

St. George Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

AVERKIOS THE WONDERWORKER, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES AND BISHOP OF HIERAPOLIS SEVEN YOUTHS "SEVEN SLEEPERS" MARTYRED IN EPHEBUS

Tone 3 9th Matins Gospel {John 20:19-31}

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

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

Matins p.44
8:50am

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10:00am

Memorial Service
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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 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has done a mighty act with His own arm. He has trampled down death by death and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades granting the world the great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3 (*same as above*)

لتفرح السماويات وتبتهج الأرضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزا" بساعده، ووطئ الموت بالموت، وصار بكرا" للاموات. وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنح العالم الرحمة العظمى.

Troparion for St. Averkios—Tone 4

Your righteous acts have manifested you to your flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Averkios. Therefore, through humility you have achieved exaltation, and through poverty, riches. Intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

لقد أظهرتك أفعال الحق لرعيتك قانوناً للإيمان، وصورةً للوداعة، ومعلماً للإمساك، أيها الأب رئيس الكهنة ايفاكاريوس. فلذلك أحرزت بالتواضع الرفعة وبالمسكنة الغنى. فتشفع إلى المسيح الإله أن يخلص نفوسنا.

Troparion for the Seven Holy Youths—Tone 4

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, by their struggles have received from Thee, our God, imperishable crowns; because, acquiring Thy strength, they demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

شَهِدَاؤُكَ يَا رَبُّ بِجَهَادِهِمْ نَالُوا مِنْكَ الْإِكَالِيلَ غَيْرَ الْبَالِيَةَ يَا إِلَهَنَا. لِأَنَّهُمْ أَحْرَزُوا قُوَّتَكَ فَحَطَّمُوا الْمُغْتَصِبِينَ وَسَخَقُوا بِأَسَنِ الشَّيَاطِينِ الَّتِي لَا قُوَّةَ لَهَا. فَبِتَوَسُّلَاتِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ خَلِّصْ نَفُوسَنَا.

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 لِلْمَأسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمَعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَكَاغِحٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَدَاءِ جَاوِرِجِيُوسُ الْبَلْبَسِ الطُّفْرُ، تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهُ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

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.

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرِ الْمَرْدُودَةِ لَا تَعْرِضِي عَنِ اصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةُ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ نَحُوكَ بَايْمَانٍ، بَادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَاسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهُ الْمَتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمَكْرَمِيكَ.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 1:11-19 {20th Sunday after Pentecost}

Reader: **Angelina Abufarha** (English)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39 {6th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

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:

George Abueita – October 22nd

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

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Bishop Antoun Khoury** (+October 2nd), **Clemence Bassett** (+September 19th, mother of Deacon Michael), **Cathern Henry** (+October 1st, former parishioner), **John McShosh** (+October 2nd, former parishioner), and **Samira Barham** (+October 7th, aunt of Janet Abueita).
- 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**, **Salwa Abu-Aitah**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Hanna Abuaita**, **Shafiq Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Hiam Andoni**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Tom David**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland & Ronald Haddad**, **Salwa Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Isaid**, **Sally Joseph**, **John & Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Danny Mortensen**, **Basem** and **Laura Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**; **Jeanen Farah** and newborn **Georgio Aiden** (September 17th); **Chrissy Abueita** and newborn **Iliyana Sophia** (September 20th).

- 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation for your coffee and food to help cover our costs, thanks!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: November 5th, and 26th ~ 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. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are to be served.*

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 22nd. All nominees must attend a Parish Council Nominee Seminar on Monday, October 23rd 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 23rd).

Parish Council Qualifications (from our Parish Constitution)

No member of the Parish Council shall be under the age of 18 years of age (excluding any ex-officio member) and no Voting Member of the Parish shall be eligible to become a member of the Parish Council unless such person has been a voting member of the Parish for a period of one (1) year and has fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Orthodox faith. Further, nominees must worship at St. George at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month; shall be exemplary (model) members of St. George; participate in extracurricular ministries of the parish (such as: Fundraising, Parish Council committees, Educational, etc.); participate in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion on a regular/frequent basis; has signed the yearly Offering Form; and attend a Nominee Seminar.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,710 to meet our 2017 Budget. On October 15th, our offerings were \$1,863, so we were short \$2,847 ☹️!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- **Parents** Our annual Church School Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Please mark down the date, November 11th. Children (Kindergarten - 12th grades -- Preschoolers and their parents may join us at Great Vespers and dinner) are to be dropped off at 2pm sharp. They will prepare their part of the meal and do activities until Great Vespers at 5pm. We ask parents to PLEASE return by 5pm to sit with your children as families. Beginning this Sunday, we are collecting \$5 per child who will be attending in order to help with the cost of food items to prepare our feast. Each family is asked to bring a can or a nonperishable item to be donated to our food drive on that Saturday evening. If you would like to help with this function, please contact me. Our parent coordinators, Anaam Abueita and Evette Rishmawi will be looking for donors (5 cooked turkeys that are to be dropped off to the church by 2pm) and volunteers to for our clean-up committee and kitchen committee. Thank you in advance. Janet Abueita (810-691-0956 / cooeita@aol.com)

