

# St. George Orthodox Church

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## APOSTLE ANANIAS OF THE SEVENTY, FIRST BISHOP OF DAMASCUS AND RIGHTEOUS FATHER ROMANOS THE MELODIST

Tone 8 6<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {Luke 24:36-53}

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

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.

### 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 متحنين. وقبئت الدفن ذا الثلاثة الأيام، لكي تُعتقنا من الآلام. فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا يا رب المجد لك.

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

O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

أيها الرسول القديس حنانيا، تشفع إلى الإله الرحيم أن يُنعم بغيران الزلاّت لنفوسنا.

#### **Troparion for St. Romanos—Tone 8**

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O father Romanos; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept, thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

بك حفظ التمثال باختراس وثيق أيها الأب رومانوس. لأنك حملت الصليب وتبعيت المسيح، وعلمت وعلمت أن يُنغاضى عن الجسد لأنه يزول، ويُهتمّ بأمور النفس غير المائتة. فلذلك أيها البار تبتهج روحك مع الملائكة.

### **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 Virgin Mary—Tone 2**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee. Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرذودة لا تعرضي عن اصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما انك سالحة، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

**Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1** {17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36** {2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke}

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of mother **Clemence Bassett** (9 day).
- George and Muna Abuaita for the health of their family especially sons **Issa** and Dr. **Alee** on the occasion of their birthdays and daughter **Dina** and **Layth Maymoun** who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony – *May God grant them many years!* – and **Olga, Lana, Lyla, Shurouq, Juliano, Jovani, Maya, John, Jenny, Ariana, Lina, and Shehab**.
- Suheil and Abeer Abuaita for the health of their family especially son **George** on his safe return home.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Wabiha Khair** (+August 17<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Esperanza Abuaita) and **Mariam Musleh** (+September 1<sup>st</sup>, mother of Luai Helal and Abeer Alyateem).
- 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, Hanna Abuaita, Shafiqah Abuaitah, Jane Abueita, Abla Abufarha, Hiam Andoni, Cesar and Naila Banna, Emil Bathish, Vera Farah, Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland & Ronald Haddad, Salwa Haddad, Daisy Isaac, Daniel Isaac, John Isaac, Nawal Iseid, Sally Joseph, John & Nakhleh Khoury, Nicola Khoury, Danny Mortensen, Laura Nassar, George and Renee Nassif, Aida Raffoul, Elaine Shaheen, Mary Salim, Michael Silpoch, William Sophiea Jr.; Jenny Salsa** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita) and newborn **Matthew** (August 31<sup>st</sup>); **Jeaneen Farah** and newborn **Georgio Aiden** (September 17<sup>th</sup>); **Chrissy Abueita** and newborn **Iliyana Sophia** (September 20<sup>th</sup>).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Ola Alqazaha** and **Lameese** (Abu-Aitah) **Porada**.

### **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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted today by our **Teen SOYO** who will have a *Fundraising Bake Sale!* All profits will help our Youth Ministry Program and help with expenses of outings, meals, retreats, out-of-town meetings – please be generous and support the good works of our teens!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: October 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</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 Jamal Abuaita.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

- **Parents** If you have not had the opportunity to sign up to help out with one of our many activities we do throughout the year, please stop by the Church School Office after liturgy and sign up to help out.
- **Family Nights** This year we are sponsoring these and the first one is this coming Saturday, October 7, immediately following Great Vespers. A relaxing evening of Karaoke, games, and fellowship is planned, with a pizza and salad dinner provided. These Family Nights are for everyone at St. George, the young and the young-at-heart. Please join us!

**ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE COUNCIL (AAHC) ENSURE THE LEGACY BANQUET** The annual banquet is on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8pm at the Northbank Center Grand Ballroom 432 N Saginaw St #507, Flint, MI 48502. Our life-long parishioner, **Vera Farah**, will be honored as *Arab-American of the Year*. In addition, college scholarships will be awarded. The applications are in the Lounge and the deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>! Tickets are \$75. Please contact Devin Jones 810-235-2722 or [devin@aaahcflint.org](mailto:devin@aaahcflint.org) with questions and to reserve your tickets.

**YOUTH MONTH** All of the members of our Teen SOYO are encouraged to participate in the Sacraments of Repentance and Communion during this month. If you do not do so on a regular basis, confessions are heard as usual on Saturdays after Great Vespers, Sunday mornings between 8:30-9:30am, or by appointment during the week.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,710 to meet our 2017 Budget. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, our offerings were \$2,168, so we were short \$2,542 ☹️!

**PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB** We meet on Tuesdays 6-8pm at St. George. We are continuing in our current book *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers* throughout October. All are invited to join! Any questions or if you would like more information, contact Protodeacon Michael Bassett [frdmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdmike@gmail.com) or 989-627-9580.

**Parish Council Vacancies**

If you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate qualified (*see below*) parishioners for the 3 expiring terms on the Parish Council, please submit names to a member of the Nominating Committee. The committee is composed of Dannie Jones, Fadi Rishmawi, Anwar Abueita, and Fr. Joe. The deadline to be a nominee is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. All nominees must attend a Parish Council Nominee Seminar on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8pm. If you will be attending, please let Fr. Joe know. If this day and time does not work for you, speak with Fr. Joe to reschedule another time before the deadline (October 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**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.
TODAY	<b>Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b> <i>after Divine Liturgy</i>
Monday	<b>English Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark</b> 3-5pm
Tuesday	<b>Pan-Orthodox Book Club</b> 6-8pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Bible Study Gospel of St. Mark</b> 12:30-2pm <b>Parents and Teens</b> with <i>Fr. Joe and Deacon Mike</i> 7-8pm
Saturday	<b>Baking Holy Bread</b> 11am <i>Great Vespers and Confessions</i> 5pm <b>FAMILY NIGHT – EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</b>

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> ~ ANANIAS OF THE SEVENTY APOSTLES**

Saint Ananias, whose name means "God is gracious," was from Damascus, where by divine revelation he was commanded to baptize the Apostle Paul (Acts 9:10-17). He completed the course of martyrdom when he was stoned to death during the rule of Lucian.

**ROMANOS THE MELODIST**

Saint Romanos flourished during the reign of Anastasios (491-518). He was from Emesa of Syria, and apparently was born of Jewish parents, for a hymn written in his honor in Greek says he was "of Hebrew stock," and it has furthermore been noted that he uses many Semitic idioms in his writings. He was baptized an Orthodox Christian, and at one point became a deacon in the Church of Beirut. He was the first composer of the kontakia, the foremost of which is that of the feast of Christ's Nativity, "On this day the Virgin ...". In composing many of his kontakia, Saint Romanos was inspired by the hymns of Saint Ephraim of Syria.

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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 have an item that you would like to place in the Weekly Bulletin, please call the church office by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before.