

St. George Orthodox Church

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22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY MARTYRS GALAKTION AND EPISTEME OF HOMS

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

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

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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10:00am

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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 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*)

لُنْسِيحُ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلِمَةِ. الْمَسَاوِي لِلْأَبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الْأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدِمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ. الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا. لِأَنَّهُ سَرَّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يَلْعَوْ 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 أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمَعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ جَاوِرِ جِيُوسِ اللَّابِسِ الظُّفْرِ، تَشْفَعُ 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 غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرؤدة 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}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31* {5th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Donald and JoAnn Hawkins and Ric and Martha Shahin for the health of their families and in loving memory of the departed members of the **Shahin, Brackett, Ojile, Hawkins, and Rhinehart Families**.
- Ronald and Roland Haddad for the health of their family and in loving memory of sister **Joretta** (19 years).
- Najeb and Eman Abuaita for the health of their family especially daughter **Erini** on the occasion of her 18th birthday – *May God grant her many years!*
- 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** (+Oct. 18th, father of Esperanza Abuaita), **George Elchaer** (+Oct. 19th, father of Youssef), **Jihan Damouni** (+Oct. 29th, sister of Emil Bathish), and **Ghadeer Al-Awash** (+Oct. 30th, cousin of Raeda Andoni).
- 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, Ceasar 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** (Abu-Aitah) **Porada** and newborn **Avery Elizabeth** (November 2nd).
- 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). If you are

physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion. If you have a special need, let one of the ushers know so we may assist you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *JoAnn Hawkins and Ric Shahin*.

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.*

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT takes place every 2nd Friday of the month (THIS Friday, November 10th). 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) for more information.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ...

... **Everyone!** You all touched our hearts with your love and extreme generosity on remembering my 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. These past 30 years have been a blessing and joy for us. Please keep us in your prayers as we do you ~ Thank you, again and again! With the love of our Risen Lord, Fr. Joe and Leslee

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- **Parents** Our annual Church School Thanksgiving is THIS Saturday (see flier). 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 for our clean-up committee and kitchen committee. Thank you in advance. Janet Abueita (810-691-0956 / cooeita@aol.com)



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!

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 29th, our offerings were \$2,753, so we were short \$1,957 ☹

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 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 TODAY. 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).

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	Preschool Town Hall <i>after Divine Liturgy</i>
Monday	English Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 12:30-2pm SOYO Wednesday with Mother Gabriella 7-9pm
Thursday	Michigan Clergy Deanery Meeting <i>here at St. George</i> 12-4pm
Friday	Euchre Tournament 6:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm Parish Thanksgiving Dinner <i>follows</i>

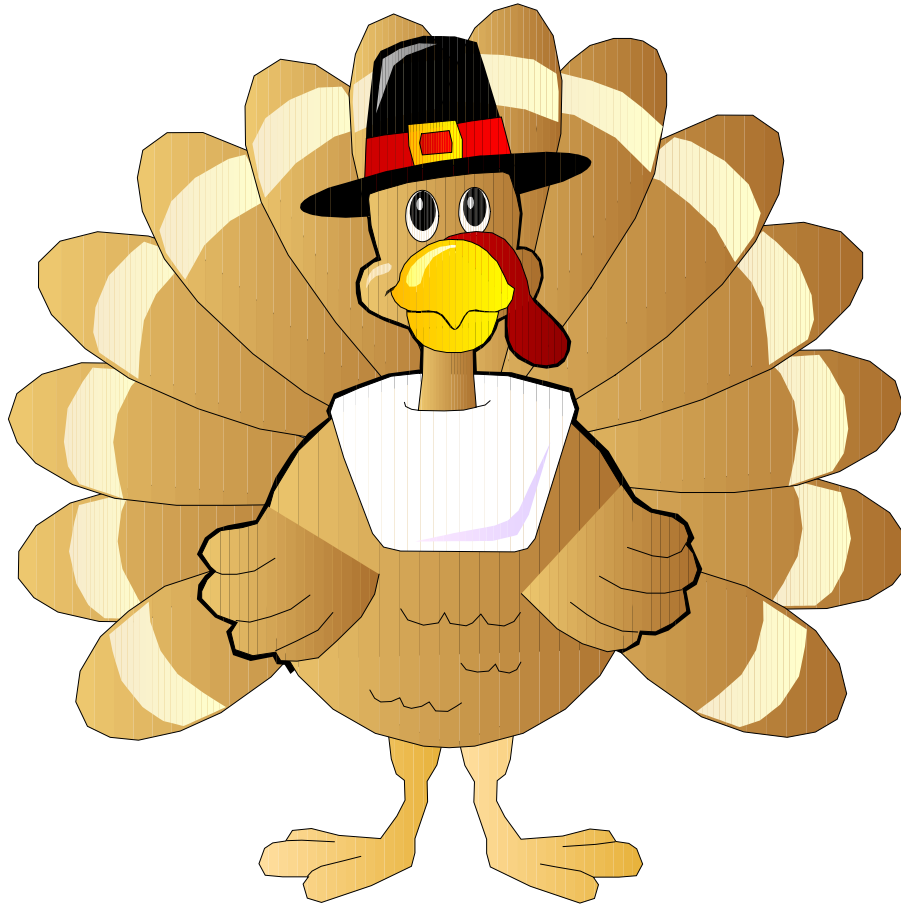
NOV. 5TH ~ HOLY MARTYRS GALAKTION AND EPISTEME OF HOMS

Saint Galaktion was from Emesa, the son of Cleitophon and Leucippe, pagans who had been instructed in piety by a certain Christian named Onouphrios and received holy Baptism. Saint Episteme, born of unbelieving parents, was baptized before she was wedded to Galaktion. After their marriage, they remained in virginity and lived in separate monastic houses. Betrayed as Christians, they suffered martyrdom during the reign of Decius, about the year 250.

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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.

Fall Harvest PARISH Thanksgiving Celebration!!!



Saturday, November 11th

Our Church School children (*Kindergarten thru 12th Grade*) are to be dropped off at 2pm. They will prepare their part of the meal, set the tables, do crafts, and have a great time together! We are asking that all parents are back by **5pm** so their child is sitting next to them praying at Great Vespers. Following Great Vespers, we will all enjoy the meal prepared by our children!

This is for ALL parishioners – see you there!



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Dear Faithful of St. George,

Glory to Jesus Christ! *Glory Forever!*

The hierarchs of our Church have nominated our parish for participation in the national study “*Sharing Our Faith: Evangelization and Outreach in US Orthodox Christian Churches*”. This study will help better understand how Orthodox parishes and their members live out our Faith in 21st century America, how they connect to their local neighborhoods, and how they reach out to non-Orthodox people.

I ask all of you to help our Church by taking part in this study. All you need to do is to complete an online questionnaire (the link to it is provided below). It will take about 20 minutes. Please be as honest as you can when completing the questionnaire: there are no “right” or “wrong” answers and the survey is completely anonymous. If you have several adult (age 18+) and teenage (age 14+) church members in your household, please make sure that everyone completes the survey independently from each other.

The link to the survey is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurFaith1> cut and paste it into your browser and complete the questionnaire.

I am most grateful for taking the time to share your thoughts. God be with you always!

Love,
Fr. Joe