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.
TODAY	6th-7th Grades with Fr. Joe
Monday	English Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm Parish Council Nominee Seminar 7pm (<i>Let Fr. Joe know if you will be coming!</i>)
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study Gospel of St. Mark 12:30-2pm SOYO Wednesday with Fr. Joe 7-9pm
Friday	Pan-Orthodox OCF/Orthodox Christian Fellowship) at St. George 7pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

OCTOBER 22ND ~ ST. AVERKIOS OF HIERAPOLIS

Saint Averkios, Bishop of Hierapolis in the times of Emperor Marcus Aurelius, was adorned with the grace of wonderworking and with apostolic zeal. During a festival in honor of Apollo, the chief deity of Hierapolis, the holy bishop was instructed in a revelation to destroy the idols. He went to the temple by night and overturned the statues of Apollo and the others. When this was discovered, the Saint boldly cried out that the gods, becoming drunk from the wine of the libations offered them, had struck one against another in their confusion. A multitude of furious pagans came to avenge the insult to their gods, but when the Saint cast the demons out of three afflicted young men, fear fell upon the idolaters and they with the whole city became Christian. After many labors and afflictions, Saint Averkios reposed in peace about the year 167.

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➤ **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm), Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached at the church office 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT

October, 2017

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Blessings and greetings in the name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that you have enjoyed a peaceful and productive beginning of the new ecclesiastical year.

Once again we bring to your attention that October in our Antiochian Archdiocese is “Youth Month and Seminary Month.” This year we have 20 students in three seminaries. Most, if not all of these students will someday serve this Archdiocese as priests. It is vital that we not only support and subsidize their education, but that we also support the institutions that provide this vital education. While we do not have our own seminary in this Archdiocese at this time, we are fortunate to have three different schools in America in which to educate our future priests, each with its own emphasis and strengths. These same schools also train choir directors, youth ministers, and Christian education leaders. As such, it is our duty to help them as much as we can so we can share in the fruits of their labors.

To that end, we ask for your generous donations today in order to support the institutions that educate our seminarians, youth workers, choir directors, and Christian education leaders.

May the Lord continue to bless all your efforts in His name as well as those theological schools that train our men preparing for the Holy Priesthood and our future youth and lay leaders for their vital ministry to the Church.

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

+JOSEPH

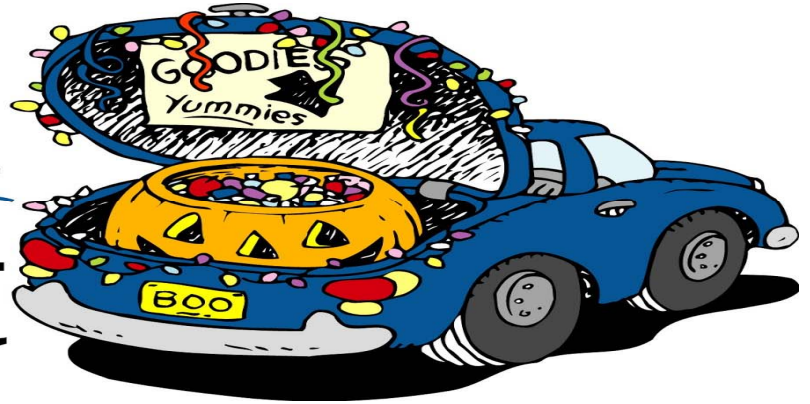
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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**ASSUMPTION'S ANNUAL
HARVEST FEST &**

**Trunk
or
Treat**



Saturday, October 28th!

6:00 to 8:00pm

2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI

Join us for this **SPOOKTACULAR event of costumes,
treats, and community fun!**

**Get those trunks decorated and ready for the kids
to visit for treats.**

Activities to include:

Kid Friendly Dinner

Bounce Houses

Basketball/Football Games

Crafts

Storytelling by Father Angelo

Music by DJ Potos

Trunk or Treating

