



St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church

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Corrected Website/Email Address

Thanks to the eagle-eyes of one of our parishioners, we've made a correction to the email and website addresses above. These addresses are now correct, not only in this bulletin, but in all of the previous bulletins on our website. It's been a busy time here at St George's, and we'll be adding pictures and articles to the website for a number of event such as our monastery trip, baptisms, and water blessings. Please check the website around the middle of this week!

Blessing of the Lake Thanks be to God, we had beautiful weather for our trip to Hesperia Lake on Friday after Theophany Liturgy. Almost 20 people from our parish gathered to bless the waters as a number of fisherman and visitors to the lake looked on. This was a wonderful way to share the blessings Our Lord has given us with the rest of our community and we hope make this an annual event in our parish for years to come.

Pledge Cards The pledge cards continue to trickle in, be St George's parish needs your help to have all cards turned in as quickly as possible.

We will be having our annual parish meeting in February (date to be announced soon) and we need to have those cards to make a roster of voting members. Once again, one must go to Confession, receive the Eucharist at least once a year, and *offer a pledge* (of any amount) in order to be considered a member in good standing at St George's.

Please fill out and submit your pledge card to Dn George as soon as possible.

Choir Practice We will have our weekly choir practice on Wednesday at 1pm.

House Blessings

House blessings are an annual Tradition for all Orthodox Christians, where we offer back to God the homes He's given us, through prayer and 'baptizing' them with holy water. Non-Orthodox homes may also be blessed. A signup sheet will be passed around during coffee hour.

Please pick a date for your visit and a preferred time of day (morning, afternoon or evening). Please note that Father and Matushka will be on vacation attending a reunion from January 22 after Church until February 3rd, but any other day should be alright for a house blessing.

Father will schedule appointments on a first come, first served basis, using the signup sheet. Here's what you'll need:

- A suitable location, such as your icon corner, for Father to set up a few liturgical items in. If your house doesn't have an icon corner, you might clear your dining room table and put an icon on it.
- A bowl for Holy Water. Father will bring some for backup, but first will use what you have brought home from church. Orthodox Christians should keep a supply of Holy Water at home, to reverently drink when they must miss Divine Liturgy due to sickness.
- A candle for you to carry during the procession through your home (and matches or a lighter).
- A slip of paper with the saint's names of those living in the home, so Father can sing them "Many Years."

- The blessing begins and ends with a prayer in your icon corner, and in between it involves a procession through your home. You'll carry a candle and lead Father, who sprinkles the house with Holy Water as he sings the Theophany troparion, which you're welcome to join in:

*When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan
The Worship of the Trinity was made manifest
For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee
And called Thee His beloved Son
And the Spirit in the form of a dove
Confirmed the truthfulness of His Word
O Christ, our God who hast revealed Thyself
And hast enlightened the world, Glory to Thee!*

- After the short service of blessing has concluded, Fr. Michael would be happy to visit with you for a bit. When possible, he will bring Matushka.

Many times, Father Michael is busy after the Liturgy on Sunday and there never seems to be enough time to visit with everyone. This is an opportunity to visit one-on-one in your home with him and Matushka if you wish. There is no need to offer a meal or snack, but if you'd like Father and Matushka to stay for something, please indicate that on the sign up and he will try to accommodate.

If you have any questions about this service or scheduling it, please speak with Fr. Michael.

Father will be leaving for a reunion right after Liturgy on Jan 22nd and will be returning for Liturgy on February 4th. During that time, please contact Dn George for any emergencies. Fr Stephen and Mat Lindsey Osburn will be serving the weekend of the 28th and the 29th so there will be Vespers and Liturgy that weekend.

Calendar of Events – January 8 – 15

Sun 1/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:40am – Hours and Divine Liturgy General Memorial to follow
Mon 1/9	
Tue 1/10	
Wed 1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00am – 5:30pm - Office Hours• 1pm– Choir Practice• 5:30 - Akathist
Thu 1/12	
Fri 1/13	
Sat 1/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:00pm – Great Vespers
Sun 1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:40am – Hours and Divine Liturgy

Save the Date:

Jan 23 – Feb 3 – Father and Matuska on vacation

Jan 28-29 Fr Stephen serving