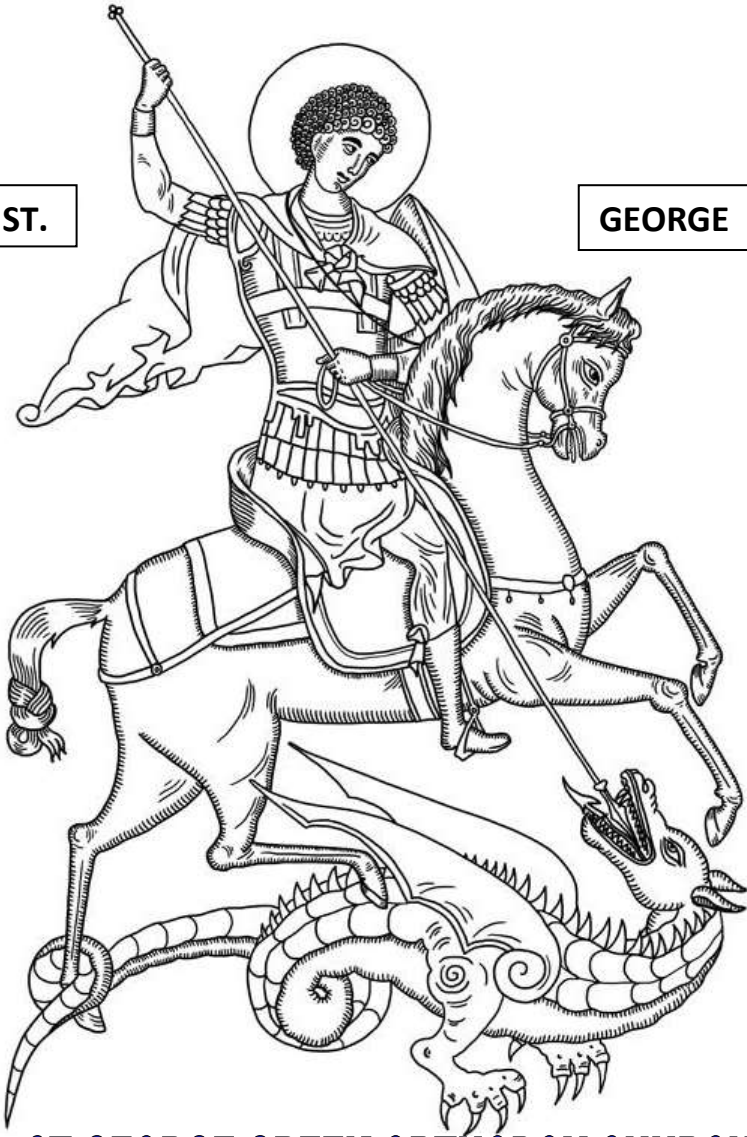


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# ***ST GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH***

*High Point, NC*

**JANUARY BULLETIN 2021**



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This month's bulletin is being offered by  
Bill and Ellie Papageorgiou in honor of their grandson  
Vasilios' name day.

## **JANUARY BULLETIN 2021**

**Sunday, January 3** - *Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am*

**Sunday, January 10** -

**Service of the Theophany (Epiphany)**. *Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am. The service of the Great Blessing of the Water at the end of the Divine Liturgy.*

\*This year, because of the pandemic, I will not go bless all the homes like the years before. Instead, if someone desires, I will make an appointment and visit and bless his home. I strongly encourage people to take blessed holy water and sprinkle their homes. Going from house to house will expose multiple persons to the risks of Covid. I hope everyone in the community understands.

**Monday, January 11** - Online Bible Study from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Call, text or email Fr. Anton to register.

**Sunday, January 17** - *Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am. Parish Assembly to follow from 12:00pm both in Fr. Dennis Canavos Hall and on Zoom.*

\*The Ladies of Philoptochos takes a collection every year during the Vasilopita Luncheon to benefit St. Basil's Orphanage. This year, because of COVID restrictions, we are asking you to please not forget these children and donate generously at the end of the service or send your donations to the church. The Philoptochos thanks you for your support. Vasilopita will be distributed in cups like antidoron.

\*\*Two volunteers are needed to bake Vasilopita. Please call Zoe Nixon at 336-841-6911.

**Monday, January 18** - Online Bible Study from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.  
Call, text or email Fr. Anton to register.

**Sunday, January 24** - *Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am.*

**Monday, January 25** - Online Bible Study from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.  
Call, text or email Fr. Anton to register.

**Sunday, January 31** - *Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am.*

**Monday, February 1** - Online Bible Study from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.  
Call, text or email Fr. Anton to register.

