie-Angele Georgiou (7 Years)
Neofytos Tsangaris (9 Years)
Savas W. Emanuel (10 Years)
Erin Johnson (13 Years)

April
Theodore A. Lalos (40 Days)
Froso Solos (40 Days)
George N. Zarafonetis (40 Days)
George Colbert (1 Year)
Konstantinos Katis (1 Year)
Andreas Haskos (1 Year)
Andreas Spiliotopoulos (1 Year)
Constantinos Bazekis (3 Years)
Chrisanthi Karakostas (3 Years)
Alexandros Angelis (5 Years)
Yianni Karakostas (9 Years)
Georgette K. Zarafonetis (12 Years)
Georgia Angelis (13 Years)
Maria Katis (19 Years)
John Rodousakis (30 Years)

May
Panagiota Anagnostopoulos (40 Days)
Despina Papalios (1 Year)
Peter Kapsidelis (2 Years)
Viola Kapsidelis (3 Years)
Arthur Coras (5 Years)
Kalliopi Tsakos (25 Years)
Panagioti Tsakos (35 Years)
George Papalios (44 Years)
Xenophone Coras (30 Years)

June
Vasileios Georgiou (6 Months)
Arthur Alafoginis (1 Year)
Emmanuel A. Korsun (1 Year)
George Lizas (3 Years)
Dr. Anthony Apostolides (5 Years)
Sophie Kiklis (10 Years)
Kalliope Apostolides (13 Years)
Christos Koumoundouros (14 Years)
Demos Apostolides (15 Years)
Phoebus C. Karageorgis (20 Years)

July
Vasiliki Halasohoris (7 Days)
Nicholas J. Lekas, M.D. (40 Days)
Eleftheria Kapogiannis (1 Year)
Lulu (Paraskeve) Sarris (1 Year)
Irene Pandelaris (18 Years)
Paraskevi Stavroulas (18 Years)
Michel Matsangakis (26 Years)
Constantinos Stavroulas (44 Years)

August
Olga Emanuel (40 Days)
Theodosios Mastorakis (1 Year)

Offered by their families.

May their memory be eternal!

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Sanctify Those Who Love the Beauty of Your House

To maintain and repair our church facilities, including structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing equipment, heating and air conditioning, roofing and insulation improvements, the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George will spend upwards of $150,000 in 2018.

This includes the following: Parking Lot Safety Lighting & Bollards $34,000; Grand Hall & School Heaters $24,000; Founders Hall Heating & AC $12,500; Mechanical Maintenance Agreement $12,000; Roof $12,000; Office Heating & AC Units $11,000; School Building Window Units $9,000; Kollecas House Windows $9,000; Kitchen Freezer Repair $5,000; School Building Repairs $4,700; Bathroom Partitions $4,000; Dumpster Pad Fence $2,500; Gym Return Grille $2,000; Fence Repairs $1,000; Tree Removal $1,200; and Landscaping $1,200

We kindly request the loving support of St. George parishioners to help with the proper servicing of our church. All contributions will be specifically designated for those maintenance and repair purposes only. Please give generously to help us sanctify the beauty of this house of the Lord. Please mark donations as "Special Projects."

Save the Date: Basile the Comedian

The Parish Council of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George is excited to announce that internationally acclaimed comedian Basile will be performing at St. George as our special guest at our annual Fall Fundraiser, on Friday, Oct. 5, 2018 at 7:30PM.

He will be performing his celebrated *"Growing Up Greek in America"* show. Basile has performed over 100 television appearances, including on NBC's Jay Leno Show, and on *HBO, Showtime, Comedy Central, A & E,* as well as on XM/Sirius Satellite Radio.

He's done voice work as Universal Studio's "*Bullwinkle J. Moose,"* as well as for the Cartoon Network and many Japanese Anime series. Basile was also nominated for an EMMY for his work on ESPN's *"30 for 30"* series segment *"The Legend of Jimmy the Greek."* More information to come soon!

