

Fr. George Papadeas, who had served for decades as a priest in the Greek Orthodox Church, has reposed in peace. He was 93. Papadeas was the author of a number of books on the Orthodox faith, including a Greek and English manual on the Divine Liturgy which became a pew book in many U.S. parishes.

From the article: Quote

Papadeas, an organizer of the Greek Festival who retired from St. Demetrios Church in Daytona Beach in 1983, died Friday night at Halifax Health Medical Center, Port Orange, according to Norman Black of Haigh-Black Funeral Home in Ormond Beach.

(Another article about a community center named for him)

Memory eternal. :( :( :(

**IsmiLiora:**

Memory eternal!

**LBK:**

Well done, good and faithful servant. His Holy Week and Easter is truly a Godsend for Orthodox in the English-speaking world, even for those who can't read or understand Greek.

**Basil 320:**

"Eternal rest grant unto Thy servant George, the Priest, who is worthy of blessedness and eternal memory."

What an exceptional priestly ministry. Fr. George graduated from Holy Cross Seminary when it was in Pomfret; he may have been in the first class, I'm not sure. I've heard priests say he may be responsible for preserving the proper order of the church services for Great Week in America through the service book he (Patmos Press) published, "Holy Week..." His English language translation of the Divine Liturgy is the very best to come out of the GOAA. The GOAA missed the boat by not commissioning him to apply his translation method to many more of the services of the church. His translations are direct and strike the correct balance of a higher language than that which is spoken, and is also easily understandable. (The explanation of the Divine Liturgy in this book, was a big part of my adult awakening to our Holy Orthodoxy; the book was given to me as a graduation gift from Sunday School 42 years ago, by my parish priest, who was a fellow student of Fr. George's at Pomfret.) He also published a book about the tearing icon of the Theotokos, "Why Did She Cry," which was owned by one of his parishioners from St. Paul Church, Hempsted, Long Island, an icon which was put on a tour of churches around the country. Fr. George was the founding priest of St. Paul Church, which quickly became a large congregation served by two priests and is now a cathedral. An interesting note, Archbishop Michael would not issue a charter to community that became St. Paul, because he thought it would negatively impact the membership size of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Manhattan. After his tenure at St. Paul Church, Archbishop Iakovos assigned him to the Holy Trinity Cathedral to reinvigorate it, which he did.

He founded the GOAA parish in Daytona, and several other parishes in Florida, most after his official retirement, including Archangel Michael in Locanto, which was in Inverness at the

time. I don't know what took him from this life, but I know he's been actively serving a parish in Florida.

Fr. George Papadeas is among the foremost of all the priests who have served the GOAA.

"Blessed is the way, wherein you walk today, for a place of rest is prepared for you."

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Just wanted to note that the Patmos Press website lists Fr. Papadeas' publications and a partial summary of accomplishments. Already he has helped me immensely, and I never met him: as a rank beginner almost two years ago, I was semi-lost in the Greek liturgy, until I picked up one of his books. It made a world of difference. Not a week goes by that we don't have visitors to our parish, and they all need his books. The Holy Week manual is so widely used, one of the administrators at our church told me, it's "the best book for you." She was right.