



# The Trophybearer

OCTOBER 2013

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## PRAYER IN THE FAMILY

The power of prayer cannot be underestimated. Often we think of prayer as an individual activity. But for Orthodox Christians there is an emphasis on the prayer of the whole community. This should also apply to prayer in our family life. A family should pray together.

If you are a family of two its quite easy to arrange for prayer together. Currently this is my situation and my wife and I always pray together both evening and night. But when you have a family of four with varying ages it is a bit more difficult.

We have in the Church the morning and evening services which are available as reader services which can be read in the home without a priest. The idea taught by an Elder is to have the younger children participate in part of these prayers.

He writes;

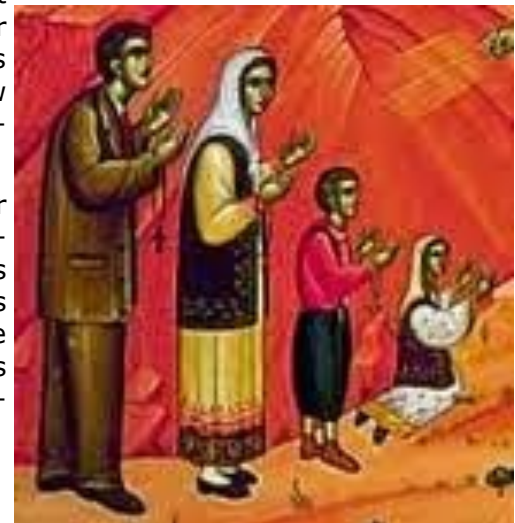
*They should read the evening Compline and say to the younger family members, "You can stay with us for a little while, if you want." If the children are somewhat older they can set up a rule; for example fifteen minutes for the older children; two to five minutes for the younger children; and after that, as much as they want. If the parents make them stay for the entire Compline they will just end up resenting it. We shouldn't pressure them because they have not grasped the power and value of prayer.*

Prayers are something that should be done every day, both in the morning and evening. The evening prayer is an especially important one for the family because it is a time when the entire family is together. Even when sick or tired you should have your evening prayers even though you may have to cut it short.

The morning prayers can be shorter depending on the nature of your family schedule. You can find shorter prayers in the many Orthodox prayer books that are available. It is best to at least stand in the front of your home icon stand together with your children and spouse, light the vigil lamp if its not already burning, and read together a few prayers before everyone heads off to their activities for the day.

By engaging the whole family in your daily prayers the unity of the family is nourished. Family life involves many small conflicts which can lead to larger ones and separations of members of the family. Divorce has become a major issue. If you are praying together it is much more likely you will not face this traumatic destruction of the marriage bonds.

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# GREEKFEST 2013



# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		<b>Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Laity &amp; Philoptochos Conference</b>					
6 Third Sunday of Luke Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.	7 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Green Room	8	9	10	11	12 Great Vespers: 5:00 p.m.	
13 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.	14	15	16 Religious Education 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 a.m.	17	18 St. Luke Orthros: 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m.	19 Great Vespers: 5:00 p.m.	
20 Sixth Sunday of Luke St. Gerasimos St. Artemius Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.	21 St. Christodoulos of Patmos the Wonderworker Orthros: 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m.	22	23 Religious Education 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	24	25	26 St. Demetrios the Myrrh-streaming: Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.	
27 Seventh Sunday of Luke St. Nestor Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.	28	29	30	31			

**St. George Greek Orthodox Church**

**Parish Council Minutes**

**13 August 2013**

**Members Present:** Dennis Spurgetis, Mary Rankin, Gus Pappas, Joe Burmeister, Angela Spurgetis, Steve Eckert, and Mike Patramanis

**Call to order:** Council President Dennis S. called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Father Christodoulos led the council in prayer.

**Minutes:** The council approved the minutes of the July meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gus P. reviewed the current report and noted a current deficit of \$3,696.23. Mike P. moved and Angela S. seconded that the council approve a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Festival Fund to the General Fund to cover expenses. The motion was approved.

**Foundation Report:** Foundation chairman Steve E. reported the current fund balance as of today is \$519,519.97, an increase of about \$13,000.00 since the July meeting.