My Fellow Parishioners,

As summer has come to an end and we begin our new Ecclesiastical year, much like the students who start the new school year with renewed focus and dedication, we return refreshed from our holidays with renewed focus and dedication to attend Divine Liturgy and participate in the life of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George.

Our St. George community welcomes us back with a whirlwind of activities. Our Orthodox Christian ministries have been gearing up for another active year. Our Sunday School is beginning the year with over 350 students enrolled, and as Athena Kranias passes the leadership role to Simeon Pardalis, we will gather on Sept. 9 to thank Athena for her decades of selfless service to the religious education of generations of children of St. George.

As our new Lay Pastoral Assistant to Father Dimitrios, Simeon will play a vital role in the reinvigoration of our youth programs, including Sunday School and Choir, Altar Boys, HOPE & JOY (Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education & Junior Orthodox Youth), GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth Association), the St. George Counselors-in-Training (C.I.T.s) for Events and Retreats, and the Hellenic Dance Troupe.

The 50 Plus Club reconvenes with a full calendar of events, starting with the Oct. 6 pilgrimage to the Agia Skepi (Holy Protection) Monastery in White Haven, PA. On Oct. 13-14, our GOYAns participate in the Annual Bishop George Memorial Basketball Tournament and working on the "Sights and Sounds" program to be held in March 2019. Greek School and Greek Preschool are together registering over 210 students. Our Hellenic Dance Troupe will begin their practices.

While we look forward to a full and productive year, it is important to report on the progress we have made over the past twelve months. We were blessed to have celebrated our parish's 50th Anniversary. Over a three-day weekend in November, we enjoyed true fellowship at a magnificent Gala, followed by a family day and then a Sunday luncheon honoring the founding members of our community. In May, we celebrated one of the most successful festivals in our parish's history.

In order to accommodate our highly successful and ever-growing Greek Preschool, we have entered a final two-year lease term with the Harbor School. At the end of Spring 2020, the Harbor School will be vacating the school building. In Fall 2020, the Greek Preschool will take over the facility on weekdays. This will also allow the use of the school building for the broader St. George community during weeknights and throughout the entire weekend.

This past year, the Building Committee has been meeting to plan for the future of our community. It is formulating an architectural plan for the renovation of the Founders Hall, as well as the kitchen and bathrooms. We expect to present the draft plans at a Parish Assembly later this year.

These are truly exciting times for our parish. We ae blessed with an ever-growing Orthodox Christian community. May God bless the community of St. George and may our hard work be seen for it is truly is: Love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, love of our beautiful Orthodox Christian Church, and love for each member of our community – brothers and sisters in Christ. May we continue to enjoy God's many blessings for the next fifty years!

In Christ's love,

Stephen J. Vlahos,
Parish Council President

SUNDAY SCHOOL

What is Sunday School?

By Simeon Pardalis,
Interim Sunday School Director

Proverbs 2:10 states, "For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul." This passage eloquently informs us that that learning about the Orthodox Christian faith is an integral part to our salvation. We have all been called to be catechumens, or students of the Lord's Wisdom and Truth, but we have not all been called at the same time. Those who were baptized as adults studied Catechism, or Orthodox Christian education, before their baptism, but those of us who were baptized as infants study Catechism after our baptism.

What exactly is Catechism? Why is it important both before and after Orthodox baptism? The word catechism is derived from a Greek verb which means "to echo down." So if Catechism is Orthodox Christian education, who is the one who echoes down the teaching to us? It is Christ who is the true Catechist, who echoes down the teaching to us as He "is everywhere present and fills all things…" (as the prayer to the Holy Spirit teaches us). But Christ usually catechizes not directly to us but through other catechists, other teachers of Orthodox Christian education, to bring us to Himself.

