

St. George Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: *MARTYRS TERENCE, NEONILLA AND THEIR CHILDREN*

Tone - 5 11th Matins Gospel {*John 21:15-25*}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

Greeters and Ushers: **Members of Teen SOYO**

Confessions

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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**, we sing the following **Special Hymns**:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 5 (*same as above*)

لِنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلِمَةِ. الْمَسَاوِي لِلْأَبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الْأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ. الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا. لِأَنَّهُ سَرَّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يعلَوْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ. وَيَحْتَمِلَ الْمَوْتَ وَيُنْهَضَ الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

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 لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمَعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَكَافِحٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ جَاوِرِجِيُوسُ الْبَلْبَسِ الظُّفَرِ، تَشْفَعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ 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.

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

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 6:11-18* {22nd Sunday after Pentecost}

Reader: **Nataly Odeh**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 8:41-56* {7th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Daisy Isaac for the health of her family and in loving memory of **Michael, Helen, Tommy, Toufic, Eddie, Freddie, Woody, Charlie, Gloria, Louie Sr., Louie Jr., George, Helen, Pauline, Matthew, Emily, Gary, Norma, Debbie, Joel, Jim, Fouzie, Joe, John, James, and Leland.**
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Carlos** David (October 12th, cousin of Laila Abud) and **Georgette** Maalouf (+October 19th, relative of John Abud).
- 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), **Manal** Abuaita, **Cesar** and **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nemer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Danny** Mortensen, **Heather** and **Karam** Nassar, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., **Lois** Teunion, and **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe); **Luai**, **Rasha** and newborn **Joy** (September 20th) Abuaita; **Andrew**, **Rachel** and newborn **Laila** (September 30th) Sackllah. **David** Khoury and **Josalien** Abuaita who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Ola** (Michael) Alqazaha, **Walaa** (Rami) Khoury, and **Karen** (Nicholas) Shaheen {Drs. Ron and Kathy's son}.

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 *Daisy Isaac*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th ~ 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. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are served.*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 4th. Before going to bed on Saturday night, November 3rd, please remember to set your clocks **BACK** ("fall back") one hour.



Taste of the Mediterranean *THIS Saturday, November 3rd*

Tickets are available during Coffee Fellowship – get yours TODAY!

~~ Sponsorship opportunities; Volunteers needed ~ speak with Katrina

For more information and tickets, contact co-chairs:

Katrina (Khour) Gagne at 810-252-4475 or Rula Alkazaha at 810-955-2792

- If you are waiting until the last minute, IT'S the LAST MINUTE! Get your tickets, be a sponsor, and enjoy this one-of-a-kind evening while supporting St. George!

CHURCH SCHOOL THANKSGIVING IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH! Children ages Kindergarten - High School need to be at the church by 2pm to prepare the meal and do fun activities. Parents and preschoolers should be back and sit together as a family for Great Vespers beginning at 5pm. Starting today, your child is asked to donate \$5, to help offset the cost of the food items we need to purchase for them to prepare the meal. Please have your child give the \$5 to their teacher or stop by the Church School Office to make your donation. We also need 5 individuals to cook turkeys and bring them on Saturday. After Vespers, our PARISH FAMILY will all enjoy the meal the children helped prepare and, as in the past, we will be delivering meals to our shut-ins and the Soup Kitchen. Please contact Anaam or Janet Abueita with any questions.

Thank You! Janet Abueita, Church School Director

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).

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On October 21st, our offerings were \$1,900, so we were short \$3,730 ☹ If you have not already, please support God's work at St. George!

COMING EVENTS

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| 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 | 4th-6th Grade Class with Fr. Joe |
| Monday | Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm |
| Tuesday | Fr. Joe speaking at Michigan State University OCF 7pm |
| Wednesday | Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm |
| Friday | Pan-Orthodox Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at St. George 7pm |
| Saturday | Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm Taste of the Mediterranean |

OCTOBER 28TH ~ MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN (*remembered in the Church on Oct. 29th*)
 The Martyr Anastasia the Roman lost her parents in infancy, and was reared by the abbess of a women's monastery, named Sophia. She raised Anastasia in fervent faith, in the fear of God and obedience.

The persecution against Christians by the emperor Decius (249-251) began at that time. The city administrator, Probus, on the orders of the emperor commanded that Anastasia be brought to him. Blessed by her abbess to suffer for Christ, the young martyr Anastasia humbly came out to meet the armed soldiers. Seeing her youth and beauty, Probus first attempted flattery to make her deny Christ. *"Why waste your youth, deprived of pleasure? What is there to gain by enduring tortures and death for the Crucified? Worship our gods, marry a handsome husband, and live in glory and honor."* The saint steadfastly replied, *"My spouse, my riches, my life and my happiness are my Lord Jesus Christ, and you will not turn me away from Him by your deceit!"*

Probus subjected Anastasia to fierce tortures. The holy martyr bravely endured them, glorifying and praising the Lord. In anger, the torturers cut out her tongue. The people, seeing the inhuman and disgusting treatment of the saint, became indignant, and the ruler was compelled to end the tortures by beheading the martyr. In this manner, Saint Anastasia received the crown of martyrdom.

The body of the saint was thrown out beyond the city to be eaten by wild animals, but the Lord did not permit her holy relics to be dishonored. At the command of a holy angel, Abbess Sophia went to find Saint Anastasia's mutilated body. With the help of two Christians, she buried it in the earth.

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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.
- **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.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

October, 2018

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord 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 24 students studying 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. Likewise, several of our clergy either teach or are affiliated with these seminaries. As such, it is our duty to help them as much as we are able so we can continue to strengthen their mission and goals.

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 musicians, youth and lay leaders for their vital ministry to the Church.

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads “Metropolitan Joseph”. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

+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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