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THE DELIVERER

A Monthly Newsletter of St. George Upper Darby



The Church Year

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind,

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SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 1: Indiction
- Friday, September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos
- Saturday, September 9: Joachim & Anna; Baptisms & Chrismations
- Sunday, September 10: Parish Council Meeting
- Thursday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*Orthros & Liturgy on Wednesday, September 13 evening*)
- Saturday, September 23 - Calendar Planning Meeting
- Sunday, September 24: Parish Picnic

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to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

(Source: oca.org)

College Students and Orthodox College Fellowship

by Jenna Magas

Villanova University Class of 2025 and OCF Mid-Atlantic Student Leader

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) transforms the lives of college students by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church and cultivating a campus community. Orthodox college students gather regularly on college campuses across the country to uphold the OCF pillars of Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Service.

For years, Fr. Joel has served as the spiritual advisor for many OCF chapters in the area.. We participate in various events including Divine Liturgy at multiple Orthodox parishes, Bible Study led by Father Joel, shared meals and social gatherings, and service projects in the local community. Additionally, events organized by the national OCF unite students across the country and enrich the spiritual lives of students. These include regional retreats, College Conference, and Real Break trips to engage in service and education around the world.

OCF chapters and the local parishes who have welcomed us with open arms have truly become home away from home. When I entered college and moved away for the first time, everything in my life changed at once. The Orthodox Church was the one factor that remained constant through the adjustment. OCF has kept me grounded and been my support and community since I started college. It is a wonderful ministry, and I have met friends I will stay in touch with for years to come. We appreciate the support and encouragement of Fr. Joel, the St. George parish, and the beautiful local Orthodox community in helping our ministry thrive!



September Greeters and Readers

September 3

St. Katherine Women

Greeter: Cynthia Long

Reader: Renee Gillam

September 10

Parish Council

Greeter: Michael & Marcia

Ibrahim

Reader: Jerry Burke

September 17

Teen SOYO

Greeters: Gabrielle Gillam

Reader: Randa Ibrahim

September 24

Ministry Teams

Greeters: The Gordons

Reader: Matt Gordon

Interested in being a greeter?

Contact

Office Administrator at

office@saintgeorgeupperdarby.org

Interested in being a reader?

If you're interested in becoming a reader for the Epistle on Sunday, please contact the church office.

Adopt A College Student

Be a lifeline or home-away-from-home for an Orthodox college student. Offer a ride, invite them to dinner, provide laundry facilities, or bake them cookies. These are some of the ways you can “adopt” a college student. Fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/nkGE5bpL45fGw4oTA> to indicate your interest, and you will be matched with a student.

Students: please use the same link above to request to be matched with a family.

Requesting Supplies for Sunday School

Please prayerfully consider some ways to help Sunday School as we prepare to start our new year on September 17, 2023.

Donate supplies:

Notebooks; Markers; white paper (copy/computer paper); “Dry-Erase” Markers; Small icons

Donate furniture: Sofa, comfortable chairs, mini-refrigerator

Donate Gift Cards: Staples, Wal-Mart, or Ancient Faith

Please pray for the Sunday School teachers and students.

Parish Picnic September 24



Our annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 24 after Liturgy at Ridley Creek State Park, Pavilion 11B.

Please sign up to indicate what you will bring to the picnic and note the item in the comment box. **Sign-Up here:** <http://tiny.cc/8dlavz>

Bring frisbees, games, and balls, and we'll see you there.



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Liturgy 9:30	2 Bible Study 3:30 Vespers 5 pm
3 <no SKW Meeting>	4 Labor Day	5 9:30 Matins Akathist, 7-8 pm	6	7 No 3rd Hour	8 Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros & Liturgy 9:30	9 Liturgy for Joachim & Anna 9:30 Bible Study 3:30 Vespers 5 pm
10 Parish Council Mtg	11 FSMB, 8 pm	12 9:30 Matins Akathist, 7-8 pm Maintenance Mtg, 8 pm	13 Exultation of the Cross 6 pm Orthros 7 pm Liturgy	14 No 3rd Hour	15	16 Bible Study 3:30 Vespers 5 pm
17	18	19 9:30 Matins Akathist, 7-8 pm	20	21 9:30 3rd Hour	22	23 Calendar Planning Mtg 10 am - 1 pm Bible Study 3:30 Vespers 5 pm
24 Parish Picnic	25	26 NO Matins Akathist, 7-8 pm	27	28 No 3rd Hour	29	30 Bible Study 3:30 Vespers 5 pm
					Notes: 9/10 Sunday School Announcement & Registration 9/17 Sunday School gathering with parents; Group class	

Upcoming Events

- 9/10 Register for Sunday School
- 9/17 Group Sunday School; Parents meet the teachers
- 9/23 Calendar Planning Meeting
- 9/24 Parish Picnic