

St. George Orthodox Church

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1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: Sunday of Orthodoxy أحد الآيقونات

Tone 5 5th Matins Gospel {Luke 24:12-35}

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

Confessions

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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.

In the **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** (Bilingual sheets on the Narthex table),
we sing these special hymns:

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*)

لُسِّبْحُ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلْمَةِ الْمُسَاوِي لِلَّهِ الرُّوحُ فِي الْأَرْزِيَّةِ وَدُمُّ الْإِبْدَاءِ الْمُولُودُ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ الْخَلَاصِنَا لِأَنَّهُ سُرٌّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يَعُوْلَ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ. وَيَحْتَمِلُ الْمَوْتَ وَيُنْهَضُ الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمُجِيدَةِ.

Troparion for Triumph of Orthodoxy—Tone 2

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst Come, O our Savior, to save the world.

لصُورِتِكَ الطَّاهِرَةِ نَسْجُدُ إِلَيْها الصَّالِحُ، طَالِبِينَ غَفَرَانَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَيْها الْمَسِيحُ الْهَنَاءُ، لِأَنَّكَ قَلِيلٌ أَنْ تَرْتَقِعَ بِالْجَسَدِ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ طَوْعاً لِتُنْتَجِي الَّذِينَ خَلَقْتَ مِنْ عَبُودِيَّةِ الْعَدُوِّ. لَذَلِكَ تَهْتَفُ إِلَيْكَ بِشُكُرٍ، لَقَدْ مَلَأْتَ الْكُلَّ فَرَحَّاً يَا مُخْلِصَنَا إِذْ أَتَيْتَ لِتُخَلِّصَ الْعَالَمَ.

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 ومحظى، وللقراء والمساكين عاصد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاور جيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for Annunciation & Sundays of the Great Fast—Tone 8

To Thee the Champion Leader do I offer thanks of victory. O Theotokos, Thou who has delivered me from terror; but as Thou that has that power invincible, O Theotokos, Thou alone can set me free from all forms of danger; free me and deliver me. That I may cry unto Thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

إني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله، أكتب لك رايات الغلبة، يا جنديّة محامية، وأقدّم لك الشكر كمنقادٍ من الشدائـد. لكن بما أن لك العزة التي لا تُحارب، اعتقني من صنوف الشدائـد، حتى أصرخ إليك: إفرحي يا عروس لها

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40* {1st Sunday of the Great Fast}

Gospel Reading: *John 1:43-51* {1st Sunday of the Great Fast}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Subdeacon Nicholas** Abdella (19 year), **Louise** Veale (14 year, Pam's mother), and **Rasmia** Thabet (20 year, Dn. Mike's grandmother).

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:

Cezar and Lana Abu-Aita – March 3rd

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: **Ricky** Namey (+January 29th, cousin of Leslee Abud), **Rudy** Jones (+February 6th, Danny's father). and **John** Isaac (+February 13th).
- 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), **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Jane** Abueita, **Abla** Abufarha, **Maher** Alat rash, **Cesar** and **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** Deligorges, **Micheline** El-Chaer, **Vera** Farah, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Elaine** Gejoff, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Salwa** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Daniel** Isaac, **Nawal** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh**, **Nicola**, and **Saba** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Deborah** and **Mary** Salim, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr.;
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Dunya** Abu farha (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman) **Ghaida** Awad, and **Rachel** Sackllah (daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita).

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).

- Since Church School is staying in church after Communion for the *Procession of the Holy Icons*, our children and their parents can receive Holy Communion together! Everyone may wait in their pew until an usher comes to dismiss you.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹. Please offer a donation for your coffee and food to help cover our costs, thanks!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: March 11th and 25th ~ 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 Jamal Abuaita. *During the Great Fast (February 19th – April 7th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are served.*

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Your help is needed this coming Tuesday, February 27th from 9am-12:30pm! If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim or Evelyn Delbridge (jimdelbridge@charter.net or 810-630-2353).

CREATIVE FESTIVALS PARENTS: your children have been working on their Creative Festival projects the past few weeks. If your child is working on it at home, they need to complete them and bring them to their Church School teacher next Sunday, March 4th. Thank you and may God bless you all! Janet Abueita, Director and our Church School Staff and Students

BOOKS ON THE DIVINE LITURGY With the beginning of the Great Fast, we are holding off on our sermons about the “Meaning of the Divine Liturgy” until after Pascha. However, our Library has a number of books to learn more about the Divine Liturgy: A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy, An Introduction to the Divine Liturgy, Living the Liturgy, Let Us Attend-A Journey through the Orthodox Divine Liturgy, The Melody of Prayer: How to Personally Experience the Divine Liturgy, Meditations on the Divine Liturgy, and more. Check one out and have a blessed Great Fast!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget.

On February 18th, our offerings were \$2,263, so we were short \$3,367 ☹ If you haven’t already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support God’s work at St. George!

