



# Our Parish News

St George Rose Bay community news & events

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## EVENTS CELEBRATED IN APRIL

- 1** Friday 30 March – making of palm crosses
- 2** Sunday 1 April – Palm Sunday Family Lunch, Royal Motor Yacht Club
- 3** Good Friday 6 April – decorating Epithaphios
- 4** Easter Sunday 8 April – Great & Holy Pascha
- 5** Sunday 22 April - Festive Vespers of St George
- 6** Monday 23 April – Saint George's Day Festive Liturgy
- 7** Sunday 29 April – The Sunday following Saint George's Day – Welcome Evzones to our Liturgy. Followed by Fiesta/BBQ celebration & Greek Dancing

## Welcome...

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

Evzones attend our Parish on Sunday 29 April to celebrate St George's Day



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### Ladies Auxiliary Update

There is a definite chill in the air, we are certainly in winter now. I know that many of our parishioners are heading for the warmer, sunny countries abroad and so from the Ladies Auxiliary we wish them all a happy holiday and a safe return.

With the sombre Church Services, and the fasting period over, it was time to enjoy Easter Sunday amongst family and friends. This led us into the celebrations for our church, with Vespers for St George, where a supper was served in the church hall to 200 parishioners. We all enjoyed lunch together in the church hall on the following day of St George itself.

This brought us to our Annual St George BBQ. It was a great honour to have His Grace Bishop Seraphim attend both the Vespers and St George's Day BBQ, the new Greek Consul General and his family as well as the presence of the Greek National Guard..Evzones. They made a grand spectacle on their entrance into church and stayed long enough to enjoy a bbq lunch. The weather was picture perfect and all our parishioners enjoyed a lovely day.

Our thanks to the hardworking gentlemen cooking the bbq, to the Ladies from the Belmore Auxiliary, for helping with the making of some 3000 'loukoumathes' to the members of our Parish who lent a hand. And as always to the Ladies of the Auxiliary, who are dedicated to making every event a great one.

We will welcome you next at our annual "Panayias" Cake day on Sunday the 20th of August. There will be lots of delectable treats on offer, so please come along and support this wonderful day.

The Ladies of the Auxiliary are also planning, a surprise, or two over the next few months. At this stage it's still early days on the planning, but watch this space for information to come.

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 21st of October, in the church hall, where a delicious lunch will be served included with your subscription. But of course our ever popular Christmas Luncheon, at Dunbar House Watsons Bay, will be held on Thursday the 29th of November.

Bookings at this stage are open through the church office, or by contacting an Auxiliary member.

On this note I'd like to congratulate our Seniors Group, who meet in the church hall on the last Tuesday of each month. Wonderful and fun excursions are planned, and with any monies raised they purchase food for the Soup Kitchen run by Father Nectarios, at Newtown. Well done and "παντα καλα".

Till our next newsletter, stay warm and safe from the Ladies Auxiliary.  
Marie Bekiaris

### Treasurers Update

Donations – approximately \$12,000 to various charities so far in 2018 including the Ecumenical Patriarchate & St Andrews Theological College

Maintenance – approximately \$14,000 so far this year to the church which was well built, but ageing now that is more than 50 years old

Purchase – approximately \$2500 - parish office new computer

### Parish Community Awards

At the Vespers of St George on 22 April, His Grace Bishop Seraphim presented awards to three of our long-serving Parishioners: Mrs Stavroula Ioannou, Mr Jimmy Apostolopoulos and Mr Emmanuel Sklavos. The Parish congratulates them and recognises their tireless work over many years.

### Funeral Service Books

Some Official Greek Orthodox Funeral Service Books written in Greek and English were donated in April to our Church by a Parish Family in memory of a loved one and on behalf of their Family.

The Orthodox funeral service dates back more than 1,500 years yet it speaks to us as if it were written today. The side by side translation allows both Greek speaking and non-Greek speaking congregants to fully participate in the Funeral Service and would provide great comfort to people at a difficult time.

As our Church needs at least 100 more of these Funeral Service Books if you would like to donate any please contact the Church office.

