



Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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October 2013 Newsletter

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

October 6: Fotini Glimenakis

October 20: Maria Glimenakis



Our Bulletin's New Name

Effective immediately, this publication, that we have known as the "monthly bulletin" will be known as the "monthly newsletter." See "Church Communications" on page 3 for details.

Worship Services in October

Sun., Oct. 6: 3rd Sunday of Luke; Apostle Thomas
Epistle: St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15
Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Sun., Oct. 13: 4th Sunday of Luke; Sunday of the 7th
Ecumenical Council
Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15
Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Sun., Oct. 20: St. Gerasimos of Kephalaria
Epistle: St. Paul's 2nd Letter to Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1
Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sat., Oct. 26: Great Martyr St. Demetrios
Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10
Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2

Sun., Oct. 27: St. Nestor of Thessaloniki
Epistle: St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11
Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Mon., Oct. 28: Holy Protection of the Theotokos
Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

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Calendar at a Glance (non-liturgical)

Paraklesis to Mother of God, Tuesdays, 6:00 PM
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; (see page 5 for details)

Lunch and Lives, Thursdays at 12:00 noon
October 3rd, 17th, and 31st

Paraklesis to St. George, Thursdays, 6:00 PM
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; (see page 5 for details)

Special Fellowship Hour, Sunday, October 6
In honor of Ernie Conides' 90th birthday

Pumpkin Festival Fundraiser, Sat., October 19

Daylight Savings Time Ends, Sunday, November 3

General Assembly, Sunday, November 3 at noon

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28

Ladies & Gents Luncheon, Thursday, December 12

A calendar of events can be found on our website at
www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org

Father Leo's Ledger

It's Later than You May Think

By Fr. Leo Schefe



It's the fall season once more—schedules become tighter than ever—work, school and extra-curricular activities. Even though you are very busy, can I ask you to take a few minutes to think about this question?

If you found out you had but a short time left to live, how would you re-order your days in order to prepare to meet our Lord and Savior? How would you plan your days in order to prepare to meet our Lord and Savior? How would you plan your days to fit in the things that are truly most needful...to prepare the soul to meet the Lord?

We never know...our days might truly be short from this moment forward. For this reason, as your priest, I encourage you to carefully review your current busy schedule and see how you might make time for the things that truly matter—the things that affect the soul for all eternity. Those things would be: worship of the Lord through the services of the Church; fellowship with Christ through the Holy Eucharist and prayer; cleansing of the heart and soul through Holy Confession; reconciliation with those with whom you might be estranged; feeding your mind with pure food, i.e., that which does not defile it through the various senses.

We live in an increasingly chaotic world and must work hard to be at peace and in remembrance of our Lord and of our short time on the earth. The Holy Fathers of the Church tell us that if we remember death, we will be kept from sin. In the Church we have standard prayers that ask God that we be kept from unforeseen death...that is, that we might have time to prepare ourselves. Some people are blessed to see death on the horizon; however, many do not. Even so, in the New Testament, we are cautioned to be vigilant regarding our spirituality. So, I ask you—if you knew your time was short; how would you rearrange your personal schedule? What would you do differently?

Since we do not know the time, let us seek to put the review to the test and act on it. No one wants to live a life that they will look back on with regret. Unfortunately, many people do just that. The worst regret would be carelessness of our spiritual life which is a gift from God and our greatest treasure...for indeed, in the end, it is the only thing that truly matters and the effects of which we will carry with us throughout eternity.

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Matthew 16:26



Church school is now in session!



Classes began on September 22, but there's always room for more! Church school classes are offered on Sundays beginning immediately after Holy Communion and ending at 11:55 AM. Four classes are available for Youth: Preschool (ages 4-5), Kindergarten – 3rd grade; Juniors (4th – 6th grade) and Teens+ (7th grade and up). Classes are being taught by: Litsa Lanoue, Ekaterina Leristis, Tasia Pananas, and Presbytera Candace.

Another opportunity for learning is offered every other Thursday at noon. **Lunch & Lives** is a gathering centered around the reading of hagiographies (lives of Saints). This is an opportunity to learn and gain encouragement from the lives of those who have gone before us. Join us from noon 'til 1:00 PM in our Hellenic Hall. Bring a lunch (or just bring yourself). See page 5 for details.

