

# Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral News

## Worship Services

Orthros 9:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Priest: Fr. Tom Pistolis

Choir Director: Fanya Paouris

Chanters: Sotiris Basilakos, Tony Thermos, Forrest Palmer, David Bowden, John Blackstone, Tim Demas

## WEEKDAY SERVICES



### Sunday May 2 Sunday of the Paralytic

**Altar Boys:** Group D: Matthew Foster, Athanassios Paraskevas, Steven Maurides, Demetrios Pisteolis

**Nursery:** Dan and Dea Johnson

**Narthex:** *Stathe Koutroulias*, Stan Tzouvelekas, George Marianos, Dan Johnson

**Coffee servers:** Renee Mastrokolias and Gia Tomaras

### Sunday May 9 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**Altar Boys:** Group E: Harry Madeckas, Alex Taylor, Stephen Georgiades, Dirk Pieper

**Nursery:** George and Renee Kakaras

**Narthex:** *Dean Demas*, Charlie Cavalaris, Charles Joiner, Jimmy Georgiades, John Sfiris

**Coffee servers:** Cathy Chulkas and Yiota Chatos

Third year memorial for Demetrios Pisteolis

## Sunday of the Paralytic



During the time of Christ, the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem was thought to have curative powers. The waters came from underground springs, and many healings were attributed to the mere act of entering the pool after the "stirring of the waters" which, according to tradition, was caused by an angel.

The waters had a practical purpose as well. The pool of Bethesda was 100 yards from the Temple area near the Sheep Gate and was used for washing the sacrificial lambs before they were slain. This means that quite a few sheep got washed in this pool. One thousand sheep passed through this pool per year just from the morning and evening offering, the Sabbath offering and the first of the month offering (Numbers 28:1-11). At the dedication of the Temple, Solomon offered 120,000 sheep over the course of one week (1 Kings 8:63), and they all were probably washed in this pool of Bethesda. Figuring at least 10,000 sheep per year as an average, the pool of Bethesda may not have been as clean and crystal clear as a South Carolina backyard swimming pool. This may explain why the lame and paralyzed were sitting around the pool and not in the pool.

It was here that our Lord encounters a man who has been in a state of paralysis for some 38 years. Without anyone to assist him, the paralytic can never enter the waters in time to be cured of his affliction. The pool was deep, a kolumbethra, a



RUINS OF POOL OF BATHESDA IN JERUSALEM

place into which it was possible to dive, kolumban. The five arched porches would have given shelter from the sun to those blind, lame and paralyzed who waited for the moment when they could be helped to enter the waters to seek healing. A spring gushing from time to time would

be 'disturbed' as by an angel, and this was when those who had helpers could seek to enter the waters for their healing. This crippled man after 38 years of waiting probably had no patient helpers left. He was degraded, weak and isolated. His condition was helpless, hopeless. For Jesus nothing is impossible if he is approached in faith. And it was the Lord's habit to seek out the rejected and to approach them with merciful concern. This was what had inspired Tabitha or Dorcas to conduct her own merciful activities: this was the early tradition of the Church, that Jesus did good, changed things by merciful action.

**By Your divine intercession, O Lord,  
As you raised up the paralytic of old,  
Raise up my soul paralyzed by sins  
and thoughtless acts  
So that being saved, I may sing to You:  
Glory to your power, O  
compassionate Christ!**

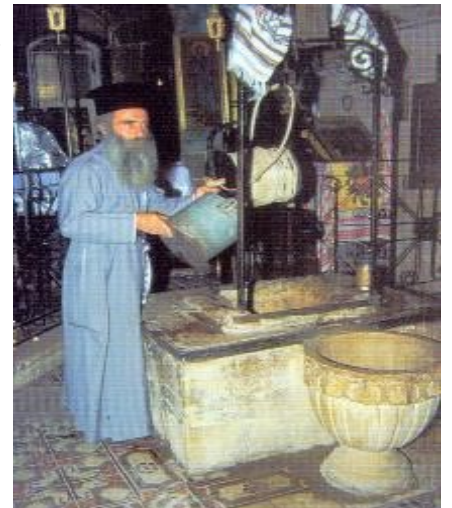
## Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

In the largely rainless lands of the Middle East, water is a constant preoccupation. Throughout the Old Testament, much attention is given to wells, and the donors of these sites of refreshment were forever held in high esteem by the local community.



