

September 1979

### Services Love to Sunday

His Grace Bishop Dmitri has given his blessing to St. George's expanding its services to two Sundays per month. On first Sundays we will have the Divine Liturgy and on third Sundays we will have Typica which is a service led by the laity in the absence of a priest.

Services will be held at the auditorium of the Valley Garden Center, McColl and Hwy 83 in McAllen, near Pharr, and will begin at 10:00 am.

Certainly God is guiding St. George's very steadily toward that day when the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated every Lord's Day.

Since we will have to adapt the auditorium over to look more like a temple before each service it will help if several able bodied souls can come a bit early to help set up.

Then again, plan on staying for coffee and fellowship after the service.

### Vestments and Icons given by Fr. Nick

Fr. Nick Katinas has generously donated both vestments and icons to be used in our missionary work. Fr. Nick is rector of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas. We appreciate his prayers, support and encouragement!

### EPISCOPAL VISITATION SET FOR OCTOBER 21

His Grace Bishop Dmitri has announced his Episcopal visitation to St. George's for Sunday October 21. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and preach. This will be the first known celebration of the liturgy in the Valley by an Orthodox hierarch.

### Membership Questions ??

St. George's, at present, is the only Orthodox Church for miles. Obviously, many Valley Orthodox have their membership recorded on parish rolls far from here. Also, Winter Texans are on the rolls of their home parishes.

The solution is simple. Membership as such can be kept wherever one chooses without compromising participation in the life and worship of St. George's.

The important thing is for Valley Orthodox to witness to the fact that the only real membership, the membership which counts, is membership in the Orthodox Church herself.

Keep Your Eyes Open

For a permanent location...

For new or 'stray' Orthodox in the area...

For singers for the choir...

Lay Missioner appointed to serve St. George's

Bishop Dmitri has appointed John Reeves to serve St. George's as a Lay Missioner. John is presently studying for the Diaconate under the Bishop and staff of the Cathedral; and while a missioner is not exactly a missionary, he will be coming down and spending the whole weekend every other week.

He will be responsible for visiting and getting to know everyone better as well as leading Typica on the third Sunday of each month.

Diocesan Assembly: Dallas, October 26-27

The second annual assembly of the Diocese of the South will be held in Dallas on October 26-27. As you have probably noted in the diocesan mail out, plenary sessions will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church along with the banquet, while the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Seraphim Cathedral.

The assembly is open to all, and all who can come are sincerely urged to do so by the Bishop and Deans. For those who cannot attend, please keep the assembly in your prayers.

Thank you, Father George

St. George's owes a debt of gratitude to Fr. George Sondergaard of Holy Transfiguration Church in Houston. He, along with members of his parish, has graciously given of his time and energy in serving liturgy on Saturday during the past six months. He has also given us an icon of St. George.

The liturgy in September will be served by Fr. Gregory Roth, Orthodox chaplain at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Fr. John Schreiber of St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church, San Antonio served the August liturgy.

We are truly fortunate to have priests such as these, willingly travelling long distances in order for Orthodox Christians to have the liturgy.

SERVICES: All on Sunday at 10:00 am

September-	October-
2-Divine Liturgy	7-Divine Liturgy
16-Typica	21-Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
November-	December-
4-Divine Liturgy	2-Divine Liturgy
18-Typica	16-Typica