



# Our Parish News

St George Rose Bay community news & events

GREEK ORTHODOX PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE  
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## AIMS FOR 2018

- 1 Communicate more
- 2 Progress the Building Development
- 3 Grow our parishioner numbers
- 4 Maintain the Church

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*September 1st is the beginning of the Ecclesiastical Calendar and is designated as the "Day of Care for the Environment" throughout the Eastern Orthodox Church.*

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## Welcome...

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

### An Update from the Ladies Auxiliary

Hello to all our Parishioners from the Ladies Auxiliary/Philoptohos. Welcome back to those who have been away during the winter, we hope that you've all had a safe and healthy return.

"Panayias" Cake Day was once again a big success. With each event we get closer to achieving our goal, of raising enough funds for the Church and Hall upgrades. A very big thank you to all the members of the Parish who helped on the day....and to those who so kindly donned such lovely treats for us to sell.

We still have lots to look forward to in the coming few months. Before we know it Christmas will be upon us.....It seems to creep up closer every year.

The Ladies of the Auxiliary/Philoptohos would like invite you all to our Annual AGM. This will be held in the church hall on Sunday 21st October, straight after morning Liturgy.

Membership is \$50... this will include a delicious lunch and this year our guest speaker Mrs Vicki Petrakis will talk on the interesting topic of "Doing a PHD after Children".

We are working on a surprise at our annual Christmas Luncheon at Dunbar House on Thursday 29 November. Make sure you get your tickets early so you don't miss out!

We have another exciting 'Glendi' night planned for February. A fun evening of good food, music and dancing, stay tuned.

Till next time The Ladies Auxiliary/Philoptohos wish you all a 'Καλό Καλοκαίρι' Maria Bekiaris...President

### "Subs" Youth Group

We are excited to announce the Launch of our "Subs" Youth Group on Friday 7 September which will run every Friday night in the Church Hall. We have a dynamic youth leader Kosta for our two high school teen groups - the first at 5.30pm for Years 7-9 and the second at 7.15pm for Years 10-12. There will be a topic of discussion each week together with a social emphasis on having fun with games and activities all within a safe environment. We look forward to our parish teens building strong ties with their faith and connecting with our Church Community.

Please encourage your teenagers to attend and spread the word to your family and friends of high school age to make it a great success!

For RSVPs please call the office on 9371 9929 or email us at [saintgeorgerosebay@gmail.com](mailto:saintgeorgerosebay@gmail.com)

Please see full details in the attached flyer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. Fridays starting 7 September

Launch of our St George "Subs"  
High School Teens  
Years 7-9 at 5.30-7pm &  
Years 10-12 at 7.15pm

### 2. Monday 1 October –

Annual Sunday Schools Picnic  
held at Centennial Park  
10.30am-4pm

### 3. Sunday 21 October – AGM,

Church Hall, 11.30 am

### 4. Greek School –

Monday - Friday afternoons  
school ages in Church Hall

### 5. Sunday 18 November

Sunday School end of year  
Concert Church Hall

### 6. Thursday 29 November –

Christmas Lunch, Dunbar House,  
11.30 am

### 7. Sunday 31 December –

Vespers of New Year's Eve,  
cutting of Vasilopita, Church Hall,  
6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

### 8. Monday Nights

Greek Dancing Classes Church  
Hall

### 9. Wednesdays 10am-12pm

Playgroup every Wednesday  
during the public school term,  
Church Hall

### 10. Last Tuesday of the month

10am Seniors Group

## Sunday School

The Annual Sunday School Combined Churches picnic is being held at Lachlan Reserve in Centennial Park on Monday 1 October from 10.30am-4pm with His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos attending. It is a wonderful family event, come along bring a packed lunch, a picnic rug and enjoy the day. There will be games and activities for all the children. Our parish will join forces with the St Catherine's and St Spyridon Sunday Schools. We look forward to seeing you there.

The end of year Concert will be held after the Sunday Liturgy in the Church Hall on Sunday 18 November.

## Parish Donations

Through the generosity of our St George Parishioners, we are pleased to announce the following donations have been made in the last three months:

- \$3,500 to the Greece Fire Appeal
- \$2,700 to the Africa Charity Dinner
- \$700 to our St Andrews Theological College
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## Greek Dancing

Greek dancing comes alive in our Church Hall on Monday nights during the public school term and caters for children and adults - all welcome. For further details please contact Kathy Samios on 9349 1849.

## Papakia Playgroup

Our Papakia Playgroup for pre-schoolers is held on Wednesdays 10am-12pm during the public school term in the Church Hall. Playgroup run fun activities such as craft, dance and play and is a wonderful opportunity for the children to interact with others and for the parents to meet new friends over coffee. All welcome.

## Saint George Seniors Group

Our Seniors Group enjoyed a talk given by guest speaker Mrs Petrohilos from the Greek Welfare Centre on 27 August in our Church Hall. The Seniors gather on the last Tuesday of every month for the talks and finish with a seafood lunch. Mrs Pagaona Paffas organises other excursions and bus trips, the most recent being to the Monastery of St Irene Chrysovalantou on 27 July in Mangrove Mountain, where our parishioners attended the Divine Liturgy and spent the day gaining spiritual strength and blessings spending the day at the monastery.



## Acknowledgement

We would like to thank Greek City Times for the photography of the Evzones in the previous Winter Edition of our June 2018 OPN.

# SUBS Group

Friday the 7th of September  
St George Greek  
Orthodox Church HALL  
(90-92 Newcastle St,  
Rose Bay)

Year 7-9  
5.30pm to 7pm

Year 10-12  
7.15pm to 8.45pm

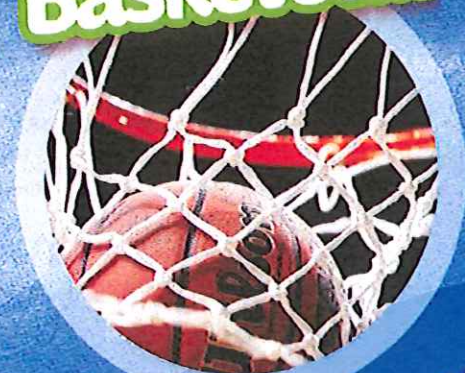
Pizza



Table  
Tennis



Basketball



ENJOY PIZZA, SOFT DRINKS, TABLE TENNIS AND BASKETBALL.

Please RSVP via email at [stgeorgerosebay@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgerosebay@gmail.com)  
or call Helen or Father Gerasimos on 93719929