



Welcome to the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint George. We are an Orthodox Church of Jesus Christ that has preserved the Truth of Christianity untouched and unchanged since Apostolic times. We are some 900 families who together strive to seek the Living God in our hearts and lives and to reach out to our neighbors in God's love. We believe as the Fathers have taught, that the heart of Orthodox spirituality is *theosis* — to become by grace what God is by nature. All our worship, all our ministries, all our efforts to build this parish community are directed towards and come from that truth. Join us on our spiritual journey. You are most welcome.

“In Wisdom, let us attend...”

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
7:00AM -3:00PM



OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We are called as a parish to witness and proclaim the life, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. In so doing, we not only work out our own salvation but assist others in discovering the power of the Gospel, the Truth of the Orthodox faith, and the imperative of showing genuine Christian love among all people. To this end, our Divine Services, the Sacraments, the preaching, and our life of prayer, together, is our first priority. Nothing we do is of greater import. We believe that if we are faithful to these spiritual elements, *all else will come to us — the people, the resources, and our future growth. We are disciples of a Loving Lord!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Our ministries are the work of the entire parish. They are the means whereby we follow the command of the Lord to “...love one another as I have loved you.” They are the way we put our Orthodox faith into action. The primary ministry of our parish is the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, Sacraments, preaching, and the moving prayers of the Orthodox Church. To these all other ministries and efforts are directed. From these, blessings for the other ministerial activities come. After the liturgical and spiritual ministry, our parish has a comprehensive Religious Education program for children through adults.

Bible Study— A weekly, year-long examination of Sacred Scripture, book by book, in the Old and New Testaments. Held on Thursday morning and evening.

Adult Religious Education— Offered weekly following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Addresses a variety of topics of the Orthodox faith and their relationship to real life situations. It provides the tools Orthodox believers need to live their faith today.

Adult Inquirers Class— Prepares adults embracing the Orthodox Faith and to be received into the Church through the Sacraments.

Sunday School— Comprised of more than 400 students, Sunday School provides instruction for children, ages three to high school every Sunday. A Divine Liturgy for children is celebrated virtually every Sunday during the school year.



MINISTRIES

Parish Council— Composed of 17 members in good standing who, with the Priest, help manage the affairs of the parish.

Ladies Philoptochos Society— Promotes and preserves the sacredness of the Orthodox family and philanthropic programs through fundraising, social, religious and cultural activities.

50 Plus Group— For “senior” members of the parish. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Activities include speakers, tours, excursions, and social programs.

GOYA— The official parish organization for young people, ages 13-18. Offers religious, social, cultural, and educational activities.

HOPE & JOY— For children ages 4-11. The group meets on select Fridays and children build a strong connection with their church through sports, crafts, outreach projects, faith enrichment and social events.

Choir— The volunteer singers of the Choir assist in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and other services.

Sunday School Choir— This choir sings every Sunday morning during the school year and is drawn from the children of our Sunday School.

Altar Servers— This ministry trains and supervises those who serve during the variety of Divine Services.

Feed the Hungry— serves hot meals every third Sunday of the month to men and women in four shelters in the Rockville area, serving over 100 adults and children.

YAL— Serves college students, young adults and professionals ages 18-35. Based on the four pillars of Worship, Witness, Service and Fellowship.

VBS— Offers prayer service, outdoor activities, music, and crafts centered around Pan-Orthodox religious theme.

Men's Fellowship— Meets the second Tuesday of every other month from October through June. Provides a forum for men to discuss strategies and share experiences on how to be the best persons they can be in Christ from an Orthodox Christian perspective.



GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EDUCATION

St. George fosters and supports the cultural development of its members. There are a number of opportunities for cultural enhancement:

Greek Pre-School — Children of pre-school age can learn the fundamentals of the Greek language and culture. Help daily throughout the year.

Greek School — Teaches children to speak, read, and write Greek and enriches their knowledge of Greek history and cultural heritage. Classes are held on Friday and Saturday.

Greek Language Class for Adults — Adult Greek language classes are held Monday through Thursday evenings.

Hellenic Dance Troupe— Promotes Greek dance in its authentic form, relating to the history, costumes and traditions of various regions of Greece. All skill levels are encouraged to join.

PHILANTHROPIC WORKS

The **Kollecas House Project** provides a home away from home, a haven for people seeking medical treatment at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other metropolitan Washington area hospitals. Individuals with various illnesses, especially children, come to the United States and NIH for treatment. Our parish considers this ministry of healing a central part of its life and ministry.

The **St. George Mission Team** trains and equips ordinary people to go and do extraordinary things so that others might experience God the Holy Trinity, who is Love (1 John 4:8), in tangible ways. No experience is necessary just a heart and willing hands to help. Some of our mission work may be short term in regard to hours or days spent but all work has the long term goal of seeing people grow together in Christ. We also partner with other missionaries and ministries because we know the work cannot be done alone. As our Lord Jesus Christ teaches, "When two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

The **Bishop George Fund** assists those in the parish and outside it who are in need. Many persons in the course of a year come to St. George for help. This fund, named after the former presiding priest at St. George who became a Bishop, enables us to assist them.



The Ark of the Holy Church

OUR HISTORY

The Greek Orthodox Church of St. George is the first and only Greek Orthodox Church in Montgomery County. It was Chartered in 1967, some two years after an organizational meeting was held at the Davis Memorial Library in Bethesda. The group that met accepted an offer for five acres of prime and from Jimmie Deoudes under most generous terms. The land and the small white house on it were immediately made available. The parish patron that was chosen, St. George, was selected in memory of Mr. Deoudes' father. In 1970 the Church erected its first permanent structure, in the Mediterranean style, consisting of a temporary house of worship, eight classrooms, a social hall and kitchen facilities. The present Church was built in 1979 in the Neo-Byzantine style. The interior beautification was completed in 1998.



OUR SUPPORT

Believing that the support of our parish is a responsibility of every member, the St. George Stewardship Program is the practice of regular giving to St. George of our time, talents, and financial resources — in accordance with our means. This approach is in contrast to the former notion of "membership dues" in that it places the responsibility for supporting the life of the parish into the hands of every parishioner. This is OUR parish. Its ministries and activities belong to all of us. For this reason we take our Stewardship commitment very seriously. Our Stewardship supports the following:

- Religious services and the Sacraments
- Sunday School, Religious, Cultural and Social programs
- Youth and Athletic programs
- Pastoral Counseling and Visitations
- Archdiocesan responsibilities
- Church outreach and Publications
- Care of the Needy and Indigent
- Community Ministry
- Marriage Preparation
- Lenten Lectures Series

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