

## ***GREATMARTYR GEORGE THE NEW AT SOFIA***

The holy Martyr George the New was born into an illustrious Bulgarian family, living in the capital city of Bulgaria, now called Sofia. St. George's childless parents, John and Mary, in their declining years entreated the Lord to send them a child. Their prayers were answered, and they baptized the infant with the name of the holy Great Martyr George (April 23).

Young George received a fine upbringing, he attentively studied the Holy Scriptures, and he was pious and chaste. His parents died when he was 25. At that time, Bulgaria was under rule of the Turks, who forcibly converted Christians to Islam. Several Moslems forced a fez (a hat worn to enter Moslems' house of prayer) on George's head. He threw it on the ground, so they beat him and took him to their governor.

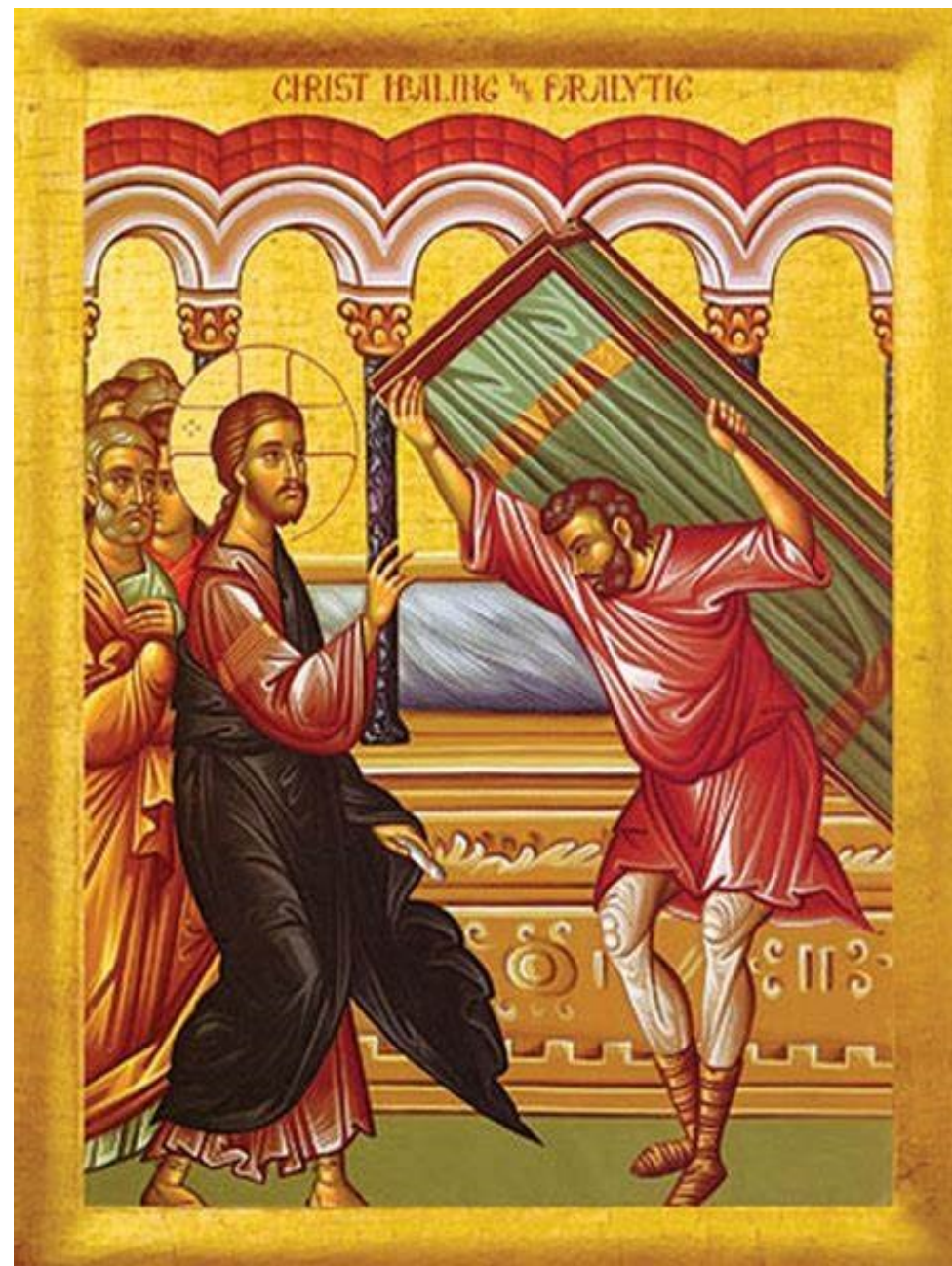
The governor was impressed with George's appearance and bearing, and he urged George to accept Islam, promising honors and wealth from Sultan Selim (1512-1520). George steadfastly confessed his faith in Christ and reproached the errors of Islam. The governor ordered beatings and increased tortures, but George bore all his sufferings, calling on the Lord Jesus Christ for help. Then he was led through the city to the beat of a drum and shouts of: Do not insult Mohammed nor abase the Moslem faith.

