

# St. George Orthodox Church

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**OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH**

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: MARTYRS SERGIOS AND BACCHOS OF SYRIA**

Tone - 2                      8<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {John 20:11-18}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

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

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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 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. حينئذٍ أمتت الجحيم ببرق لا هوتك. وعندما أقمت الأموات من تحت الترى. صرّخ نَحْوَك جميع القوّات السّمّاويين. أيها المسيح الإله معطي الحياة المجد لك.

**Troparion for St. Sergios and Bacchos—Tone 4**

Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

شَهِداؤُك، يا رَبُّ، بِجِهادِهِمْ، نالوا مِنْكَ الأكاليلَ غيرَ الباليةِ يا إِلَهنا. لأنَّهُمْ أَحْرَزُوا قُوَّتَكَ، فَحَطَمُوا الْمُعْتَصِبِينَ وَسَحَقُوا

بأسّ الشّياطين التي لا قُوّة لها. فَبِتَوَسُّلاتِهِمْ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، خَلِّصْ نَفوسَنَا.

#### **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 جارجيوس 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 صالحه، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 {19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

Reader: **Member of Teen SOYO**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 7:11-16 {3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke}

#### Holy Bread Offerings

- The Salim Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of mother and grandmother **Mary Salim** (40 day).
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita for the health of their family especially sons **Ayham**, (24<sup>th</sup>) and **Majd** (20<sup>th</sup>) on the occasion of their birthdays -- *May God grant them many years!* -- and in loving memory of **Issa Musleh** (40 day).
- Fuad and Wadia Albaba for the health of their family and in loving memory of son **Elias** (9 year), and parents **Shaheen, Zani, Elias, and Souriya**.
- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of **Diana** Petropoulos, her daughters **Kia** and **Oystein** Hekneby, and **Lia** and **Jan Robert** Blomgren and in loving memory of husband **Christopher** (17 year).
- Jamal and Manal Abuaita for the health of their family especially their children **Tamer** (26<sup>th</sup>), **Samer**, (24<sup>th</sup>), and **Yara** (24<sup>th</sup>) on the occasion of their birthdays – *May God grant them many years!* -- and in loving memory of **Monir** Alyatim (10 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:

**George Ishaq** – October 10<sup>th</sup>

*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: **Leland** Harris (+September 5<sup>th</sup>, father of Lee), **Michael** Farah (+September 14<sup>th</sup>, son of Sam and Tracy), and **Hetty** Burnett (September 22<sup>nd</sup>, grandmother of Claire Saadeh).

- 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), **Sahar Abdallah**, **Androlla** Abu Aita, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Manal** Abuaita, **Cesar** Banna, **Pamela Mary** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **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, **Karam** Nassar, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., **Lois** Teunion, and **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe); **Luai**, **Rasha** and newborn **Joy** (September 20<sup>th</sup>) Abuaita; **Andrew**, **Rachel** and newborn **Laila** (September 30<sup>th</sup>) Sackllah.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **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. If you have a special need, let one of the ushers know so they may assist you.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by *St. George Altar Society in memory of Mary Salim*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: October 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</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, see Manal Abuaita.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (THIS Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>). Registration is at 6:30pm and play begins at 7pm. If you would like to help for a couple of hours, volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you want to play, that's even better! Please contact our coordinator Hiam Andoni (810-813-1076 or [handoni@hotmail.com](mailto:handoni@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, our offerings were \$2,335, so we were short \$3,295 ☹ If you have not already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support God's work at St. George!

**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).

## 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> after Divine Liturgy
Monday	<b>Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b> 3-5pm
Tuesday	<b>Altar Society Dinner Meeting</b> see Theresa Farah for information 6pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b> 12-2pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 7-9pm
Thursday	<b>Parish Council Dinner Meeting</b> 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
Friday	<b>Euchre Tournament</b> 6:30pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

### OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> ~ MARTYRS SERGIOS AND BACCHOS OF SYRIA

The Martyrs Sergios and Bacchos in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered a crime against the state.

The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergios and Bacchos to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied they honored the One God and worshiped only Him.

Maximian commanded the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergios and Bacchos to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshipping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergios and Bacchos. *"My fathers and benefactors!"* he said. *"Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures."* The holy martyrs replied, *"For us life is Christ, and to die is gain."* The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchos to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergios with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

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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](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com).

# 2018 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual **General Assembly** will be held Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Members in good standing both spiritually (attending church) and in their financial stewardship (offerings to the church) 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 21<sup>st</sup> and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Proxies received after November 4<sup>th</sup> will be considered invalid. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our Credentials Committee (Anwar Abueita, Fadi Rishmawi, or Fr. Joe).

## 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 Jeanette Nassif, Anwar Abueita, or Fr. Joe). The deadline to be a nominee is October 22<sup>nd</sup> and all nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</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 22<sup>nd</sup>).

## 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.*



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL  
ORTHODOX BISHOPS  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**2018 College Student Sunday Encyclical**  
**October 7, 2018**

“Who do you say that I am?”

Beloved Clergy and Faithful,

We greet you with joy as we announce the date for **College Student Sunday**, benefiting **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)**. To support the incredible efforts of our students, College Student Sunday will be the first Sunday of October, running in conjunction with OCF’s Orthodox Awareness Month. This year the date falls on **OCTOBER 7**.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship continues to provide students with opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ and grow in their Orthodox faith through a growing network of on campus OCF chapters led by talented students, clergy, and lay advisors as well as through programs such as Regional Retreats, College Conference, Real Break, and the Summer Leadership Institute.

OCF continues to make every effort to connect new freshmen to campus chapters and local parishes through the **First Forty Days Initiative**, which involves extensive effort from our student leaders and spiritual advisors who contact every incoming freshman within the first forty days on campus. We wholeheartedly pray for and strongly encourage your support of these noble efforts by ensuring that the contact information for your parish’s graduating high school seniors is sent each and every year to the OCF National Office for dissemination to our dedicated local chapters.

Additionally, with the greatest sincerity and earnestness, we encourage your committed financial support of this fundamental ministry which **functions completely on the contributions of caring Orthodox faithful like yourselves**.

We are asking that a special collection be taken on College Student Sunday in support of the good work of OCF, and we encourage the entire faithful family – clergy, parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of our treasured college students – to be generous in your offering of support to this ministry on their behalf. If for some reason October 7 is not a good date for your parish, please make the collection on another Sunday in October. Donations may be sent to the OCF National Office at 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445 or online at [www.ocf.net/donate](http://www.ocf.net/donate).

May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ who calls all of us to contribute to the ministry of His Church guide and strengthen all of our cherished and blessed Orthodox college students.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

Liaison to OCF for the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America