

January 19, 2020

29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ VENERABLE MAKARIOS THE GREAT OF EGYPT

Tone - 6 9th Matins Gospel {*John 20:19-31*}

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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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:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and was not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord glory to Thee.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 6 (*same as above*)

إن القوات الملائكية ظهروا على قبرك الموقر. والحراس صاروا كالأموات. ومريم وقفن عند القبر طالبة جسدك الطاهر. فسبيت الجحيم ولم تجرب منها وصادقت البتول مانحاً الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الأموات ياربُّ المجدُّ لك.

Troparion for St. Makarios of Egypt—Tone 1

You did appear making the wilderness your home, an angel in the flesh, a doer of wonders; and by fasts, vigils, and prayers, you did receive heavenly gifts. Therefore, you do heal the sick and the souls of those who hasten to you, O God-mantled Father Makarios. Glory to Him who has given you power; glory to Him who has crowned you; glory to Him who through you accomplished healing for all.

ظَهَرْتَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ مُسْتَوِطِناً، وَبِالْجِسْمِ مَلَكاً، وَلِلْعَجَائِبِ صَانِعاً، وَبِالْأَصْنُومِ وَالْأَسْهَارِ وَالصَّلَوَاتِ تَقَبَّلْتَ

المَوَاهِبِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ. فَأَنْتَ تَشْفِي السَّقَمَاءَ وَنُفُوسَ الْمُبَادِرِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ، يَا أَبَانَا الْمُتَوَشِّحُ بِاللَّهِ مَكَارِيوسَ.
فَالْمَجْدُ لِمَنْ وَهَبَكَ الْقُوَّةَ، الْمَجْدُ لِلَّذِي تَوَجَّكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِلْفَاعِلِ بِكَ الْأَشْفِيَّةَ لِلْجَمِيعِ.

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.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طيبب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple—Tone 1

Thou sanctified a virgin womb by Thy birth and rightly blessed the hands of Simeon. Thou hast come, O Christ our God, and on this day hast saved us! Give peace and strength to the Orthodox people whom Thou has loved, O only lover of mankind.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعَ الْبَتُولِي، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيَّ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لَاقَ، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصَنَا.
إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنْكَ وَحَدَّكَ مُجِبُّ الْبَشَرِ.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:4-11 {29th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12-19 {12th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- George and Amal Abu-Aita and family for the health of their family especially daughters **Hazar** and **Lana** on the occasion of their birthdays ~ *May God grant them many years!*
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Nicholas** (December 27th) and **Margaret** Butrie (December 29th, parents of Fr. Matthew at St. Nicholas), **Amal** Burbar (December 30th, mother of Issa), **Dennis** Perez (+January 8th, friend of St. George), **May** Woodward (January 9th, relative of JoAnn Hawkins), and **Archpriest Patrick** Kinder (+January 14th, friend of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee).
- 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; **George** Alqazaha who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of his First Communion.
- 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).

- Since Church School is in session, please allow our Staff and then our Children to receive Holy Communion first! As always, please follow our Ushers’ directions ~ thank you!
- If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion.
- If you have a special need, please let one of our Ushers know so they may assist you.
- As a reminder, please do not talk in church. We are here to pray and worship God. When people talk and greet each other, we are being rude to God while distracting those who are praying and preparing themselves for HOLY COMMUNION. Please wait until Coffee Fellowship to say hello and visit with one another. In the communion line, the only people who should be talking are those who are asking and receiving forgiveness from one another.

• فقط للتذكير بطريقة ودية: الرجاء عدم الكلام داخل الكنيسة. نحن هنا للصلاة وتقديم فروض العبادة لله. عندما نتحدث ونقدم التحية للاخرين داخل الكنيسة، فنحن نساهم في تقديم اهانة لله، ونشتت أولئك الذين يصلون ويهيئون أنفسهم لتناول القربان المقدس. يرجى الانتظار حتى الدخول الى صالة الكنيسة عندها يمكنكم تناول القهوة والقاء التحية على الاخرين ، الاشخاص الوحيديين الذين يسمح لهم بالحديث هم فقط من يسألون ويقبلون المسامحة وطلب المغفرة قبل تناول.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *George and Amal Abu-Aita and Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: January 26th, February 16th and 23rd ~ 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.

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 is not 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*.

Repeat Offenders ~ When we struggle with habitual and repetitive sins

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

In the Mystery of Confession, we avail ourselves before the icon. The priest stands in as the witness, whereas in the early Church confession was done before the whole congregation of the faithful. After we have confessed before the Lord, the priest, acting in Christ’s stead, and by His authority, pronounces the absolution. Thus begins the process of transformation, which leads to holiness. Regular confession is necessary if we are to triumph in our battle over sin, for only in confession do we face the reality of our fallen nature

and confront the ego, seeking out God's help in conquering the passions.

Confession and Communion are bound together, for the Church asks that we confess our sins before approaching the Holy Gifts, as the Scriptures make it clear that it is dangerous to partake of Christ's Body and Blood unworthily. The priest, as witness, also helps guide the penitent, helping develop a "war plan" by which we can learn to do battle with our fallen nature and find victory over our sins. The importance of confessing before the priest is evident in that secret sins are rarely triumphed over, for we can happily travel through life dismissing our shortcomings, when no one knows.

