April 2026 - Thanks for their Stewardship!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many, many people who helped to make Lent, Holy Week and Pascha beautiful and meaningful celebrations.

First off we wish to acknowledge and thank the priests who continue to volunteer to help us keep the liturgical services going at St. George. To **Fr. Sergei Bouteneff** and to **Fr. George Coca** who covered the Sundays from Forgiveness Sunday through the first five Sundays of Great Lent. To **Fr. Danaks Rhodes** who served both the Saturday evening Palm Sunday Vespers service and the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy. To **Fr. Sergei** who served all of the Holy Week and Paschal services for us, beginning with the first Bridegroom Matins service on Sunday evening through the Sunday morning Paschal Vespers service. And not least to **Fr. George** who helped take some of the load off of Fr. Sergei during Holy Week by co-serving from Wednesday evening's Matins Service with Unction through the midnight Nocturn and Paschal Divine Liturgy. We are truly blessed and grateful for all their dedication and service to St. George.

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Readings, the Thursday evening service for Holy Friday Matins with Lamentations, and the midnight Paschal Liturgy. Thanks to **Laura Denisevich** for directing the Choir for the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.

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And to all those **who came to pray and celebrate the services**.

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