



Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

70 West Street, P.O. Box 392, Keene, NH 03431-0392

Church: 603-352-6424

Website: www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org

Rev. Fr. Leo Schefe, Pastor

Fr. Leo's e-mail: frleo@clearwire.net

Fr. Leo's cell phone: (617) 435-3057

April 2013

Services Every Sunday / Κυριακή

Matins (Ορθρος) 9:00 -10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (Θεία Λειτουργία)

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Prosforo (Πρόσφορο) Bakers

April 10: Fotini Glimenakis

April 24: Maria Glimenakis



Worship Services in April

Wednesday, April 3: Pre-sanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 5: Service of the Salutations / Akathist

Sunday, April 7: Sunday of the Holy Cross

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Wednesday, April 10: Pre-sanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 12: Service of the Salutations / Akathist

Sunday, April 14: Sunday of St. John Climacus

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Wednesday, April 17: Pre-sanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 19: Service of the Salutations / Akathist

Sunday, April 21: Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Wednesday, April 24: Pre-sanctified Liturgy

Sunday, April 28: Palm Sunday (Κυριακή των Βαΐων)

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18



Friday, May 3: Good Friday (Μεγάλη Παρασκευή)

Sunday, May 5: Easter Sunday / Pascha (Πάσχα)

Monday, May 6 (observed), St. George Day Service

In This Issue

Prosforo (πρόσφορο) Bakers	1
Worship Services	1
Calendar at a Glance (non-liturgical)	1
Encyclical – Holy and Great Lent	2-3
Prayer Books Available	3
Two of Many Reasons to Fast	3
Special Services in March	3
Bulletin Editorial Board.....	3
Weekly Bulletin.....	4
Father Ted's Memory Book	4
Friday Evening Discussions	4
Wednesday Evening Services	4
Prayer List – Members of Our Community.....	4
Friday Evening Services	4
Stewardship Update.....	5
Pledge Update	5
2013 Stewards of St. George	6
Death Notice - William Anthropopoulos	6
Mardi Gras / Apokriatiko (Αποκριάτικο) Photos	6-7

Calendar at a Glance (non-liturgical)

Friday Evening Discussion, April 5, 6:00 p.m.

The Great Lenten Journey

Friday Evening Discussion, April 12, 6:00 p.m.

The Great Lenten Journey

Friday Evening Discussion, April 19, 6:00 p.m.

The Great Lenten Journey

Friday Evening Discussion, April 26, 6:00 p.m.

The Great Lenten Journey

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12

General Assembly, Sunday, May 19

Ladies and Gents Luncheon, Thursday, June 6

At Papagallos, 1:00 p.m.

Annual Church Picnic, Sunday, June 16

At Keene State College Camp (Swanzy), after the Liturgy

Father's Day, Sunday, June 16

Encyclical – Holy and Great Lent



From the **Orthodox Observer**
February - March 2013 (Vol. 78 • No. 1283)

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This prayerful and reflective season of the year, Holy and Great Lent, is a time when we are led to a deeper level of contemplation of our relationship with God as we engage with the great spiritual resources of our Orthodox faith. One of these resources is the witness of the Saints, which guides us in living in repentance, prayer, humility, and love. Through the cherished record of their holy lives and great deeds in the service of Christ, we are inspired by the Saints to draw near to God, to be filled with His power and presence, and to seek above all things, the fulfillment of His will.

Among the Saints are a group of holy people who were called by God to preach repentance, justice, and mercy--the Prophets. During this season of Great Lent, we encounter the message of the Prophets through readings and commemorations, and especially in their role of preaching the restoration and salvation that would come through the Incarnation and Passion of Christ. At the Vespers of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of Great Lent, we sing: *"The divinely inspired Prophets preached You in word and honored You in works....They renounced the whole world for the Gospel's sake, and in their suffering they were conformed to Your Passion which they had foretold."*

When we examine the message of the Prophets in the context of Great Lent, we find several themes that guide us in examining our lives and our commitment to God. First is a persistent call to be faithful to God as He is faithful to His people.

The Prophets were sent by God to the people of Israel to remind them of their covenant relationship with Him. They preached of all of the wondrous things God had done, and chided the people for their unfaithfulness. They condemned immorality and injustice, and called for a return to mercy and holiness.

