



SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

# THE LADDER

## 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—1 Corinthians 16:13 – 24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be anathema. Maranatha! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL— St. Luke 5:1 – 11

At that time, while Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the

lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

**SPIRITUAL THOUGHT** – *"It is an awesome thing to fall into the hands of the living God."* (Hebrews 10:31). This awesomeness was expressed by St. Peter after having caught a great quantity of fish at the Lord's command, saying, *"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."* (St. Luke 5:8). Coming to know Christ our God reveals our own weaknesses that He will help us overcome with His power. This is an expression of humility. Eventually, St. Peter, through our Lord's grace, overcame his weaknesses and gathered the whole world into the Lord's net. +FR. THEODORE



## Liturgical Notes

At the Entrance with the Gospel: **1)** *"The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel, the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, 'Death is vanquished, Christ our God is risen bestowing upon the world His great mercy.'"* / Το φαιδρόν...

**2)** *"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."* / Ως τον αιχμαλώτων ελευθεροτής...

**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

Please note: Fr. Ted has been called to check in every day this week in order to find out if he is needed for Jury Duty. Hence, his participation is tentative and will he will confirm on a day-to-day basis.

Monday, September 23rd.....Philoptochos General Meeting – 11: 30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 24th.....Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 25th....Orthodox Christian Catechism (online) -6:30 p.m. (To register, please email Fr. Ted at [pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com) so that you can receive a Zoom link).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Sunday School Registration: **Today following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. See insert!** Sunday School will be **"Family Sunday School"** events, beginning on **Sunday, October 13th**. We look forward to introducing our Sunday School theme for the year: **"Who is God? Who am I? and Who is my neighbor?"** We also look forward to encouraging our students to take part in helping for our **"Sock-tober" Philoptochos project**. See flyers in parish hall.

**PHILOPTOCHOS – Philoptochos General Members' Meeting – tomorrow at 11:30 a.m** at our parish hall. Note: The **"Sock-Tober"** project is well under way. Please lend your support. **Sat., October 19th-**"PAINT EL PASEO PINK" Walk in support of cancer research. See flyer in parish hall.

**NEW SOUND SYSTEM-** The Parish Council has agreed that an upgrade is needed for our sound system. To make the necessary improvements, it will require a new system that will improve the quality of sound for our worship services, allow more flexibility for use by clergy and chanters, and feed into the parish hall, if needed. We are hoping to present the costs for the installation of a new sound system at our Fall General Assembly meeting. A handsome donation among those who agree that we need a new system has already been made and we look forward to receiving more donations. If anyone wants to donate toward the costs for a new sound system (which would be in thousands of dollars), it will be a blessing for our parish as a whole. For more information, contact **Peter Snarskis** at [psnarskis@aol.com](mailto:psnarskis@aol.com). A full report for approval will be given to our parish General Assembly in November.

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT** – Please see the flyer in our parish hall announcing our **Fall St. George Spiritual Retreat** – an overnight pilgrimage to **St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Monastery in Florence, Arizona** from **Friday, October 25th-Saturday, October 26th, 2024**. Make reservations by contacting Fr. Ted at (760) 880-5869. **Deadline for registrations is October 1, 2024**. Note the **Sign-up Sheet in our parish hall**. In addition, you may sign up by emailing Fr. Ted at: [pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:pdsaintgeorge@gmail.com).

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH – PALM DESERT, CA

# FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL THEME

2024-2025



**Who is God?**

**Who am I?**

**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

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
RESUMES on  
**SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

REGISTER YOUR FAMILY IN PERSON or  
ONLINE at [www.go-stgeorge.org](http://www.go-stgeorge.org)

**Any questions call:  
Fr. Ted Pantels 760-880-5869  
Mrs. Athena Snarskis 219-313-6940**



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS (2023):

- October 13th
- November 10th
- December 15th



# **“SOCK-TOBER”**

## **DONATION EVENT for the HOMELESS**

**September 15th-October 15<sup>th</sup>**

- o Did you know that the number 1 needed clothing item for a homeless person is a pair of socks?
- o Please help the St. George Ladies Philoptochos provide new socks to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for the in-program residents & homeless population in the east valley.
- o Deposit socks in the bins provided that are located in the church hall. Monetary donations can be made & we will do the shopping if you are not able.
- o Men's, women's, & children's socks are needed in Casual styles. Please note that:

**ONLY NEW SOCKS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

**Thank you!**

18th ANNUAL

*Paint* EL PASEO  
**PINK**  
PRESENTED BY DESERT CANCER FOUNDATION

***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.

# ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

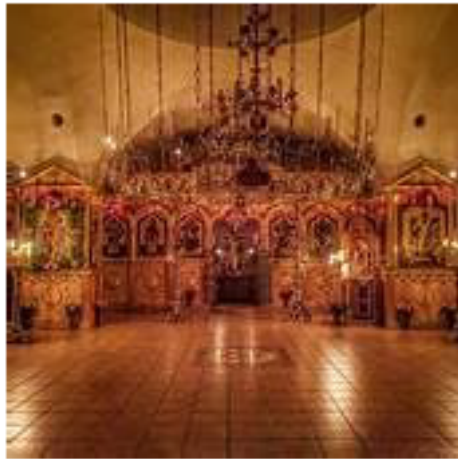
## PALM DESERT, CA

Join us for Monastery Worship services and discussions about the spiritual way of life in Orthodox Christian Monasteries

# SPIRITUAL RETREAT TO ST. ANTHONY MONASTERY

## FLORENCE, ARIZONA

OCTOBER 25-26, 2024



St. Anthony Monastery was established in the mid-1990s with Fr. Ephraim serving as the first abbot. It has now become an Orthodox Christian spiritual center to where many Orthodox Christians come for spiritual enlightenment.



No more than 35 adults can be accommodated.

No charge for overnight arrangements (donations are welcome).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2024.

Contact Fr. Ted at: (760) 880-5869

ST. ANTHONY MONASTERY VISITOR'S GUIDE will be available for those who register to participate.