Finally a large fire was lit in the city, to burn St. George. Weakened by his wounds, the saint fell to the ground. They threw him into the fire still alive, and they threw corpses of dogs on top of him so that Christians would not be able to find the relics of the martyr.

Suddenly, a heavy rain fell and extinguished the fire. With the onset of darkness, the place where the body of the martyr was thrown was illumined with a bright light. They gave permission to a certain Christian priest to take the venerable relics of the martyr for burial. Informed of this, Metropolitan Jeremiah and his clergy went to the place of execution. In the ashes of the fire, they located the body of St. George and carried it to the church of St. George the Great Martyr in the city of Sofia.

On May 26, 1515, the holy relics of St. George were removed from the grave, placed in a coffin, and then brought into the church, where they have remained ever since. The Church honors St. George on February 11, the day of his martyrdom, and on May 26, the uncovering of his holy relics.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

### *Paralytic*

*Apostles Carpus and Alphæus of the Seventy; Greatmartyr George the New at Sofia;  
Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Abbot of Kalyazin;  
Martyrs Abercius and Helen, children of the Apostle Alphæus;  
St. John Psichaita the Confessor, of Constantinople;  
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelizer of England*

By Your divine authority, O Lord, as You raised up the paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sundry sins and unseemly acts; so that being saved I may cry: "Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"

Kontakion, Tone III

You appeared as a bright star announcing Christ with your radiance, which is repulsive to this world, O Martyr George; extinguishing the allure of false gods, you enlighten the faithful, always interceding for us all.

Kontakion, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 9:32-42

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 5:1-15

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 27	8:00 a.m. Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
Tuesday, May 28	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Wednesday, May 29	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - <b>Midfeast of Pentecost</b>
Saturday, June 1	5:00 p.m. Vespers

### WELCOME GUESTS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. During each Sunday service we offer Holy Communion. If you are a practicing Orthodox Christian and have come prepared to receive Christ's Body and Blood through fasting and prayer, please come forward to partake. All guests are invited to come forward at the end of the service to greet Fr. Christopher and receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Families with children: we encourage children of all ages to be present and participate as they are able during worship. We know sometimes kids need a break, so please take good advantage of our Rest and Refocus Room located on the south side of the lobby/narthex when coming in the main entrance. If you have pre-school and school age children, we invite you to send them to Church School directly after the Divine Liturgy throughout the academic year. May God bless you!

**Daily Scripture Readings** can be found in the St. Tikhon's Wall Calendar or at [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings).

**COMING EVENTS**

**MAY:**

- 26, TODAY                    Directory photos
- 27, Monday                 8:00 a.m. Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 28, Tuesday                Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 29, Wednesday            Serving dinner at St. Herman's House

**JUNE:**

- 2, Sunday                    11:15 a.m. Parish Council meeting
- 3, Monday                   6:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at St. Michael's Woodside

**PARISH VETERANS MONUMENT:**

We are updating our Veterans monument in the Prayer Garden, which was originally installed in 2002. We want to ensure all HTOC members who are also veterans of our nation's armed forces are included. Please see Frank Stoyka to verify names and for the project information.

