

# ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**  
**Matrona of Thessaloniki**  
**Paul, Bishop of Corinth**

## ΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ - EPISTLE READING - Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

**Κ**ατ' ἀρχάς, Κύριε, τὴν γῆν ἐθεμελίωσας, καὶ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου εἰσιν οἱ οὐρανοί· αὐτοὶ ἀπολοῦνται, σὺ δὲ διαμένεις· καὶ πάντες ὡς ἱμάτιον παλαιωθήσονται, καὶ ὡσεὶ περιβόλαιον ἐλίξεις αὐτούς, καὶ ἀλλαγῆσονται· σὺ δὲ ὁ αὐτὸς εἶ, καὶ τὰ ἔτη σου οὐκ ἐκλείψουσιν. Πρὸς τίνα δὲ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰρηκέν ποτε, Κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου, ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου; Οὐχὶ πάντες εἰσὶν λειτουργικὰ πνεύματα, εἰς διακονίαν ἀποστελλόμενα διὰ τοὺς μέλλοντας κληρονομεῖν σωτηρίαν; Διὰ τοῦτο δεῖ περισσοτέρως ἡμᾶς προσέχειν τοῖς ἀκουσθεῖσιν, μήποτε παραρρυῶμεν. Εἰ γὰρ ὁ δι' ἀγγέλων λαληθεὶς λόγος ἐγένετο βέβαιος, καὶ πᾶσα παράβασις καὶ παρακοή ἔλαβεν ἔνδικον μισθαποδοσίαν, πῶς ἡμεῖς ἐκφευξόμεθα τηλικαύτης ἀμελήσαντες σωτηρίας; Ἦτις, ἀρχὴν λαβοῦσα λαλεῖσθαι διὰ τοῦ κυρίου, ὑπὸ τῶν ἀκουσάντων εἰς ἡμᾶς ἐβεβαιώθη.

**I**N THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end. But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

## ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - Mark 2:1-12

**Τ**ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσῆλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς εἰς Καπερναοὺμ δι' ἡμερῶν καὶ ἠκούσθη ὅτι εἰς οἶκόν ἐστι. καὶ εὐθέως συνήχθησαν πολλοί, ὥστε μηκέτι χωρεῖν μηδὲ τὰ πρὸς τὴν θύραν· καὶ ἐλάλει αὐτοῖς τὸν λόγον. καὶ ἔρχονται πρὸς αὐτὸν παραλυτικὸν φέροντες, αἰρόμενον ὑπὸ τεσσάρων· καὶ μὴ δυνάμενοι προσεγγίσει αὐτῷ διὰ τὸν ὄχλον, ἀπεστέγασαν τὴν στέγην ὅπου ἦν, καὶ ἐξορύξαντες χαλῶσι τὸν κράβαττον, ἐφ' ᾧ ὁ παραλυτικὸς κατέκειτο. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· τέκνον, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. ἦσαν δὲ τινες τῶν γραμματέων ἐκεῖ καθημένοι καὶ διαλογιζόμενοι ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν· τί οὗτος οὕτω λαλεῖ βλασφημίας; τίς δύναται ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός; καὶ εὐθέως ἐπιγνοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ πνεύματι αὐτοῦ ὅτι οὕτως αὐτοὶ διαλογίζονται ἐν ἑαυτοῖς, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί ταῦτα διαλογίζεσθε ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί ἐστὶν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν τῷ παραλυτικῷ, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀφιέναι ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἁμαρτίας - λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· σοὶ λέγω, ἔγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἠγέρθη εὐθέως, καὶ ἄρας τὸν κράβαττον ἐξῆλθεν ἐναντίον πάντων, ὥστε ἐξίστασθαι πάντας καὶ δοξάζειν τὸν Θεὸν λέγοντας ὅτι οὐδέποτε οὕτως εἶδομεν.