The setting of the Gospel lesson on the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman is Jacob's Well. In Genesis, it is implied that such a well was dug by this venerable Patriarch when he and his family returned to Shechem in Canaan and settled outside the city. The Genesis saga says that Jacob purchased land at the village of Shechem, modern Nablus, very near this Samaritan site of Sychar, now known as Askar (Gen. 23:18-20; see Joshua 24:32; John 4:5). The authenticity of this well is undisputed. Samaritans, Muslims, Christians and Jews all agree that this is the place where the story took place, which is recorded in John chapter four.

The well served as a point of rest and refuge for the numerous caravans that passed through the desert enroute to regions of greater population and civilization.



JACOB'S WELL NEAR ASKAR, ISRAEL

In our Orthodox Christian tradition, Jacob's Well and its surroundings were made famous by the encounter there between Jesus and "Photini", the woman of Samaria. In their lengthy conversation, Christ beautifully uses the symbolism of water to point out that He can provide us with "water" that would quench our thirst eternally. Jacob of the Old Testament provided the inhabitants of that region with water that took care of their physical needs. Christ, the new Jacob, offers all of us living water, which satisfies all of our spiritual needs. Truly, it is through Jesus Christ that we receive what is necessary for eternal life.

As early as the late 4th century, church historians write of an edifice erected over the location of Jacob's Well. The church has been destroyed and rebuilt several times. It is estimated that the well itself measures some 162 feet in depth. Although called "Jacob's Well" from Jesus' time forward (John 4:6, 12), the Old Testament does not mention its origin.

**The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;  
She saw You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly  
She inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified!**

## Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Tom Bakogiannis, a wonderful husband, a loving father, a long time member of our community and a great friend to many of us, who fell asleep unto the Lord on Thursday, April 22nd. His funeral took place on Saturday, April 24th. He will be greatly missed by all. We hope and pray that God will give strength to his loving wife Margarita, and to his two sons, George and Costas. May his memory be eternal.

## Memorial

Sunday, May 9 in loving memory of Demetrios Pisteolis. This is the 3yr memorial of his falling asleep in the Lord. We ask that God continue to keep him in His embrace, and that our Lord grant peace and strength to the family that is left behind. May his memory be eternal.

## Festival Entertainment Nick Trivelas and the Ageans

Formal training, self study and collaborations with acclaimed musicians have enabled Nick to develop one of the most versatile Greek/American dance bands performing throughout the United States.



"My objective is to provide an option for people who are proud of their Greek heritage and want to include Greek music and Greek dancing in their celebrations as well as big band swing, rock, rhythm and blues, and other dance music popular in America."

Nick plays the bouzouki and sings the traditional Greek music that originated in various regions of Greece, as well as Popular Greek music that echoes through the Greek taverns today.

## Making Cookie Twists

Preparation of Cookie Twist will be on Sat., May 8 at 9am in Large Hall kitchen.

## AHEPA/AJ Theodore II Scholarship

--- Application for this scholarship is open to all students who plan to attend college, are currently in college, or plan to further their education (i.e., law school, graduate school, etc.) Applications may be obtained from Jenna Theodore Sinclair at A.J. Theodore III, CPA, PA 268-0111 or from the church office. NOTE: You or your parents must be a member of Saint George Cathedral to be eligible for this scholarship. Deadline for submitting the application is May 14, 2004.

**Greek School Picnic.** It will be held on Wednesday, May 19th - 4:00 at Kids Planet/Century Park on Brushy Creek Rd. in Greer. Shelter #4. For questions or directions call Irene Georgopoulos @292-3290.

## Sunday School Graduation

It's hard to believe that the 2003-2004

year is almost over! Sunday School graduation will be held on Sunday, May 2nd. Students with perfect attendance and our graduating seniors will be recognized during church immediately after Liturgy. Parents and grandparents, please plan to stay after church for coffee hour to honor our special children and their accomplishments and to extend our best wishes to our senior students. Parents, please bring a dessert to the Hellenic Center on this date (May 2nd).

## METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA PICNIC

His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta cordially invites the entire community of Saint George to come to Diakonia Center on Saturday, May 1st to celebrate Pascha and Mayday. There will be a brief Vespers service at 11:00am and lunch will



OCONEE STATION FALLS

WHITEWATER FALLS

be served at 12:00pm. We encourage everyone, young and old, to come out and celebrate with His Eminence these two very special days. There will also be a D.J. available for dancing in the afternoon.



MOUNTAIN LAURAL

## Agape Fellowship Outing

We are planning a visit to Shady Grove Nursery where Sue Willis will share her knowledge and new plants with us. Leaving the church at 8:00am, we will spend from 8:45 to 10:10 at the nursery, and leave at 10:15 for the Diakonia Center where we will enjoy a Vespers Service at 11:00am and lunch with Metropolitan Alexios and friends at noon. We will enjoy the festivities and then return to Greenville.

## PHILOTOCHOS MEETING AND PICNIC

The last Philoptochos meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at 6:00pm at the house of Maggie Athas. All members are urged to be present at this meeting. Afterwards Maggie will have food prepared for us so we can all sit and eat together and spend an enjoyable evening.

## Youth Ministries Corner



1) Picnic and Fun and Games with Metropolitan Alexios at the new retreat center on Saturday, May 1st at 10:30 AM. GOYA, JOY, HOPE, Greek School, and the entire St. George Community are invited and encouraged to come.

2) GOYA officer elections and end of year party at the home of Olympia and Tommy Mastrokolias on Sunday, May 2nd at 5PM.

3) GOYA sponsored Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday, May 9th immediately following the Liturgy. All are invited. Cost is \$10 per person. All GOYAnS must come to the church to help set up the upstairs hall on Saturday, May 8th at 10AM.

4) There will be a work party at the new camp and retreat center on Saturday, May 15. We will meet at the church at 9:00AM and go to the camp. We will work until 1:00 and then we will eat lunch and return to Greenville. We need 8-10 volunteers who have some muscle and are willing to sweat a little!

5) Have you signed up? Don't forget, if you are a GOYAn who is not dancing at the festival, you are expected to sign up to work one shift at the festival. The shifts are only three hours in length and you may work at other areas when you are not working your shift.

6) What are you doing this Summer? We are planning on having Summer activities for the GOYA both at and away from the church. We will be going to the movies and baseball games or anything else that people want to do!

Look for information and brackets for a Ping Pong Tournament that we will have at the church. Youth and Adults are encouraged to participate in the Tournament. Call Daniel at 233-8531 or email him at dkmiles@bellsouth.net if you have ideas for Summer youth activities.

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 6:4

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>Paralytic</b> 9:30a Orthros 10:30a Divine Liturgy Sunday School Graduation Laconian Picnic	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00p Philoptochos Picnic @ Maggie's	<b>5</b> 🍷 10:00a Bible Study 7:30 p Choir practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 🍷	<b>8</b> 9:00am Cookie Twist 3:00p Hope & Joy mtg
<b>9</b> <b>Samaritan Woman</b> 9:30a Orthros 10:30a Divine Liturgy GOYA Luncheon Mothers Day	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Parish Council	<b>11</b> 7:00pm AHEPA	<b>12</b> 🍷 10:00 Bible Study	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Daughters of Penelope	<b>14</b> 🍷	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Blind Man</b> 9:30a Orthros 10:30a Divine Liturgy	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Fast Free 4:00 Greek School Picnic 7:30 p Choir practice	<b>20</b> Festival 9:00a Divine Liturgy - Ascension and Saints Helen and Constantine	<b>21</b> Festival	<b>22</b> Festival
<b>23</b> <b>Fathers of 1st Council Festival</b> 9:00a Divine Liturgy	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Daughters of Penelope Appreciation Dinner	<b>26</b> 🍷	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 🍷	<b>29</b>

Fasting guidelines from the Archdiocese calendar: 🐟 fish allowed 🍷 Wine and oil allowed + Strict Fast  
 Dairy, eggs and fish allowed



# Greek Festival

## Silent Auction

New items are needed! If you knit, sew, crochet, make wooden items, or have artistic talents to paint or draw, how about donating a piece or two to our Auction. Call us and we'll pick it up. Call Stella Manios 232-7687, Kathy Joiner 232-3171, Sophia Pilagakis 675-0959. The earlier the better!!!

