



## ***St George the-Great-Martyr Orthodox Church***

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Dear Merchant, Professional, Parish or International Festival Supporter:

On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 St. George Orthodox Church will host its Annual International Festival. This activity has been a much anticipated part of the holiday season in the Pharr - McAllen community for well over 25 years. The event is much better accommodated with the construction and use of St. George's new Church Hall.

Our festival highlights the internationally diverse make up of our church by providing the community a tasty sample of ethnic dishes and culture from Greece, Russia, Lebanon, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Germany, Ethiopia and Mexico. In addition, festival vendors sell art, crafts and other goods from many places around the world. Many who attend the festival have done so for 5 – 10 years and consider the festival as a start to their Christmas holiday activities.

The festival has many purposes. However, its chief goal is to raise funds for various ministries of St. George. One ministry which directly impacts the quality of life in the Pharr - McAllen community is St. George Food Pantry. The food pantry was started in 2003 and has fed well over 60,000 people, about half of these children. The Pantry meets the needs of the area's poor and hungry with food purchased with donations from the RGV Food Bank. Each year the number of mouths the Pantry feeds increases and with these tough economic times, the Pantry is under greater pressure to provide more assistance with less financial support.

We share this information in hopes that you will make a donation of goods/services to our festival and become a festival sponsor. We are looking for items or services which we can raffle; anything from a service to minor appliances or electronics, gift baskets, etc. Instead of donating a raffle item, consider becoming a Festival Financial Sponsor. Sponsorships include Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. See back of this letter for designated sponsorship levels. In return for your donation, you will receive a letter from the church recognizing your gift so it can be claimed as a tax deduction. Additionally, all donors and sponsors receive recognition at the festival and in our printed advertising and church website at: [www.stgeorgetx.org/festival](http://www.stgeorgetx.org/festival).

We thank you in advance for your support of our church and its important community ministry.

Fr. Antonio Perdomo  
Rector

Judie Geil  
Parish Council President

# **How To Become an International Festival Sponsor**

St. George Orthodox Church needs and greatly appreciates the support of the local and regional and national community in our efforts to serve Christ in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas. Our International Festival is far more than a fundraiser. It is our annual celebration of the international and cultural diversity shared by our parish family with our local community. It is also a time to raise fund and gather donations for our very busy St. George Food Pantry.

***Please Consider Becoming a 2012 International Festival Sponsor!***

Corporations, Businesses, Organizations, Professionals, Families & Individuals are ALL WELCOMED & APPRECIATED as International Festival Sponsors.

## ***Gold Level Sponsors:***

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## ***Bronze Level Sponsors:***

**Donate up to \$199 Dollars - Or Contribute Raffle Items, Gift Certificates, Gift Baskets, Merchandise, Equipment or In-Kind Services.**

We thank all levels of support, including your attendance and prayers! To learn how you or your business or parish can become an International Festival Sponsor, please email [mateliza@aol.com](mailto:mateliza@aol.com) or call 956-781-6114.