



**St George the Great Martyr  
Orthodox Church - Weekly Bulletin**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 TONE 2 / 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Martyrs  
Sergius and Bacchus

**Tone 2 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

**Tone 4 Troparion** (*for the Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus*)

Thy holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, / our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons:// Through their intercessions, save our souls!

**Tone 2 Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**Tone 2 Kontakion** (*Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus*)

Having courageously confronted the Enemy, / ye brought his guiles to an end and received from on high the crown of victory. / Illustrious martyrs, Sergius and Bacchus, / with one heart ye cry aloud:// “How good and pleasant it is to dwell with God!”

Luke 7:11-16 (*Gospel*)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

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***A message from Father and Matushka...***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On September 30th, it was announced that Matushka and I would be leaving St George's on December 1st and beginning a new assignment at St Paul's in Las Vegas. The reason for this was that Fr John Dresko was transferring to the Diocese of New England. However, events unfolded during the week that resulted in Father John asking for that transfer to be rescinded and Archbishop Benjamin granted that request. ***Therefore, Matushka and I will not be leaving St George and Father Michael will continue his ministry here without any change.***

In the Great Litany which we pray at every Divine Liturgy and Vespers, we pray "For the good estate and welfare of the holy churches of God..." To be sure, the situation we have had this week is not a common one. But I believe it truly demonstrates the care and seriousness with which the Archbishop and priests of this Diocese perform their various ministries. It was not an easy thing for Father John to do, and it was not something which Archbishop Benjamin did lightly. But moving priests around affects many people and churches, and at this time it was determined that this move was not what was best for all involved.

Here in Hesperia, Matushka and I were very touched at the outpouring of affection which we received from many of the parishioners of St George. We have come to love all of you as our family in Christ. Nevertheless, this week has made us realize, and it should make all of us realize, that life is full of changes, and only God knows when or how those changes will affect us in the future. I pray that these recent events show us how important it is to strengthen our efforts in the building up of the Church here in Hesperia. This Church is founded on our faith and hope in Jesus Christ, and no one person or ministry will ever cause it to endure or grow. Rather, it takes each and every one of us to commit our lives to Christ, to each other, and to this Church. May these events inspire each of us to recommit ourselves, our treasure, and our efforts to the building up the Body of Christ both now, and in the future.

With Love in Christ,  
Father Michael and Matushka Xenia (Tzila)

## Calendar of Events – Starting today: October 7th

Sunday	10/07	<b>9:10am</b> - Hours <b>9:30am</b> - Divine Liturgy
Monday	10/08	
Tuesday	10/09	
Wednesday	10/10	<b>2:00-5:00pm</b> Office Hours
Thursday	10/11	
Friday	10/12	
Saturday	10/13	<b>6:00pm</b> - Great Vespers, confessions
Sunday	10/14	<b>9:10am</b> - Hours <b>9:30am</b> - Divine Liturgy

### **Weekly announcements, looking ahead:**

- ◆ Holy Myrrhbearers of Saint George meet today in the Church School room after Divine Liturgy.
- ◆ Office Hours this Wednesday 2-5pm.
- ◆ Church school next week - **2nd and 4th weeks of each month.**

**Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers during the week.**

**For good health and healing:** Abram, Souraya, Alice, Basil, Jacob, Collette, Christina, Eddie, Gary, Gary, Ruth, Fred, Donald, Gloria, Nick, Nadia.

**For a new Job:** Mario, Jason, Janice, Jamileh, Tim.