Church Communications

We are always looking for more effective ways to communicate. Technology has helped a lot, but many of the technologies are most beneficial to those with computers and Internet access.

Internet technology and a dedicated, computer-savvy priest have made it possible for St. George to have a weekly bulletin. Fr. Leo designs the bulletin each Saturday from information provided by the Archdiocese, e-mails it to everyone for whom he has an e-mail address, and prints out an abridged version for distribution at Sunday services. The electronic version is the Weekly eBulletin and the printed version is the Weekly Bulletin. Thank you Fr. Leo for bringing these weekly publications to us!

If you have an e-mail address and want to be on Fr. Leo's mailing list, please send him your e-mail address at frleo@clearwire.net

Now that we have a weekly bulletin, we have renamed our monthly bulletin to the Monthly Newsletter. Bulletins and newsletters are available from the home page of our website at www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org

We also encourage you to share your news with us. Please send submissions to Fr. Leo or to Susan Karalekas so that we can share it with the St. George family. Susan's contact information is below.

New Stewardship Chairperson

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that Nickolas Lupinin has stepped forward to assume the duties of Stewardship Chairperson.

Nick has served on the Parish Council for several years and is looking forward to his new responsibilities.

We are appreciative of Nick's dedication and devotion to St George. Thank you Nick!



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Community Prayer List

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
- Dean Eleftheriou
- Presbyteria Evelyn Bacopoulos
- Kathrine Koutras
- Pat Blastos



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.

Stewardship

Stewardship Update as of September 12, 2013

Total Pledges: \$39,960.00

Total Pledges Paid: \$ 32,224.00

Balance Due: \$ 7,736.00

2013 Stewards of St. George Greek Orthodox Church

THANK YOU (ευχαριστώ) for your stewardship!

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| | Susan Maydwell | |

Fellowship Hour

Beginning September, we have been organizing fellowship hour on a month-to-month basis. A volunteer coordinates fellowship hour for one month and finds volunteers to host each Sunday's fellowship hour.

We thank Connie Phelps for coordinating the month of September and for hosting on September 1, 8, and 29. We also thank fellowship hour hosts:

- September 15: The Balkanikos Family
- September 22: Kimberly Ioannou for the 40-day memorial service for Michael Blastos

We thank Irene Cheek for coordinating the month of October, and to the fellowship hour hosts:

- October 6: Rachel Conides
- October 13: Beth Truman
- October 20: Irene Cheek
- October 27: Anna Tasoulas

For the month of November, Maria Bradshaw will be coordinating fellowship hour. Please contact Maria or see her at church if you are willing to host a fellowship hour in November, coordinate fellowship hour for December, or if you can help in any way. Maria can be reached at 603-357-2143.

Lunch and Lives

This noon-time meeting is open to both men and women who would like to know more about the lives of Orthodox Christian Saints. We meet every other Thursday from noon until 1:00 PM. Dates this month are October 3rd, 17th, and 31st.

Bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

For details, contact Presbytera Candace. She can be reached at 857-210-7945.

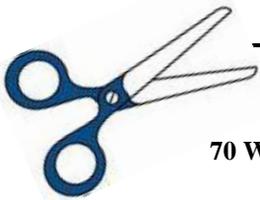
Two Paraklesis Services Each Week

Please join us to offer praise and to ask the intercessions of both Panagia (Mother of God) and St. George here in our church each week. Attend in person and exercise a prayerful attitude by uplifting your heart to God.

- Paraklesis to Panagia: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
- Paraklesis to St. George: Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Everyone is encouraged to bring a list of names for Fr. Leo to remember during the service. Please provide only names of the living (and for these services, you can give names of *anyone* among the living). Be sure to include *your own name* on the list as well.

If you haven't yet made a commitment to St. George for 2013, please fill out the form below and bring it or mail it to church.



SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

70 WEST STREET, PO BOX 392, KEENE, NH 03431-0392 – TELEPHONE 603-352-6424

"Abide in Me"

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

2013 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 2013

A total amount of: \$500 _____ \$750 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$2,500 _____ 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 Nickolas Lupinin, Stewardship Chairperson.

