

St. George Orthodox Church

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RECOVERY OF THE RELICS OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tone - 2 2nd Matins Gospel {Mark 16:1-8}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

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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 2

When Thou did submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou did destroy hell with Thy Godly power! And when Thou did raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ Thou giver of Life, Glory to Thee!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 2 (*same as above*)

عندما انحدرت إلى الموت أيها الحياة الذي لا يموت. حينئذ أمت الجحيم ببرق لاهوتك. وعندما أقمت الأموات من تحت الثرى. صرّح تحوّل جميع القوات السماويين. أيها المسيح الإله معطي الحياة المجد لك.

Troparion to St. John Chrysostom—Tone 8

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the richness of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.

لقد أشرقت النعمة من فمك مثل النار، فأنارت المسكونة، ووضعت للعالم كنوز عدم حب الفضّة، وأظهرت لنا سمو الإيضاح، يا أيها الأب، المؤدّب بأقواله، يوحنا الذهبي الفم. فنشفع إلى الكلمة المسيح الإله، أن يخلص 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.

أيها المسيح الإله، يا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعِ الْبِتُولِي، وَبَارَكَ يَدَي سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لاق، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَصْنَا. إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتِكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحَبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَخَدَّكَ مُجِبٌ لِلْبَشَرِ.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 7:26-8:2* (for St. John Chrysostom)

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

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pam Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of father **Farris Bassett** (19 years), **Mary Beard** (12 years), and **John Hanley** (40 day).
- Fr. Joe, Nicholas, John, Nawal, and Joanna Abud for the health of their family especially Kh. **Leslee** on the occasion of her birthday -- *May God grant her many years!*

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

Eli and Julianna Helal – January 31st

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- 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), **Laila** and **Sahar Abdallah**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Alex** and **Panayiotis Deligorges**, **Basil Farah**, **Vera Farah**, **Betty Froberg**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Patti Harris**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Nawal** and **Nemer Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Kirolous Meshraky**, **Danny Mortensen**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Eva Saseen** (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** and **Nancy Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, and **Lois Teunion**; **Nicholas**, **Karen** and newborn twins **Emily** and **Evelyn Shaheen** (January 3rd, Nicholas is the son of Drs. Ron and Kathy).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Ola** (Michael) Alqazaha, Dr. **Lindsey** (Dr. Ryan) Brunner, **Katrina** (Gary) Gagne, **Diana** (Ayman) Khair, **Walaa** (Rami) Khoury, **Natalie** (Shadi) Qumsieh, and **Sandy** (Raad) Qumsieh {daughter of Issa and Esperanza}.

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). If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *The Abud Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: February 3rd and 24th ~ 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.

GODPARENT SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 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.

NEW TIME FOR MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES!

We moved our Monday Bible Study from the afternoon to the evening from 6-8pm. The main reason is to provide the opportunity for more people to participate! Come and learn as we continue our study of the *Acts of the Apostles*. If you have never attended, start this month ~ no previous education is necessary! For more information or any questions, please contact Fr. Joe.

- **Please silence your cell phones while in church, thank you!**
- The **Narthex** (where we light candles) is the entrance to the Church. After you leave the Lounge and come into the Narthex, please remember there is only praying here. If you are late for Divine Services, the Ushers will let you know when you may enter the church – Thank You!

2019 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, let Fr. Joe know. The calendars (please take 1 per family) are a gift from our Ladies Auxiliary. Our children will receive their envelopes in Church School. Parents, please make sure your child gets 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 (see below).

➤ **OFFICE HOURS** Our office manager, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm).

FAITH:

The enemy of faith is pride

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

Jesus answered and said to them, “*This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.*” (John 6:29).

The absolute necessary element for salvation is faith, and faith is a clear sign that God’s grace has been activated in us, for faith brings us into communion with God. Faith is a free gift, for nothing we can do can save us. No good works can save us. Being a good person will not save us. Only faith in Christ will bring us into everlasting life, yet faith without works is dead. Good works, love, and being quick to forgive others, and to overlook the sins of our neighbor, is a sign that our faith is actually real, and is bringing about the transformation of life that is necessary for us to enter the Kingdom of God.

The enemy of faith is pride, for pride destroys faith. Pride makes us believe we do not need God, and pride is what leads many into the abyss of atheism, for pride makes us believe that there is nothing beyond ourselves. Pride leads us to believe that we are all important, and that nothing exists beyond ourselves. Once pride takes hold, our heart grows hard, and faith grows cold and dies.

Repentance is the cure for pride, and only through repentance can we rekindle the grace that brings life to our faith. Humbling ourselves before God, and giving ourselves over to divine worship, brings us back into the natural relationship that was preordained for us before the fall, and faith grows as grace rebounds.

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>Acts of the Apostles</i> 6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: <i>Acts of the Apostles</i> 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 10am Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

➤ 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.