



**May 21, 2023**

## **Sunday of the Blind Man**

**Saint of the Day: Constantine & Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles; Pachomios the New Martyr**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!!!**

Thank you for worshipping with us!!! Please join us for fellowship immediately following The Divine Liturgy. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, and encouraged, to receive the antidoron (bread given to those who do not/are not able receive Holy Communion) which is distributed at the end of the service. For those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to speak with Fr. Demetri after the service.

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO FOLLOW ALONG AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE LITURGY WITH THE BOOKS PROVIDED!!!**

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Angeline Christodoulou (40 days), William Pappas (40 days), Soultana (1 year) & George (35 years) Mokas

The coffee hour is sponsored in loving memory of Soultana & George Mokas by the Mokas family. May their memory be eternal!

### **WEEK IN PREVIEW**

**Sun, May 21**

*Orthros 8:30am*

*Divine Liturgy 9:30am*

Memorial Services

Sunday School

Graduation

Sponsored Coffee Hour

**Tue, May 23**

Library Memory Project

Photo ID by Zoom 7pm

**Wed, May 24**

Bible Study

in Library 11am

Learn to Chant in the

Library 7pm

**Thurs, May 25**

*Holy Ascension*

*Divine Liturgy 9:30am*

**Sun, May 28**

*Orthros 8:45am*

*Divine Liturgy 10:00am*

**Mon, May 29**

Memorial Day

Pine Grove Cemetery

Memorial Day Prayers

8:30am

Office Closed



# Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

## Resurrectional Hymn in the Plagal of the First Tone.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠϋδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, \* so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us.  
\* Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. \* For our salvation He was pleased  
\* to be crucified in the flesh, \* and to undergo death, \* and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection

## Anthem for the Equals to the Apostles in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸν τύπον ἐν οὐρανῷ θεασάμενος, καὶ ὡς ὁ Παῦλος τὴν κλῆσιν οὐκ ἐξ ἀνθρώπων δεξάμενος, ὁ ἐν βασιλεῦσιν, Ἀπόστολός σου Κύριε, Βασιλεύουσαν πόλιν τῇ χειρὶ σου παρέθετο ἣν περισῶζε διὰ παντὸς ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβεΐαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Your Apostle among the Rulers, St. Constantine, who once beheld in the sky the image of Your Cross, and who like Paul received his calling not from man, once entrusted the Ruling City into Your hand. We entreat You to restore it in peace forever, at the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord who loves humanity

## Anthem of St. George in the Fourth Tone

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἱατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Liberator of captives and defender of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, oh Trophy-bearer and Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

## Seasonal/Kontakion Hymn in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Due to the length of the scripture passages for today, we have only printed them in English for this bulletin.*

### **Acts 26:1, 12-20**

IN THOSE DAYS, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles—to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' "Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance."

### **John 9:1-38**

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made




clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.



JUNE 4TH  
SUNDAY AFTER SERVICES

***ST GEORGE  
BBQ PICNIC***

650 HANOVER ST, MANCHESTER, NH

***MUSIC, FOOD,  
FUN & GAMES!***

RSVP BY JUNE 2ND  
603-622-9113

BRING A SIDE DISH,  
DESSERT OR BEVERAGE TO SHARE  
\$20  
DONATION/FAMILY



**SATURDAY OF SOULS: JUNE 3, 2023**

Following the Liturgical cycle of the Church, the day before Pentecost Sunday, the Church remembers those who have fallen asleep (just as the three Saturdays of Souls that fall during the Tridion). This Saturday of Souls will take place on Saturday June 3, beginning with Orthros at 8:30am and The Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. On these Memorial Saturdays commemoration is made on behalf of all those who have fallen asleep unknown or who have been otherwise remembered, as well as for all the faithful departed in Christ. Our faith teaches that not until the Second Coming of our Lord and His Final Judgment, will final retribution be made to every man according to his works, and that meanwhile the souls of the faithful departed are benefited by the prayers of the living, especially when offered in conjunction with the Divine Liturgy.

Below you will find a commemoration slip on which to write the first name (Christian name NO Nicknames) of your deceased loved ones so that they may be remembered at the special Memorial Service to be held on June 3. (**please print names clearly**).



For the repose of the souls of the servants of God.



Υπέρ αναπαύσεως των ψυχών τών δούλων τού Θεού.

