

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION





PLEASE PARDON OUR APPEARANCE!

We have been busy planning improvements and enhancements to bring you an all-new monthly publication of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

It may require a few months to develop the newsletter completely, but it promises to be worth the wait!

ANAGENNESIS NEWS FOR JANUARY 2012

Happy New Year! Thank you to the Anagennesis ladies who made the 2011 calendar year a success for our church. If you are interested in joining us, please let Cathy Moufarge Boisvert know, 669-4165. Community: Cash Calendar: Our Annual Cash Calendar fundraiser will begin in January. Buy your tickets during coffee hour starting in January. Vasilopita: The annual Vasilopita breakfast will be held on January 8th. Please join us after church services.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR--2012

The second Book of Samuel in the Old Testament tells us a great deal about the life of King David. One of the stories included describes the time the Philistine armies had established their camp between the army of David and the town of Bethlehem. As David looked at the enemy camp, he could see beyond it the stirring scenes of his boyhood. The sight of the town where he was born and grew up probably stirred fond memories of the innocence of his childhood.

David had been good in many ways, but his past was also marked by a number of serious sins. Like so many of us, he wished that he could go back and do some things over. Perhaps this longing was what led him to say, "Oh that someone would give me a drink from the well of Bethlehem." (2 Sam. 23:15). That water would be so sweet to his taste! When three of his loyal soldiers overheard him, they broke through enemy lines at the risk of their lives and brought him a pitcher of that water. But now the king, overcome with emotion, refused to drink the water and poured it out on a rock as an expression of his determination to devote the rest of his life to the service of God.

The fact is we cannot relive our past and change what has been done, so we should not waste time on cherished fantasies or vain regrets. It is because we cannot go back and do it over that Christ said, "Anyone who starts to plow and then keeps looking back is of no use for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62).

We need to remember, however, that it is well within our power to change the present and future course of our lives. In doing so, we also insure that in looking back, we will have no regrets over missed opportunities. In this regard, it might be helpful for us to remember a wonderful proverb which tells us that "yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, but today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope." It is what we do today that counts.

May You Have a Happy, Blessed and Healthy, New Year!
+Father Andrew

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

January 2012

1st Sunday, Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

4th Wednesday, Eve of Epiphany, Vespers and Blessing of

Waters, 6pm NO BIBLE STUDY

6th Friday, Epiphany (Theophany), Orthros, 9am;

Divine Liturgy, 10am

Great Blessing of the Waters at 11:15.

7th Saturday, Saint John the Baptist, Divine Liturgy, 10am

8th Sunday, Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy and

Sunday School, 10am

Vasilopeta to follow in the Community Center

11th Wednesday, Bible Study in the Annex, 11:30am – 12:30pm

15th Sunday, Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy

& Sunday School, 10am

Memorial: 40-day for Mary Lucas

18th Wednesday, St. Athanasios, Divine Liturgy, 10am

Bible Study in the Annex, 11:30am - 12:30am

22nd Sunday, Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy &

Sunday School, 10am

Memorials: 40-day Mary Spiro; 1-year Agathocles Giotas

25th Wednesday, Bible Study in the Annex, 11:30am - 12:30am

29th Sunday, Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy

& Sunday School, 10am

Memorial: 5-year for Vassilios Dongas

30th Monday, Three Hierarchs, Divine Liturgy, 10am

February

1st Wednesday, Bible Study in the Annex, 11:30am – 12:30am

2nd Thursday, Presentation of Christ to the Temple,

Divine Liturgy, 10am

HOUSE BLESSINGS:

If you wish to have your home blessed during the month of January, please contact Father Andrew at the church office at 622-9113 or on his cell phone at 540-3709.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month....
bring a friend.

Nurse will be here on January 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., in the Community Center.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Tully John Folis and Mary Lucas. May their Memory be Eternal.

Welcome New Members

Mr. & Mrs. Matt Blanchette

Baptisms

Child of Christopher and Nicole Athanas.

GREATER MANCHESTER HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Trustees of the Greater Manchester Hellenic Scholarship Fund invite qualified high school seniors, college freshmen, and college sophomores to apply for 2012 scholarships. Applications are available at the Church office. Completed applications with official transcripts must be returned to the office no later than April 1, 2012.

SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP

The Winter season has arrived. Come enjoy invigorating exercise, with the ladies. Our classes meet every Wednesday in the Community Center from 10:00-11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Cathedral office at 622-9113.



Banquet Drawing













1955 Cadillac Series 60 Special

\$ 10 Donation

Prize Drawing held on Saturday, February, 4, 2012 evening of the Gala Event







Return by: February 3, 2012

Name: Address: Phone: Tickets available at church office and during coffee hour. Good Luck

Thank you for your Support!







HOPE/JOY

News

Last month a group of children and adults enjoyed hanging "Make A Wish" stars on the Christmas tree in the Narthex and listening to Father Andrew discuss Saint Nicholas. Children also decorated their own sugar cone Christmas tree. Again, the children were excited to see each other and they always enjoy the Annex; it is a great resource for our Church.

> Please join us for our January meeting! Next Meeting Date: January 6th

SCHEDULE

6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

6:00 arrive-meet in the Annex

6:15 lesson

6:30 craft

7:00 snack

7:30 closing and clean-up

We look forward to seeing you!!

DONATIONS

St. George Greek Orthodox Beautification Fund

\$200.00 Zoitsa Tzimopoulos George Millios \$750.00 John Botop \$50.00 Virginia Carros \$40.00

The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund

Glikeria Statires \$25.00

St. George Greek Orthodox **Choir Fund**

Zoitsa Tzimopoulos \$25.00

The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship Fund

Glikeria Statires \$2320	
Mary Spiro	\$2355.00
Lambros Theodosopoulos	\$850.00
Zoitsa Tzimopoulos	\$150.00

The Greater Manchester Hellenic Scholarship Fund

John Botop \$555.00 Zoitsa Tzimopoulos \$50.00 Glikeria Statires \$100.00

DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Nancy Daskal and family generously donated \$100.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund in loving memory of Nicholas Daskal.

Mr. Philip Liakos generously donated \$100.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Sunday School Fund in memory of his parents, Charles and Eva Liakos.

Mrs. Joyce Mantia generously donated \$100.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund in memory of her grandparents, Vasil and Vasiliki Malatras

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nikki Moutsioulis



I hope that all of you were able to celebrate Christmas and the beginning of the New Year in good health and with much happiness. I also hope that you were in church on December 18 to see our children in their pres-

entation of the Christmas Pageant. I would like to thank all of the children who participated in the Pageant, the teachers and parents who helped to get them costumed and direct them and everyone who helped with the Christmas Party. A special thanks to Marga Bessette who "volunteered" to be the emcee in my absence and to Maria Dongas for the special candy canes. We are delighted that Santa Claus was able to join us this year as he always makes the event more fun filled. Many thanks also to George Demos for spinning his tunes for us.

As we begin the New Year I look forward to working with the students and teachers to strengthen our Sunday School program. Perhaps your children haven't been attending as frequently as possible—there's a New Year's Resolution!

May your New Year be blessed with good health, happiness and love!

2011 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS DONATIONS

Our sincere thanks to Cathedral members who so generously contributed to our Christmas Poinsettia Display.

A most generous donation was made by Dorothy Spanos, in loving memory of her parents, Banos, Hariclia, and her deceased siblings, Stergios, Margaret, and John.

- Athanas Family
- Toula Barber
- In memory of Peter Bobotas from Mrs. Peter Bobotas, and Mr. & Mrs. Winston Nye.
- Alice and Frank Comerford
- Maria Damalas, in memory of her husband Soterios Damalas.
- Dimos Family
- Aphrodite Giotas
- Stamatia Malatras, memory for husband John.
- Aggie Martin, in loving memory of Matthew Martin by his family.
- John and Marie MacArthur
- Pauline and Joe Poulos
- · Georgia Saitas
- Olga Sysyn
- Mr. & Mrs. George Tagalakis, in memory of Despo, Mary, Arety, Stella, and Viola.
- Poppy Tsoutsas, in memory of her mother, Zoitsa Tzimopoulos
- Arthur Zetes
- In memory of "Muscles" from his loving family.
- Many other Cathedral members who wish to remain anonymous
- St. Nektarios, Christmas garland, donated by Dorothy Spanos, in loving memory of her sister, Margaret Spanos