GRADUATION



he day that young people graduate from school is an important one. It brings to an end years of study in the classroom. After this, they enroll in the school of life, where, someone once said, the class colors are black and blue.

Now the graduates will no longer find books with readymade answers to all the questions and problems of adult living. In life, answers to problems do not come as easily. Every few miles along the road of life the way splits in two, and at each fork they must make decisions. Isn't there someone or something that can help people as they seek answers to some of life's difficulties? Yes, there is help. Here are some questions graduates should ask themselves whenever they have doubts as to which course of action should be taken.

June 18, 2023

2nd Sunday of Matthew

Saint of the Day: Leontios, Hypatios, & Theodoulos the Martyrs of Syria

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!!!

WEEK IN PREVIEW

Sun, June 18 Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	Mon, June 19 GLENDI Cooking: Pastichio 9am	Tues, June 20 Library Memory Project Photo ID by Zoom 7pm
Happy Father's Day! Sponsored Coffee Hour		
Wed, June 21 Learn to Chant in the Library 7pm	Sun, June 25 Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	Mon, June 26 GLENDI Cooking: Meatballs 9am

Sponsored Coffee Hour

Memorial Service

FATHER'S DAY

We would like to wish all Fathers, Grandfathers, Great-Grandfathers, Godfathers and father-figures a Blessed Father's Day. A special treat will be given to all the men of our parish following worship.

May you enjoy this day with loved ones and friends!

Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Hymn in the First Tone.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αὶ Δυνάμεις τῶν ούρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all[1]immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your saving plan, O God who love humanity!"

Anthem of St. George in the Fourth Tone

Ώς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, 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 Second Tone

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, είς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι Τάχυνον είς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον είς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

A Protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering; reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for you are good; your loving help bring unto us who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos for those who honor you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Ρωμαιους 2:10-16

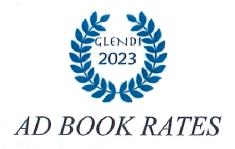
Άδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γάρ ἐστιν προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται· οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Όταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῆ, οὖτοι, νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες, ἑαυτοῖς εἰσιν νόμος· οἴτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυρούσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως, καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Ματθαιον 4:18-23

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ ᾿Ανδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἁλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιἡσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβὰς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἡκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.



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RAISING AND EDUCATING CHILDREN

Taken from "What the Church Fathers say About... Volumes 1 & 2"

Raising a family and educating children is an art. Sadly, it is an art almost lost today, amid the myriad of voices of secular "experts" and so-called "family advisors', who support much knowledge that is either based on world values, or even directly opposed to authentic Christian teaching.

Centuries ago, St. John Chrysostom spoke to a pan world and fully realized that it would belittle his advice. Today, much of what the Church teaches is seen as "outdated" or terribly naive. Yet the Church's teachings, no matter how maligned, endure. Succeeding generations of faithful (and even non-faithful), after all the secular "experts" have failed and their "knowledge" has been found wanting, turn again to the enduring teaching of the Church Fathers, who teach a God-given wisdom: a wisdom which makes worldly teaching seem vastly foolish in comparison.

"Hear this, ye fathers and mothers, that your upbringing of children shall not lose its reward... It was on account of his children that Eli perished. For he ought to have admonished them, and indeed he did admonish them, but not as he ought; but from unwillingness to give them pain, he destroyed both himself and them.

Hear this, ye fathers, bring your children up with great, great care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Youth is wild, and requires many governors, teachers, directors, attendants, and tutors; and after all these, it is a happiness if it be restrained. For as a horse is not broken in, or a wild beast untamed, such is youth. But if from the beginning, from the earliest age, we fix in it good rules, much pains will not be required afterwards; for good habits formed will be for them as a law. Let us not suffer them to do anything which is agreeable but injurious; nor let us indulge them as being but children...Let us admonish them.

Let us employ sometimes advice, sometimes warnings, sometimes threatening. In children we have a great charge committed to us. Let us bestow great care upon them and do everything that the Evil One may not rob us of them. – St. John Chrysostom

GLENDI 2023 Cooking Schedule

9am start time

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

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, James, Vasilios, Maria, Anna, Efthimios, Christopher, Katerina, Debra, Pavlos, Ken, Star

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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: 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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee hour today is sponsored by the Anagennesis Ladies Society in honor of all the fathers, godfathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and father figures.

<u>AD BOOK ADS WANTED</u> – Please help us make a fat ad book by sharing the opportunity with groups and companies you do business with! Think about your favorite restaurant, hairdresser, landscaper, dry cleaner, dentist, doctor, etc. Or groups like Rotary Club, women's groups, book clubs, etc. We can fill up this ad book with your help! A form is enclosed and available at coffee hour.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u>, <u>GRADUATES</u> – Congratulations to the high school graduates of 2023! Our prayers are with you as you venture on to new adventures.

