



Our Parish News

St George Rose Bay community news & events

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

1. Kathara Deftera 11 March
Bus Trip To St Dionysios
Church
2. Greek School 24 March
Annual Parade starting at Martin
Place 1.30pm to the Opera
House
3. 19 April – Making of Palm
Crosses Church Hall 7pm
4. 21 April – Palm Sunday
Lunch
5. 26 April – Good Friday floral
decorating of Epitaphios
9am
6. 28 April Great & Holy
Pascha
7. 28 April 7pm Vespers of
Saint George
8. 29 April St George Feast
Day - Liturgy 8am followed
by Communal gathering
9. 5 May St George's Annual
BBQ Day

Weekly Events

- Greek Dancing Monday Nights
at 7pm
- Youth Group 18-30 years
Tuesday Nights at 7.30pm
- Greek School afternoons
Monday-Friday
- Sunday School – commencing 3
March
- Playgroup – Wednesdays
10am-12pm
- Scripture School Classes-
Bellevue Hill, Double Bay,
Rose Bay & Woollahra
Public Schools

Welcome...

George Confos (President)

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of *Our Parish News*.

On behalf of the Parish Board of Directors, I would like to wish all our parishioners a healthy and blessed Easter.

Annual General Meeting

The 2018 AGM was held in February and following 3 new Board members were conferred: Sergio Argyrou, John Gesouras and George Masselos. We extend a warm welcome to them and look forward to their contribution over the coming year. We farewell outgoing Board member Nina Mistilis-Larcombe and thank her for her dedicated service to St George over the last few years and wish her all the best.

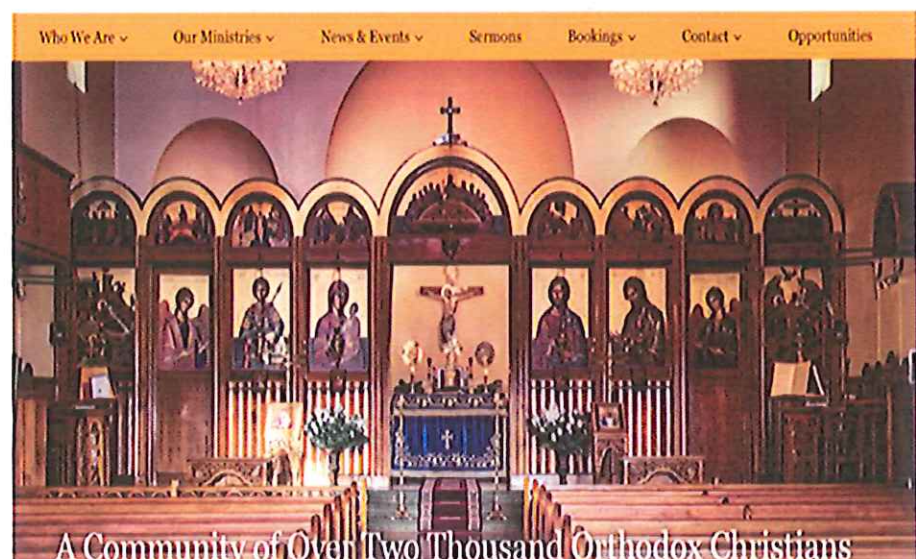
New Website

The St George website has been completely refreshed. Check it out - lots of beautiful new photos of our Church are featured, visit the updated News & Events page for 2019 and over time new content will be added with the focus on more social media use.

www.sgrb.com.au or www.stgeorgerosebay.org

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An Update from the Ladies Auxiliary

Maria Bekiaris (President)

Hello once again from the Ladies Auxiliary/Philoptohos, here we go again, a brand new year, and already we've had a wonderful start, with our first function.

Last Saturday night, parishioners, family, and friends, danced the night away at our annual "Glendi Dinner Dance", held in the "Blue Room" Bondi Beach. Please enjoy the photos on the following page taken at the event. There was lots of 'Kefi', good food and music, which is just what is needed, before we get into the Easter period.

"Kathara Deftera" is on Monday 11th March, and the seniors group has organised a day trip to Ayios Dionysios Gosford, where a picnic will be held after the church service, followed by a "Paniyiri" style celebration.

The Ladies Auxiliary welcome you all to the Church Hall on Friday the 19th of April, at 7pm. For the making of "Palm Crosses" that are distributed to parishioners on Palm Sunday. This is a fun activity, especially for children, so please come along and learn a new craft.

This is then followed on Sunday the 21st, by our annual Palm Sunday Family Luncheon at The Royal Motor Yacht Club. Once again we welcome you all to join us in fellowship, as we start our Holy Week.

Once Easter celebrations are concluded, it is time to celebrate our beloved Church, with the Feast Day of St George. There are several events planned for this occasion. Vespers for St George will be on Easter Sunday night, followed by the St George's Day Liturgy and morning tea on Monday morning the 29th April. Rounding off with the St George BBQ on Sunday the 5th of May.

The Ladies of the Auxiliary work very hard to bring you events, to promote fellowship, and togetherness as a Parish. When we hold a function, whether it's a dinner dance or bbq, we all feel like we're entertaining in our own homes, as at St George we are all one big family. Please join us as we truly enjoy seeing all of our dear Parishioners.

As always a big thank you to Father Gerasimo, for his great support and advice, and thank you to the Parish Board for their support. Thank you also to all our volunteers who helped us throughout the year, and last but not least to the Ladies of the Committee, who give up their time, with grace and dedication for the Parish.



Above photos at the Glendi Night



State MP Visits St George

On Friday 22 February, 2019 our Local State MP Mrs Gabriella Upton visited our Parish to officially present us with a \$40,000 cheque being a Community Building Partnership Grant. The purpose of the grant is to renovate our Church Foyer and Stairs. We thank Mrs Upton for her support in acquiring this funding.

St George Hands Volunteer Group

Thank you to all our Parishioners who donated gifts for the poor under our Christmas tree at the end 2018. All the gifts were received with great joy by the homeless at both Martin Place through St Raphael's Mission and St Constantine & Helen's Soup Kitchen Newtown with Fr Nektarios.

Our Saint George Hands volunteers have been busy this year preparing and making food for the homeless on Sunday 24 February at OBK Our Big Kitchen in Bondi. All the food was delivered to the Church Soup Kitchen Newtown where the homeless enjoyed all the meals provided. Thank you to all those who helped on the day. We will contact all the volunteers again for upcoming dates.

St Raphael's Mission is seeking our support this year on four evenings to feed the homeless in Martin Place. There are between 7 and 9 spots available on the following dates: 11 March, 27 May, 29 July and 9 December. If you would like to be involved in OBK and St Raphael's Mission, please contact the office.

We will contact all the volunteers again regarding the upcoming dates look forward to working together as a team to help those less fortunate in our community.

Tavli Tournament

Finally on Sunday 3 March we are holding a Tavli Tournament in the Church Hall. At the conclusion of the Liturgy we will have our weekly morning tea in the Hall and a BBQ in the grounds of the Church. The Tavli Tournament will commence at 1pm. All welcome, we look forward to seeing you, your family and friends there.

Our Schedule of Services is available on the Church Pangari.
Wishing you all Kali Sarakosti and a blessed Pascha.