**Stewardship:** Mary R. reported that as of July 31, \$94,216.27 has been contributed to the parish as stewardship contributions for 2013.

**Building and Grounds:** In the absence of the chairman, Father Christodoulos and Dennis S. presented the report.

Two trees need to be removed because termites and/or carpenter ants have destroyed them. An Orkin representative estimated it would cost \$4000.00 to implement treatment to prevent the insects from invading the church structure when the trees are removed. Jason Leon will get additional bids from other providers.

There have been air conditioner problems again and Climate River has replaced a circuit.

The committee needs to obtain a second bid for painting the metal portion of the roof.

Joe B. has contacted two contractors about bids for parking lot work (one deals with asphalt and concrete, the other is concrete only) and is waiting for their replies.

There was a meeting to discuss insurance needs for the church. Earthquake insurance is available for about \$400.00 for \$6 million worth of coverage.

**Youth Report:** Father Christodoulos reported the following:

A meeting for Sunday School Teachers will be held after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 18.

Sunday School will begin on September 8. Registration will be held on August 25, Sept. 1 and 8.

A youth outing to Michael's Fun World will be held sometime after the Festival.

**Father's Report:** Father reminded the council of the Metropolis Clergy-Laity in Sioux City in October. Angela Spurgetis is interested in attending.

**Festival Report:** Gus P. said that the admission tickets would be available for distribution on Friday. He also reported that more of the printing for the event would be done on the parish printer.

There was no old or new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Father Christodoulos ended the meeting with a prayer.

## OCTOBER 2013 SERVICE SCHEDULE/HOLY WEEK

Sunday, October 6th	Third Sunday of Luke	Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 12th	Great Vespers	Vespers: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 13th	Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council	Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 18th	St. Luke	Orthros: 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 19th	Great Vespers	Vespers: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 20th	Sixth Sunday of Luke St. Gerasimos & St. Artemius	Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Monday, October 21st	St. Christodoulos the Wonderworker	Orthros: 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 26th	St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming	Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 27th	7th Sunday of Luke Great Martyr Nestor	Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

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The same Elder tells a story about family prayer,

*I remember once, when my younger brother got sick, my father said, "Come, let us pray and beseech God to either heal him or take him so he will not suffer." We all prayed and he became well again. Even at mealtime we all gathered around the table to pray before we began to eat. If anyone started eating before the meal was blessed, we would say, "He committed fornication." You see, we viewed the lack of restraint to be a form of prostitution. It destroys a family to have each member come home, any time they like, and eat alone without good reason."*

As the Elder points out meal time is a natural time to pray. Unfortunately today many families no longer eat together. This should be avoided if at all possible. There is something sacred about eating together. To give thanks to the Lord for the abundance of blessing He provides for us is important for our well being and our relationship with God and the unity of our family.

Seek out ways that your family can pray together. If you are a couple you have an easy task. For those with children still at home it's a bit more difficult to get a common prayer time established. But once you do, you will be surprised at the benefits it will bring to your family.

**Author unknown**

## ALTAR BOY SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2013

**On Sunday, October 6th, 2013: Team 2** Nikolas Jacobs, Alek Jacobs, John T. Jones, John Mott, Michael Pyevich, Ben Florence, Peter Matos, Ian Matos.

**On Sunday, October 13th, 2013: Team 1** Gabriel Florence, Ethan Kirkpatrick, Andrew Leon, Jorge Elias, Zack Elias, Gabriel Elias, Tomas Elias.

**On Sunday, October 20th, 2013: Team 2** Nikolas Jacobs, Alek Jacobs, John T. Jones, John Mott, Michael Pyevich, Ben Florence, Peter Matos, Ian Matos.

**On Sunday, October 27th, 2013: Team 1** Gabriel Florence, Ethan Kirkpatrick, Andrew Leon, Jorge Elias, Zack Elias, Gabriel Elias, Tomas Elias.

**On Sunday, November 3rd, 2013: Team 2** Nikolas Jacobs, Alek Jacobs, John T. Jones, John Mott, Michael Pyevich, Ben Florence, Peter Matos, Ian Matos.

