



St. George Parish News Online

From Fr. Nick's Desk

Sunday, July 25th: **Teaching Liturgy** - On that day I will not be celebrating the Liturgy from the altar, but rather from a table in the middle of the solea. I will be stopping the Liturgy at various points in order to explain the sequence and the meaning of the Liturgy.

I look forward to seeing you and your families on Sunday July 25th at 10:00am sharp.

THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to all who volunteered to run the Texas Hold'em, and brought in a \$4,645 profit for St. George.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers for any Sunday, for any occasion (Graduation, Anniversary, Memorial, Birthday, Name Day, etc.) please call Esther Pamel - Chairperson at 248-642-3331.

Please note: During the month of August (only) please call the church office for any arrangements.

Additional St. George Summer Services

July:

Tuesday, July 27th - Panteleimon the Great Martyr (Patron Saint of St. George Ladies Philoptochos) - Holy Unction at 11:00am

August: (Please note changes below)

Sunday, August 1st - Dormition Fast Begins

Monday, August 2nd - Paraklesis at 6:30pm

Wednesday, August 4th – Paraklesis at 6:30pm (added service)

Friday, August 6th - Holy Transfiguration - Divine Liturgy - 10:00am

~~Friday, August 6th - Paraklesis at 6:30pm~~ (changed to Wednesday)

Monday, August 9th - Paraklesis at 6:30pm

Wednesday, August 11th – Paraklesis at 6:30pm (added service)

~~Friday, August 13th - Paraklesis at 6:30pm~~ (changed to Wednesday)

Sunday, August 15th - Dormition of the Theotokos - Divine Liturgy - 10:00am
- Followed by Coffee Hour - Sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos

Xronia Polla! Happy Nameday!

July 20 - Elias (Eliana, Liana)

July 22 - Magdalini, Markella, Menelaos (Magdalena, Magda, Marylena)

July 25 - Olympia, Efpraksia (Olymndiada)

July 26 - Paraskevi (Evi, Evita, Vivian, Vivi)

July 27 - Panteleimonas (Pantelis)

July 28 - Drosos (Drosoula)

July 31 – Evdokimos

August 3 – Salomi

August 4 – Maximilian

August 6 - Sotirios, Morfoula (Sotiris, Sotiria, Evmorfia, Emmy)
August 7 - Asterios, Nikanoros (Asteris, Asteria, Astero, Nikanor, Nikanoras)
August 8 - Triantaffylos, Triantaffylia (Rose, Rosa, Filia)
August 10 - Ippolytos, Lavrentios (Laura, Lawraine, Laurence)
August 15 - Maria, Panagiotis, Despoina, Theotokis, Kristalia (Mary, Marios, Maritsa, Marsia, Marcy, Panos, Panagiota, Pani, Toulia, Theotokia, Crystal, Krysta)

Send someone an iconogram for their nameday click on the following link:

<http://www.iconograms.org/index.php>

Parish Council

Effective immediately, a second tray will be passed every Sunday. The proceeds of which will be used to reduce our Church mortgage. Thank you.

Copies of the St. George Financial Statement are available on the table outside of the Philoptochos office.

Sunday, July 25th – Noon – 1:00pm Stewardship Committee meeting.

Wednesday, July 28th – 6:15pm – 7:15pm Communications and Planning Committee meeting.

Monday, August 9th – 7:00pm – 8:00pm Business Committee meeting.

Thursday, August 19th – 7:00pm – 9:00pm Parish Council meeting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, August 17th – Wednesday, August 18th - Registration forms are available at the church office. Children entering kindergarten through children entering 6th grade will attend all day August 17th from 10:00am to 7:00pm. Additionally, GOYAns and older children will be spending the

night and will be picked up in the morning of August 18th. Adult volunteers needed. For questions, contact Dena Hodgson at 248-620-9399.

Greek School News

The St. George Greek School will again convene every Saturday morning at 10:00am for the 2010-2011 school year, beginning Saturday, September 18th. Registration will take place on that day, followed by Agiasmos Service on Saturday, September 25th. We are looking forward to welcoming your children and grandchildren to our Greek school.

Adult Greek School will begin Monday, September 20th at 7:00pm. For more information call the church office or click on the Greek School Tab on the church web site www.stgeorge-bh.org

Thank you
The Greek School Teachers

St. George Produce Garden

The St. George Produce Garden has taken root. Thank you to all that made this possible. The garden is on the east side of our church property. The produce will be made available to our parishioners as well as to the poor and needy of our area. It is not too late to help, if you would like to donate your time, talent, or treasure to this worthwhile project, please contact Nick Fakaros at (248) 320-8481.

St. George Garden Club

We hope you are enjoying the courtyard. Many thanks for your labor and financial support!
Please note that the third Saturday of each month has been designated for maintenance of the Church grounds. Hope to see you on:

Saturday, August 14st - 10:00 am. (Please note - 2nd Saturday)
Saturday, September 18th - 10:00 am.

Friday Night Summer Fun At St. George

Weather permitting . . . Volleyball, lawn games and fellowship at St. George's backyard. All Age Groups are Welcome! If you have a lawn game you would like to play please bring it. Don't forget to bring your favorite beverage to help keep you cool. Start time is 7:00pm.