**A**t that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY - TEAM A**

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2016

- Sun. March 27, 2016  
**Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**  
**Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am**
- Tues. March 29, 2016  
 - **Greek Language School, 4pm**  
 - **Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7pm**
- Wed. March 30, 2016  
**PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, 6PM**  
*Light Lenten meal & Studies in the Faith to follow*
- Fri. April 1, 2016  
**SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS, 7PM**

**Altar Boy Team Practice Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 12-12:30pm**  
 The main theme will be Preparation for Holy Week & Pascha. For questions please call Argirios Dimopoulos (714) 397-3464

**PROSFORO**

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| <b>March 27</b> | <b>Elefteria Kostantarakis</b> |
| <b>April 3</b>  | <b>Voula Kitsigianis</b>       |
| <b>April 3</b>  | <b>Kathy Tseheridis</b>        |
| <b>April 6</b>  | <b>Kathy Tseheridis</b>        |
| <b>April 10</b> | <b>Maria Tambouris</b>         |

+ MEMORIAL - +

Christos Harbilas 3 years  
 Eugenia Kantzavelos 3 years  
 Antonio Kantzavelos 16 years  
 George A. Lambros 7 years  
 James Cagiantas 1 year  
 Sophia Cagiantas 8 years  
 Soterios Cagiantas 57 years  
 Joan Shainin- 6 years  
 Elias Koutsoukos 11 years  
 Elli Yorgiadis - 8 years  
 Dimitri Yorgiadis- 15 years  
 Alex Yorgiadis- 16 years  
 Penny Yorgiadis 19 years

*\*Coffee hour will be sponsored by the Harbilas/Knapp, Kantzavelos, and Gallanes families*

*\*The Philoptochos will sponsoring coffee for the Yorgiadis memorials*

+ May their memory be eternal +

**WELCOME VISITORS**

Orthodox and are interested in learning who we are and what our beliefs and practices are, we invite you to any of our Bible Study classes and of course the Class on the Orthodox Faith. On the other hand if you are an Orthodox Christian and are not a member in another Orthodox Church we invite you (and your family) to join our Parish. While all may receive the Andidoron, the bread which is given at the conclusion of services which of course is not consecrated, only Orthodox Christians in good standing can receive Holy Communion and other Sacraments.)

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**APRIL 10TH, 2016**  
**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY**

**ITEMS IN NEED OF DONORS FOR LENT,  
HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER**

**FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE ICON OF THE VIRGIN (DURING FIVE FRIDAYS)**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**ANNUNCIATION ICON FLOWERS**

**FLOWERS (500 DAFFODILS)  
FOR FEAST OF THE CROSS**

**PALM SUNDAY PALMS**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**BANNER OF RESURRECTION**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**LARGE PASCHAL CANDLE USED BY PRIEST FOR EASTER SEASON**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**WREATH FOR HOLY CROSS**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**FLOWERS FOR THE RESURRECTION  
ICON- ICONOSTASIS**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**EASTER POTTED LILLIES**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**FLOWERS TO DECORATE ICON OF CHRIST FOR HOLY MONDAY**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**SPECIAL INCENSE FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**SPECIAL 100% BEESWAX CANDLES FOR CROSS AND ALTAR TABLE**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**PORTABLE ICON OF THE RESURRECTION**

**Donor(s) Needed**

**Please note that in the spirit of Christian inclusiveness the church will**

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exclude or to deny anyone the opportunity to participate.**

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The annual Kids-n-Cancer Reception will be on Sunday, April 10th at the Big Canyon Country Club in Newport Beach.

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### Baking Schedule for 2016 OC Greek Fest

Ladies: Please, we need your help for baking for our festival.

April 1st, Friday - Poutinga - 9am

April 6th, Wednesday - Koulourakia - 9am

April 12th, Tuesday - Kourambietes - 9am



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and generosity in sponsoring our pastries. God bless you.

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Thank you again,

Julie Sarres (714) 522-7737

### Father George Hadjis Memorial Scholarship

Every year Philoptochos recognizes outstanding educational achievements of high school and undergraduate college students within our community in the memory of Father George Hadjis of blessed memory. Applications are now available on the Church website or you can contact Christine Pappas at 942-240 or pappascg1@gmail.com.

