



# Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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## September 2012

### Services Every Sunday / Κυριακή

Matins (Ορθρος) 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (Θεία Λειτουργία)

10:00-11:30 a.m.

### Worship Services in September

September 2: Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew;  
Sts. Mamas Martyr and John of Constantinople  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24  
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-44

September 9: Sunday before the Holy Cross;  
Sts. Joachim and Anna and Melitina Martyr  
Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18  
Gospel: John 3:13-17

September 16: Sunday after the Holy Cross;  
Sts. Euphemia and Melitina Martyrs  
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20  
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

September 23: First Sunday of Luke;  
Sts. Xanthipe and Polyxene  
Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27  
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

September 30: Second Sunday of Luke;  
Sts. Gregory, Mardonios and Stratonikos  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1  
Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

### Other Feast Days in September

September 1: Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year  
September 5: Sts. Zechariah and Elizabeth  
September 8: The Birth of the Theotokos  
September 14: Elevation of the Holy Cross  
September 17: Sts. Sophia, Faith, Hope, Love  
September 26: St. John the Theologian

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### Prosforo (Πρόσφορο) Bakers

September 2: Fotini Glimenakis  
September 16: Maria Glimenakis  
September 30: Janet Harrison



### Calendar at a Glance

**Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year**, September 1  
**Assemble IOCC School Kits**, September 2  
After the service, in Hellenic Hall  
**Church School Resumes**, Sunday, September 23  
**Reservation Deadline**, September 25  
Last day to reserve tickets for Fr. Ted's retirement dinner  
**Retirement Dinner for Fr. Ted**, Sat., October 13  
Dinner – Dance – Reception; in Hellenic Hall;  
5:00 - 11:00 pm. For details, call Irene at 603-835-8087  
**Keene Pumpkin Festival**, October 20  
**Fr. Ted's Last Scheduled Service**, October 28  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**, Sunday, Nov. 4  
**Thanksgiving**, Thursday, November 22

## Father Ted's Corner

### PRAYING FOR A NEW YEAR OF GRACE

*By Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos*

Let us give thanks to God as we begin a new Church year on September 1. The summer is ending, schools are opened, and people take up their regular tasks and responsibilities. Welcome the new Church year by praying these prayers:

*Almighty God who has established times and seasons,  
and provides the rains for the fruits of the earth,  
bless the new Church year with Your goodness.  
Keep Your people in health, unity, and peace.*

*O loving Lord, who blesses those who worship You,  
and sanctifies those who put their trust in You,  
save Your people and bless Your inheritance.  
Protect the whole body of Your Church  
and sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house.  
Glorify them in return by Your divine power  
and do not forsake us who set our hope in You. Amen.*



Recently I came across a story about a lady who suffered from depression. Her psychiatrist asked her if she had any hobbies. She said she loved cultivating African violets. The psychiatrist suggested that she find out when all the baptisms, weddings, and funerals were at her church, and to give to each of the families involved an African violet. She started to do this and soon her disposition became brighter and brighter. By doing something for people, she felt connected and became involved in life again.

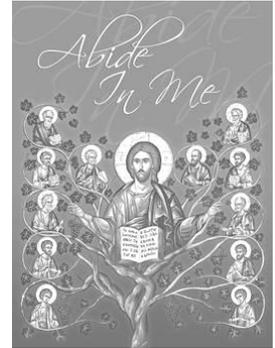
The media bring to our attention daily all kinds of trouble which people suffer. Society's problems, however, cannot be resolved by any one of us. What we can do is make our own unique contribution for the health and harmony of people around us by individual acts of kindness and helpfulness. A parish is an ideal place where people meet and interact. It provides countless opportunities for people to get to know each other, to help each other, to build up social bonds, and thus to contribute to the health of society in concrete ways.

For Orthodox Christians the parish is not only a valuable social organism but also the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The Church as a sacred community is the foundation where we learn and strive together for the salvation of our souls and the salvation of the world. "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Many years ago I served on a study commission of the Archdiocese to reflect on the Church's agenda in the modern world. We understood that the Church faced a secular society with bewildering diversity, confusing voices, conflicting values, widespread anxiety, and fear about the future. Behind the chaos and distress was a crisis of spiritual and moral vision which influenced Orthodox Christians as well. What was the Church to do? The commission outlined three abiding goals of the Church that are decisive and relevant in every generation.