**DIRECTORY PHOTOS:**

Beginning today, photos will be taken of our parish family members during the Coffee Hours of several consecutive Sundays. Please plan to have your photo taken so you can be included in our new directory.

**FATHER'S DAY POTLUCK:**

The catechumens and their sponsors are hosting a potluck on June 16 to honor fathers, grandfathers and godfathers. Main dishes and dessert will be provided, but please consider bringing side dishes, salads, and beverages. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

**IOCC:**

The 32nd International Orthodox Christian Charities Banquet is Monday, June 3, at St. Michael's Woodside. Your support will help families in Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine, as well as the U.S. Mail an offering for IOCC to Julie Hall; PO Box 560185; Macedonia, OH 44056.

**EOWG:**

In June, the EOWG is hosting a Pan-Orthodox luncheon at HTOC, on Saturday, June 8. Doors open at noon; lunch is at 12:30. See Joanne Stoyka for tickets; Adults, \$15; children 6-12, \$7.50; under 6, free. There will be door prizes and a basket auction.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:**

The covers and flowers today are offered by Judy Howe in blessed memory of Harold and Lois Howe.

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM:**

Registration is now open for the 2024 Forum, hosted at Archangel Michael Church, beginning Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 p.m., through noon on Thursday, July 11. It is a conference for discussion of timely topics and practices used by vibrant Orthodox parishes. Registration is \$50; after June 24, it is \$160. Go to: [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

**MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS:**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for grave blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery tomorrow, on Memorial Day. Father will begin at 8:00 a.m.

**RUMMAGE SALE, JULY 25, 26, 27:**

Items for the Rummage Sale can be brought to the Hall beginning June 16; see calendar for dates. Housewares, small appliances, lamps, pictures, seasonal décor, knick-knacks, tools, and small furniture items are acceptable. No clothing or computers. Boxes and newspaper needed.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

The refreshments today are offered by the Wislocki and Chandler Families.

**ST. VLADIMIR'S CAMP:**

Camp at St. Vladimir's is approaching! For more info and to register, go to: [stvladimirscamp.com](http://stvladimirscamp.com)  
Session 1: June 30-July 6. Younger campers, ages 8-12.  
Session 2: July 7-13. Junior Olympics, ages 10-17 (going into 5th grade-12th grade)  
Session 3: July 14-20. Older campers, ages 13-17.

Our Diocese also offers scholarships for Orthodox summer camps. Use this QR code for the online application.



**GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION	5/12	5/19
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	\$ 4226.00	\$ 6455.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS	300.00	
CANDLES	504.00	312.00
IN MEMORY OF CLAY OLSON	184.00	106.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALES	100.00	
COFFEE HOUR		1212.00
		93.00

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## JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  5:00 p.m. Vespers
<b>2 5th Sunday of Pascha</b> Samaritan Woman 11:15 a.m. Parish Council meeting	3  6:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at St. Michael's Woodside	4	5	6	7	8 Noon - EOWG Pan-Orthodox Luncheon at HTOC  5:00 p.m. Vespers
<b>9 6th Sunday of Pascha</b> Blind Man  Second Sunday Food Sale	10	11	12  6:00 p.m. Festal Vigil	13 <b>The Ascension of our Lord</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	14	15  5:00 p.m. Vespers
<b>16 7th Sunday of Pascha</b> Holy Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council Father's Day Potluck Rummage drop-off	17  Rummage Sale items to Fellowship Hall	18  Rummage drop-off	19	20	21	22  5:00 p.m. Festal Vigil  Bonfire after Vigil
<b>23 PENTECOST</b> Feast of the Holy Trinity	<b>24 Holy Spirit Day</b> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Potluck  <b>T H I S</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 p.m. Akathist to the Mother of God Tikhvin Icon  <b>I S A</b>	<b>26</b> Rummage drop-off  <b>F A S T</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>- F R E</b>	<b>28</b> Rummage drop-off  6:00 p.m. Vespers  <b>E W E</b>	<b>29</b> Saints Peter & Paul 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Vespers  <b>E K .</b>
<b>30 1st Sunday after Pentecost</b> All Saints  St. Vladimir Camp Session I begins	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6  5:00 p.m. Vespers