

Items Needed to be Donated for the May 4, 2019 Saint George Chapel Consecration Service: Remember Your Loved Ones - Help finish the Chapel!

The Saint George Chapel is located at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cemetery, 894I Ringeisen Road, Allison Park, Pennsylvania, and operates as a ministry of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh. The Chapel is the fruit of many years of desires of the Holy Trinity community to provide a place of sacred worship at Holy Trinity Cemetery and to appropriately honor the founders and beloved reposed members of the parish. Its construction was made possible through years of memorial offerings as well as major bequests and gifts from Holy Trinity parishioners.

The official Groundbreaking and Laying of the Foundation Service was held on Saturday, April 23, 2005, on the Feast of Saint George the Great Martyr and Trophybearer and the Saturday of Lazarus with His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos presiding. The building was completed in October 2005. The first Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy and Memorial was held on Saturday, February 25, 2006, and the official "Opening of the Doors" service was held on Monday, April 24, 2006, the Feast of Saint George the Great Martyr and Bright Monday, again with His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos presiding. The iconography project, by the master hand of Romanian-born iconographer Florin Vlad, started in 2008 and was completed nine years later in 2017.

The next and final step forward in the completion of the Chapel is the Consecration, which will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019. This is the culmination of over 15 years of many sacrificial labors of love and is the official, ecclesiastical and historic dedication of the Chapel as a consecrated holy temple of God. The service will be presided over by His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh and will involve many significant actions, including the placing and sealing of the holy relics and the names of the parish members and Chapel donors in the new Holy Altar table.

A variety of ecclesiastical and practical items are needed for this rather complex event, many of which have been ordered from Greece because they come from specialty suppliers. Other locally available items must be prepared specially for the service here in our local area. A complete list of available and needed items can be found on the back of this form. Please consider helping this jewel of the Holy Trinity community fulfill its long journey to completion by offering a gift of love to cover one or more of these items. These donations—along with all the previous donations of icons, furnishings and other Chapel items—will be acknowledged at the Chapel Consecration Banquet on May 5, 2019, and in the Chapel Consecration Album, to be ready in Fall 2019. Many thanks, good stewards, for your love for our Chapel and Cemetery!

Name		Phone	
Address			
Item Requested (Please use item # and description. Use separate forms for multiple items.)		Amount enclosed:	
		\$	
List as "Donated By"		Optional commemoration ("In memory/honor of...")	

Please send this form and check to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church" and write "Chapel Consecration Donation" in the memo line. Items are available on a first-come, first-served basis and donation must accompany form. Contact the Church Office with any questions. Thank you for your support and love for our Chapel and Cemetery!



Items Needed to be Donated for the Chapel Consecration

Please choose from the items below and use the form on the reverse side to indicate your choice. Payment must be enclosed with form and sent to the Church Office. All items are on a first-come, first-served basis and will be acknowledged at the Consecration Banquet on May 5, 2019, and in the Chapel Consecration Album to be completed in Fall 2019.

1. **Annunciation Icon ("Evangelismos") on the Royal Gates**..... \$2,500
 Note: This is the last permanently mounted icon needed to complete the Chapel iconography plan. It was not in the original project, but was added as part of the new Iconostasion. It is mounted on the Royal Gates in the center. This is a rare and unexpected opportunity to add one last icon.
2. **Antimens Cloths with Epitaphion Imprint**.....\$2,000
 Every Divine Liturgy in an Orthodox Church is celebrated on an "Antimens," which are special liturgical cloths icon placed under the Gospel, Chalice and Paten. These are blessed for use during the Consecration of a Church, where they are used to wipe the anointing on the Holy Altar. They contain thename of the Church and date of consecration and are signed by the Metropolitan, who then distributes them to parishes in his Metropolis for use in the Divine services.
3. **Altar and Gospel Covers (5 sets needed)**.....\$700 ea. set
 The Chapel is used for most weekday services and requires 5 sets of Altar & Gospel covers needed for the entire ecclesiastical year with all its liturgical colors: White/Gold (Resurrection season), Red (Christmas season), Blue (Feasts of the Theotokos), Purple (Lent) and Gold (Feasts of the Lord).
4. **Chanter's Stand Light**.....\$600
 This is not just any light. It is mounted on the wall next to the "Analogion" (Chanter's Stand) and extends via an retractable arm that can be moved to various positions. The custom light directs discrete, dimmable illumination directly down to the books and not into the eyes of the congregation.
5. **Consecration Compounds, Ointments and Vessels**.....\$500
 When the Myrrh-bearing Women visited the tomb of Jesus, they took special oils and spices to anoint His body. And when a person is baptized, his or her body is also anointed. Likewise, at a Consecration the Holy Altar Table is anointed with a combination of traditional items and oils (smyrna, aloe, incense, masticha and marble dust among others). These are also used to create the compound that will permanently seal the relics and names inside a space in the Holy Altar Table.
6. **Processional lanterns (2 needed)**.....\$400 ea.
 These are lanterns used by the acolytes during the services. They match the existing Cross and Fans.
7. **"Katasarkion" permanent garment for the consecrated Holy Altar**.....\$300
 This very special custom Consecration garment is placed directly on the newly-consecrated Holy Altar table as a permanent cover that embraces and protects it for all time. It is bound with material cords on all sides and remains in place under the Altar Covers even when they are changed.
8. **Consecration "Stiharion" garment for use by the Metropolitan**\$300
 This second custom Consecration garment is worn by the Metropolitan during the Consecration service to protect his ornate vestments from the oils, ointments and compounds used in the process. It is then cut up into small pieces after the service and will be distributed as keepsake commemoratives at the Consecration Banquet. It brings the Consecration blessing into all our homes.
9. **General donations**
 Want to make a general donation toward the overall Consecration event? Choose your own amount.