

THE VOICE



The Annunciation of the Theotokos

March 25

March 2024

**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.

St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church



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From the Desk of Fr. Tom



A Meditation on Lent

All of us lead lives so filled with the demands of work and family that little time is left to us to cultivate the garden of our soul. In our preoccupation with the ceaseless business of life, our spirit, if not completely forgotten, is often sadly neglected. When we do find the time to look at ourselves honestly, we soon discover that the spirit of the world has gradually and imperceptibly eaten away at our good intentions; we have become shopworn by the cares and self-centered spirit of the world.

Fortunately for us, the church recognized from its earliest days that we would need regular periods of reflection and renewed effort if we were to free ourselves from the relentless grip of worldly cares, to once again imitate the example of Christ and reflect it in our lives. It did so by developing the season of Lent, a season which invites us to renew our concentration on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which lie at the very heart of Christian living.

Through the discipline of quiet prayer, we acknowledge and affirm the sovereignty of almighty God in our lives. In doing so, we surrender the notion of living according to the principle of power; we accept that we are not the measure of all things. In the practice of fasting, we seek to overcome the power that material things have gained over us; we strive to be servants of the sacred and not merely masters of the material and profane. Finally, we are called to almsgiving, through which we share the fruits of our labor with those in need, and thus surrender our natural tendency to be self-seeking. Prayer which unites us to God, fasting which curbs our ceaseless desires, almsgiving which allows us to actively love our neighbor as ourselves --- these are the transforming gifts of Lent.

If they are to convey their wonderful grace, however, we must make them the tools by which we deepen and enrich our faith and relationship to Jesus Christ. That, truly, is what it means to be a Christian. The wisdom of the ages invites us once again to this marvelous opportunity to find God in our lives; let us take care that we not waste it.

Father Andrew Demotses

Priostamenos, St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church in Peabody, MA,
1967-2006

Father's New Day Off

Beginning March 7, 2024, Fr. Tom will be taking Thursday as his day off. Fr. Tom will be in the office weekly Monday- Wednesday and Friday. If you need assistance you can always call the church office.

Congratulations and Many Years

Congratulations to Ryan & Nicole Bentley on the baptism of their son Demetri, who was baptized February 24, 2024. May God grant him many years.

Sponsorship for Articles of Worship for Holy Week 2024

Sunday of the Holy Cross: April 7

Flowers and Basil-open

Saturday of Lazarus: April 27

Palms for Palm Sunday Crosses-Paul Mamalakis

Holy Week: April 29-May 4

Icons-Michelle Miltiades

Holy Thursday: May 2

Wreath-Michelle Miltiades

Base of Cross-Michelle Miltiades

Crown of Thorns-Michelle Miltiades

Great and Holy Friday: May 3

Flowers for Epithaphion-open

Flowers for Flower Girls-open

Saturday/Sunday Resurrection: May 4-5

Bay leaves-open

Rose Water-open

Easter Eggs-open

Resurrection Icon-Michelle Miltiades

Resurrection Banner-Lear Miltiades

Please call the church office to sponsor an article of worship.

Presanctified Liturgy Meals

Wednesday Evening during Lent, we would like to offer a lenten meal after the Presanctified Liturgy service. If you would like to sponsor a meal on one of the dates below, please contact the church office. Thank you!

- Wednesday, March 20 Philoptochos
- Wednesday, March 27 Available
- Wednesday, April 3 Available
- Wednesday, April 10 Available
- Wednesday, April 17 Available
- Wednesday, April 24 Available

Announcements

Deepest Sympathy

To the Asselanis family on the passing of Athena's mother, Mary P. Chagaris, who fell asleep with our Lord on February 10, 2024 after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew and Angelo, her first grandchild. Funeral services were held in Memphis, Tennessee. May her memory be eternal.

Saturday of Souls March 9 & 16

We will be offering our annual Pre-Lenten Saturday of Soul Service on March 9 & 16. Families are invited to bring Koliva and a list of their beloved departed to offer prayers for. Note that on March 16, St. Patrick's Day will be observed by the city. Our parking lot will have space reserved for church attendance as well as parade parking.

Meatfare Panayiri Festival, Apokriatiko Glendi

Come join us for a covered dish traditional Glendi celebration on March 10, Meatfare Sunday. Bring your favorite meat dish to share with the community, before we enter the Lenten season. Ta Pethia dancers will perform for our entertainment.

