

ST GEORGE GREEK ORTHÓDOX CHURCH

High Point, NC

APRIL BULLETIN 2021



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This month's bulletin is being offered by Dina and Bill Katsis.

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<u>Friday, April 2</u> - Salutation to the Theotokos, 7:00 pm <u>Sunday, April 4</u> - Veneration of the Holy Cross, Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am.

Monday, April 5 - No Bible Study.

Wednesday, April 7 - Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 6:00 pm.

Philoptochos meeting afterward.

<u>Friday, April 9</u>- Salutation to the Theotokos, 7:00 pm <u>Sunday, April 11</u> - St. John of the Ladder, Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am.

Parish Council meeting after church.

Monday, April 12 - No Bible Study.

Wednesday, April 14 - Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 7:00 pm.

Friday, April 16 - Salutation to the Theotokos, 7:00 pm

<u>Sunday, April 18</u> - St. Mary of Egypt, Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am.

• Special Parish Assembly 12:30 pm

Monday, April 19 - Online Bible Study from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Call, text or email Fr. Anton to register.

Wednesday, April 21 - Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 7:00 pm.

Thursday, April 22 - Vespers and Artoklasia for St. George Feast Day, 6:00 pm

<u>Friday, April 23</u> - Orthros 9:00 am, *Divine Liturgy 10:00am* <u>Saturday, April 24</u> - Saturday of Lazarus, Memorial Service, 10:30 am. General Cleaning of the church.

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>April 25</u> - <u>Palm Sunday</u> - Blessing of the Palms, Orthros 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:30 am.

Sunday, April 25 - Bridegroom Matins will begin at 7:00 pm.

Monday, April 26 - Bridegroom Matins will begin at 7:00 pm. <u>Tuesday, April 27</u> - Bridegroom Matins will begin at 7:00 pm. <u>Wednesday, April 28</u> - Matins at 6:00pm, Holy Unction service at 7:00 pm.

<u>Thursday, April 29</u> - *Liturgy of St. Basil*, will begin at 9:00 am. *Service of the 12 Gospels (Holy Passion) 7:00 pm.

Friday, April 30

*Decorating of the Kouvouklion (Tomb for Epitaphio) coordinated by Maria Mellonas from 10:00 am.

**Great Vespers of Apokathelosis (lowering of Christ from the cross) - 12:00 pm. Fr. Anton will conduct a lesson for children from 1:00pm.

*** Service of Lamentations - 7:00 pm.

<u>Saturday, May 1</u> - *Liturgy of St. Basil*, at 10:00 am followed by General cleaning of the church and preparation for Pascha service <u>Saturday, May 1</u> - *Vigil* will begin at 11:15 pm.

Holy Resurrection Service and the Pascha Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom at midnight.

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 20th of each month, please call **Zoe Nixon** at 336-841-6911.

Feast Days to remember in April and Xronia Polla to all those celebrating their Name Day!

April 11 - Lazarus Saturday; April 23 - Saint George; April 25 - Mark the Apostle and Evangelist; April 30 - Saint James the Apostle;

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 Mondo Nickles, (336) 338-3258, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Mrs. Evie Vagios, Greek School Director, and to all the parents and children that put together a wonderful program in honor of 200 years anniversary since the Greek Revolution.

The program can be viewed on our Facebook page at this address:

https://www.facebook.com/107074936039390/videos/454019022 605649/

CONDOLENCES are extended to Maria Nicopoulos and her extended family on the falling asleep in the Lord of Maria's beloved brother, Dimitrios (Jim) Ballas on February 1. May his memory be eternal, and may our Lord rest his soul and comfort his loving family!

Congratulations to Litsa and Taylor Hughes on the birth of their baby boy **Demetrios Palmer Taylor!** Na sas zisi! Na $\sigma\alpha\zeta$ $\zeta\eta\sigma\epsilon$! Proud grandmother - Maria Nicopoulos.

THANK YOU

A special **thank you** to Mr. Anastasios Kazakos who substituted as a chantor for Mr. Alex Menegakis while Alex was sick.

A **BIG Thank You** to Maria Mellonas for the flowers for George Tsompanas funeral and for decorating the Theotokos icon for Salutations.

Thank you to Maricica Stefanescu for donating 2 beautiful potted flowers in front of the iconostasios.

Fr. Anton and the Parish Council a very Big thank you for the flowers and wishes. God bless you all! - Penny and Alex Menegakis

Many thanks Fr. Anton and Parish Council for the flowers, card and wishes. May God protect us all! - Eftihia and Alex Rizos.

I would like to thank Fr. Anton, family and friends of our community for the loving cards and phone calls and flowers that I have received during my hospital stay and recuperation. - Kiki Hassapelis

Thank you to Fr. Anton, and to my church family for the sympathy cards and phone calls that I received for the passing of my beloved brother, Jimmy Ballas. - Maria Nicopoulos

Thank you all in the St. George community that helped me with the burial of my brother George. - Emmanuel Tsompanas

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

If you have not paid your 2021 membership dues, please check with Betsy Menegakis. Dues are \$25 and are forwarded to the many charities our chapter supports through the National Philoptochos and the Metropolis of Atlanta as well as locally. Anyone 18 years and older is welcome to join this ministry.

