

St. George Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VENERABLE MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN

Tone 4 10th Matins Gospel {*John 21:1-14*}

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 4

Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen granting the world great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4 (*same as above*)

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن! من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهجة، و طرحن القضية الجدية و خاطبن الرسل مفتخراتٍ و قاتلاتٍ قد سبى الموت و قام المسيح الإله مانحاً العالم الرحمة العظمى.

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 صالحة، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الاله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 2:16-20* {21st Sunday after Pentecost}

Reader: **Mariane Rishmawi** or **Nataly Odeh** (English)

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

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of his family and in loving memory of Dn. Mike's mother **Clemence** (40 day).
- St. George Parish Council for the health of our St. George Families and in loving memory of Protodeacon Michael's mother **Clemence** (40 day).
- Daisy Isaac for the health of her family and in loving memory of **Pauline** (1 year), **Michael, Helen, Tommy, Toufic, Eddie, Freddie, Woody, Charlie, Gloria, Louie Sr., Louie Jr., George, Helen, Matthew, Emily, Gary, Norma, Debbie, Joel, Jim, Fouzie,** and **Joe**.
- George Abuaita, his brothers, and Families for the health of their families especially brother **Hanna** and in loving memory of parents **Issa** (14 year) and **Nahil** (16 year).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Bishop Antoun Khoury** (+October 2nd), **Cathern Henry** (+Oct. 1st, former parishioner), **John McShosh** (+Oct. 2nd, former parishioner), **Samira Barham** (+Oct. 7th, aunt of Janet Abueita), **George Khair** (+October 18th, father of Esperanza Abuaita), and **George Elchaer** (+October 19th, father of Youssef).
- 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, Ceasar 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 Iseid, 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 Sophia Jr.; Chrissy Abueita** and newborn **Iliyana Sophia** who were brought back into the life of our parish through the Prayers of Churching.
- 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 hosted by *Daisy Isaac*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: November 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st ~ 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.*

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)

2017 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY Our annual **General Assembly** will be held Sunday, November 12th, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Members in good standing both spiritually (attending church) and in their financial stewardship are considered Voting Members and may speak and vote on any non-canonical matter presented at the meeting. Please review the Report Packet that will be sent and plan on attending. Childcare with lunch and activities will be provided by Teen SOYO for the duration of the meeting for those parents staying for the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER is defined in our Constitution as: *all persons, regardless of sex, eighteen (18) years of age and over, who have been baptized and accepted as members of the Holy Orthodox Church according to its teachings, who accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Church and who subscribe to the temporal maintenance of the Parish, through payment of such dues, pledges and assessments.*

General Assembly Proxies are given to those who cannot attend the meeting because of medical treatment or illness, those confined to their homes, or those with written verification of

a prior travel commitment. A VOTING member who cannot attend the meeting may have another VOTING member vote on their behalf. PLEASE NOTE: To better our procedures for Proxies, they are available in the church office beginning on Sunday, October 22nd and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, November 5th. Proxies received after November 5th will be considered invalid. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our Credentials Committee (Dannie Jones, Anwar Abueita, or Fr. Joe).

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,710 to meet our 2017 Budget. On October 22nd, our offerings were \$5,101, so we were ahead! ☺ God is good!

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	8th-9th Grades with Fr. Joe
Monday	English Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm
Tuesday	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
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

OCTOBER 29TH ~ VENERABLE ANASTASIA THE ROMAN

The Martyr Anastasia the Roman lost her parents in infancy, and was then taken to be 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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