

## A Little History

St. George Church celebrates her 75th Anniversary in 2015. Like many other Orthodox churches, St. George owes its beginning to Greek immigrants who **began to arrive in the 1900's.**

In 1940, a group of faithful decided to establish St. George Greek Orthodox Church and purchased the McDonald mansion on this property for a place of worship. Seven priests, including Fr. Parry Paraschou (1975-1999), have served our parish by helping her to grow in numbers, spiritual and community activities.

A fire in 1967 forced the community to rebuild in 1968. It was consecrated by Archbishop Iakovos on May 11, 1975. In 1999, a major renovation added an elevator, offices, new restrooms, and entrances. In 2001 the church purchased the adjacent land to the West. We expanded parking and did extensive landscaping in 2006. A new stone floor and a carved wood iconostasis was installed in 2008 and matching holy altar table in 2010. Mural icons on the East wall were installed in 2017.

Today the members of our parish represent many nationalities and ethnicities, founding families, converts, seniors and immigrants. There are approximately 250 families and 550 parishioners.

We are pleased that you are visiting with us today and would like to hear from you. Please fill out the detachable visitor card and give to an usher, mail it in or email to us. Welcome to our community!

## Church Ministries

Being a part of the Body of Christ, we strive to follow His example by teaching, preaching and healing. We do this through our worship, spirituality, philanthropy and community service.

Orthodox worship is ancient, rich, beautiful and symbolic. We have numerous ways to participate actively including choir, chanting, ushering, reading, serving the altar, baking bread, as well as periodic processional activities.

Philoptochos is the charitable ladies auxiliary of the Greek Orthodox Church. The name means **"love of the poor."** Our local parish chapter engages in fundraising activities in order to support numerous institutions, near and far, that help the poor and needy.

Our Missions and Benevolence committee leads the effort in reaching out to the poor and hungry by volunteering with Loaves & Fishes and FOCUS Minnesota and recruiting others to do so. In addition, they raise money for various charitable organizations who do similar work.

Our youth ministry program includes all age groups. We encourage knowledge of the Faith, character development and fellowship. We have a part-time youth minister who works with parents and volunteers. We also work with other area churches for retreats, summer and family camps and basketball programs.

We also enjoy fellowship during our Sunday social hour after liturgy, and cultural events such as the Festival of Nations and our annual Greek Festival (held every August on our grounds).

## Worship & Education

Prayer, worshipping God, receiving the sacraments, hearing the scriptures during the Divine Liturgy are the primary ways we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit to grow in **knowledge of God's grace and truth.** We celebrate liturgy every Sunday morning, saints and feasts on selected weekdays throughout the year, as well as a full schedule of evening services during Great Lent.

Sunday School begins for preschoolers and runs through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. You can register your child (ren) on our website [stgeorgegoc.org](http://stgeorgegoc.org). Vacation Church School is scheduled for one week every summer.

Dedicated volunteers coordinate a Greek language school. Bible Study is held monthly (check website for day and time) and twelve-week Catechism classes are held twice yearly for those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith or seeking to convert and join the Church.

We have a bookstore with an impressive collection of books, icons and other religious items. Our parish and spiritual life committee organize Lenten Lectures and a Lenten Retreat each year. They also collaborate with other local Orthodox churches to organize and host speaking events that enhance and nurture our faith in Jesus Christ.

We are blessed by your presence and hope that you will keep our parish in your prayers.

### Visitor Information Card

We are pleased that you are visiting. Please complete the information below at your leisure and give to an usher, drop in mail or email us at [info@stgeorgegoc.org](mailto:info@stgeorgegoc.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

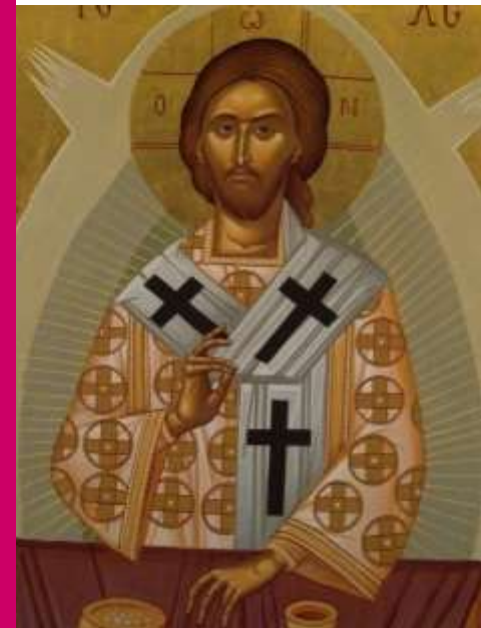
Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

I am looking for a new church and interested in learning more about the Orthodox Church

Visiting as a guest today only

New to area and would like to be contacted by priest or welcome committee

# St. George Greek Orthodox Church



Saint Paul, Minnesota

## Introduction

St. George Greek Orthodox Church is part of the Eastern Orthodox Christian Church, whose roots can be traced directly to the Apostles of Jesus Christ.

The Orthodox Church teachings are taken from the Holy Scriptures and Apostolic tradition. The first teachings of the Disciples were oral, before the New Testament was written. However both are equal in value being the medium in which God revealed his will and the Church accepts as being the only truth.

Eastern Orthodox worship centers on the Sunday Divine Liturgy and seven major sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist, Confession, Ordination, Marriage and Holy Unction.

Membership is not restricted to persons with certain ethnic backgrounds. Rather it is open to anyone seeking to follow our Lord Jesus Christ through the worship, sacramental life and ethical teachings of His Body—the Church.

St. George Church is in the direct lineage of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and continues the ministry of Christ, preaching the Gospel, teaching the Commandments, and healing the broken-hearted.

In this brochure, you will find information about our church programs, services and education for visitors.

## Information

### *Services*

- ❖ Vespers: Saturdays (October-May) 5 pm
- ❖ Orthros/Matins: Sundays 8:15 am
- ❖ Liturgy: Sundays 9:30 am

### *Office hours*

Tuesday through Friday 9:00am—5:00pm

### *Address*

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### *Website*

[www.stgeorgegoc.org](http://www.stgeorgegoc.org)

### *Facebook*

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*Fr. Fr. Perry Kallis, Pastor*  
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Please feel free to contact Fr. Perry if you have any questions about St. George, to learn more about Orthodox Christianity or if you are interested in joining our church.

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