Friday, July 23rd
Friday, July 30th
Friday, August 6th
Friday, August 13th
Friday, August 20th
Friday, August 27th

Congratulations 2010 Graduates!

We are very proud our or graduates! Please take the time to individually congratulate each of them. For a complete list and additional information on our graduates please see our community page at the following website: <http://www.stgeorge-bh.org/community.htm> If by chance we did not include a 2010 graduate and you would like to add their name to the list please forward the information to: stgeorgeinformation@gmail.com

St. George Tribune - Distribution Update

Our Parish newsletter, The Saint George Tribune, is now distributed three ways:

1. Parishioners who have signed up for email updates will receive the newsletter by email. Simply click on the Tribune Tab in the Weekly Update. The printed newsletter will **not** be mailed to these recipients, in order to reduce postage costs. If you receive the newsletter by email and would also like a printed copy you may pick one up at the Church or use option 3 below.

2. The Tribune, in printed form, **will** continue to be mailed to Parishioners not receiving email, and is always available for pickup at the Church.
3. The Tribune is also available to read, download or print from the Saint George Web site at: <http://www.stgeorge-bh.org>

Franklin Christian Preschool

Franklin Christian Preschool is accepting applications for Summer Camp 2010, contact Lori Ekstrom at: <http://www.FCpreschool.org> or at (248) 540-7706 .

Kroger Rewards Program

Kroger has extended the program for another year. Please reapply online. For more information please contact Betsy Vines at (248) 538-0942.

SCRIPs Program

Don't forget to buy and use SCRIPs for your daily purchases and gift giving. A portion of every purchase goes directly to St. George. For more information contact Betsy Vines at (248) 538-0942 or follow our online instructions at <http://www.stgeorge-bh.org/fundraisers.htm>

Community Care Ministry

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the lighthouse urgent call for food. We helped feed 480 families!

"One Can": Please continue to support our food pantry. Just one can (or box, or personal health care item, etc.) from each of us every week will help keep it stocked. We CAN make a difference ONE person at a time! NOTE: If you are unsure what to purchase, we accept monetary donations and will do the shopping for you. Bring donated items to church any day of the week and place in the food pantry.

Metro Area Community Events

Friday August 6th - 8:00pm at the Silverdome in Pontiac, MI.

Two of Europe's oldest and most successful professional soccer teams will meet for the first time in North America - FC Milan (Italy) and Panathinaikos (Greece).

Both teams will be bringing their top players and playing the match in preparation for Europe's top-level UEFA Champions League competition that begins later in August.

Group sales or team tickets are available at the following website: <http://silverdometickets.com/titans.html> , Silverdome box office, by email at info@silverdomeevents.com or you can charge by phone at (248) 338-2500.



From Fr. Nick

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Dear parishioners of St. George,

Summer has finally arrived! This season gives us the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and to reflect upon God's beautiful creation. The summer months also afford us the opportunity to spend more time with our children.

Secular schools have recessed for the summer as have our Sunday school classes. Once again this year, the children of our St. George parish family have benefited from our superb Sunday School program.

I cannot emphatically impress upon you enough, the importance of attending church services with your children. The importance of worshipping together **as a family** is an invaluable opportunity to strengthen our family bonds. The opportunity to partake of Holy Communion each and every Sunday is a unique and very special blessing. All of the religious education that our children receive during their Sunday School curriculum cannot compare to the experience of worshiping together as a family during the summer months.

Conversely, to attend church sporadically over the summer months does our children a grave disservice. Our children learn most profoundly by our examples. Perhaps more important than our verbal interactions with our children, are our observable actions. Our children determine, in part, their own priorities as they discern those things that are important to us. As they observe the importance of God and His church in our lives they assess God's place in their own lives.

If you use the summer months to stay away from church worship only to resume your attendance during the Sunday School year, you effectively are telling your children that the classroom is more important than the altar. You subliminally are teaching them that their Sunday School books are more important than the chalice of Jesus Christ. By staying away from summer worship you **rob your children** of the very foundation that they not only are in need of now, but will continue to be strengthened by as adults.

By staying away from summer worship you cheat your children of the strength and tools of faith that will afford them the opportunity to overcome the inevitable obstacles that they will face as adults.

Let us be weary as not to inadvertently relay to our children an abusive portrayal of our relationship with His Church. You and I are in need of the love, salvation, beauty, and wisdom of our Orthodox faith as lived and made manifest in the St. George parish family. We cannot let the spiritual growth of our children be stunted and overwhelmed by the complexities of modern society.

One of the most poignant scenes of the Holy Bible can be found in the 14th verse of the 19th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. In this passage Jesus tells His disciples **“Allow the little ones to come to Me, and do not forbid or restrain or hinder them, for of such (as these) is the kingdom of God composed. And He put hands on them, and then went on His way”**

Looking forward to seeing you **each and every Sunday** this summer.

I remain In His Service,

Rev. Fr. Nicholas Pathenos

Submissions

If you have any information you would like included in the St. George Parish News Online please email the information to:

stgeorgeinformation@gmail.com

Thank you,
Communications and Planning Committee

View the St. George Weekly Updates for Up-to-Date Information.

St. George Weekly Update link is located on the bottom of our Home page.

See Our Web Site Calendar Link for our Parish's List of Events.