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# GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT @ FENWAY

THURSDAY, JUNE 1st @ 7:10

\$55.00 per ticket

which includes 2023 special-edition  
Red Sox Greek Heritage Jersey

**BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

Transportation has been donated by a member of the community.

**MEET @ ST GEORGE PARKING LOT**

Arriving between 3:30-4:00

Departing 4:00 for 5:30 festivities

RSVP CHURCH OFFICE [622-9113](tel:622-9113)

OR CHURCH HALL FELLOWSHIP

## Daughters of Penelope



*Invite you & a guest to join us for dinner*

*Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of June @ 6pm*

*Filotimo Restaurant*

*1279 South Willow Street*

*Manchester, NH*

### Buffet Dinner

*Greek Salad*

*Keftedes*

*Chicken & Pork Souvlaki*

*Greek Potatoes*

*Rice Pilaf*

*Mixed Vegetables*

*Raffles*

*Kindly RSVP by June 5<sup>th</sup> to*

*Toula Barber 603-785-4540 or Jenn Hughien 603-703-7129*

*Payment \$30.00/pp cash or check*

## St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral



**Rummage  
Sale**

Saturday, June 10, 2023 9am to 3pm

650 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH

*Last day to drop off items for sale is Thursday June 8.*

## GLENDI 2023 Cooking Schedule

9am start time

June 12 Stuffed Peppers

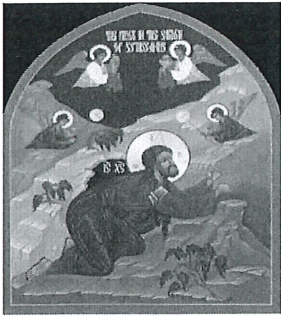
June 16 Dolmathes

June 19 Pastichio

June 26 Meatballs

*Schedule will be updated as new dates are confirmed.*





## **PRAYER LIST**

Pondering on the words of St. Paul, "Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's wellbeing. (I Cor. 10:24).

*Give rest to the weary, visit the sick, support the poor, for this is also worship. Aphahat*

For any prayer concern (salvation, health, employment, stress and anxieties, etc.) please send baptismal names only to: [office@stgeorgenh.org](mailto:office@stgeorgenh.org)

We may not be able to help others materially or medically, but God does hear our prayers and always asks us to pray for each other and so build up the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16).

**For health, recovery from illness and surgery:** Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Peter, Leah, Thomas, Tom, Soultana, Nick, Maura, Ernie, Dean, Vasilios, Rigley, Zachary, Rachel, Daniel, Kathy, Helen, Elanie, Andrew, Jamie, Megan, Stephanie, Katherine, Christos, Maureen, Vasiliki, Maria, Faye, Emily, Nicole, Olivia, Georgia, Mark, Maryann, James, Vasilios, Maria, Anna, Efthimios, Christopher, Katerina, Debra, Pavlos

**For comfort, spiritual help & strengthening of faith:** Pres. Patricia and family, Pres. Diane, Pres. Sophia, Pres. Dianthe, Barbara, Nancy, Amantha and Family, Maddie, Dino, Nick, Connie, Amy, Christopher

**For couples, parents and their families:** Neal and Elena, Paul – Kristin & Michael Francis, Penelope & Florence, Teddy, Tracy & family, Christina & Casey, Melanie and Michael, Alex

**For those engaged to be married:** Karleigh and Stavros, Katerina and Dennis

**For conceiving of children:**

**For childbearing:**

**For those in the Armed Forces:** Benjamin, Michael, Gabriel, Felipe

**For those travelling abroad:** John, Patrick

**For those seeking employment:** Lia, Jillian, Sophia, Gary, Nick



## *AD BOOK RATES*

**\*\*\* DEADLINE FOR ADS IS JUNE 30! \*\*\***

For quarter-, half-, and full-page ads, please send ads by email to [beth@stgeorgenh.org](mailto:beth@stgeorgenh.org)  
in PDF, TIFF, JPG, or Word format.

**Option 4: Full-page ad \$300.00**

Dimensions are 7.5" wide by 10" high.

**Option 3: Half-page ad \$150.00**

Dimensions are: 7.5" wide by 4.75" high OR 3.5" wide by 10" high.

**Option 2: Quarter-page ad \$75.00**

Dimensions are 3.5" wide by 4.75" high.