Greek Festival Meeting

Please plan on attending the first Greek Festival Meeting of the year. This meeting is a very important one. We will be setting the dates and assigning sub committees and baking chairs. All parishioners are invited to attend. The Greek Festival is St. Paul's biggest fundraiser and an excellent way to serve our church.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

We are going to be in the 200th year St. Patrick's Day parade! The parade will be on Saturday, March 16. Help is needed assembling the float as well as riding on the float. If you are interested in either or both, please contact Pete Simon.

Usher Duty

Team A:

Sandra Bollig, Christie Michalos, Lear Miltiades, Pete Simon, Tom Sideris and Sean Woods

Team B:

Cimon Asselanis, Krista Brown, Jae Crawford, Tony Morris, George Polites and John Polites

Team C:

Tommy Danos, Joe Haddad, Heather Lambros, Christine McDonnell, and Julie Peters

Sunday March 3 Team A
Sunday March 10 Team B
Sunday March 17 Team C
Sunday March 24 Team A
Sunday March 31 Team B

AHEPA Luncheon

Please join AHEPA on March 3 for a luncheon honoring the Veterans of our parish and Greek Independence Day. Menu will be Stuffed Pork Chop, Rice, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 students. A student menu of Hot Dog and Fries \$4.00 and Childs Spaghetti \$0.00 will be offered as well. Veterans meal will be at no charge, so please let AHEPA know if you are a Veteran. All proceeds benefit the Dogs for Vets campaign. Please purchase or reserve your tickets with AHEPA member at the Hellenic Center today.

March 2024 St. Paul's Events Calendar

Saturday, March 2

Isle Hope United Methodist Church Tour

Sunday, March 3

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Orthros 9am, Liturgy 10am

Cathy Dotson Stewart 1 year Memorial

Sunday School

Cub Scout Pack 19

AHEPA Luncheon

Tuesday, March 5

Bible Study 10am Zoom

Meeting ID: 858 7640 0210

Password: 997473

Wednesday, March 6

Orthodoxy 101 6pm

Saturday, March 9

Saturday of Souls

Orthos 9 am Liturgy 10 am

Sunday, March 10

Judgement Sunday

Meatfare Sunday

Orthros 9am, Liturgy 10am

Sunday School Classes

Apokriatiko Glendi

Greek Festival Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

Bible Study 10am Zoom

Meeting ID: 858 7640 0210

Password: 997473

Parish Council Meeting 6pm

Wednesday, March 13

Orthodoxy 101 6pm

Saturday, March 16

Saturday of Souls

Orthros 9am, Liturgy 10am

St. Patrick's Day Parade Float Participation

Sunday, March 17

Forgiveness Sunday

Cheesefare Sunday

Orthros 9am, Liturgy 10am

40 Day Memorial: Mary Chagaris

Sunday School

Cub Scout Pack 19

Monday, March 18

Clean Monday

March 2024 St. Paul's Events Calendar

Tuesday, March 19
Bible Study 10am Zoom
Meeting ID: 858 7640 0210

Wednesday, March 20
Presanctified Liturgy
Vespers 6pm
Lenten meal to follow

Friday, March 22
Salutations Services
Vespers 6 pm

Saturday March 23
Brunswick Liturgy
10 am

Sunday, March 24
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Icon Procession
Orthros 9am, Liturgy 10am
No Sunday School Classes
Parish Oratorical Festival

Monday, March 25
Annunciation of the Theotokos
Greek Independence Day
Orthros 9am, Liturgy 10am

Tuesday, March 26
Bible Study 10am Zoom
Meeting ID: 858 7640 0210
Password: 997473

Wednesday, March 27
Presanctified Liturgy
Vespers 6pm
Lenten meal to follow

Friday, March 29
Salutations Services
Vespers 6 pm

Saturday, March 30
District Oratorical Festival
St. Augustine, Fla.

Sunday, March 31
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
Orthros 9am, Liturgy 10am
Nichols Memorial
Sunday School

**For a schedule of Orthodox fasting, please see the
GOARCH Calendar in print,
or visit goarch.org**

Philoptochos News

Thank you to all who attended our General Meeting for Health Awareness. Guest speaker was Sharon Elvin, dietician from Memorial Heath. She gave us nutrition advice to make us healthier and happier.

Membership drive for 2024 has begun. Please see our membership chair, Sia Chokos, to pay your dues or to join for the 2024 year. Sia will be in the lobby of the Hellenic Center on Sunday's after liturgy.