The books cost \$12 each and can be donated singly for \$12 or in lots of 5 for \$60; they can include an inscription of your Family or loved one.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tis Panagia's Cake Day  
Sunday 20 August
2. Ladies Auxiliary AGM Sunday  
21 October
3. Ladies Auxiliary Christmas  
Lunch Thursday 29 November

## St George Fiesta - Loukoumades



A huge thank you to Mrs Poppy Doumanis and her family, Kiria Vasiliki, Kiria Maria, Kiria Panagiota and Dimitra from All Saints Church who ran the loukoumades team on the St George BBQ day, together with friends of our Parish and Parishioners who all volunteered their time to help make the event such a success we are grateful for their tireless efforts in making some 3000 loukoumades on the day – thank you!

## St George BBQ Fiesta Day – Thank you

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following families and businesses for their donation and contribution to our Church for the St George BBQ/Fiesta Day:

MooFish – Kosta Souleles & Agapitos Hatjinikitas for donating all the souvlakia  
Mrs Poppy Doumanis & Nick & Stella Doumanis for donating all the sweets and loukoumades  
St George Foods for supplying food, ingredients and packaging  
Frutex for supplying food, ingredients and packaging

We raised a total of \$7440 on the day – a wonderful team effort for our Church!

Thank you also to all the volunteers: the men who cooked the BBQ; the ladies who made the salads; those who helped set up and pack away and overall everyone who helped make the day such a success & of course our Parishioners who supported the annual event – και του χρόνου μας!

## St George Seniors Group & Vacation Kids Club

Both our Seniors and Vacation Kids Club joined forces in the Hall during the school holidays, sharing a joke and a game of table tennis together in between a talk given by the Greek Welfare Centre for the Seniors and for the kids in between their fun activities. An enjoyable time was had by all. The Seniors Group meet in the Church Hall on the last Tuesday morning of every month. Please register for vacation care during the school holidays by contacting the office.



**WEEKLY EVENTS**

1. Greek School Mondays - Fridays
2. Greek Dancing Monday nights
3. Youth Group Tuesday nights
4. Playgroup Wednesday mornings 10am-12pm
5. Sunday School 10am
6. Seniors Group last Tuesday morning of every month

**Youth Fellowship**

Our 18-29's Youth Group runs on Tuesday nights in the Church Hall. It's a great way to catch up with friends, meet new ones while learning more about Orthodoxy.

**Meet the Barista!**

Barista fresh espresso has come to St George! Now available weekly at our Sunday Morning Tea Hour after Liturgy (except when the Hall is booked for memorials).

**Greek Dancing – Opa!**

Come along on Monday nights for some fun and learn or brush up on your Greek Dancing skills. There are classes for adults and children in the Church Hall. For details contact: Kathy Samios 9349 1849.

**St George Youth Leader - \$40/HR**

St George Growth Committee is looking to revive a Youth Program for 12-17 yr olds in our parish. An exciting **new casual position requires someone for an immediate start** to develop and lead a program that will inspire the youth of St George. This position offers the right candidate **the opportunity to really make a difference** in the youth's lives by offering them a chance to appreciate the Christian values of Orthodoxy as well as finding out more about themselves in a very inclusive, supportive and social environment.

We are looking for someone who has plenty of the following:

- Solid leadership & interpersonal Skills
- Empathy & patience
- Organisational Skills
- Strong communication skills (both written and verbal)

The role will require the :

- Work with Fr Gerasimos to develop a fun, relevant and engaging program for teenage youth
- Be the St George Greek Orthodox church champion (maintaining communication with the youth and their families through social media)
- Event planning for related youth social events
- Inspire the youth in finding themselves to be the best version of themselves through the teachings of the Greek Orthodox Church and the youth program

**Essential Requirements:**

- A member of the Orthodox Christian Church
- Working with Children Check.

**Desirable Requirements:**

- Certificate, Diploma or Degree in Education

If you can commit about 8-10 hours per week and feel you are the correct candidate to inspire and lead our youth, please send your cv to: [saintgeorgerosebay@gmail.com](mailto:saintgeorgerosebay@gmail.com)