

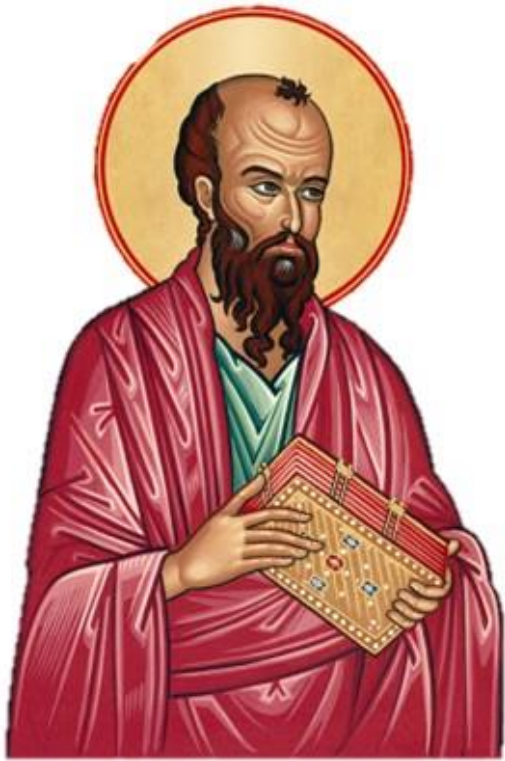
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JULY-AUGUST 2020

**ST. PAUL'S GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**





## **MISSION**

The mission of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church of Savannah, Georgia is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to serve the spiritual needs of the faithful through worship and sacramental life. We enable individuals to come together in communion with God and with each other through ministries that are centered on the beliefs and values of our Orthodox Faith.

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# live by **FAITH**

a message from Fr. John Wallace

## Fruits Worthy of Repentance

When one reviews the opening ministry of St. John the Forerunner, a common theme becomes quickly evident: “Repent, for the kingdom of God is near.” Repentance is a complete about-face from self-centeredness to selflessness. It is a radical turnaround of heart and mind. Repentance, to be fruitful, should be followed by confession and baptism and a life producing fruits worthy of repentance.

The fruits are important for without them, the sacraments and disciplines are robbed of their traction. If we do not actually try to live a life pleasing to God, then the sacraments and disciplines are wasted as if they were pearls thrown before swine.

The opening ministry of St. John also offers a striking parallel to the creation account found in Genesis. In Genesis, on the first day, God separated the light from the darkness. On the first day of St. John’s ministry, he bore witness to the Light and clearly stated that he himself was not the Light. On the second day, God separated the waters of above (heaven) from the waters of below (creation). On the second day of his ministry, St. John separated his baptism with water from the baptism of the One who was to come and who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

“God will  
multiply the  
fruits of your  
righteous  
efforts.”

On the third day, God gathered the waters of below and established the dry land. On the third day of his ministry, St. John began gathering his disciples and declared one to be the foundation of the Church. On the fourth day, God established the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. On the fourth day of his ministry, some of St. John’s disciples recognized Christ as the greater light who surpassed the lesser light of the Law.

On the fifth day, God created the plants and the animals. On the fifth day of St. John’s ministry, there is, however, a noticeable gap. I will come back to that later. On the sixth day, God created mankind. We are the pinnacle of His creation because no other created thing was made in the image and likeness of God to share in His Holy Spirit. Not even the angels in heaven have such a lofty destiny.

Accordingly, on the seventh day, God rested. On the seventh day of his ministry, St. John reported that Christ rested after attending the wedding in Cana of Galilee. From day one through day seven, therefore, there is a symmetry that is intentional and sublime and testifies to the magnificence of God’s truth and beauty.

Nevertheless, one might well ask themselves “How does this apply to me?” Since we



are the church of the Holy Trinity, I look for things in threes. Let's see if there is a third parallel that applies to us personally.

On day one, God created the Light. On our day one, we were conceived. On day two, God separated the waters. Perhaps our day two begins when we are baptized with water filled with the invisible presence of the Holy Spirit. On days three, four, and five, God gathered the waters, established the dry land and the plants and animals. Maybe our days three, four, and five (and here is where we participate in and might complete the gap in St. John's parallel) consist of living the life of the church and growing in our acquisition of the Holy Spirit producing fruits worthy of repentance.

What are these fruits? They are the thoughts, words, and deeds of compassion, charity, and self-sacrifice. Brothers, don't hit your sisters. Sisters, don't tell on your brothers. Husbands and wives, stop trying to figure each other out. You never will. Accept and bear with each other with all forgiveness and mercy as best you can. When in doubt, keep your mouth shut. Just zip it. Pray instead.

If we do these works out of charity and love, then our sixth day, our day of death and fulfillment will be followed by the blessed seventh day of rest in the kingdom of God. What better fruit could you ask for?

