

January 12, 2020

**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY** الظهور الإلهي

(*Theophany* is an "appearance of God") or sometimes it's called

*Epiphany* (a sudden perception or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something)

Tone - 5 8<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {*John 20:11-18*}

Confessions  
8:30-9:30am

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8:50am

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10:00am

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**Welcome to St. George!** Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship in our Banquet Center!

Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** {*the Golden-Mouth*},  
we sing the following Special Hymns for today:

**First Antiphon - Psalm 113**

*Verse 1.* When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob, from a people of strange language.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

*Verse 2.* Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. *Refrain*

*Verse 3.* The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. *Refrain*

*Verse 4.* What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan that you turn back? *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ..., now and ever ... Amen. *Refrain*

**Second Antiphon - Psalm 114**

*Verse 1.* I love the Lord because He has heard, the voice of my supplication.

*Refrain:* O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

*Verse 2.* Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *Refrain*

*Verse 3.* The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord. *Refrain*

*Verse 4.* Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ..., now and ever ... Amen. *Only begotten Son...*

### **Third Antiphon - Psalm 117**

*Verse 1.* O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

*Verse 2.* Let the house of Israel confess that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

*Verse 3.* Let the house of Aaron now confess that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

*Verse 4.* Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

**Refrain {Troparion of Theophany}:** When Thou O Lord was baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, who has appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

### **Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel**

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 5 (same as above)**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

لِنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلِمَةِ. الْمَسَاوِي لِلآبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الْأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدِمَ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ. الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا. لِأَنَّهُ سُرَّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يَلْعَوْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ. وَيَحْتَمِلَ الْمَوْتَ وَيُنْهَضَ الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

#### **Troparion of Theophany—Tone 1 (same as above)**

بَاعْتِمَادِكَ يَا رَبِّ فِي نَهْرِ الْأُرْدُنِّ، ظَهَرْتَ السَّجْدَةَ لِلثَّلَاوِثِ، لِأَنَّ صَوْتَ الْآبِ تَقَدَّمَ لَكَ بِالشَّهَادَةِ، مَسْمِياً إِيَّاكَ ابناً مَحْبُوباً، وَالرُّوحَ بِهَيْئَةِ حَمَامَةٍ يُؤَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الْكَلِمَةِ، فَيَا مَنْ ظَهَرْتَ وَأَنْزَلْتَ الْعَالَمَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

#### **Troparion for St. George—Tone 4**

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

بِمَا أَنْكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمَعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَكْفَاحٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ جَاوَرِجِيُوسَ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

#### **Kontakion of Theophany—Tone 4**

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe and Thy light, O Lord, has shone on us, who, with understanding, praise Thee: Thou has come and revealed Thyself, O Light unapproachable.

قَدْ ظَهَرْتَ لِلدُّنْيَا، ذَا الْيَوْمِ يَا رَبُّ، وَضِيَائُكَ ارْتَسَمَ عَلَيْنَا نَحْنُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ لَكَ التَّسْبِيحِ عَنْ مَعْرِفَةِ قَائِلِينَ: جِئْتَ وَبُنْتَ يَا نُوراً لَا يُدْنَى مِنْهُ.

**Epistle Reading:** *Ephesians 4:7-13* {Sunday after Theophany}

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 4:12-17* {Sunday after Theophany}

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: Judge **Anthony** Mansour (+December 10<sup>th</sup>, friend of St. George), **Nicholas** (December 27<sup>th</sup>) and **Margaret** Butrie (December 29<sup>th</sup>, parents of Fr. Matthew at St. Nicholas), **Amal** Burbar (December 30<sup>th</sup>, mother of Issa), and **Dennis** Perez (+January 8<sup>th</sup>, friend of St. George).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa and Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar** Abdallah, **Housam** Abousamra, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Wadia** Albaba, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Shawna**

Hale, **Daisy** Isaac, **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Goni** Ishak, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion.

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Renea** (Rakan) Bayouk and **Dina** (Laith) Maymoun.

### Communion Hymn (for the Lord's Day)

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### Reception of Holy Communion

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion. *"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP today because our rescheduled Parish General Assembly begins immediately after Divine Liturgy. Our Teen SOYO will be taking care of our children during the Assembly. If you are not staying for the Assembly, please pickup your children from Church School immediately after Divine Liturgy.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge and includes bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. For more information, see Manal Abuaita.

## Thank you and God bless

... **Elie** and **Diane** Ghattas for offering our *Holy Water Icon Bottles* for the health of their family.

HOLY WATER ICON BOTTLES There have been many questions and I hope this helps.

1. You are more than welcome throughout the year to refill your bottles from the Holy Water container in front of the Baptismal Font.
2. You are more than welcome, if you are done using them, to bring back your empty bottles to Fr. Joe.
3. You are more than welcome, if you did not receive a bottle last week, to get one in the Narthex today!