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*Volunteers Needed for the
Annual Christmas Bazaar and Pastry Sale*
Saturday, December 7th ♦ 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Hellenic Hall



St. George Church will once again be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar and Pastry Sale on the first Saturday of December. This is our largest annual fund raising activity to benefit the church and we need everyone's help to make this a major success. We need:

- Donations for our pastry table and luncheon
- A volunteer to make calls for people to bake for the pastry table
- Volunteer(s) to organize Yiayia's Attic Treasures
- Volunteer(s) to schedule workers for the day
- Volunteer(s) to carry tables up and down stairs
- Volunteers to set up, work on the day of the bazaar, clean up, etc.
- Donations of saleable items for Yiayia's Attic Treasures (no clothes, please)
- Our parishioners to attend the Christmas Bazaar, even if you can't help

Your participation will help St. George and will also provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know other parishioners.

How will you help? If you are willing to help, please contact:

Evelyn Hubal at (603) 357-0128 or Sue Kolivas at (603) 357-8951

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

The Keene Community Kitchen Benefits from Unique Gift of Shoes

Thanks to a generous eight-year-old's birthday request, The Community Kitchen benefits from a unique gift of shoes.

The Community Kitchen is constantly and pleasantly surprised by the community in which we are located! Beth and Joe Truman's daughter, Sophia, had asked the guests coming to her 8th birthday party to bring gently used children's shoes in lieu of traditional gifts. This photo shows a selection of the shoes received by Sophia, which she donated to The Community Kitchen.



The Keene Community Kitchen, just a short distance from our church, provides needy members of our community with essentials such as food, clothes, and of course, shoes.

Most of the Kitchen's outreach is done purely with volunteer help. Things that seem so easy to do are so much appreciated. For instance, if you could spare an evening now and then to serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM or help prepare a meal, your help would be greatly appreciated.

The Community Kitchen has a wish list for items that they do not receive an abundance of and could really use to round out the pantry boxes they distribute weekly. They can always use:

- ♦ cooking oil
- ♦ canned protein (e.g., fish, meat, poultry)
- ♦ canned stews or soup containing protein
- ♦ boxed dinners (e.g., Hamburger Helper)

Our own Margaret Ioannou is the Kitchen's Hot Meals Program Volunteer Coordinator. Call her if you'd like to volunteer (603-352-3200). Food donations can be brought to church and put in the collection box.

Excerpts about Sophia Truman's donation are from the September 2013 U Review, the publication of the Monadnock United Way.



Keene Pumpkin Festival Saturday, October 19th



Volunteers are needed!

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 13th.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help with the general operation of our church.



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

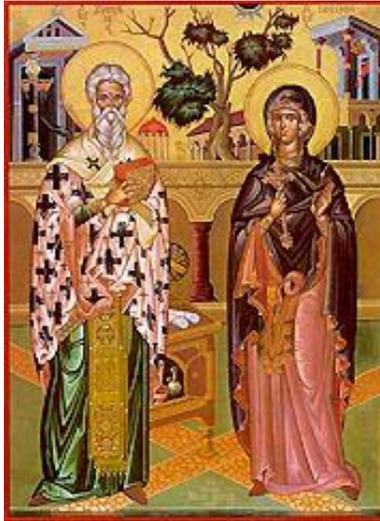
Thoughts from Presbytera Candace... What about Halloween?

Many Christians recognize the darkness that casts itself 'round about on the celebration of Halloween each year. Some choose to ignore the festivities, some opt for alternative activities, some see it as purely harmless fun. In recent years, I have come to view it as an opportunity for prayer and education. Here below is a short life of Saints Cyprian and Justina; Cyprian was once a sorcerer and converted to Orthodox Christianity in the third century.

By reading the lives of the Saints below, parents and young people can reckon that the phenomenon of sorcerers is not something that is pure fantasy found in fiction books only. It is real power energized by demonic forces, but not power that is greater than that offered by God Himself, to Whom the demons are subject and tremble. Note the power of the making of the sign of the Cross in this account...

Lives of Saints for Young People

Saints Cyprian and Justina



In the reign of the pagan emperor Decius (249-251), there lived in the city of Antioch in Asia Minor a famous philosopher and magician whose name was Cyprian. His parents were pagan and when he was still a child, they sent him to study sorcery and demonic wisdom. Cyprian learned all sorts of evil tricks which he was able to perform with the help of demons. He could send diseases upon people, produce thunder, cause damage to crops, and finally he even learned how to call forth the dead from the graves and force them to speak by means of various magic spells. He became a great sorcerer, magician and destroyer of souls. God had given him a good mind, but Cyprian used all his knowledge to serve evil. He became the faithful slave of the prince of darkness.