<u>VACATION CHRUCH CAMP</u> – 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

<u>UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES</u> -June 25: Tom Dionis (1 year), Stamatia Malatras (1 year)

SPONSORED COFFEE HOUR -June 25 in memory of Stamatia Malatras

<u>GLENDI COOKING SCHEDULE</u> - June 19: Pastichio, June 26: Meatballs. All are welcome to help!

<u>LIBRARY OPEN DURING COFFEE HOUR</u> - The St. George Library will be open during coffee hour for anyone who wants to come browse and borrow a book. Come see what fascinating reads are in the library!

<u>BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER BREAK</u> - Bible Study will resume in September after a summer break.

- WHAT DOES YOUR CONSCIENCE SAY? The Christian conscience is an important compass for living. But conscience can be mislead or misinformed. It is here that Christian nurture and upbringing comes in. Through prayer, attendance at the Liturgy, listening to the Gospel and Epistle as well as sermons, and study of religious writings, the conscience is trained.
- DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO HIDE? It is important to keep clear of concealment. There's nothing one can really hide. After all, you can't hide a thing from yourself, let alone others. Keep in mind that everything you do leaves its mark upon you.
- IS THIS GOD'S WILL? Every question has a religious dimension. How often Jesus said, "not My will, but Thine be done." It is a petition in the Lord's Prayer. What all this means is that the graduate has responsibilities to fill. They have obligations to their Creator, parents, society and world. And the best way, in short, to fill these obligations is through FAITHFUL SERVICE. The Life of our Lord was one of service. Christ said He came into the world "not to be served, but to serve . . . "

Certainly the Church makes a contribution to the upbringing of each young person. We are living at a time when Churches are paying considerable attention to the religious training of youth. Schools, conferences, camps, fellowship organizations and discussion groups all help to shape the student and guide them along the best paths of life.

But there is an obligation of the graduate to the Church, too. It needs their loyalty, skills and help. Let us reflect on these things and dedicate our lives in faithful service to God and His Church, along with our family, society and community.

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Lord's Day (Sunday) Services: Orthros/Matins: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

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The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Picking teams

Have you ever chosen teams

for a game? Usually you have two captains, and they take turns picking the best ones to be on their teams. How do they choose the players? Well, first they choose the strongest and the fastest and the most athletic ones, right?

Today, in the Gospel reading, we hear about how Jesus started picking His disciples. And how did He choose them? Did



Some of Christ's disciples were poor fishermen!

ciples. And how did He choose them? Did He choose the smartest or the fastest or the richest or the most athletic? No, not really! He started with the apostles Andrew and Peter. They were poor fishermen, casting a net out into the sea! But Jesus knew that they would be good followers. He knew that they would learn from Him, and one day they would teach other people about God's truth!

Before we heard the Gospel reading, we heard the epistle reading. Today, Saint Paul tells us in his letter. "Glory and honor and peace for every one who does good...For God shows no partiality." That means that God gives His rewards in a fair way! He gives glory and honor and peace to anybody who does good...not to the richest or the strongest or the most athletic or the funniest or the smartest. Who is on God's team? Everyone who does good! Can you try to be on His team too?

WORD SEAR Q G Q Can you find these Ζ Ζ M W X words in the jum-Ζ E ble? Z R R 0 D D Χ Apostles **Baptist** Χ F Н Birthday Η Calling M Ε Faith Ν Ζ 0 Feastday U Fisherman Follow Me Ε Χ K John Ε W Rejoice

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is an icon of the birth of Saint John the Baptist. Can you find his mother, Elizabeth? Can you find his father, Zacharias?

Now, can you find the baby?



A GREAT BIRTHDAY THE BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

When you were born, your par-

ents probably wondered what you would look like, what you would do, what you would be interested in, maybe whether you'd be famous someday. They probably still wonder these things!

When Saint John the Baptist was born, his parents, Elizabeth and Zacharias, knew their son would be great. How did they know this? Because an angel of the Lord told them so!



The angel told Zacharias something before the saint was born. "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord," he said.



This church in Saint Petersburg, Russia is named after the birth of Saint John!

Saint John the Baptist was Jesus's cousin. He came before Jesus and told everybody to expect somebody to save them (a savior). He told them to get ready for the savior to come. He told them to repent—to say they were sorry for the wrong things they did.

Saint John is such an important saint for us that we have six namedays for him. Plus, every Tuesday of every week is set aside to pray to Saint John.

This week, we can celebrate his birthday, and we can "rejoice at his birth"!

We celebrate this feastday on Saturday, June 24th (OC: July 7th).

"Many will rejoice at his birth!"



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