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CHURCH CALENDARS Please pick yours up (and other family members and friends) so we do not have to mail them! If your name isn't listed, call the church office. The calendars (please take 1 per family) are a gift from our Ladies Auxiliary, THANK YOU, LADIES! Our children will receive their envelopes in Church School. **Parents**, please make sure your child has received their *Offering Envelopes*.

**CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS** We can make donations and purchases by Credit or Debit Card. This can be done by coming to the office or calling 810-732-0720 during Office Hours.

- **AUTOMATIC GIVING** Did you know most banks and credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. George for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.

<b><u>COMING EVENTS</u></b>	
This Week	The traditional fasting discipline ( <i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i> ) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday	<b>Bible Study: Gospel of John the Evangelist and Theologian</b> 6-8pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Bible Study: Gospel of John the Theologian</b> 12-2pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday	<b>Parish Council Dinner Meeting</b> 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
Friday	<b>OCF at St. George</b> 7pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

## **Imitating Christ ~ We must live as the Lord requires of us**

*by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington*

As we examine how we live our lives as Christians, we look to those who leave an impression of goodness, kindness, and humility, as examples of the person we would like to become. That saintly person, by their every example, displays the humbleness of the Lord, and love seems to be intense when we are in their presence. Such a person did not just appear, for these are not natural traits one finds in most people. Such humility and kindness are developed over time, for this person has sought out the grace of God, and has made, sometimes since childhood, every attempt at giving back the love and goodness they received from the Father of Lights.

Such a person desires, on a daily basis, to become more like Christ. The humility of the Lord becomes their personal standard, for such a person is quick to forgive, quick to grant justice, and desires to be kind to everyone who comes into their presence. This person does not produce such sweetness of soul as though he were a politician running for office, for it is the Lord Himself Who dwells in them, and it is Christ in them Who is full of justice, kindness, love, and mercy. *“He has shown you, O mortal what is good; and what does the Lord require of you? But to do justice, to live kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”* (Micah 6:8)

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- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.
  - If you would like to host our Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.

*St. George Orthodox Church*

# *Valentine Gala*

*Friday, February 7, 2020*

*at the St. George Banquet Center*

*Cocktail Hour - 7pm*

*Dinner catered by Chef Luis Fernandes (Redwood Steakhouse) - 8pm*

*Dancing and Entertainment provided by Bassam Saleh*

*Reservations - \$100 per person*

*Evening Attire: Cocktail*

*Funds raised support the good works of St. George!*

*(Door Prize) \$500 Somerset Shopping Spree*

*(Raffle Prizes) Diamond Pendant donated by Diamond Galleria ~ Michel & Nadia Hamati*

*Two International Flights to the Holy Land (excluding June-August) donated by Mousa Rishmawi*

*Sponsorships Received as of January 9<sup>th</sup>:*

**DIAMOND**

*Sorenson Gross Construction Company*

*Diamond Galleria (in kind)*

*The Farah Family in memory of George Farah*

**GOLD**

*Basil and Hiam Andoni*

*Dannie and Lubna Jones*

*The Great Put-On (Raji and Susan Salomon)*

*Salim and Randa Farah in memory of Peter*

*Phillip Abuaita, Sons, & Families*

**PLATINUM**

*Best Western Plus (Majdi and Maher Alqazaha)*

*Ziyad Ibrahim, Amjad Ishak, and Fadi Rishmawi & Families*

*Walid and Wael Hayek & Families and Saher Helal & Family*

**BRONZE**

*John and Theresa Farah*

*George and Jeanette Nassif*

*William and Susan Shaheen*

*Nassar Families in memory of Souheil, Jamil, and Khader*

*Express Auto Sales, Tire, & Service (Rodny and Amira Helal)*

*Khader Abuaita & Family*

*Honorable Judge Joseph J. Farah*

## Valentine Gala Sponsorship Levels & Benefits:

### Diamond -- \$2,500:

10 tickets with Diamond Seating  
Company Logo on Step & Repeat Backdrop  
Company recognized on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> during church's Coffee Fellowship  
Company recognized from podium at event program  
Company Logo on all event's prints & signage\*

### Platinum -- \$1,500:

8 tickets with Platinum Seating  
Company recognized on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> during church's Coffee Fellowship  
Company recognized from podium at event program  
Company Logo on all event's prints & signage\*

### Gold -- \$1,000:

6 tickets with Gold Seating  
Company recognized from podium at event program  
Company Logo on all event's prints & signage\*

### Silver -- \$800:

4 tickets with Silver Seating  
Company Logo on all event's prints & signage\*

### Bronze -- \$500:

2 tickets with Bronze Seating  
Company Name on all event's prints & signage\*

*Please note: Your contribution is tax-deductible by the maximum extent allowed by law.  
\*Sponsors guaranteed to be listed on the event's prints & signage if received by January 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

## Sponsorship Form

Please print name of Individual or Business as it should appear on printed materials:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my: Visa / MasterCard / American Express Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Those companies eligible for logo recognition (see Levels & Benefits), please submit your company/business logo to Office Manager Kelly Dotson.

Logos MUST be received no later than January 22<sup>nd</sup> to be included in all promotional materials.

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