*We extend a warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. We would like to remind you that Holy Communion is reserved for those who have been baptized or confirmed and married in the Orthodox Church, and who have prepared themselves to receive the Eucharist. All visitors are welcome to receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.*

If you would like to make an announcement in the monthly church bulletin before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, please call **Zoe Nixon** at 336-841-6911.

*Feast Days to remember in January and Xronia Polla to all those celebrating their Name Day! Jan. 1 - St. Basil the Great; Jan. 6 - Holy Theophany; Jan. 7 - St. John the Baptist; Jan. 17 - St. Anthony the Great; Jan. 18 - St. Athanasios; Jan. 22 - Sts. Timothy & Anastasios; Jan. 25 - St. Gregory, the Theologian; Jan. 30 - The Three Hierarchs.*

We are updating our mailing list for 2021. If you are currently receiving both a paper copy and an email copy of the bulletin and would prefer to have just the email copy, please let Zoe Nixon, (336) 841-6911, know your preference in receiving the bulletin, either by postal service or by email. Also, please let her know if you have any changes to your mailing address, phone number, and/or e-mail address. Thank you.

### **PHILOPTOCHOS**

The Ladies Philoptochos wish all a Happy New Year. *Xronia Polla!* Please remember the children at St Basil's Orphanage and send your donations to the church annotated for the orphanage. Thank you!

### **THANK YOU!**

Fr. Anton and his family are grateful for all the wishes and gifts received on Christmas and Father's birthday. We love our St. George Parish and we thank you for your love and support!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to all that donated towards charities and people in need this Nativity season. A special Thank you to Sam Galiatsatos and Kosti Menegakis who donated most of the money for Christmas charities. Through your generous gifts we were able to donate \$7,000 to the following charities:

Children in need from Penn-Griffin School for the Arts  
Angels in Blue  
Heroes Center  
Feeding Lisa's Kids  
SerCo Club of Archdale-Trinity  
West End Ministries/Leslie House  
Pierced Ministries and Rehab Services  
Project Mexico/St. Innocent Orthodox Orphanage  
And to 3 families in need from our community.

### **Notice of Parish Assembly**

In accordance with the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, 2019, articles 31 and 33 the Parish Assembly of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of High Point will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 12:00pm in Father Dennis Canavos Fellowship Hall located at 808 N. Hamilton St., High Point, NC 27262. All members in good standing are invited to attend and vote in person or on Zoom. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of the Chairman
3. Call to Order
4. Reading of Minutes of the last Parish Assembly
5. Treasurer's and Budget Report
6. Adjournment. Closing prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Knight  
Secretary

Sam Galiatsatos  
Parish Council President

Rev. Fr. Anton Frunza  
Parish Priest

Link for Zoom Parish Assembly meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87343726441?pwd=WkF3bzA2Rm1FUk5aU1E4Y0labCtBdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 4372 6441

Passcode: 423902

## The following persons have fulfilled their Stewardship Commitment for 2020

<p>Mr. Apostolos Anagnostopoulos            Mrs. Maria Anton            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nick Antonakakis            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nick Asprogiannis            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Benjamin Bailless            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jeff Baker            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Christos Bakoulas            Ms. Joanna Bakoulas            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Kosta Bakoulas            Mrs. Crystallo Bayne            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ernest Bayne            Drs. Marioara Bodea &amp; Mark Phillips            Ms. Melina Davis            Ms. Angela Drakulakos            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Moise Finghis            Ms. Eleni French            Fr. &amp; Presv. Anton Frunza            Ms. Miriam Frunza            Mr. Victor Frunza            Mr. Sam Galiatsatos            Mrs. Kiki Hassapelis            Mrs. Sophia Hassapelis            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Alex Hatzudis            Ms. Kiki Hatzudis            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mickey James            Mr. Evangelos Kefalianos            Mr. Randall Knight            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nick Kotrotsos            Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Liaskonis            Mrs. Elena Listerman-Vierling            Mrs. Stella Mathes            Mrs. Maria Matrakas            Mrs. Maria Mellonas            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ernest Mellonas            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Alex Menegakis            Ms. Betsy Menegakis            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Kostas Menegakis</p>	<p>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Chris McGaha            Mr. &amp; Mrs. William Morgan            Mrs. Mondo Nickles            Mrs. Anca Nicolaescu            Mrs. Maria Nicopoulos            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Phillip Nixon            Mr. Spiros Nixon - Senior            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Tom Nixon            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Adam Oldham            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Dimitrios Papadopoulos            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bill Papageorgiou            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Dean Papageorgiou            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Kostas Pappas            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jerome Pappas            Dr. Mercedes Porosnicu &amp; Mr. Stelian Hopinca            Ms. Litsa Prentzas            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Alex Rizos            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Demitrios Rizos            Mrs. Georgia Nixon Roney            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Chris Sakellaris            Mrs. Marea Gekas Sanos            Mr. Stamatis Sarrimanolis            Mrs. Dannay Savvas            Mrs. Mary Savvas            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nick Simos            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nicolae Soare            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Cezar Stefanescu            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jerry Thompson            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Stefan Toma            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Stavros Trastelis            Mr. Emmanuel Tsompanas            Mr. George Tsompanas            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andreas Vakakis            Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nick Vakakis            Mrs. Voula Vakakis            Mr. Liviu Vasilescu            Dr. &amp; Mrs. Lucian Vlad            Mrs. Georgiana Gekas Wellford</p>
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### **Facts :**