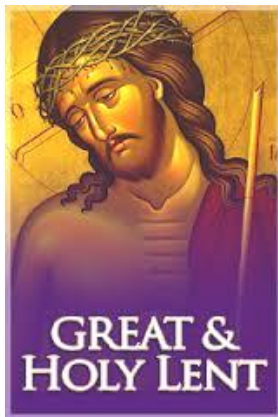
Second, the message of the Prophets emphasizes our need for repentance and for God's forgiveness. Over and over again, the Prophets exhorted the people to turn from their sinful ways and seek the forgiveness of God. Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity (Hosea 14:1). They warned of the consequences of forsaking Him, but spoke of the healing that would come through forgiveness. Isaiah proclaimed, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

Third, the Prophets preached about the priority of justice in all relationships. Micah stated, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8) These exhortations came at a time when kings and judges, religious leaders and the wealthy were ignoring the plight of those living in suffering, of the poor, the widows and orphans. The Prophets called everyone to turn from greed, selfishness, and the exploitation of the weak to relationships grounded in truth and marked by holiness and righteousness. Isaiah preached, "Learn to do good; Seek justice; Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless; Plead for the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).

The final theme in the message of the Prophets is one of hope in the restoration of communion with God. Many of the Prophets foretold of great tragedies and struggle that would come because of the sins of the people. But messages of judgment were followed by words of hope. Speaking a promise from the Lord the Prophet Hosea said, "They shall return and dwell beneath My shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom as the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon" (Hosea 14:7). Isaiah proclaimed, "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 51:11).

In this holy season of Great Lent, these themes guide us in reflection on our lives and our relationship with God. This season of prayer is a time for us to return to God, to be faithful to Him as He has been to us, and to renew our commitment to follow His will. It is a time of repentance, as we examine our actions, attitudes, and priorities, and approach Him with genuine and contrite hearts, seeking His forgiveness. It is a time to reflect on all our relationships with others and on our responses to human need, and ensure that justice and mercy are shown. Finally, in the midst of serious contemplation, deep repentance, spiritual struggle, and earnest prayer, Great Lent is a time when we keep our hearts and minds focused on Christ. Through His life and Passion, through His presence and offering for our salvation, our hope will be renewed and our joy restored in the light and life of His glorious victory!

† DEMETRIOS, Archbishop of America



Two of Many Reasons to Fast

by St. John Chrysostom

We are taught to fast regularly as part of our Christian discipline. Why should we fast? How do we serve God by going hungry? Surely we need adequate food each day in order to work hard in God's service. Jesus criticized most vehemently those who drew attention to their fasting, urging us to fast in secret; so clearly fasting is not a matter for personal pride.

There are two reasons to fast. The first is to break our attachment to material things, of which food is the most central, and so compel us to depend on spiritual things. When we are eating regularly, food not only sustains our bodies, but provides pleasure and satisfaction. In itself, there is nothing wrong with such pleasure. But when we do without food, we are reminded that the only true and lasting source of joy is spiritual.

The second is to express solidarity with those whose poverty forces them to go hungry. We may fast from time to time as a discipline; but many people fast continually because they have no money to buy food. If we are truly to show compassion to the poor, we must experience within our own bodies the consequences of poverty. Fasting is thus an incentive toward generosity. And the money saved during a fast can readily be given to relieve the enforced hunger of others.

Prayer Books Available

Prayer books will be available for purchase at church throughout Lent and Holy Week.



The Lenten Triodion
(Τριώδιον κατανυκτικόν)
St. Tikhon's Seminary Press
\$32.00



Holy Week – Easter
(ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΣ ΠΑΣΧΑ)
Greek Orthodox Holy Week
& Easter Services
Patmos Press, \$25.00

Bulletin Editorial Staff

Executive Director: Susan Karalekas, Editor-in-Chief

Desktop Publishing: Susan Karalekas

Photography: Kevin Warren

Copy Editors: Irene Cheek and Elaine Ellis

Sponsorship: Merope (Popey) Pitsas

Distribution:

Margaret Ioannou

Danielle Cuthberta Piper

Parish Council Liaisons:

Susan Karalekas

Vasiliki Moore



Bulletin submissions and questions can be sent to church, attention: Susan Karalekas; e-mailed to susan@bridgesinn.net; or call Susan at (603) 358-6958

Sponsorship submissions and questions can be sent to church, attention: Popey Pitsas; e-mailed to PanosPit33@msn.com; or call Popey at (603) 827-3775

Weekly Bulletin

A weekly bulletin is now available in printed format each Sunday morning. The weekly bulletin focuses on the current Sunday worship and also includes notices about upcoming services, events, and announcements. It is largely based on the weekly e-Bulletin that Fr. Leo recently launched.