Applications for the High School Volunteerism Award are now available in the church office. Graduating seniors who will attend college, trade school or training for a career following graduation are eligible to apply. All applications including all required documents are due in the church office by April 14, 2024. Please contact Jamie Newman with any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

March 3, 2024, monthly tray to benefit Orthodox Christian Missions Fund, Support a Mission Priest Fund, and Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology Lenten Event Fund.

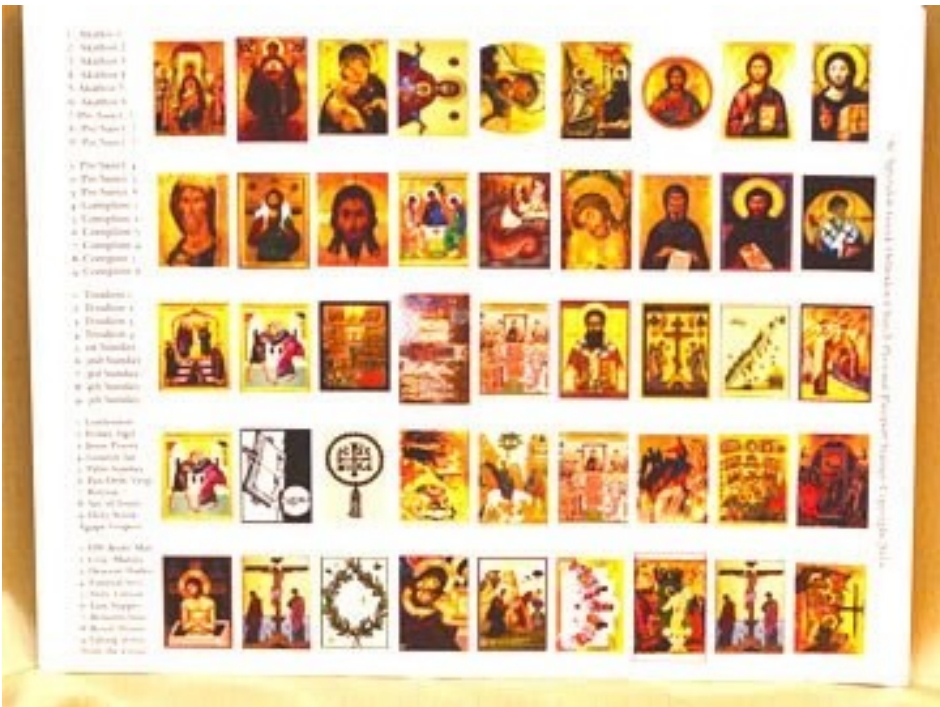
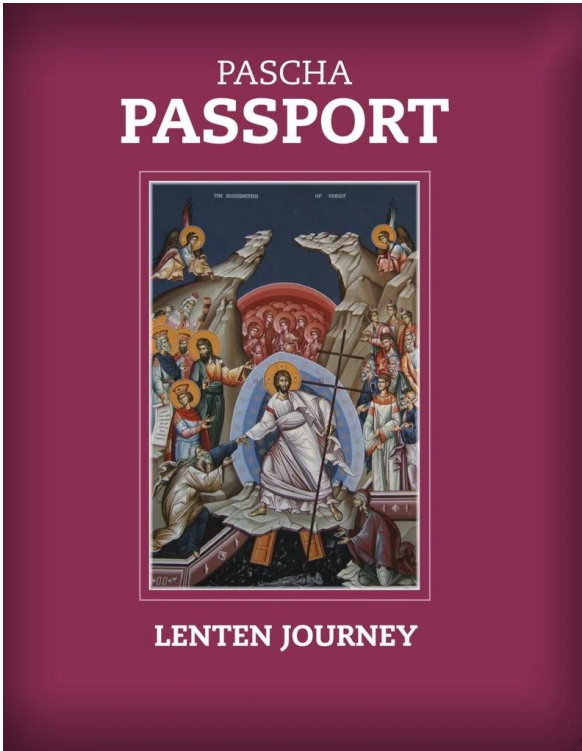
March 20,2024, Philoptochos sponsoring Presanctified Liturgy Meal

Heath Awareness General Meeting



Pascha Passports for Sunday School!

This year the Sunday School Program will be supplying a Pascha Passport for all of our youth! Each child will get their own individual Pascha passport. Have your children bring their passports each church service they attend to get stamped as they travel the services, day trips, and destinations through the Lenten season. The stamps are beautiful Icons and destinations throughout the Lenten journey. The Children can make notes and goal in their passports and also keep up daily with their prayers, fasting, almsgiving and Bible readings in the passport. Passports and stamps will be given to student by Sunday School Teachers.