- Total 2020 Stewardship \$38,360.00      - 35 Single Pledges, - 40 Family Pledges.
- Average Pledge for Singles \$225.00 - Average Pledge for Families \$762.00
- If you would like to add your name on the list of supporting members of St. George Parish, please see a Parish Council Member.

## Financial Report

### December 2020

Income	\$21,893
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$16,507</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 5,386
Building Fund Donations	\$ 900.

### For the Year 2020

Income	\$121,466
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 96,458</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 25,008
Building Fund Donations	\$45,260



*Santa came to our church*

## STEWARDSHIP

### ***How do I become a member of the parish?***

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is at least 18 years of age and commits a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

### ***Why must I commit to give a specific amount?***

Your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. We need to plan for the church budget, and therefore we need to know how much each family plan to donate during the year.

### ***What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?***

During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God

and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment - we are glad you are a part of this parish.

## New Byzantine Icons

Two years ago, the Parish Assembly voted to purchase a complete set of icons. After a long search, we found a wonderful set of icons at Diakonia.

The following icons were purchased:

St. George silver big icon	\$400.00
Panagia Portaitissa (Iveron),	\$300.00
Christ Pantokrator,	\$300.00
Sts Constantine and Helen,	\$100.00
St. George small icon,	\$100.00
St. Mary of Egypt,	\$100.00
St. Demetrios,	\$100.00
St. Andrew,	\$100.00
St. Nicholas,	\$100.00
Archangels Michael and Gabriel,	\$100.00
St. Theodore - Tyron & Commander,	\$100.00
St. Stephanos,	\$100.00
St. Spyridon,	\$100.00
St. Nektarios,	\$100.00
Nativity of Christ,	\$100.00
Elevation of the Cross,	\$100.00
Transfiguration of Christ,	\$100.00
Pentecost,	\$100.00
Ascension of Christ,	\$100.00
Crucifixion of Christ,	\$100.00
Christ's Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday	\$100.00
Presentation of Christ in the Temple,	\$100.00
Baptism of Christ,	\$100.00
Circumcision of Christ,	\$100.00
Resurrection of Christ,	\$100.00

*If you would like to donate towards an icon, please contact Phillip Nixon.*

## The Feast of Theophany

Theophany means the appearance or manifestation of God. Our Church uses another word, Epiphany, for this same feast. Epiphany simply means appearance or manifestation. This Feast commemorates Jesus's baptism in the Jordan by St. John the Baptist. During this event, the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity reveal themselves to the world. As Jesus is emerging from underneath the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit descends from the heavens and alights on Jesus in the likeness of a dove. The voice of the Father is heard, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased." Of course, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God by the voice of the Father and the indication of the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not need baptism, for He neither sinned and therefore did not require any cleansing nor did He need rebirth or illumination. Our Lord explains that He came to St. John to be baptized in order to "fulfill all righteousness" and provide for us the example of our own need for baptism. On the Feast of Theophany, January 6th, in addition to Orthros and Divine Liturgy, we also celebrate the Great Blessing of the Waters. The essence of this Service is to make a present reality what Christ accomplished some 2,000 years ago. When Jesus, the Creator and God of the universe, entered the waters of the Jordan, He sanctified and blessed the river by His divine presence. The Jordan River was and is the source of life for that entire region. Sanctifying and blessing these waters with His divine and life-giving presence symbolizes the re-creation and renewal for the region and the entire cosmos that Christ's incarnation and presence in the world accomplished. This is why we make that blessing and sanctification a present reality in our lives today by asking the same Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify the water we offer in church. With the blessed Holy Water, we then are blessed and bless our homes, our cars, and our businesses. We understand that Christ continues by His continual presence in our lives and in our world to renew us, renew all creation, and give to us the illumined ability to see with a paradisiacal vision instead of a fallen perspective. In this sense, in Greece the Theophany is called also Fota or "Festival of lights", because Christ came to illumine (enlighten) the world.

*When in Jordan, You have been baptized O Christ our Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father was heard from above calling You His beloved Son. And the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of the word. O Christ our God, Who have revealed Yourself and enlightened the world, glory to You! (Troparion of Theophany)*