+ Fr. John





# St. Paul's News

## Sympathies

To the family of Marika Carellas on her repose Friday, May 22, 2020 at Abercorn Rehabilitation Center after several illnesses.

*May her memory be eternal.*

## Thank You

To our Parish Council President, Pete Simon, and the Parish Council for all the work preparing the Church for our opening, including arranging masks, thermometers, and hand sanitizer. We could not have done it without you.

## Philoptochos News

### Volunteerism Scholarship Award

Congratulations to our Volunteerism Scholarship Award winner, Abigail Crawford, daughter of Jae and Andy Crawford. Abby will attend the University of North Georgia in the fall. Congratulations to Abby, and may God be with you in this new adventure in your life. See the next page for Abby's essay.

### Communications

We hope that you are all staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are not completely back to normal yet, but Philoptochos will be communicating via email. Make sure you are signed up by emailing [stbabaraphilosav@gmail.com](mailto:stbabaraphilosav@gmail.com) with your preferred email address.

## Sunday School News

Sunday School will resume in the Fall.

## Bookstore News

The bookstore is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## Communications

Follow us on Facebook at St Pauls Greek and click on the page with the picture of the church including the blue sky background. We are livestreaming all our services for those who cannot attend.

## Church is NOW Open!

Due to COVID-19 we are open with a limited capacity of 50 people. We look forward to seeing you on Sundays and Feast Days.

Expect to be greeted by a member of the Parish Council, have your temperature taken, be offered hand sanitizer, gloves and a face-mask.

You will be ushered into the Church and given an opportunity to light candles and venerate the Icons by bowing. Then you will be ushered to a specific place in the Church which is marked with tape to ensure social distancing.

Orthros still starts at 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 10 am. We ask that you arrive before 10 am to be seated and allow the Ushers to fully participate in the Liturgy.

## Sign-up Church

Watch your email for our Constant Contact messages for the weekly SignUp Genius message. We are using SignUp Genius to ensure an accurate count of attendees. You can also call the Church Office (912) 236-8256.

## Sunday Parking on Anderson St.

Cars parked on Anderson Street, in the closed lane, need to be moved by 1:00 pm on Sundays. The permit to close the lane expires at 1:00 pm, and the area has to be open to traffic before the expired time. When parking in this area, please make sure your vehicle is moved by 1:00 pm or the church could be fined.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

# Abbey's Winning Essay

My religion gave me something I've never had anywhere else. My church gave me a home away from home. My church was the first thing I was ever given to take care of. This church is one thing that makes me different but it's a difference that I will always be proud of. Throughout life we get tested. Whether it be through physical obstacles or mental, every human gets tested. Even though I have obstacles like everyone else, not all people have a congregation who genuinely looks forward to seeing their success. I had so many questions growing up I didn't even know where to start. As time went on my list of questions got shorter. I stopped wondering and let myself believe. My first time going to St. Stephens camp, I was scared and didn't want to go, and gave my parents grief because I was always a "home-body" kid, and let's face it... giving up my phone for a week wasn't exactly something anyone is prepared for, especially me. I was able to contact my parents the first day, and begged them to come get me. They told me to grind it out and it will get better. And after that, I decided to just "try" it and allowed myself to live in that moment. My first time going to that camp was the first time I truly accepted Christianity and more specifically, Orthodoxy. I had been with those other cabin mates for less than 24 hours and it felt like I was home. Life's tests allow you to view life in a different way that nothing else can. Because of my faith, I know that even with my hardships and trials, I'm still more blessed than others around me. Because of that blessing, I give as much of my time and effort as I possibly can.

As a society, we all grow up in different environments and we live completely lifestyles, but we all have at least one thing in common. We all go through obstacles and we all need some kind of help at some point in our lives. Whether it be the little things, like giving a few dollars to a person in need, or something bigger, like being by someone's side while they are physically or emotionally down. There were times when I fell off that faithful path. When I felt like I had nothing and all hope was pointless. But in those times, I remember someone who has taught me everything I know about my faith and life in general. My father is the greatest man I've ever known and because of him I know that my faith is a blessing. It's the one thing that nobody can take away from me no matter what happens in life. My faith humbles me and reminds me that no matter where I go and what I do, my help is needed somewhere, I just have to reach pray and reach out.

I can only hope and pray my next chapter in life can allow me the opportunity to further grow in faith and continue to help others as much as I can.