YOUTH NEWS



Hope/Joy had a fun time at Henny Penny Art Space & Cafe. The children made Valentines. The children had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who attended and all who helped organize the event. The Youth all went bowling outing at Bowlero Lanes on Tibet Ave. A good time was had by all who attended.

Sunday School News

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, March 3, Regular Sunday School Classes

Sunday March 10, No Regular Sunday School Classes due to Ta Pethia dancing for the Glendi. However, the Nursery Class will meet as regularly planned.

March 17, Regular Sunday School Classes

Sunday March 24, Sunday of Orthodoxy No classes, but there will be a Icon procession in the church. All children are welcome to join the procession, so please bring your special Icon from home to be a part of the commemoration of Icons being restored to our church and the "Triumph of Orthodoxy".

March 31, Regular Sunday School Classes

Sunday April 7 Sunday of Holy Cross No classes, remain in church for the procession of the Holy Cross.

Sunday, April 28 Palm Sunday No classes. Students are welcome to join the procession, and wave palms in celebration of Palm Sunday.

St. Paul's Cub Scout Pack 19

St. Paul's Cub Scout Pack 19 is still recruiting young people in kindergarten through 5th grade. The pack meets every other week after church and participates in regular outings. The Cub Scouts is a way to get your youth involved in fun, character-building activities. Contact Cubmaster Michael Schmitt at (912) 228-0479.

Vacation Church School

Vacation Church School will be June 3-6, 2024. Mark your calendars now and plan on your children attending. More information to follow.

Members Who Have Turned in 2024 Commitment Pledge

Jimmy & Ursula Anestos
Leah Anestos
Effie Antonopolo
Andrew & Jenna Asselanis
Cimon & Athena Asselanis
Stephanie Asselanis
Ryan & Nicole Bently
Cathy Berry
James & Ashley Berry
Alek Bollig
Sandra Bollig
Krista F. Brown
Fr. John & Pres. Sophia Caparisos
Niko & Kate Caparisos
James & Emily Chakalos
James & Sia Chokos
James Coutoulas
Christina Danos
Dean & Bonnie Danos
Elizabeth Danos
Tommy & Marie Danos
Adam & Sue Deleanides
Charles & Dawn Faris
John & Crystal Farmakis
Steve & Gabriella Fischer
Patricia George
Anca Georgescu
Corey & Melissa Gillenwater
Connor & Christiana Grant
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Tia Halatas
Vanessa Jones
Walter & Mary Ann Jones
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Elsie Karatassos
Kosta & Stamata Karfakis
Pamela Kline
Kim & Faye Kolgaklis
Alexander & Lynn Kloukoulas
Georgia Lamas
Eddie Lambros
Nick & Heather Lambros
Stratton & Mary Leopold
Sammy Letchas
Mary Jean Liakakis
Kay Litchfield
Cynthia Mamais
Mark Mamalakis
Paul & Debra Mamalakis
Peter Mastopoulos
Denis & Christine McDonnell
Christina Michalos
Alex Miltiades
Lear & Michelle Miltiades
Theodore Miltiades

Vic & Vanessa Miltiades
X. Demetri & Robin Miltiades
Despina Monas
Michael & Ashley Moore
Peter & Beth Moraitakis
Tony & Danelle Morris
Jamie Newman
Nick & Gini Nichols
Niko Nichols
Phillip Nichols
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Billy & Sia Norse
Tina Novit
Connie Pahno
Steve V. Pahno
Karen Panov & Lukas Melissas
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Dr. John Pappas
Dimitra Pashales
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George & Silvia Petrini
George & Mercie Polites
John Polites & Taylor Hayes
James & Connie Preston
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Irene Roach
Bill Rovolis
Jason Sakelarios
Marika Siavelis
Tom & Magdaline Sideris
Peter F. Simon
Atha Stathopoulos
Jimmy & Deena Stevens
Leah Stoupenos
Rita Toffery
Eve Valdez
Vasilis & Betsy Varlagas
George & Peggy Vaveris
Zorica Vukovich
Darleen Waters
Chuck & Vickie Watson
Nancy Weres
Mary Wetherholt
Sean & Gabriella Woods
Stan Xenakis

If you have not turned in a 2024 pledge commitment, kindly
contact church office.

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Submitting Information for Communications

If you would like to request an announcement in the church correspondences, we kindly ask that you submit your request by end of day Wednesday (3pm) for the Constant Contact and print bulletin, and by the 27th of each month for The Voice. Thank You.

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