The identities of these other catechists is revealed in the writings of Apostle Paul, the mouthpiece of the Lord. St. Paul writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians: "Now you are the Body of Christ [which is the Church], and members individually. And God has appointed these in the Church: first Apostles [namely Bishops with Priests and Deacons], second prophets, third teachers…" (1 Cor. 12:27-28).

We see here that St. Paul identifies teachers as having a separate role from Bishops with Priests and Deacons, who also have a role to teach. These catechists are the Sunday School teachers, who often do not receive credit for the hard work that they do, giving selflessly and tirelessly to teach our youth each Sunday about the Christian faith. We see here the important role that Sunday School teachers have: to lead the student to our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ and encourage the student to become a Saint in Christ.

We ought to thank them every day for this gift of catechism that they give us, opening the doorway to Christ, the true Catechist, Who Himself is the Doorway to Salvation (John 10:9). But it is not just the Sunday School teachers who have this role of being catechists.

Because Orthodox Christian education must start – and be encouraged – at home, parents and godparents have a critical role to play in the formation of our young men and women. As it says in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, "the prayers of parents make firm the foundation of houses..." For this reason, we encourage parents to take an interest in, and pray about, what their children are learning in Sunday School, so that we can all together as a Church Family live in Jesus Christ and be taught directly by the God-Man who is the true Catechist. For it is the desire of our Lord Jesus Christ for everyone "to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth…" who is Himself (1 Timothy 2:4 and John 14:6).

Please look for a Sunday School Catechism Welcome Booklet that your child will be bringing home with them on the first day of classes (Sept. 9). This will include a summary of all that your children will be learning through the entire academic year, in question and answer form. We encourage every parent to review the questions and answers, and to discuss those subjects with your children. Sunday school is all the way from Pre-K 3 to 12th Grade.

Registration

To register for Sunday School and all other Youth Ministries in our new centralized joint Youth Ministries Registration Form, please visit https://stgeorge.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/245/responses/new.

We ask that you please register your children well in advance of Sept. 9, the first day of Sunday School. Fr. Dimitrios, Simeon Pardalis, Assistant Director of Sunday School Elizabeth Kostas-Polston and all the Sunday School teachers of St. George thank you!

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 9: Sunday School Choir begins at 9:30 AM & Sunday School promptly begins 10:00 AM
- Sept. 16: Picture Day - Grades 5-12, SS Choir and Altar Boys
- Sept. 23: 4th Graders receive Bibles & Picture Day - Grades PreK 3-4 & Teachers

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

The Shared Experience of the Orthodox Christian Faith

We say our Orthodox Christian faith is formational, yet we tend to share and teach it as if it were informational. The institutional and cognitive elements have taken hold in much of Orthodoxy, and we often miss the relational point of faith and its real and experiential connectedness with the Lord and with each other on a visceral, pre-cognitive level. No one comes to faith informationally; we come to faith relationally. Even the information we read or hear takes hold because it gives language and expression to what we already know in our hearts is true, based on our experience even if we cannot articulate it.
Therefore, we will each week explore our faith by sharing and examining our personal experiences and the experience of others, and how these experiences draw us into a deeper union with Christ.

This class meets every Sunday, from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Church Library. It is also live-streamed to thousands of viewers and listeners nationally and worldwide through the Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) Facebook page. Participants may join and leave as needed. Contact Michael.Haldas@verizon.net for information.

BIBLE STUDY

The Gospel According to St. John: Beholding the Glory

The mission verse of the Gospel according to St. John is: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) This Bible Study will explore the fourth Gospel’s rich and penetrating message. Often referred to as the “mature Gospel,” it expands on the everyday parables of the Synoptic Gospels to weave a deeper and theologically profound message for our daily life. Join us for this truly extraordinary faith experience!

Bible study is held on Thursdays in the Church Library, morning class begins at 10:30 AM and the evening class at 7:00 PM. First class will be Sept. 6.