### **October 2013 Parish Council Sunday Duty List**

**-Names in Parenthesis indicate team member to arrive by 9:30 a.m.**

**On Sunday, October 6th, 2013 members on duty:** (Joe Burmeister, Dennis Spurgetis), Gus Pappas.

**On Sunday, October 13th, 2013 members on duty:** (Harry S. Coin, Mike Patramanis), Vickie Pyevich, Tom Bakeris.

**On Sunday, October 20th, 2013 members on duty:** (Angela Spurgetis, Steve Eckert), Mary Rankin, Ted Kutsunis.

**On Sunday, October 27th, 2013 members on duty:** (Gus Pappas), Joe Burmeister, Dennis Spurgetis.

**On Sunday, November 3rd, 2013 members on duty:** (Vickie Pyevich, Tom Bakeris), Harry S. Coin, Mike Patramanis.

## **READERS FOR OCTOBER 2013**

**On Sunday, October 6th, 2013:** Alexa Florence.

**On Sunday, October 13th, 2013:** Steve Eckert.

**On Sunday, October 20th, 2013:** Colleen Matos.

**On Sunday, October 27th, 2013:** Kay Coin.

**On Sunday, November 3rd, 2013:** Alexa Florence.

## **Coffee Hour Hosts for October 2013**

**On Sunday, October 6th, 2013 Coffee hour will be hosted by:** Stan & Kay Coin.

**On Sunday, October 13th, 2013 Coffee hour will be hosted by:**

**On Sunday, October 20th, 2013 Coffee hour will be hosted by:**

**On Sunday, October 27th, 2013 Coffee hour will be hosted by:**

**On Sunday, November 3rd, 2013 Coffee hour will be hosted by:**



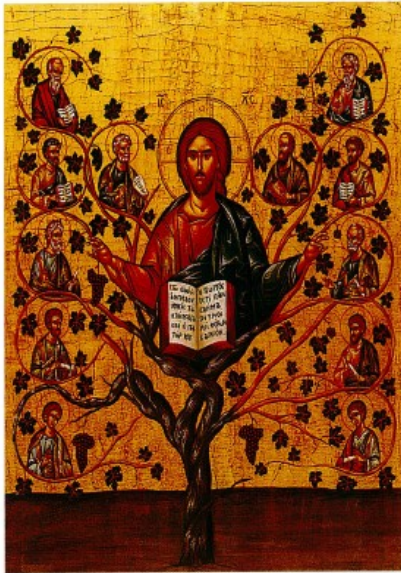


Allen, Marcia	Harb, Gus & Irene	Patramanis, George & Alexa
Allen, Ray and Connie.	Jacobs, J.P. and Andrea	Patramanis, Mike and Vickie
Allison, Dale and JoElaine	Jannes, Nick and Claudette	Perantinos, Angela
Amidon, Jeff and Elaine	Joannides, Timothy and Kathy	Peters, Jason & Kristin
Andrews, Pat and A.J.	Johnson, Scot and Adrienne	Pliakos, Demetrios
Asmussen, Zach and Alyssa	Kalman, Candice	Porter, Vanessa
Avgenackis, Mike and Nancy	Kalomas, Georgia	Pyeovich, Mike & Vickie
Bageteas, Paul & Christine	Kapalis, Jim and Diane	Rankin, Mary
Bagetelas, Polly	Karoules, Katherine	Rastovic, Jovanka
Bagatelas, Ted and Karen	Kirkpatrick, Anne and Quinn	Rastovic, Ratko and Svetlana
Bakeris, Tom and Jenny	Kutsunis, Deborah	Reese, Andrea
Booras, Pascal	Kutsunis, George W. and Linda	Reese, Marina & Dennis
Bourboulas, Frances	Kutsunis, Ted and Debra	Skafidas, Frank J. & Mary Jane
Bruskas, Spiro	Lebessis, Chris and Nikki	Skafidas, George and Effie
Burmeister, Joe	Leinbach, Roxana	Smith, Gordon and Helen
Callas, John and Darcy	Leon, Jason	Smith, Randy & Chris
Caras, Mr. and Mrs. Dan	Lillios, Von	Speed, Paul and Romilee
Caras, Emily	Lingris, Darlene	Spurgetis, Angela
Caras, Peter and Becky	Manta, Dena	Spurgetis, Colette
Chickris, Carol	Margellos, Father Christ	Spurgetis, Dennis and Nancy
Coin, George and Nancy	Mathews, Emmanuel and Tracy	Spurgetis, Greg
Coin, Harry G. and Susan	Mathews, Nancy	Spurgetis, Helen
Coin, Harry S. and Paula	Matos, Fr. Chris and Presbyteria	Spurgetis, Lucille
Coin, Nick and Nancy	Matos, Peter and Susan	Spurgetis, Mary
Coin, Stan and Kay	Mekus, John and Linnea	Spurgetis, Nick and Fran
Corelis, Helen	Milani, Dino & Tsagaris, Ellen	Spurgetis, Steve and Margit
Corelis, John & Shan	Moorhead, Helen	Stiegel, Ken and Helen