Returning to Antioch, it was not long before Cyprian was teaching others how to perform evil tricks: some he taught to fly in the air, others to sail in boats on the clouds, still others to walk on water. By the pagans he was greatly honored as a chief priest and most wise servant of their horrid gods. The prince of darkness himself, as Cyprian later related, spoke with him face-to-face and praised him for his obedience, promising to help him in everything during his earthly life. Cyprian described how he saw the prince of darkness sitting on a throne and surrounded by a countless number of evil spirits.

Through his wicked way of life, Cyprian had already placed himself in the jaws of the devil. But the Lord Who, in His great love for mankind, desires that all men be saved, wished also to save Cyprian. And He did this in the following way...

There lived in Antioch at that time a certain maiden named Justina who had chosen Christ as her bridegroom. She served Him with her whole heart, with fervent prayer and a pure life. Seeing her virtuous life, the devil, the hater of mankind, became angry and began to do her harm.

In the same city there lived a young man named Aglaias who was very rich and led a very worldly life of pleasure. Once it happened that he saw Justina as she was going to church and he was struck by her beauty.

By evil trickery, the evil one planted in his heart shameful feelings towards the maiden. Aglaias, burning with passion, tried by every means to win the love of Justina, and thereby deceive her into falling into sin with him. But Justina firmly resisted for she had already chosen Christ as her bridegroom. Finally, unable to deceive her himself, Aglaias asked Cyprian to help him, promising him much gold and silver if he should succeed.

Cyprian called on one of the evil spirits who proudly said that he should have no trouble implanting the same impure thoughts into the heart of Justina. The next night, when Justina was praying, she noticed that some wicked thoughts had entered her head and she felt as though her body were possessed by a sinful attraction for Aglaias. Recognizing that this was caused by the evil schemes of the devil, she only increased her prayers. This put the demon to shame and he was forced to flee. The inward battle stopped and Justina glorified God and sang a song of victory.

Then Cyprian sent a more powerful demon. But, he, too, was unable to overcome the maiden. Finally the prince of darkness himself, disguised as a woman, came to Justina and tried to deceive her using words of Scripture. But Justina saw that this, too, was the work of the devil. She protected herself with the sign of the Cross and the wicked one immediately vanished in great shame.

Seeing how powerless even the prince of darkness was against Justina, Cyprian became angry and demanded to know what weapon the maiden used against them. The devil admitted: "We cannot behold the sign of the Cross, but flee from it because it scorches us like fire and banishes us far away."

Having become convinced that nothing could conquer the power of the sign of the cross and the name of Christ, Cyprian came to his senses and said to the devil, "O destroyer and deceiver of all. Now I have discovered your true weakness; woe is me. For, I, too, have been deceived. Get away from me, you wretched one." Angered by these words, the devil threw himself at Cyprian in order to kill him. But Cyprian protected himself with the sign of the Cross and the devil immediately leaped away from him like an arrow shot from a bow.

Fully realizing his sins, Cyprian went to the Christian bishop and begged him to give him holy baptism. He then gave him all his books of magic to be burned. Seeing his genuine repentance, the bishop baptized him and burned his books in front of all the believing people. Cyprian completely changed his life and began to work not only for his own salvation, but also to help others. Soon he was made a bishop and Justina became the abbess of a convent.

The devil was angry at this betrayal of one of his former servants. He inspired the pagan rulers with the idea that Cyprian and Justina were their enemies because they were leading people away from the pagan gods to the worship of Christ. Many deceived pagans went to the governor and demanded that Cyprian and Justina be put to death. After they had bravely withstood many tortures, these two servants of the true God were beheaded with a sword. The devil had thought to destroy Cyprian and Justina, but instead, they had gained crowns of martyrdom and eternal life with Christ our God, to Whom be glory and honor forever. Amen.

*(The above was adapted from the Life of Saints Cyprian and Justina, **The Orthodox Word**, Vol.XII, 5)*

I decorate our front door on Halloween night with a sign that an artistic Orthodox friend created at my request--it has a circle with a line through it (like the old "ghostbusters" symbol) superimposed over the word Halloween, i.e., "No" Halloween. Under it that it says, "Come back on St. Nicholas Day, December 6, for a sweet treat!" Any kid who shows up on December 6th will get a bag of gold wrapped foil coins from our house and receives an awareness of the "real" St. Nicholas of Myra.