If you would like the e-Bulletin to arrive in your inbox each weekend, please make sure Fr. Leo has your correct e-mail address.

The weekly bulletin will not replace the regular monthly bulletin which is mailed to homes.

Fr. Leo can be reached at frleo@clearwire.net or on his cell phone at 617 435-3057.

The e-Bulletin is available online at:
<http://www.bulletin.goarch.org/ChurchBulletins/335/>

Father Ted's Memory Book

Vasiliki and George presented the Memory Book to Father Ted on March 3rd. The book contained 178 pages of letters and pictures submitted by current and former parishioners of St. George.

He was delighted and will communicate his gratitude and acknowledgment in the near future.



Father Ted reading the Memory Book surrounded by his grandchildren

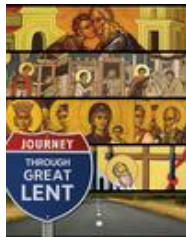
Friday Evening Discussions

The Great Lenten Journey

6:00-7:00 p.m.

April 5

April 12



April 19

April 26

Join Fr. Leo on Friday evenings at 6:00 PM to discuss the *Journey through Great Lent*.

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

- **Hristianna Lanoue**
- **Donald Doubleday**
- **John Bardis**
- **Mark Raheb, for healing**
- **Constantine (Dean) Eleftheriou**



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. Leo.

Wednesday Evening Services

Pre-sanctified Liturgy (Pro-igiasmeni / Προηγιασμένη)

6:00-7:30 p.m.

April 3

April 10

April 17

April 24

Followed by a Lenten dinner

Food contributions welcomed but not required

http://www.goarch.org/chapel/liturgical_texts/lentenliturgies

Friday Evening Services

Service of the Salutations / Akathist Hymn (Akathistos / Ακάθιστος)

7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 5

April 12

April 19

The Service of the Salutations to the Most Holy Theotokos - Chanted at Small Compline on the Fridays of Lent

http://www.goarch.org/chapel/chant/akathist/index_html

Stewardship Update

Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Nikiforakis, Stewardship Chairperson

Stewardship is off to a great start so far this year. Thank you to everyone who has given to St. George. We appreciate your devotion and commitment to our church. The theme is still: *give your time, talent and treasure*.

This is my last bulletin as I have resigned as the Stewardship chair position. I have given my time for the past three and a half years and find that work demands are increasing and I need to devote time to Joe (my son) as we head down the path to search for a college.

Thank you to those that have sent me kind notes along the way. You always gave me a smile. I am not leaving my dear friends or church. I just need a little break. Please consider giving some time and talent to the Stewardship Committee at St. George's. I remain a resource for you.

Thank you,

Kathy



From the Parish Council

On behalf of St. George Church, we are grateful for the service as Stewardship Chairperson that Kathy has graciously and selflessly given for the past three and a half years. She has built our stewardship program, shared words of wisdom and faith with us, and blessed us with her beautiful smile and enthusiasm. We are grateful for her faith and dedication to our church and thank her sincerely for all she has given to St. George.

Now that Kathy is stepping down, we need more people on the Stewardship committee. If you are interested in being on the Stewardship committee in any capacity (not necessarily the Stewardship chair), please contact Maria Bradshaw at (603) 357-2143.

We extend gratitude and blessings to you and your family, Kathy.

Thank you / ευχαριστώ,

The Parish Council



Stewardship as of March 6, 2013

Total Pledges: \$28,730.00

Total Pledges Paid: \$16,645.00

Balance Due: \$12,085.00

Total Pledges Paid to date as compared to previous years

January 1 – March 31, 2011: \$15,485.00

January 1 – March 31, 2012: \$15,341.00

January 1 – March 6, 2013*: \$16,645.00

* Note that we are *ahead* of first quarter pledges paid in 2011 and 2012 *with 25 days left in March!*

2013 Stewards of St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Listed below are the parishioners who made a commitment as of March 6, 2013.