HOLY CONFESSION

During Lent the Sacrament of Holy Confession will be offered for spiritual healing.

Please call the office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Anton.

2021 Holy Week items needed

Anyone wishing to donate one or more of the following Holy Week items in loving memory of, for the health of, or in honor of a loved one, please contact Phillip Nixon at (336) 601-4241 Palms for Palm Sunday

Flowers for the Nymphios (Bridegroom) Icon

Seven candles, Olive oil, flour, Cotton Balls, Q tips for Great & Holy Wednesday

Three candles for procession with crucified one (Stavromeno) on Great & Holy Thursday

Wreath for the Holy Cross on Great & Holy Thursday

Winding Sheet for Body of Christ

Rose Petals for Mirafora baskets for Epitaphion Services

Bay leaves and Rosewater for Great & Holy Saturday

Decorated Pascha Candles for the Priest DONATED

Incense for Great and Holy Week

Olive Oil for Perpetual Light throughout Holy Week

Order an Easter Lily to beautify our church for Pascha.	1
Circle ONE per plant:	
In Honor of OR For the health of OR In memory of	
From	
\$20 per plant. Please return to church office by Friday, April 23.	

FINANCIAL REPORT March 2021 Year to Date Income 6,296 30,670.00 Expenses 3,390 29,179.00 Net Revenue 2,906 1,491.00

BUILDING FUND

Building Fund Donations for March are \$3,050
Building Fund Donations year to date are \$11,200
Total Building Fund is \$56,460

HOLY WEEK

The events of Holy Week are the most moving of the year. During this week we experience Christ's journey to the Cross reminding us of the reality of sin and death. Christ conquered sin and death and his triumph is ours as well. By uniting ourselves with Christ we discover that death has no power over us. We urge you to participate in each day's services and to make prayer, fasting, Confession and Holy Communion essential parts of your Holy Week. Fast, pray, examine your life in relation to the Ten Commandments and the word of God. Seek out your sinfulness. Ask for forgiveness and partake of the sacrament of Confession. On Wednesday participate in the service of Holy Unction and be healed. Then on Holy Thursday as the Church commemorates the first Mystical Supper, receive Holy Communion taking the Blood and Body of Christ into your own body for purification. Endure the suffering of Christ on his walk to and on the Cross. Change yourself. Truly prepare for the celebration of the truth of the resurrection and the trampling of death by death. We know this means a large commitment of time, but those who can do so find it rewarding and helpful in coming closer to God.

Participate in the services of Holy Week; Reflect on Christ's supreme sacrifice and His victory over death;

Prepare yourself to receive the sacraments of Holy Confession, Holy Unction and Holy Communion.

Notice of Parish Assembly

In accordance with the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, 2019, articles 31, sections 1 and 7, the Special Parish Assembly of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of High Point is convoked for Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 12:30pm 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 in person or on Zoom. The agenda will be as follows:

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Election of the Chairman
- 3. Roll Call and Call to Order
- 4. Reading of the covenants to guide the Parish Assembly
- 5. Presentation of the Structural Engineer Report
- 6. Presentation of the Construction Repairs estimate
- 7. Presentation of ideas by the Parish Council
- 8. Discussions
- 9. Prayer for the illumination of our minds.
- 10. Adjournment. Closing prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Knight Sam Galiatsatos Rev. Fr. Anton Frunza Secretary Parish Council President Parish Priest

Link for Zoom Parish Assembly meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83325510915?pwd=UHRMcE84UHhWSD

BKaUhKdkgvOFd1QT09 Meeting ID: 833 2551 0915

Passcode: 632687

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the Parish Council members for cleaning and decorating the hall and church for the Bishop's visit.

Many thanks to Kosta Menegakis who donated a thorough exterior power wash of our buildings and sidewalks, as well as the meal for the Parish Council meeting with His Grace.

Many thanks to Sam Galiatsatsos, Parish Council President who provided the dinner for all the parishioners present for the service on the occasion of the 200 years Anniversary of Greek Independence.

Many thanks to Zoe Nixon and Laura Rizos for preparing the fruits and deserts on the same occasion.

Visit of His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zelon

In the evening of Annunciation Day, March 25, our Parish received the visit of His Grace Bishop Sevastianos on the occasion of Celebration of 200 years Anniversary from the Greek Revolution. The Parish Council watched together with His Grace, Fr. Sarantis Loulakis and Presvytera, the Special Program of our Metropolis dedicated to the 200 years Anniversary from Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Tarpon Springs, FL. Following the program, The Parish Council had a very productive meeting with His Grace, during which the Structural engineer report and Construction repairs estimate regarding our Parish buildings was presented and discussed. His Grace gave us advice and encouraged us. Next day, Bishop Sevastianos presided over the service of Salutations to the Theotokos and offered words of wisdom in His sermon. A special Doxology for the 200 years Anniversary of the Greek Independence was offered, followed by a Special Video Program presented by the Greek School of our Parish. Hronia Polla! Ispolaete Despota! Many Years Master!