FEED THE HUNGRY

September 16

Every third Sunday of the month, St. George volunteers prepare and deliver food to four Rockville area shelters that serve over 100 adults and children:

Chase Shelter for men
Dorothy Day Shelter for women
Helping Hands Shelter for mothers & children
Rainbow Shelter for women

We meet after Divine Liturgy in the kitchen for about two hours, to manage food preparation and cleanup. Teenagers and young people are especially encouraged to assist and support. Volunteers pick up the food at 5:30 PM and deliver to the four shelters. At Rainbow, volunteers stay and serve the food.

On July 15, St. George donated full meals for the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless emergency shelter for men. Executive Director Susie Sinclair-Smith thanked the parishioners of St. George in her letter, adding that "your generosity makes a direct impact on the lives of nearly 800 people throughout the county who were once homeless and now have a permanent home. Your support played a meaningful role in their journey towards a brighter future! We truly appreciate your partnership and commitment to helping your neighbors in need."

CHOIR

We extend a warm and welcome invitation to all St. George parishioners to sing with our choir. Come offer your talents in worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God on Sunday mornings with the faithful.

Offer the gift of your voice; the most natural, precious and beautiful instrument of all not produced by human hands. You'll find the choir a rewarding and inspirational ministry as you learn the Divine Liturgy while building beautiful and lasting personal relationships.

All are welcome to our first rehearsal for the upcoming ecclesiastic year on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 PM. We begin with a fellowship reception with meze to meet new and returning choir members, followed by rehearsal at 7:30 PM where we'll be rehearsing English & Greek musical arrangements of the Divine Liturgy. If you've ever thought about singing with the choir, now's the time to consider joining your voice with ours in worship.

Choir rehearsals are held as needed in the choir loft, either Thursday evenings or Sundays before Divine Liturgy. If you'd like to join the choir or want more information, please contact choir director Paul Mavromihalis at pmavromihalis@gmail.com or (301) 455-6785, or come to one of the rehearsals posted on the Choir Page on the St. George website.

50 PLUS CLUB

We welcome everyone back from summer break and we hope all of you had a wonderful summer! We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 12 (the second Wednesday of the month) at 11:30 AM, with luncheon served.

We are still in the planning stages of a wonderful bus trip to the Agia Skepi Monastery Eastern Orthodox Church in White Haven, PA, on Saturday, Oct. 6.

A bus will leave the St. George parking lot at 9:00AM and will return at 8:00 PM. This trip includes a tour of the Monastery, Divine Liturgy, a meal and shopping for those who are interested. The cost is $35 per person.

Please contact Maria Kopsidas at (240) 421-9909 if you are interested in attending.

Thank you all for supporting our 50 Plus Club!

GREEK PRESCHOOL

The St. George Greek Preschool welcomes new and returning families to the 2018-19 school year! We hope you had a great summer and look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on Sept. 4!

The Preschool is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM for children 18 months to 5 years old. For information, see https://stgeorge.org/education/greek-preschool/ or contact Director Marilena Michalas at DirectorStGeorgeGreekPreschool@gmail.com or (301) 346-4110.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, Sept. 4: Back to School Night.
- Wednesday, Sept. 5: Orientation for M/W/F classes
- Thursday, Sept. 6: Orientation for T/TH classes
- Friday, Sept. 7: First Day of School for M/W/F
- Tuesday, Sept. 11: First Day of School for T/TH

GREEK SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new school year at St. George! Friday classes begin Sept. 7, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, and Saturday classes begin Sept. 8, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Advanced Ellinomatheia class (Level C1, C2) will meet every Saturday, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM.

To better meet the needs of all students, Greek School provides different curricula at Friday and Saturday classes. Friday class provides an excellent curriculum for students with little or no exposure to Greek outside of the school. Saturday class provides an additional hour of instruction as well as more rigorous homework. Our curricula are aligned with the ACTFL standards for teaching a foreign and heritage language.