**Option 1: Patron List \$25.00**

This option lists your name on the Patrons page. Write as legibly as possible how you would like your name to appear on the page on this line:

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Please make checks payable to:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
650 Hanover Street  
Manchester, NH 03104-5306

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION SUNDAY TODAY** -We recognize students in our Church School today. Students will receive a certificate and some classes will offer a prayer together. We thank all teachers and our Director for a great year!

**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS AT PINE GROVE CEMETERY** - On Memorial Day, May 29 at the Pine Grove Cemetery, there will be a Trisagion Service that will take place. The Service will begin at 830am.

**SATURDAY OF SOULS** - Final Saturday of Souls for this Liturgical year will take place on Saturday, June 3. Matins 8:30am Divine Liturgy (memorials to follow) 9:30am. See attached form in this Bulletin with more information.

**GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT AT THE RED SOX** - Thursday, June 1 is Greek Heritage Night at Fenway Park. See the enclosed flyer for more information. Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, May 26.

**EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY JUNE 11-** This is a call to ALL who are High School Seniors. This is a day in which all those who are graduating from High School will be recognized following the Divine Liturgy. We ask that those who are graduating provide your name, a little write up about yourself including which high school you are graduating from or if home schooled, a recent picture, your plans for the future, and your community involvement here at St. George or elsewhere.

In order to have these names appear in the Weekly Bulletin on this day, **we need all the information by Sunday, June 4.** If we do not have your name and this information, you will not be able to be acknowledged as a graduate in the printed weekly bulletin. Please take the time and give our office a call or better yet, send an e-mail to [beth@stgeorgenh.org](mailto:beth@stgeorgenh.org) with all the information we are asking!

The scholarship awards program will take place in our community center following coffee hour.

**2023 METROPOLIS AWARD RECIPIENT** - We are pleased to announce that this year's St. George recipient is **Diane LaRoche**. The awards banquet will be on Sunday June 11, at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, Ma. Reception is at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$100. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact the church office at 603-622-9113. Congratulations to Diane and we thank her for many years of service to our Cathedral!

**ASSUMPTION GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION CELEBRATION** - Everyone is welcome to attend the Graduation Celebration that will take place on Sunday, June 11 at 1pm in the Assumption Church Hall.

**VACATION CHURCH CAMP** - Our St. George Family is looking for individuals to help lead this wonderful 4-day event in the life of our community. This has been done for many years and we would like to continue this tradition. Activities include morning prayer, crafts, snacks, music, discussion, play time and lunch. The hours have been from 8:30am until 12:30pm. If you or a loved one would like to help champion this, please contact the Church office [office@stgeorgenh.org](mailto:office@stgeorgenh.org)

**UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES** - June 11: George & Zoitsa Kitsis (1 year)

**GLENDI COOKING SCHEDULE** - June 12: Stuffed Peppers, June 16: Dolmathes, June 19: Pastichio, June 26: Meatballs

## **"AND HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN . . ."**

**F**orty days after His Resurrection, Christ, having accomplished His divine work, took His Apostles to the Mount of Olives, and after bidding them farewell, ascended into Heaven. Have you ever wondered why our Lord chose to leave us? He showed His power over death and the forces of evil . . . why didn't He simply remain among His people here on earth? As always, if we search the Scriptures and study the texts of our liturgical services, we find the answers to these questions.

In John 16:7, we hear Jesus telling His followers: ***"It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not, the Comforter will not come to you."*** One of the sticheras at Vespers on the eve of the Feast Day of the Ascension simply proclaims: ***"The Lord ascended into Heaven so that He could send the Holy Spirit into the world."*** Our Divine Saviour saw that His mission on earth was accomplished. He became Incarnate so that He could preach the Gospel to the world, directing mankind along the path of salvation and redemption. Through His Crucifixion and Resurrection, all of this became a reality. Thus, the Lord ascended to His Heavenly Father so that the Holy Spirit could descend upon us, enlightening us and strengthening us in the process.

It can also be said that Christ ascended into Heaven to intercede for us before God's Heavenly Throne. ***"I go to prepare a place for you. And when I go, I will return and take you to Myself, that where I am, you may also be."*** (John 14:2-3) St. Paul expresses similar sentiments in his letter to the Hebrews: ***"Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf."*** (Heb. 9:24) These words should fill us all with hope and assurance.

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#### **Lord's Day (Sunday) Services:**

**Orthros/Matins: 8:45 a.m.      Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.**

*An electronic copy of this bulletin is available on the website.*