## Garage Sale

Save your used items for our sale. Please donate clean and working items ONLY. NO CLOTHES. When you Spring clean, remember the "Garage sale." Call Eva Cheros 244-4650.

## Volunteers Needed - Sign-up



The festival is just around the corner! We need your help! You will find a Festival Volunteer Form online. Please look it up and send it in with the booths, dates, and times you are able to work. You may also call Lena Trakas at 292-8272 to sign up by phone. We need 100% participation!

## Greenville News Supplement

The supplement in the Greenville News will run in the May 16th issue of the "Greenville News." The paid advertisers and the paid patrons help to cover the cost of the supplement. Please encourage individuals to contribute \$25.00 for the patron page. You may send your check to the church and include how you

would like your name to appear in the newspaper.

Everyone that contributes to the patron page helps to defray the cost of the supplement and we do not have to spend festival revenue for advertising.

## NURSERY FOR FESTIVAL

Open 10am-6pm Th - Sat

12noon-4pm Sun

Anyone volunteering for festival may bring their child/children, 6 and under to the nursery during their shift. For more information, please call Larri Manos 268-5082.



# ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΣ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

Κυριακη 2 Μαιου  
Ορθρος 9:30πμ  
Κατ. Σχολειο 9:45πμ  
Θεια Λειτ. 10:30πμ

Κυριακη 9 Μαιου  
Ορθρος 9:30πμ  
Θεια Λειτ. 10:30πμ



## ΕΞΕΤΑΣΕΙΣ ΚΑΤΗΧΗΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟΥ

Την Κυριακη, 2 Μαιου θα λαβουν μερος οι εξετασεις του Κατηχητικου

Σχολειου μας. Προσκαλουμε ολη την κοινοτητα να ελθουν στην εκκλησια

την Κυριακη αυτη για να υποστηριξουμε τα παιδια και δασκαλουστου Κατηχητικου Σχολειου μας. Επισης θα αναγνωρισουμε και τα παιδια που αποφοιτουν το γυμνασιο εφετος .

## ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΑΣΗ ΚΑΙ ΠΙΚΝΙΚ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΥ

Η τελευταια συνεδριαση της Φιλοπτωχου θα λαβει μερος την Τριτη, 4 Μαιου στις 6:00μμ στο σπιτι την Μαγδαληνης Αθανασιου. Θα εχομε επισης και φαγητο μετα την συνεδριαση.

## ΠΡΟΕΤΟΙΜΑΣΙΕΣ ΓΛΥΚΩΝ ΓΙΑ

## ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ

Κουλουρακια – Σαββατο, 8 Μαιου – 9:00πμ – Λουλα Θεοδωρακου

## ΦΑΓΗΤΟ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΙΜΗ ΤΩΝ ΜΗΤΕΡΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΓΟΨΑ

Την Κυριακη, 9 Μαιου η νεολαια μας ( ΓΟΨΑ) θα δωσει φαγητο προς τιμη των μητερων της κοινοτητας μας αμεσα μετα την Θεια Λειτουργια. Ας ελθουμε ολοι να φαμε και να εορτασομε τις μητερες μας ολοι μαζι και να υποστηριξουμε και τα παιδια μας που δουλεουν και αυτα σκληρα για την εκκλησια μας.

## ΕΟΡΤΗ ΠΑΣΧΑ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΩΤΟΜΑΓΙΑΣ

Το Σαββατο, 1 Μαιου ειμαστε ολοι καλεσμενοι απο τον Σεβασμιωτατο

Μητροπολιτη Ατλαντας Αλεξιο να ελθουμε στο Κεντρο Διακονιας να εορτασομε το Πασχα και Πρωτομαγια μαζι. Στις 11:00πμ θα λαβει μερος

εσπερινος και στις 12:00μμ θα σερβιρησθη φαγητο. Σας περιμενουμε ολους σας μικρους και μεγαλους να ελθετε να συλητουργησομε , να φαμε, και να χορευσομε ολοι μαζι γιορταζοντας αυτες τις δυο μεγαλες ημερες για εμας

τους Ελληνες.



WINNER OF SAINT GEORGE BEAUTY CONTEST

## Mother's Day Luncheon

May 9th

Immediately following Liturgy

\$10.00

All are invited

Put on by the GOYA to help support their activities.

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