Applications will be due Sunday, May 8, 2016



### **LUMINARY CANDLES FOR HOLY FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY**

**Philoptochos will be offering Luminary Bags with Candles to be displayed around the church on Good Friday & Holy Saturday.**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE LUMINARY FORM WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE APRIL VINEYARD, AND BRING IT TO THE PHILOPTOCHOS TABLE ON SUNDAYS. THANKS!**



# 2016 DC Greek Fest

## ADOPT-A-BOOTH

**UPDATE**

We're kicking off the 2016 OC Greek Fest Adopt-a-Booth program. This year's Festival will take place on, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We need your support to ensure a successful festival. Please complete this form and drop it off at the Church Office or give it to a Parish Council member. For additional information, please contact either Spiro Rados (714-319-6431) or Stacy Sotos-Lanyi ([greekstacy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greekstacy@sbcglobal.net); 714-473-3726).

400 lbs Ground Beef	\$800	Margaritas	\$600	Pastry - Chocolate Florigeres	\$300
600 lbs Salad	\$600	Wine	\$1,200	Pastry - Chocolate Florigeres	\$300
Tiropita	\$600	Cappuccino	\$300	Pastry - Chocolate Florigeres	\$300
Spanakopita	\$600	Soft Drinks	\$1,800	Pastry - Honey	\$700
Moussaka	\$1,500	Ice	\$1,000	Religious Booth	\$2,000
Pastitsio	\$1,500	Pastry - Baklava	\$500	Printing - Flyers	\$500
Olive Oil	\$500	Pastry - Baklava	\$500	Printing - Postcards	\$1,000
Mega Booth - Gyro	\$2,400	Pastry - Galactobouriko	\$500	Band - Friday Night	\$1,500
Mega Booth - Feta Fries	\$1,200	Pastry - Galactobouriko	\$500	Band - Saturday	\$1,500
Mega Booth - Produce	\$1,000	Pastry - Marble Koulourakia	\$500	Band - Sunday	\$1,500
Mega Booth - Feta	\$600	Pastry - Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus - Friday	\$1,500
Tzatziki Sauce	\$300	Pastry - Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus - Saturday	\$2,500
Calamari	\$1,250	Pastry - Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus - Sunday	\$2,500
Kitchen Oil	\$400	Pastry - Kourambiethes	\$400	Volunteer T-shirts	\$600
Kid's Hot Dogs	\$400	Pastry - Karidopita	\$400	Website/Social Media	\$700
Greek Beer	\$800	Pastry - Ravani	\$300	Photography	\$500

**Donor Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**How name(s) to appear on booth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Booth / Expense Adopted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Donation amounts are suggestions only. In many cases, the actual booth expense exceeds the suggested donation amount. PARTIAL DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED! In-kind (product) donations gladly accepted with advance approval by the Festival Committee.

### Join our Growing List of Donors!

Baklava - The Culp Family	Dolmathes - Leon & Elly Gabrielian	Hall Produce - Billy Boy's Café Inc.
Greek Beer - Stephen Kallaos DDS	Outside Tavern - George & Eva Gatsinaris	Baklava - Richard & Katherine Cote
Hall Bar - Dawn Alexander Davis	Loukoumades - Connie Perakis	Rice - In Memory of Peter L. Attard
Melomakarona - Friend of OC GreekFest	Water - Nick & Sophia Begakis	YiaYia's Cookies-Angelo & Vasiliki Bernardis
Koulourakia-George & Ekaterina Chatzis	Pasta Flora - John Koliias	Melomakarona - Tim & Julie Sarres
Beer Truck - AHEPA	Onions - Ted & Stella Triantos	Hall-Feta Cheese - Dean & Bessie Marinos
Lamb Taverna - Chris & Eva Sigas	Chicken- Spyridon & Patricia Rados	General Donation - Frank & Dimitra Kiriakos
Poutinga - Ann Lewis, Mary Sargologos, Georgia Soles, Foula Vanikiotis & Helen Vest		
Microbrewery - Left Coast Brewing - John, George & Dora Hadjis		
Greek Coffee - In memory of Georgia Stavrakas		
Diples - Freda Chrest, Sophia Christian, Marcia Melanitis, Soula Thomas		
Pork & Chicken Souvlakia - Perry & Christy Valaskantjis, Nikiforos & Konstantinos		

**Thank you very much for your generosity!**

April



TODAY - MARCH 27TH

GREEK ORTHODOX BASKETBALL

Start Time 2pm St. John vs. St. Sophia at East Anaheim Gym



THE ORTHODOX BOOKMOB ILE

IS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY



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