Since all sin (even those committed in secret) is against the whole Body of Christ (the Church), confession before the representative of the Church (the priest) is all important. When we confess our sins regularly to our confessor, we are acknowledging our failings and shortcomings to someone who knows us so well that he can help guide us to true repentance, where we find victory over habitual sins that bring us down.

When we find ourselves constantly repeating the same sins, over and over, having a regular confessor is especially valuable, for he can help us focus on ways to avoid the same sins over and over. Keeping a journal of our struggles can be especially helpful, for we can begin to see patterns in our behavior that lead to habitual sins, thereby helping us to minimize the frequency of our falls.

It can be helpful if we remember that sin is that which inhibits us from becoming holy. Holiness being better understood as wholeness. When we are whole, we are as God meant us to be. We are healthy in a spiritual way, and communion with God is opened up. As people made whole, we become the very image and likeness that God intended, gaining our inheritance.

When we find ourselves struggling with the same sins again and again, it is good to remember we have but to give ourselves over to Christ, Who promises us victory over our sins. The struggle for holiness is not about what we can do, but what Christ can do in us.

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COMING EVENTS

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	Bible Study: <i>Gospel of John the Evangelist and Theologian</i>	6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: <i>Gospel of John the Theologian</i>	12-2pm
	Little Compline	6pm
	SOYO Wednesday	6:30-8:30pm
Thursday	Pan-Orthodox Dormition Dinner at Assumption	5:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions	5pm
	Alqazaha Baptism	6pm

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

Mother Abbess Gabriella & The Community of
The Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery on
Thursday, January 23, 2020, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church for our

~ **8th Annual Winter Dinner To Support** ~

The Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery

Donation Requested

\$35 Adult / \$25 Student

The Mothers will be
bringing the Monastery
Gift Shop to Flint!

Evening Schedule

- ✓ 5:30 - Vespers sung by the Mothers of Dormition Monastery
- ✓ 6:15 - Social Time & Bookstore Open
- ✓ 6:45 - Dinner & Speakers
- ✓ 8:30 - Benediction

Names	Donation

See Your Parish Rep to make a reservation, volunteer your time or be a sponsor
OR: Contact Assumption Church at (810) 771-4611

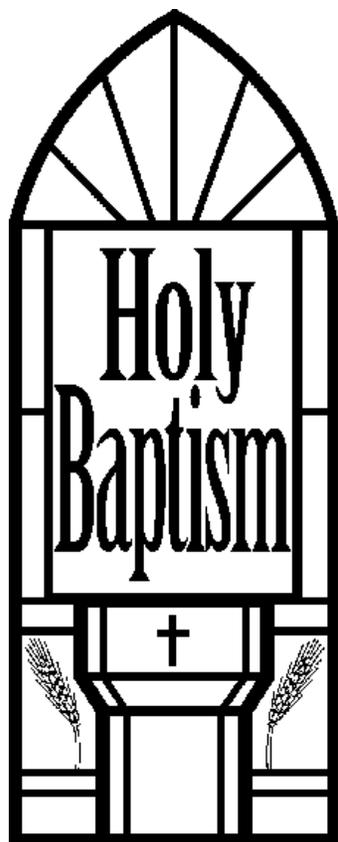
MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO: Assumption Church

- ✓ Assumption Church Lori Photiou
- ✓ St. George Church..... Dn. Michael Bassett
- ✓ St. Mary Magdalene Church..... Dn. Michael Schlaack
- ✓ St. Nicholas Church..... Lena Bakousidis

~ 100% of your donation goes to Dormition Monastery ~

ALL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH

2245 E Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc Township



GODPARENT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 9TH

We are excited to announce the
20th Annual **Godparent Sunday**
sponsored by our Church
School.

This day will allow our Godparents and Godchildren to “reconnect” with each other and help us understand the joy and beauty of that special relationship! Please make note of the following:

2019-20 Church School Theme

- ❖ *Children (or parents) INVITE your Godparents to Divine Liturgy and Meal as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents INVITE your Godchildren to Divine Liturgy and Meal as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents and Godchildren should prepare themselves with Confession before February 9th so they can participate in Holy Communion together!*

⇒ An **Invitation** (to be sent by Godparents to Godchildren or Godchildren to Godparents) is on the previous page.



***A delicious meal for Godparents, Godchildren, and our
WHOLE parish is being planned!***

Adults -- \$5 Children under 10 years of age -- \$3

~~ All donations will go to our Christian Education Program ~~



Godparent Sunday February 9th

2019-20 Church School Theme

Dear _____,

On Sunday, February 9, 2020 we will be having "Godparent Sunday" at St. George Orthodox Church. It would be an extra special day if you would attend the Divine Liturgy with me. Matins begin at 8:50am and Divine Liturgy begins at 10am. If we are prepared, we can receive Holy Communion together. Fr. Joe is available for confessions on Saturdays after Great Vespers at 5pm, by appointment during the week, or from 8:30am-9:30am on Sunday mornings.

Our St. George Men's Fellowship is having a delicious meal following the service that day. Maybe we could plan on staying and enjoying it together!

I hope that we can be together on this special day!

Love in Christ,