We are off to a great start in 2013. THANK YOU (ευχαριστώ) for your stewardship!

Peter Antonopoulos & Ellen Spielberg	Louis & Lisa Giannakakos	Nickolas Lupinin & Susan Karalekas
Presbytera Evelyn Bacopulos	Charles Glimenakis	David Maydwell
Bob & Vicki Balkanikos	Christopher & Fotini Glimenakis	Susan Maydwell
James Bardis	Sue Davis-Glimenakis	George & Mary Michaelides
John D. Bardis	Michael & Stephanie Guitard	Peter & Estelle Merzi
Edward & Tina Beloyianis	Peter Gundelfinger & Suzanne Smiley	Kevin Miller & Christina Eliopoulos
Mike & Carolyn Blastos	Janet Harrison	Bill & Flo Nestor
Chris Booras	George & Maria Ioannou	Paul & Kathy Nikiforakis
Julia Booras	Margaret Ioannou	Alexandra Papadimitriou
Mary Booras	George & Sigrid Karabakakis	Lena Pappas
Heather Eleni Bosworth	Stella Kiritsy	Maria Pappas
Peter & Maria Bradshaw	Alexandra Kolivas	Roger & Connie Phelps
Sarah Bradshaw	Anastasia Kolivas	Mitch & Danielle Piper
Wayne & Jennie Canwell	Louis & Sue-Ellan Kolivas	Diane Golfin Raheb
John and Rita Chakalos	Nicholas Kolivas	Alan & Heather Riley
Don & Irene Cheek	Marya Koskoris	George & Youla Skipitaris
Ernie & Rachel Conides	Paul & Barbara Koutras	John and Roe-Ann Tasoulas
Heather Eakin	Mark & Apostolia Lanoue	Joseph & Elizabeth Truman
Bill & Elaine Ellis	Evangelia Leristis	Douglas Walker & Andrea Polizos
Dean Eliopoulos	Spyridon & Ekaterini Leristis	Kevin & Lisa Warren
Peter Espiefs	Christene Libbares	Lazarus & Ryanne Xanthopoulos
	Claudio Lopez & Elizabeth Schuster	



Death Notice

We received notification from Anna Cook that her 98-year old father, William Anthropopoulos passed away on February 18, 2013. Mr. and Mrs. (Zoe) Anthropopoulos were members of St. George until they moved back to New York in 2007.

Mr. Anthropopoulos was the beloved husband of Zoe; devoted father of Joann Calcaterra, Karen Orr, and Anna Cook; and the cherished grandfather of Katie and Timothy.

May his memory be eternal. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Anthropopoulos and family:

c/o Anna Cook
218 Cadman Ave.
Babylon, NY 11702
(631) 422-0103



Mardi Gras / Apokriatiko (Αποκριάτικο) Photos

The Apokriatiko, held on Saturday, March 9th was successful and fun for people of all ages! It was nice to see so many families at the dance. Everyone very much enjoyed the music (from the Salonica Boys), dancing, great food, and ambiance in Hellenic Hall. There were some great costumes, from the children's creative attire to the adult clowns, Panos and Popey, who added much fun to the party!! See these photos and more in color on our website: <http://stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org/pictures/?album=all&gallery=22>

Thank you to all who volunteered, contributed, and attended! And special thanks to everyone who cooked and provided delicious food!

Mardi Gras / Αποκριάτικο (Αποκριάτικο) Photos (continued)





Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
70 West Street, PO Box 392
Keene, NH 03431-0392

Nonprofit Org.

U.S. Postage

Paid

Keene, NH 03431

Permit No. 149

Return Service Requested

Holy Week **April 28 – May 5**

Palm Sunday (Κυριακή των Βαίων)

April 28th

Easter Sunday / Pascha (Πάσχα)

May 5th

*The complete schedule of services for Holy Week is
being mailed to homes in a separate mailing.*

In Loving Memory of our Parents

Alexander and Mina Pitsas

Peter and Anna Argyros

and Panos' Brother, Basil A. Pitsas

They are always in our hearts

Αἰωνία Αὐτῶν ἡ Μνήμη!

May Their Memory Be Eternal!

Panos and Merope Pitsas