Crosson, Brad & Mariellen	Morgan, Steve	Stratton, John and Martha
Dalamaggas, Cleo	Mott, Ken & Pam	Stratton, Marge
Douglas, Angeline	Natsis, John	Suess, Marlowe
Doxas, Joan	Nelson, Marguerite	Teros, James and Elizabeth
Eckert, Steve and Mary Kay	Nichols, Pauline	Tolescu, Veronica
Elias, Daniel & Mari	Nicholson, Edward	Tripilas, Gus and Virginia
Elias, Maurice & Sue	Palaiologos, Kosta and Areeta	Tsagaris, James
Farrell, Paul & Cathy	Palmer, Scott and Lesa	Vlahos, Ted and Penny
Florence, Scott and Alexa	Papageorgiou, Dimitri & Kathy	Vretis, Frank
Froumis, Elaine	Papageorgiou, Maria	Whitehead, Bill and Diane
Gnatovich, George	Pappas, Chris	Winters, James and Mary
Grevas, Nick	Pappas, Gus and Kerri	Wiss, Kulla
Grevas, Ted & Pat	Pappas, Judy	Zeroth, Connie
Gust, Martha	Pappas, Nick	
Gust, Pete and Arlene	Pappas, Tim	



# St. George Stewardship Notes

*"I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit"*



## 2013 Third Quarter Update

Statements will be mailed soon to parishioners for the third quarter of 2013. Please review your statement to make sure it accurately reflects your giving so far this year. Please contact the office or Mary Rankin (stewardship chair) if you notice a discrepancy.

**QUICK FACTS**  
(as of Sept. 27)

**\$134,467.00 =**  
Amount pledged so far  
by 124 households

**\$1,084.41 =**  
Average pledge per  
household at this date

**\$242,454 =**  
Amount needed for the  
ministries of  
St. George Parish for  
2013

Pledge Ranges	Number of Pledges
Less than \$100	3
\$100 - \$199	8
\$200 - \$299	16
\$300 - \$399	16
\$400 - \$499	6
\$500 - \$599	16
\$600 - \$699	7
\$700 - \$799	3
\$800 - \$899	5
\$900 - \$999	2
\$1,000 - \$1,499	14
\$1,500 - \$1,999	9
\$2,000 - \$2,999	10
\$3,000 - \$3,999	6
\$4,000 - \$4,999	4
\$5,000 - \$5,999	0
\$6,000 - \$6,999	1
\$7,000 - \$7,999	1

# **Community News**

**GREEN ROOM RENOVATIONS:** During the first few weeks of October we will be completing the renovation of the Green Room. Because of this we will be forced to move the coffee hour on Sunday's into the Gold Room. We know this is a temporary inconvenience but the end results will be well worth the wait. We would also like to thank Alexa Florence and Mary Rankin for all the work they put in to setting this project up, getting donations, and finding the contractor. I know everyone will love the new look of our Green room.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Will be on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Green room. Also the time is coming for new parish council elections. Please consider being a part of our parish council and help our community move into the future of the Quad Cities.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS:** With October being a busy month we will only be having class on 2 Wednesday's. We will meet on Wednesday October 16th at 9:30 a.m and again in the evening at 6:30 p.m. Then for the following week our morning class will actually meet on Tuesday, October 22nd at 9:30 a.m. and the evening class will meet on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Classes run approximately 1 hour and 30 mins. All are welcome to attend and help to enrich their faith.