Register for both Friday and Saturday classes at https://stgeorge.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/234/responses/new

Students at the higher levels are prepared for the Ellinomatheia Proficiency Exams. For the last few years, our George Greek School has been consistently among the top performing schools in the Greek Language Certification Exams nationwide. We are very happy to announce that 36 of our students passed these exams in May (levels Α1–Γ1), a great accomplishment! Congratulations to our students and teachers!

Adult Classes

Beginning the first week of October, we also offer classes for adult students: Beginners classes are held Mondays at 6:00 PM; Intermediate classes are held Mondays at 7:30 PM; and Advanced classes are held Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Each session lasts for 90 minutes. an hour and a half. Register at: https://stgeorge.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/238/responses/new

Conversational Class

We will continue to offer a supplemental conversational class free to students 5 years and older. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 10 at https://stgeorge.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/247/responses/new.
We look forward to seeing each of our students back in school for another exiting and productive year!

Important Dates

- Sept. 7: First day of Friday class
- Sept. 8: First day of Saturday class
- Sept. 16: KONA ICE fundraiser after church

For more information, please contact Director Eirini Iatrou at eirini.iatrou@gmail.com.

HOPE & JOY

Ages 4-11

HOPE & JOY is a loving and fun way to enrich your child's Orthodox faith while building personal relationships with other St. George families. We meet several times each month, on Friday evenings after Greek School. Families come together for dinner and an engaging religious-based activity for children. Both children and parents have a wonderful time. We welcome all families to become part of our ministry.

Our first HOPE & JOY meeting is Friday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 PM in the Founder's Hall.

Registration is $40 for the first child and $20 for each additional child, covering the cost of general expenses and materials. Register during Sunday coffee hour through September, or at: https://stgeorge.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/225/responses/new

For more information, please contact Fran Solovieff at fpvlantis@aol.com, Maria Campbell at mariadcampbell@yahoo.com or Simeon Paradalis at simeonp@stgeorge.org. We are looking forward to a great year!

GOYA

We would like to congratulate the new GOYA Board for the 2018-2019 year:

President: Christopher Agritellis
Vice Pres. of Athletics: Michael Haramis
Vice Pres. of Social Events: Evyenia Zoulis
Treasurer: Joanna Papaioannou
Recording Secretary: Lia Papageorge
Corresponding Secretary: Niko Garbis
Historian: Anastasia Frazier

First meeting for all parents and GOYAns is Sunday, Sept. 16 in the Chapel following Divine Liturgy.

This year's Annual Bishop George Memorial Basketball Tournament will be Oct. 13-14. Please consider purchasing an ad or donating. at https://stgeorge.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/225/responses/new. Order forms are due Sept. 19. Contact stgadbook@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for supporting our GOYAns!

HELLENIC DANCE TROUPE

The St. George Hellenic Dancers are excited to start a new season! Dance levels range from grades K-12 and include a separate Young Adult Group for Dancers 18-35. Our mandatory parent meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 23. All dancers must register at https://stgeorge.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/245/responses/new

We can't wait for another great year - thank you for your support!

YAL

The Young Adult League (YAL) is the vibrant ministry group that serves Orthodox Christian college students, young adults and professionals, ages 18-35, of the St. George parish community. YAL is a wonderful opportunity for those who want to be more involved with our Orthodox faith based on the four pillars of Worship, Witness, Service, and Fellowship. YAL nurtures spiritual growth by connecting young adults with other Orthodox groups in the area, to meet and together serve our Church and local community. YAL continues where GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) leaves off, further integrating our youth into the life of the Orthodox Church and enabling one to become a more active member of the Body of Christ.

YAL generally meets on the first Saturday of each month. Retreats and other events will be announced on the website. Register now at https://stgeorge.org/ministries/yal/ - for more information, contact Simeon Pardalis at SimeonP@stgeorge.org

Please note that the St. George Parish Council requires 75% Sunday School attendance for all young men, women and children to participate in GOYA, HOPE & JOY, Dance Troupe and all other youth ministries. If there is a specific problem in meeting such attendance requirements, please speak with Father Dimitrios in confidence.

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