

St. George Orthodox Church

Parish Council Meeting

May 19, 2024 - 12:30 pm

Agenda

I. Call to order and prayer

II. Approval of April 2024 Minutes – (Attached separately.)

III. Pastor’s Report (Fr. Joel Gillam)

IV. Chairman’s Report (Alex Ibrahim).

V. Treasurer’s Report (Tony Nasr) – April 2024 Treasurer Report attached separately.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Adult Education (Kerry San Chirico) – See flyer on last page.

b. Choir (Karen Burke)

- No Choir Rehearsals in May

c. Icon Committee (Caroline Becker)

- Icons are securely resting in the side chapel and awaiting installation. Final billing for shipping costs have/will be sent to donors.

d. Long-Term Planning (Joseph Solomon)

- We got a quote on the Annex demo and we are going to talk to neighbors on Cedar Lane. Parking lot decision likely won't happen until June.

e. Maintenance Committee (Michael Solomon)

- Michael Solomon is new Chairperson
- Nasim replaced the sump pump in the alcove and we had a very successful clean-up day.

f. Ministry Team (Justine Leach/Roxi Harne) – No Report

g. St. Katherine Women (Cynthia Long)

- Yesterday; Saturday, May 18; Women’s Breakfast at Park Café, Wilmington, with the Women of Holy Ascension Church; 8 people total attended (4 from St.G. and 4 from H.A.). We look forward to more opportunities for Fellowship in the future.
- Fall 2024: Sight & Sound Theatre Trip (“Daniel” on Sat. Nov. 9; \$99 Adult & \$42 child)

h. Stewardship Committee (Jerome Burke)

- Wrote article for June newsletter about Stewardship

i. Sunday School (Caroline Becker)

- Today is the last week of classes.

- Need to recruit new lead teacher for youngest class for next year and additional teacher for upper elementary class.
- Data on overall participation will be submitted in future report.
- Next year will continue to use Archdiocese curriculum for upper grades, which will be Luke-Acts.

j. Teen SOYO (Alex Ibrahim)

- Today we are honoring graduating High School Seniors Randa Ibrahim, Gabrielle Gillam, Aemon O'Connor and Narek Sarkessian.

VII. Old Business

- Picking date for August Annual Planning Meeting (tabled)

VIII. New Business

- CLEAR grant
- Luke Becker's Holy Week Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccpK0uw1ad0>
- C. Long request for PLC sponsorship

I am asking Parish Council for a sponsorship of ~\$217.00 to be able to attend PLC (and I am asking SKW for ~\$272) as indicated below:

Anticipated Costs:

2 nights lodging (Wed-Thurs): \$119/night (+ taxes) = **\$238** (+ taxes)

Meals (2 dinners; 1 lunch) = **\$80**

Conference Registration Fee = **\$15.00**

Gas /tolls ~ \$100.00

Subtotal ~\$433 (*divided by 2 = \$216.50*)

(+ Antiochian Women Lunch \$55.00)

IX. General Business Remarks

- Office Admin Comments
 - Greeter needed for May 26
 - Readers & Greeters needed for June 9
 - Office Admin will be ordering more pamphlets for the Pamphlet stand in Narthex

X. Adjourn

XI. Appendix: Retreat Flyer

Sorrow Into Joy

Encountering Christ in our Paschal Lives

Saturday,
June 1

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



- Schedule**
9:30-10: Matins
10-10:30: Coffee & light refreshments
10:30 -12:30: Encountering Christ Within Ourselves
12:30: Lunch (Catered by Zuzu's Kitchen)
1:30-3:30: Encountering Christ when Caring for Others
4:00 Vespers

Childcare Provided

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Orthodox Christians have a rich inheritance of prayers, practices, and beliefs that teach us how to live with the joys and sorrows of everyday life. Reflecting on these experiences within the community of the Church may help us learn to better navigate life's difficulties, while deepening the hope and peace found in Christ.

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