**1. Personal transfiguration.** Lay persons, priests, and bishops--all of us--should be concerned about personal spiritual growth in the way of Christ. Through daily prayer, study, fasting, worship, and deeds of mercy we must strive to grow in faith, humility, and love of God and neighbor. Orthodoxy presents a treasure of beauty, prayers, and teachings inspired by God. Orthodox Christians must not be satisfied with mere religious formalities which cannot stand up to the challenges of modern life. They must internalize and live out their Orthodox faith above all in their own personal lives as the foundation of everything else to be undertaken.

**2. Corporate life in Christ.** The Church is the family of God. Called to existence by God's love in Jesus Christ, the Church is the new community of love. It is here that we are first introduced to the life in Christ, grow up in it, learn more about it, and practice it in a wide range of human relationships. Jesus compared our relationship to Him as that of branches to a fruitful vine when He said: "I am the Vine and you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). We confirm and live our identity through worship and the sacraments, through our common life of love and forgiveness, and through various ministries of administration, teaching, and mutual support. St. Paul's counsel is timely: "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please Himself. . . Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:1-3, 7).



**3. Outreach.** We honor and respect all that God has created and blessed. We envision ourselves as grateful sharers of God's gifts and co-workers of God in His mission to redeem the world. The Church by its very nature is an outward-looking community. Mission and outreach reflect both our faith in Christ and our love for Christ, sharing our faith and love with others, and seeking through words and deeds to draw others to the love and grace of God. One aspect of outreach is philanthropy--reaching out to people who are poor, sick, or lonely. In all these ways Christ as taught us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

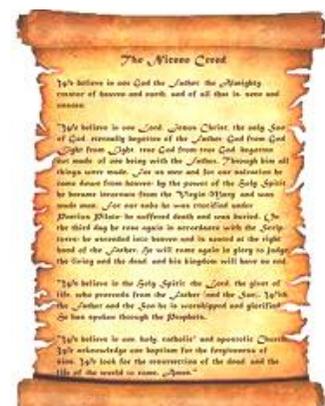
## Ask Father Ted

### QUESTION:

How is one to determine the "True" Church? Greek Orthodox? Catholic Church? Both are comprehensive but the Catholic Church seems to be more so.

### ANSWER:

The Greek Orthodox Church is one of many Orthodox Churches such as the Russian, the Serbian, the Romanian, and the Bulgarian, all of which make up one Orthodox Church united in faith and sacrament, known also as the Eastern Orthodox Church, and whose full name according to the Creed is: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church both claim the title of "True Church" and both share substantial continuity with the ancient Apostolic Church in terms of the sacraments, the Nicene Creed, the Saints, and the tradition of monasticism, although even in these areas they have serious differences of interpretation.



The Protestants have no single Church but literally hundreds of denominations which have broken with the ancient Christian tradition in serious ways as in the case, for example, of the sacraments, the saints, and monasticism. Therefore, apart from some small sectarian

Protestant groups, each of which may paradoxically claim the title, no main Protestant denomination claims “True Church” for itself. Instead the Protestant denominations generally hold to the “Branch theory” which advocates that the “True Church” is spiritual and invisible, and that the many denominations are historical branches or expressions of the invisible Church.

Most Christians determine the answer to your question by means of simple faith: they affirm as useful and authentic the Church to which they are born into or somehow have been connected with and find valuable whether by chance or through friends or marriage. An earnest and persistent seeker, who is willing to do extensive study and serious thinking about your question, can labor for the answer through careful examination of the following: 1) the history of the Ancient Church and its continuity with the Bible; 2) the classic theology of the Ancient Church and its connection with the Bible; 3) the faith and practice of a contemporary Church as compared to the faith and practice of the Ancient Church; and 4) the effectiveness of the worship and life of a given Church today.



Generally speaking, the Orthodox Church possesses the greatest degree of identity and continuity with the faith, sacraments, and practice of the Ancient Church. The challenging question for Orthodox Christians is not only what treasures of prayer and teaching they have inherited by tradition but also what they do with those treasures today. The whole matter is not only possession and bragging rights but also performance and vibrant witness in advancing the saving work of Christ today.



*To ask Fr. Ted a question, use the forms located on the table near the bulletin board in the hallway as you exit the sanctuary or via email to [heather\\_eleni@yahoo.com](mailto:heather_eleni@yahoo.com). Questions should be submitted anonymously and the name of anyone submitting questions via email will not be printed.*

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### **The Sunshine Circle**

There are members of the St. George parish who are unable to attend church for a variety of reasons. The Sunshine Circle consists of volunteers from our parish who are willing to visit people confined to their homes or those recovering from illness.