**REACHING OUT:** In an attempt to reach out to former parishioners of St. George we are asking all members to please call the church office with any former members who have fallen away from the church. Fr. Christodoulos will then reach out to them. Please if you have anybody in mind please call the church office or speak with Fr. Christodoulos

**KOLYVA FOR MEMORIALS:** As many of us know in order to have a memorial in the Orthodox Church we need to have Kolyva. Because of this we have started offering to make Kolyva for anyone who needs to have one and either does not have time or does not know how to make them. We will charge \$100.00 for a tray and it will be ready for Sundays. Families are welcome to help with the making of the Kolyva as well. At a later date will also offer a class on Kolyva making so that we can teach more people within the community to make Kolyva. For more information on ordering Kolyva contact the church office.

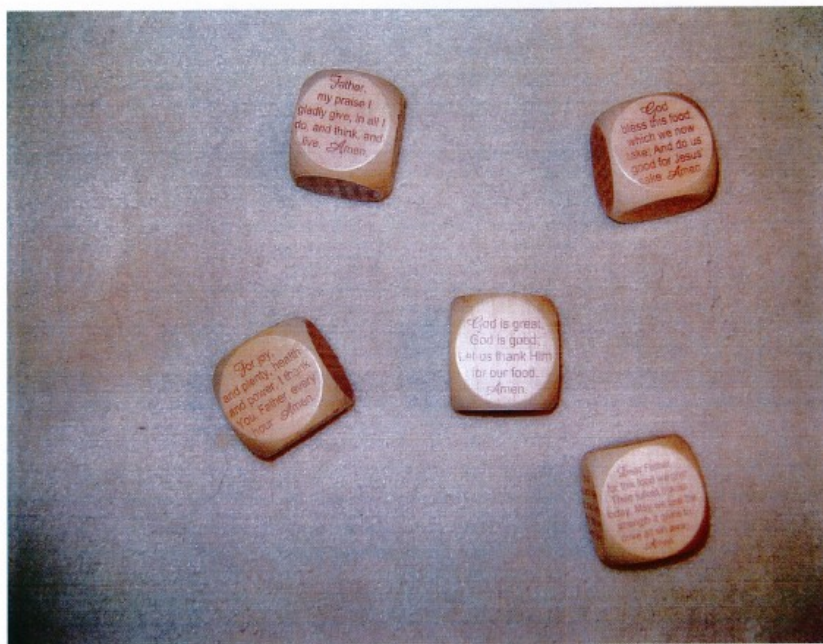
**CHANTERS NEEDED:** We have been blessed at Saint George over the years to have many people volunteer their time to help with chanting the sacred services of the Church. Our current chanters Chris, Steve and Dn. Paul are doing a great job, but soon, God willing, we will need a few more to help with services. We also hope to be able to add more English to our Orthros services. So anyone who is interested please see Fr. Christodoulos for more details.

**EVENING MEAL:** For October will be hosted by Dena Manta, Nancy G. Coin and Martha Stratton.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or a family member are in the hospital, please call the office. Ever since the change in the privacy laws, hospitals are reluctant to call churches. Please call us so that we can avoid missing our parishioners in their time of need.

**ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) TUTORING:** Individualized tutoring for those whose first language is not English is available at St. George at no charge to parishioners. Hour-long sessions are held in the classroom next to the Library and can be scheduled Tuesday-Friday during the day or at evening. Instruction is tailored to the needs of the student. Call Kathy at 793-0032 for more information or to schedule a time.

## **Prayer is not a gamble – It's a sure bet!**



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**Stop by Stavro Logo Bookstore and take a chance with our new prayer cube. If you are at a loss for words for mealtime prayers, roll the dice and recite the winning prayer. The cube serves as a wonderful reminder to thank our God for His gift of sustenance. It is one more learning device offered in Stavro Logo for our children. Grace before meals and all prayers are one habit you will not want to break.**

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## Saint Iakovos Brother of our Lord

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that the latter had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matt. 13: 55). But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus and Mary his wife, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the Scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This Iakovos is called the Less (Mark 15:4) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from Iakovos, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book II: 23), and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray," and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the Apostle was cast down headlong from thence, then was stoned, and while he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by the wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this Iakovos.