# Volunteers

for the month of

## July

### **July 5th**

**Ushers:** \*, \*\*, Tony Morris, Billy Norse, George Polites, George Vaveris, John Polites, Cimon Asselanis, George Donkar, Andy Crawford and Pete Liakakis

**Acolytes:** : Aleksandar Domazet, Stefan Domazet, Niko Nichols, Dalton and Andrew Elfrink.

**Bookstore:**

### **July 12th**

**Ushers:** \*, \*\*Constantinous Papaconstantiou, Jimmy Anestos, Lear Miltiades, Julie Chokos Peters, Tom Sideris, Pete Simon, and Pete Liakakis

**Acolytes.:** Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas

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### **July 19th**

**Ushers:** \*Leslye Phillips, \*\*Michael Roach, Joe Haddad, Connie Preston, Jerry Welsh Sr., Alex Koukou-las, and Pete Liakakis

**Acolytes:** .Aleksandar Domazet, Stefan Domazet, Niko Nichols, Dalton and Andrew Elfrink.

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### **July 26th**

**Ushers:** \* Tony Morris, \*\*, Billy Norse, George Polites, George Vaveris, John Polites, Cimon Asselanis, George Donkar, Andy Crawford and Pete, Liakakis

**Acolytes:** Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas

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# Volunteers

for the month of

## August

### **August 2**

**Ushers:** \*,\*\*Julie Chokos Peters, Jimmy Anestos, Lear Miltiades, Constantinos Papaconstantinou, Tom Sideris, Pete Simon, and Pete Liakakis

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### **August 9**

**Ushers:** \*Leslye Phillips and Joe Haddad, , \*\*Connie Preston, Michael Roach, Jerry Welsh Sr., Alex Koukoulas, and Pete Liakakis

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### **August 16**

**Ushers:** \*, \*\*Andy Crawford, Tony Morris, Billy Norse, George Polites, George Vaveris, John Polites, Cimon Asselanis, George Donkar, Andy Crawford, and Pete Liakakis

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### **August 23**

**Ushers:** \*,\*\*Constantinos Papaconstantinou, Jimmy Anestos, Lear Miltiades, Julie Chokos Peters, Tom Sideris, Pete Simon, and Pete Liakakis

**Acolytes:** Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas

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### **August 30**

**Ushers:** \*Joe Haddad, \*\* Michael Roach, Connie Preston, Leslye Phillips, Jerry Welsh Sr., Alex Koukoulas, and Pete Liakakis

**Acolytes.:** Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas

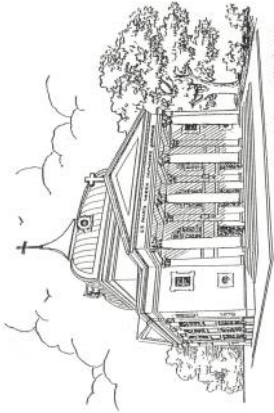
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# AUGUST 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div><div>✝</div><div>Strict Fast</div><div><div><div>Wine/Oil Allowed</div><div><div>Fish Allowed</div></div></div></div></div>						1 Dormition Fast Begins <div></div>
2 Eighth Sunday Of Matthew <div><div></div><div>Orthros 9:00 am * + Divine Liturgy 10:00 am * No Fellowship Hour</div></div>	3 <div><div>✝</div><div>6 PM Small Paraklesis</div></div>	4 <div><div>✝</div><div>6 PM Small Paraklesis</div></div>	5 <div><div>✝</div><div>6 pm Great Vespers</div></div>	6 HOLY TRANSFIGURATION <div><div></div><div>Orthros 9:00 am * + Divine Liturgy 10:00 am *</div></div>	7 <div><div>✝</div><div>6 PM Great Paraklesis</div></div>	8 10 am Brunswick Liturgy <div></div>
9 Ninth Sunday of Matthew <div><div></div><div>Orthros 9:00 am * + Divine Liturgy 10:00 am * No Fellowship Hour</div></div>	10 <div><div>✝</div><div>6 PM Small Paraklesis</div></div>	11 <div><div>✝</div><div>6 PM Parish Council</div></div>	12 <div><div>✝</div><div>6 PM Great Paraklesis</div></div>	13 <div><div>✝</div></div>	14 <div><div>✝</div></div>	15 DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS <div><div>Orthros 9:00 am * + Divine Liturgy 10:00 am *</div></div>
16 Tenth Sunday of Matthew <div><div>Orthros 9:00 am * + Divine Liturgy 10:00 am * No Fellowship Hour</div></div>	17	18	19 <div><div>✝</div></div>	20 <div><div>✝</div></div>	21 <div><div>✝</div></div>	22
23 Eleventh Sunday of Matthew <div><div>Orthros 9:00 am * + Divine Liturgy 10:00 am * No Fellowship Hour</div></div>	24	25	26 <div><div>✝</div></div>	27 <div><div>✝</div></div>	28 <div><div>✝</div><div>6 PM Great Vespers</div></div>	29 Beheading of John the Baptist <div><div>Orthros 9:00 am * + Divine Liturgy 10:00 am *</div></div>
30 Twelfth Sunday of Matthew <div><div>Orthros 9:00 am * + Divine Liturgy 10:00 am * No Fellowship Hour</div></div>	31					



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Emilianos | Dias | Garyfallia | Elias | Magdalini | Markella | Marylena | Menelaos | Athinagoras  
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AUGUST

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