

# St. George Orthodox Church

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32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VENERABLE MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR

Tone 8 11<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {John 21:15-25}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

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.

**Third Antiphon** (during the Little Entrance)

**Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel**

**Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8** (*same as above*)

انحدرت من العلو يا مُتَحَيِّن. وقبِلت الدفنَ ذا الثلاثةِ الأيام، لكي تُعْتَقِنَا من الآلام. فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا يا ربُّ المجدِّ لك.

**Troparion for St. Maximos—Tone 8**

Guide of Orthodoxy, mirror of piety and exemplary behavior, bright star of the universe and adornment of monks, you enlightened us all by your teachings. O wise Maximos, inspired by God and lyre of the Holy Spirit, intercede with Christ our God that he may save our souls.

يا دليلَ الإيمانِ القويم، ومعلمَ التقوى والسيرةِ الحكيمة. كوكبِ المسكونةِ وزينةِ المتوجِّدين، مكسيموسُ الحكيمِ الملهَمُ من الله. لقد أنزرتَ الجميعَ بتعاليمك، يا قيثارةَ الروح. فتسَفِّعْ إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خلاصِ نفوسنا.

**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 طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين

مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

### **Kontakion for the Meeting 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 يَدَيْ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لاقَ، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصْنَا. إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

**Epistle Reading:** *1 Timothy 4:9-15* {32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 19:1-10* {15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke}

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Paul and Camela Takach for the health of their family and in loving memory of **John Takach** (40 day, Paul's father).
- Issa and Vera Daoud and Family for the health of their family especially son **Tony** on the occasion of his birthday -- *May God grant him many years!* **Daniel, Alaa, Amanda, Suad, Ghazell,** and **Bassel** and in loving memory of **Yacoub, Issa, Rabiah, Ramzi, Norma,** and **Maha.**
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Marcella Moorman** (+December 24<sup>th</sup>, from St. Mary Magdalene), **Michel Qumseya** (+December 31<sup>st</sup>, uncle of Jerjes Qumseya), and **Deacon David Lazar** (+January 6<sup>th</sup>, husband of the late Norma Lee [Salim]).
- 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, **Sahar Abdallah, Androlla Abu Aita, Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Shafiq Abuaitah, Jane Abueita, Abla Abufarha, Maher Alatrash, Ceasar and Naila Banna, Emil Bathish, Alex Deligorges, Vera Farah, Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Elaine Gejoff, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Salwa Haddad, Daisy Isaac, Daniel Isaac, John Isaac, Nawal Iseid, Sally Joseph, Nakhleh, Nicola,** and **Saba Khoury, Danny Mortensen, George and Renee Nassif, Aida Raffoul, Elaine Shaheen, Mary Salim, Michael Silpoch, William Sophiea Jr.; Ola Alqazaha** and newborn **Christina** who were brought back into the life of our parish through the Prayers of Churching.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Dunyia Abufarha** (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman) and **Ghaida Awad.**

### **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

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by the *Michael and Ola Alqazaha*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<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, please see Manal Abuaita. *Cheesefare Sunday is February 18<sup>th</sup>, no meat products are to be served. During the Great Fast (February 19<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are served.*

**FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN** Fr. Joe and Leslee will be attending a baptism in Louisville, KY January 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. For emergencies while Fr. Joe is away, please call Protodeacon Michael Bassett (St. George, 989-627-9580) Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-771-4611), or Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401). Please pray for Fr. Joe and Leslee's safe travels.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** Your help is needed this coming Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-12:30pm! If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim or Evelyn Delbridge ([jimdelbridge@charter.net](mailto:jimdelbridge@charter.net) or 810-630-2353).

**GODPARENT SUNDAY & BREAKFAST IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>** Invitations for Godchildren to send to their Godparents (and *vice-versa*) are available in Church School or in the Lounge. Please pick up an invitation to send to your Godchild (or Godparents). It will be a wonderful day and we want everyone to be here! Godchildren may bring their Godparents to their class. When you know who will be attending, please RSVP in the Church School office.

**2018 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 received their envelopes in Church School.

**CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS** We are now able to take Credit or Debit Card purchases and donations. If you would like to make a purchase or a donation, please come to the office during normal Office Hours (see below) or call to do it by phone.

## 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	<b>Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b> 3-5pm
Tuesday	<b>North End Soup Kitchen</b> 9am-12:30pm <b>Pan-Orthodox Book Club</b> at St. George 6-8pm
Wednesday	<b>Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b> 12:30-2pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 7-9pm
Thursday	<b>Becoming Truly Human</b> at St. George 6-8pm <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.
Saturday	No Great Vespers

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, our offerings were \$2,658, so we were short \$2,972 ☹ If you haven't already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support God's work at St. George!

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**JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> ~ ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY AND ST. MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR**

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday, the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those, he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions. We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature; therefore, we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth. St. Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.

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The divine Maximus, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East (See also August 13).

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➤ **OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or [kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com).



# GODPARENT SUNDAY

## FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

We are excited to announce the  
18<sup>th</sup> 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:

*2017-18 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 ~~