Please contact Evelyn Hubal at (603) 357-0128 or Vasiliki Moore at (603) 496-0979

- If you or a family member would like to receive a visit during the week;
- Or if you would like to be on our volunteer call list to bring a little sunshine to your fellow parishioners.

# Stewardship Update

Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Nikiforakis, Stewardship Chairperson

Peace and love to everyone as we head into fall and our fourth quarter of the year! There is still plenty of time to give – Time, Treasure or Talent – to St. George.

Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed. Show your blessing and give cheerfully.



If you have not already made a commitment to St. George for 2012, kindly complete the card on this page, cut it out, and return it to St. George.

If you have about three hours you can give a month, please volunteer to help out with Stewardship.

Thank You.

## Pledges as of July 25, 2012

Total Pledges: \$35,496.00 ♦ Total Pledges Paid: \$25,151.00 ♦ Balance Due: \$10,345.00



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#### “Abide in Me”

*“I Am the Vine; you are the branches... By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit...” (15 John)*

### 2012 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

In gratitude for God’s blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ’s work at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church for 2012

A total amount of: \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$750 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 \_\_\_\_\_ More/Other \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ semi-annually    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually

*Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number [\_\_\_\_\_] \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring your completed commitment card to church or mail it to the address above, to the attention of Kathy Nikiforakis.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 Stewards of St. George Greek Orthodox Church (as of July 25, 2012)

### Thank you ♦ Ευχαριστώ

Harry & Angie Ackerman  
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Georgia Tasoulas  
Joseph & Elizabeth Truman  
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Kevin & Lisa Warren  
George & Eleni Xanthopoulos

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### Additional ways I/we can contribute:

Please complete the reverse side of the Commitment Card

## TALENTS AND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Please check the talents that you can offer as a Steward of St. George in addition to your monetary contributions:

- Youth Work
- Teaching Sunday School
- Teaching Greek Language School
- Bible Study
- Visiting Elderly/Sick
- Cooking & Baking
- Fellowship Hour
- Hall Cleanup
- Finance
- Parish Newsletter
- Construction
- Gardening
- Mechanical
- Office Work
- Computer/Program Set-Up/Teaching
- Web Site/Set-Up/Management
- Parish Council
- Other

## Keene Pumpkin Festival Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>



We will again be selling gyros, Greek salad wraps, baklava, spanakopita, and beverages inside Hellenic Hall.

**Volunteers are needed** to help set up, prepare and serve food, work as cashiers, and clean up.

We are also requesting donations of canned soda (Coke, Diet Coke, and Sprite) and bottled water, which can be dropped off at Hellenic Hall by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Proceeds will go to the missions of St. George Church.

For additional information, please contact Joe Truman at (603) 717-2351.



## Church School Resumes Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

On behalf of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church Sunday School team I welcome you to the 2012-2013 school year! We're so happy and proud to be welcoming the children back for what promises to be a great year. *Beth Truman*

Classes will be structured as follows:

Sigrid Scholz-Karabakakis, Age 3 through Grade 1  
Tasia Pananas, Grades 2 through 6  
Katerina Leristis, Grades 7 through Grade 12  
Presvytera Faye Stylianopoulos, Litsa Lanoue,  
and Stephanie Leristis, Substitute Teacher /  
Classroom Helper

## The Community Kitchen

We are collecting non-perishable food for the Community Kitchen. Let's help the Community Kitchen provide nutritious meals to hungry people in the Monadnock Region.

Some suggestions...

- hot and cold cereals
- breakfast bars and granola bars
- canned tuna and meats
- dry and canned soups
- canned beans
- boxed and canned dinners
- canned fruits
- pasta
- tomato products (e.g., sauce, stewed)
- rice
- juice boxes



*Look for the donation box in Hellenic Hall.*



The Community Kitchen also needs volunteers one night a month (4:30-7:00 pm) to serve and clean up; and from 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm to help prepare the evening meal.

For additional information, please contact Margaret at 352-3200 or 355-4471.

Please use this list to pray for members of our community who are sick or in need of God's care.

- **Hristianna Lanoue**
- **John Bardis**
- **Mark Raheb, for healing**



From time to time, we may remove names that have been on the list for a while. If you feel a name should remain on the list, or if you would like a new name placed on the list, **please contact Fr. Ted.**

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**Good Luck**  
to the college-bound students  
and all other students



With our blessings  
*Chris and Anna Tasoulas and Family*