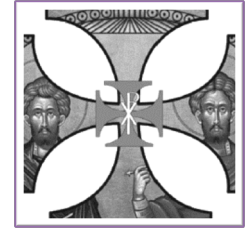


St George Philoptochos Society

Bakersfield, CA



September 9, 2018-General Meeting:

Ladies please join us immediately following church services for our first Philoptochos meeting of the year in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing our plans for the fall season and all of our upcoming events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there and looking forward to a great year of sharing in fellowship and service to those around us.

Greek Food Festival – October 5th, 6th & 7th

Food festival preparations have already begun, but there is still much to do!! We hope that everyone gets involved by volunteering their time during this event to work a shift or two, or three...

There will be many opportunities for you to come and volunteer your time, so please check the church bulletin for baking days and times. Mary Mekhel will be leading us and needing us to assist her in these preparations. We need everyone's help to come out and support our community!

Annual Health & Wellness Luncheon

Save the Date: September 16th, 2018 for our annual Health and Wellness Luncheon. It's just around the corner and we hope you plan to attend. This event goes towards helping the Metropolis Health and Wellness Ministries as well as the Metropolis Emergency Relief Fund.

Please come out and support these worthy causes and enjoy a beautiful day of food, fun and fellowship.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 9th:

General Meeting in the hall immediately following Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 16th

Health & Wellness Luncheon
Immediately following Divine Liturgy

October 5th, 6th & 7th:

St George Greek Food Festival

Sunday, November 4th:

General Meeting in the hall immediately following Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 11th

Community Christmas card sales begin

Sunday, November 18th:

Feeding the Homeless Day

Sunday December 2nd

Annual Christmas Party at The Golden Ox Diner

More Important News:

Our next general meeting will be on Sunday, November 4, 2018 in the church hall. On the agenda for this meeting are the Saints Cosmas and Damianos Service Award preparations, as well as the homebound baskets. It brings extreme joy to our homebound parishioners to not only receive these baskets, but more importantly to know that they are being remembered and cared for by our women. Please start to consider what items you can donate toward these baskets. We will have a lot to discuss, hope to see everyone there!



Community Christmas Card Fundraiser-November 11, 2018

The beginning of November marks the start of our annual Community Christmas Card drive. We ask that every family who would like their name included to please donate a minimum of ten dollars. Please encourage everyone you know to participate. A \$10 donation goes a long way since all proceeds go to support the Bishop Anthony Student Aid Endowment Fund for our Metropolis seminarians as well as our own St George Benevolence Fund...You may also want to sponsor someone or a family who may not be able to afford this expense. More information will be posted in the church bulletin as the date gets closer.

Feeding the Homeless Initiative - Sunday November 18th

Feeding the Homeless Day will be a parish wide event to help make a difference in the lives of those who live near and around the church. If you are interested in helping us to plan this event, please mark Sunday October 21, 2018 on your calendar for our one and only planning meeting. We will be needing everyone's help in the month leading up to this event.

Mark your calendars...Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday December 2nd at the Golden Ox Diner. There will be more information forthcoming in the next newsletter and church bulletins.

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Feel free to contact any board member about any of these events or about anything else.