



# ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **JOHN PITSAVAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PARENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL/GRADE, OR COLLEGE YOU ARE ATTENDING:**

**CHURCH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

### **2025 ESSAY TOPIC**

**Question:** In John 15, Jesus speaks of the world's hatred toward His followers, while in 1 Peter 3:15 St. Peter encourages believers to defend their faith amidst hostility, and in 2 Thessalonians 2:15 St. Paul writes "Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught ..."

Analyze these passages in the context of a secular world that is indifferent or antagonistic toward Christianity. Share how your faith has been questioned in the past or may be questioned in the future. How you can respond "with meekness and fear." And discuss why keeping the Traditions the Apostles laid down and the Fathers kept is important to articulating the Orthodox faith in your answering the call to "Always be ready".

**HOW TO SUBMIT:** The deadline for submitting essays electronically (emailed to [office@stgeorgegoc.org](mailto:office@stgeorgegoc.org)) or by mail is **Monday, July 14th**. Hard copies must be received in the church office by **Thursday, July 10th at 3:00 p.m.** (See reverse for eligibility information).

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Details:** The winner will receive the \$1,000 Pitsavas scholarship, made possible by the generosity of the Pitsavas family. 2025 high school graduates and current college students of active St. George families are eligible to apply unless they have previously received the scholarship (this does not apply to the previous Missions & Benevolence scholarships/prior 2nd or 3rd place essays). Students may be at any stage of their undergraduate journey. Contact the church office for more details at [office@stgeorgegoc.org](mailto:office@stgeorgegoc.org). The winner will be announced on **August 10th, 2025**.

