



OCTOBER 6, 2024

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE DESERT

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Holy Communion Order

1. Please remain standing while following the directions of our ushers.
2. Ladies, kindly remove lipstick before receiving.
3. When receiving Holy Communion, make the Sign of the Cross, state your name (baptismal name), and naturally receive as if being fed.
4. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Communion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service.
5. *All Orthodox Christians must be spiritually prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see the priest if you have any questions.*

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THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

PRAYER FOR READING HOLY SCRIPTURES

"Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us, also, reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all these things that are pleasing to You. For You are the Light of our souls and bodies and to You we give glory together with Your Father Who is without beginning and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen."

EPISTLE-2 Corinthians 4:6 – 15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Je-

sus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

GOSPEL—St. Luke 7: 11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – While we commemorate St. Thomas on the Sunday after Pascha, calling to mind his doubt about the reality of Christ's Resurrection from the dead, today we call to mind his martyrdom. St. Thomas is known to have traveled to parts of present-day India, where he preached the Gospel of our Lord and Savior. According to various accounts, he was martyred at Meliapur. As is written in the Orthodox Church's book, entitled, *The Great Horologion*, "His tomb was known by Saint John Chrysostom to be at Edessa in Syria, to which city his holy relics may have been translated from India in the fourth century."



Liturgical Notes

At the Entrance with the Gospel: **1)** *"O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the sepulcher, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and through her, bestowed Life. Glory to You who has risen from the dead!"* /Αγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις..

2) *"O Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins."* /Απόστολε Ἁγίε Θωμά...[St. Tomas the Apostle]

3) *"Since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor; a physician for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, O Great among the Martyrs and Glorious George, intercede to Christ our God that He may save our souls."* /Ὡς τον αιχμαλώτων ελευθεροτής... [St. George]

4) Kontakion: *"Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In Your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten Your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for You unfailingly defend, Theotokos, those who honor You."* /Προστασία των Χριστιανών...

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 8th..... Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 9th...Orthodox Christian Catechism (online) -6:30 p.m. (To register, please email Fr. Ted at psaintgeorge@gmail.com so that you can receive a Zoom link).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. GEORGE FALL SPIRITUAL RETREAT – Today, there will be a special and important meeting with all who have signed-up to visit St. Anthony Monastery following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – "Family Sunday School" will meet next Sunday, October 13th following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Our Family Sunday School service project for October is to help our Philoptochos' "Sock-Tober" effort. See the enclosed flyers.

PHILOPTOCHOS – The "Sock-Tober" project is well under way. Please lend your support. Also, plan to participate on Saturday, October 19th in the "PAINT EL PASEO PINK" Walk in support of cancer research. This Sunday, October 6th is the deadline to register. See Rhonda Latkovic in our parish hall after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM- We are in the process of obtaining costs for the installation of a new sound system to enhance the worship services of our Church. For more information, contact Peter Snarskis at psnarskis@aol.com. A full report for approval will be given to our parish General

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT - Today's Gospel passage serves to prefigure the death and Resurrection of Christ. Our Savior physically touched the body of the widow's dead son and he immediately arose and was restored to life. We are touched with the grace of our Lord when we are anointed with Holy Unction and when we partake of Holy Communion. Through Holy Communion, we experience unity with God beyond "touch." We "taste and see" how great our Lord is. The purpose of the resurrection to life of the widow's son was for the son to take care of his mother. In Christ's Resurrection, He eternally takes care of His bride, which is His Church. +FR. THEODORE

MANY BLESSINGS TO: Denise Bystrzycki, who became an Orthodox Christian by chrismation on Sunday, September 22nd. Eva Canakis served as her sponsor. We also wish many blessings to Shawn Wanta who was baptized as an Orthodox Christian on Sunday, September 29th. Denise Bystrzycki served as Godmother.

Sunday School

Save the Dates



October 13th

November 10th

December 15th

Holy Communion: Ushers will guide children and their families to come forward in line first. Immediately after, proceed to classrooms for 30-40 minutes of religious education and joint outreach activities with Philoptochos. Families are encouraged to also attend!



Sunday School Theme:

Who is God? Who am I?

And who is my neighbor?

So He answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

PLEASE RSVP for Sunday School Registration to:

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St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Palm Desert, CA

2024 - 2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 22ND 2024

PARENTS:

Mother _____ Email _____

Cell phone _____ Home phone _____

Address _____
(street) (city) (zip code)

Father _____ Email _____

Cell phone _____ Home phone _____

Address _____
(street) (city) (zip code)

Emergency contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

STUDENTS:

Child _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____ Baptismal Name _____

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Please list any allergies or health conditions your child/children may have. _____

I hereby **GRANT** permission to St. Goerge Sunday school to use photographs and/or videos of my Child/children taken during Sunday School in church Publications, online, and in other communications related to our mission. **YES** ____ **NO** ____

Other information to share; _____



Saturday, October 19th

Pre-race program 7:30 AM-Race begins 8:00 AM

Please join our Saint George Team to support cancer care treatment through Desert Cancer Foundation's annual "Pink Walk" and celebrate our **7th year** of participation!

NEW THIS YEAR:

Register to walk for as little as a \$ 5.00 donation!

Registration is \$40.00 if you want a new *tee shirt.

Registration closes Oct. 8th, 2024.

*(Event Tee shirts will be distributed Wed.10/16-Fri.10/18 from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM-this year you must pick up your own tee at the Hotel Paseo)

Register directly via the Desert Cancer Foundation website by clicking on the pink #PEPP box in the upper left hand corner, then click on the pink box "Join a Team" and select Saint George, then enter your personal information & submit.

For those needing help signing up, please see Rhonda or Athena.

**NOTE: LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE "PAINT EL PASEO PINK" WALK":
TOMARROW...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th!**

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. GEORGE PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

11:30 a.m.

(Following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy)

More details and information to follow in the very near future.