

St. George Orthodox Church

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NOVEMBER IS I.O.C.C. (*INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES*) MONTH

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VENERABLE ALYPIOS THE STYLITE OF ADRIANOPOLE

Tone 8 3rd Matins Gospel {Mark 16:9-20}

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

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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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 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 الغلو يا مُتَحَيِّن. وقبِلت الدفنَ ذا الثلاثةِ الأيام، لكي تُعْتَقِنَا من الآلام. فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا يا ربُّ المجدُّ لك.

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 in Preparation for the Nativity (*Birth*) of Christ—Tone 3

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message; with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him who shall appear by His

own will as a young child, He who is from eternity God.

اليوم العذراء تأتي إلى المغارة لتلد الكلمة الذي قبل الدهور ولادة لا تُفسر ولا يُنطق بها فافرحي أيها المسكونة إذا سمعتي ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة الذي سيظهر لنا بمشيئته طفلاً جديداً وهو الله قبل الدهور.

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 4:1-7* {25th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:18-27* {13th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- St. George Parish for **Protodeacon Michael** and **Pam Bassett** on the occasion of his 22nd anniversary of ordination to the Holy Diaconate -- *May God grant them many years!*
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **George Khair** (+October 18th, father of Esperanza Abuaita), **George Elchaer** (+October 19th, father of Youssef), **Jihan Damouni** (+October 29th, sister of Emil Bathish), **Ghadeer Al-Awash** (+October 30th, cousin of Raeda Andoni), **Qusta Qassis** (+November 8th, nephew of George Ishaq and Issa Odeh), and **Jamil Nassar** (+November 16th).
- 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**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Hanna Abuaita**, **Shafiqah Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Tom David**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland 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 Sophiea Jr.**; **Lameese Porada** and newborn **Avery Elizabeth** (November 2nd); **Luka Mitri** who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of his First Communion.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Ola Alqazaha**.

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!

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN We welcome **Fr. John Ayoub** who is celebrating Matins and Divine Liturgy this morning ~ thank you for being here Fr. John! Fr. Joe and Leslee are on vacation until Wednesday, November 29th. For emergencies while Fr. Joe is away, please call Protodeacon Michael Bassett (St. George, 989-627-9580) or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for Fr. Joe and Leslee's safe travels.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: December 3rd, 10th, 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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION) If you are 8 years or older, have been away from the Church, or have not had Confession in the last 2 months and desire to come back and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, please remember you must offer a confession of your sins first. During this time of preparation during the **Christmas Great Fast** is a perfect opportunity. **Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life(Christ in Holy Communion).** (*Revelation 22:14*)

HELP TO BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS! This year for Christmas, our parish is participating in the **North End Soup Kitchen Angel Tree** this year. 30 children are looking for "angels" to brighten their Christmas. Gift range is between \$20 and \$30. Attach the provided gift tag which has the child's name, the code number to the gift, and place in gift bags. Please return the gifts by December 10th. The Angel Tree with tags will be in our Banquet Center during Coffee Fellowship. If you have any questions, please speak with our coordinator May Gantos (586-531-8120). Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

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 \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On November 19th, our offerings were \$1,700, so we were short \$3,930 ☹

COMING EVENTS

This Week	On Wednesday, November 15 th , we began the traditional forty-day CHRISTMAS FAST in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25 th . The Fast is divided into two periods. The <u>first period</u> is until December 19 th when the traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products</i>) is observed on all days except Tuesdays and Thursdays when <i>wine and oil</i> are allowed and Saturdays and Sundays when <i>fish, wine, and oil</i> are allowed.
TODAY	Mitri Baptism 5pm
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm
Wednesday	Christmas Fast Service 6pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm



Our parish is collecting "COATS FOR KIDS" to help the Salvation Army with their distribution in time for winter. You can help by bringing new and/or clean, gently used coats, along with winter accessories (mittens, gloves, hats, snow boots, snow pants, etc.) to be placed in the box in the hallway. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

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NOVEMBER 26TH ~ VENERABLE ALYPIOS THE *STYLITE

Saint Alypius the Stylite was born in the city of Adrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother, a Christian, was widowed early, and she sent her son to be educated by Bishop Theodore. She distributed her substance to the poor, and then began to live an ascetic life near the church as a deaconess.

Saint Alypius from his early years wanted to devote his life to God and yearned for the solitary life, although Bishop Theodore would not give him permission to do so. Once, when Saint Alypius was accompanying his bishop to Constantinople, the holy Martyr Euphemia (September 16th) appeared to him in a vision, summoning Saint Alypius to return to Adrianopolis and found a church in her name.

With contributions offered by believers in Adrianopolis, Saint Alypius did build a church in the name of the holy Martyr Euphemia, on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple infested by legions of devils. Beside the church, under the open sky, the saint erected a pillar over a pagan tomb. For fifty-three years Saint Alypius struggled upon the pillar, praying to God and teaching those who came to him.

Fourteen years before his death, Saint Alypius was no longer able to stand. He was compelled to lie on his side because of the weakness of his legs, and endured grievous sufferings with humble gratitude. Around the saint's pillar, two monasteries sprang up: a men's monastery on the one side, and a women's monastery on the other. Saint Alypius introduced strict monastic rules for both monasteries and he directed both monasteries until his death. Saint Alypius reposed in the year 640, at age 118. The body of the venerable stylite was buried in the church he founded in honor of the holy Martyr Euphemia. The relics of the saint of God healed many of those who came in faith.

* A *stylite* (Greek for "pillar dweller") or pillar-saint is a type of Christian ascetic who lived on pillars, preaching, fasting, and praying. Stylites were common in the early days of the Byzantine Empire. The first known stylite was Simeon Stylites the Elder who climbed a pillar in Syria in 423 and remained there until his death 37 years later.

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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.

➤ If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.