Some Orthodox churches offer the Akathist Prayer service to St. Cyprian on Halloween night following a lovely harvest dinner. One can always invoke the prayers of Saints Cyprian and Justina against the darkness of this contemporary age. St. Isaac of Syria Skete (www.skete.com) has two beautiful mounted icons of the Saint--one of Saints Cyprian and Justina together and one of St. Cyprian alone.

These are just a few thoughts of ways that one can give glory to God and wise teaching through the lives of His Saints in contrast to traditional Halloween fare.

Church Etiquette – Part 1

By Fr. Dimitri Tsakas

Taken from "Voice in the Wilderness", Vol. 8, No. 3, July-Sept. 2000

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http://www.orthodoxresearchinstitute.org/articles/misc/tsakas_church_etiquette.htm

Many times people ask me about what is "the done thing" at Church. So I decided to dedicate some space here to answering common questions like what are the different parts of the Church, when do I do my Cross, when should we be standing during services and similar questions. I hope you find the information here useful remembering of course that it acts as a guide and not simply as a list of "dos and don'ts".

Parts of the Church Building

The Church Building is divided into three parts called the Narthex, Nave and Sanctuary:

1. The Narthex is the first part where we enter, light a candle, venerate the icons and generally prepare ourselves for entrance into the Nave for worship. Here when we enter we do the sign of the Cross, light a Candle (which symbolises our acceptance of Christ as the light of the World), and kiss the icons (first the Icon of Christ and then the others). It is in the Narthex that we slow down our thoughts and begin our prayer. The Narthex is a place of preparation for our entrance into another reality, namely the Heavenly worship of the Church. If we arrive during the reading of the Bible or during any processions, we should stand still until they are finished before lighting a candle or doing anything else in the Narthex.
2. The Nave is the main middle part of the Church where the congregation gathers for worship. It represents Heaven on earth.
3. The Sanctuary, separated from the Nave by the Iconostasis, is always located toward the East because Christ, the Light of the world is symbolised by the rising sun. In the sanctuary are the Altar Table, the Proskomide (where the Gifts for Holy Communion are prepared), and the Large Crucifix reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross for our salvation. Strictly speaking, only the clergy are allowed in this area and those to whom they give a blessing to be there also.

Services

The Church holds many services. Matins is a morning prayer service usually held before the Divine Liturgy on Sunday and other Feast Days. Vespers is an evening prayer service usually held on the eve of a feast. The most frequently attended service is the Divine Liturgy held every Sunday and major feast day throughout the year. Here at St. George we also hold the Divine Liturgy in English every Saturday Night. The Divine Liturgy is sometimes also referred to as the Divine Eucharist.

The Liturgy is the Service in which we have Holy Communion. During each service the Priest stands at the Altar. He is human, a member of God's people, but vested with the authority to offer the Eucharist and lead the worship. It is the proper custom to be at Church for the beginning of the Liturgy or at least before the Epistle and Gospel Readings.

Editor's Note: In our November newsletter, we will print Part 2 of Church Etiquette, with information about when to make the sign of the cross and when to stand, sit, or kneel.

Part 3 of Church Etiquette will appear in our December newsletter, covering Priesthood in the Orthodox Church and proper forms of addressing clergy.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church 2013 Community Christmas Card

The Parish Council of St. George is again sponsoring our annual "Community Christmas Card" program which has proven successful in past years. Each member of our church community is requested to return the application form below to have his/her name included in our beautiful "Christmas Card" and join your Orthodox Family of Saint George in the spirit of love and good will.

Your contribution of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will assist in the general operation of our church.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2013

Please cut out the form below and mail it along with your check to:

MARYA KOSKORIS
20 TIMBER LANE
BRATTLEBORO, VT 05301

Any questions, please call Marya at (802) 257-3519

To have your name included in this year's Christmas Card, Marya must receive your check and form by November 15, 2012.

Καλά Χριστούγεννα



St. George Community Christmas Card

YES! Please include me!

Print name exactly as it is to appear on card:

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (Suggested contribution is \$25.00)

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