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT We are honored to host *Fr. Josiah Trenham* as our retreat speaker and our brothers and sisters from Assumption, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Nicholas on Saturday, March 3rd. Please see the flier posted in the lounge and on the narthex table. Our Ladies Auxiliary will be preparing lunch. You must register by calling the office 810-732-0720 or emailing stgeorgeflint@gmail.com so we know how many people will be attending.

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 during normal Office Hours (see below).

- **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.

COMING EVENTS

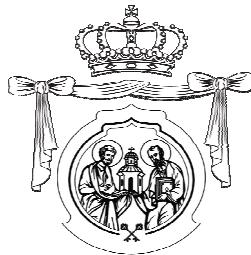
This Week	The <i>Great Fast</i> continues began on begins tomorrow, February 19 th and continues until our celebration of PASCHA : our Lord's Resurrection on April 8 th . The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on all weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays, <i>wine and olive oil</i> are allowed.
Monday	Great Compline صلاة التوم الكبرى 6:30pm
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas 10am Combined Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck at St. Nicholas (2143 South Center Road, ½ mile south of Lippincott Burton 810-744-0070) 6pm
Thursday	OCF at St. Mary Magdalene 7pm
Friday	Little Compline and Akathist to the Virgin Mary (Madayeh) خدمة المديح (Madayeh) 6:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

FEBRUARY 25TH ~ 1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST (SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY)

For more than one hundred years, the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts ("icon haters") of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741AD) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842AD). After Theophilus' death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated February 11th), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14th), again established Orthodoxy ("right belief"). This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of Patriarch Methodius and others and openly cried out these holy words: "*If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema.*" Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son Michael the Emperor made a procession with all the clergy and people restored the holy icons, and again adorning the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy event all Orthodox remember this today. We call this joyful and venerable day the **Sunday of Orthodoxy**, that is, the triumph of true doctrine (belief) over heresy.

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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.
- If you would like to offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, you may phone the church office (810-732-0720) by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before. If in memory of a loved one, please state whether you would like to have a **Memorial Service** near the end of Divine Liturgy. It is always appropriate to have this on the 3rd, 9th, and 40th day after one's falling asleep and also on the 6th month, and on the yearly anniversary.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

February 25, 2018

Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Council, and Beloved Faithful:

Greetings and blessings to you in the Name of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I pray that all of you have been granted by God a good start to the Lenten journey over the course of the past week, and that He will continue to strengthen you with His Grace for coming weeks!

During our annual commemoration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, we ask each parish to contribute towards the education and formation of our young men studying for the holy priesthood. As we celebrate today what is called the Triumph of Orthodoxy, we should be reminded that we have been given a precious inheritance – the “faith once and for all delivered to the saints” – through the struggles of our martyrs and ascetics, the devotion of our parents and grandparents, and the divinely enlightened erudition of the Fathers. We, therefore, have a sacred responsibility to ensure the passing down the “precious pearl” of Holy Orthodoxy to future generations as we have received it.

The young men who have answered the call to serve in the ranks of our clergy, as well as their wives and families, have sacrificially offered themselves to the Church to love and to serve Her people and to work for the preservation of the Faith we celebrate today. I ask for all of our faithful, Christ-loving flock to generously donate towards the support of the seminarians and their families. This is a sacred responsibility for all of us to share as they as their families will be sharing their lives and their love with us.

Wishing all of you a grace-filled and salvific journey to the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+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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The Synodikon of Orthodoxy

As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have dogmatized, as the Universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring His saints as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration.

(Louder) **This is the Faith of the Apostles, this is the Faith of the Fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, and this is the Faith which has established the Universe!**

صلوة أحد الأرثوذكسيّة

إننا كما عاينت الأنبياء، كما علمت الرسل، كما تسلّمت الكنيسة، كما اعتقاد المعلمون، كما اتفقت آراء المسكونة معاً، كما أشرقت النعمة، كما اتضّح الحق، كما انطرب الكذب، كما استعلنت الحكمة، كما جاد المسيح بالجواب، هكذا نعتقد، هكذا نتكلّم، هكذا نكرز، مُنذريّن باليسوع إلينا المسكونة". الحقيقي، ونكرّم قدسيّه، بالأقوال والتاليفات المعاني والضحايا والهيكل والأيقونات. فلما المسيح فنسجد له كسيدي واله، ونعبده، وأما القديسون فنكرّمهم لأجل السيد العمومي، كخدام له أخصاء، ونقدّم لهم السجود بحسب النسبة.

"**هذا إيمان الرسل، هذا إيمان الآباء، هذا إيمان المستقيمي**
الرأي، هذا الإيمان قد وطد.

بروكيمون The Prokeimenon

(Tone 7) – *Thrice*

Who is so great a God as our God?
Thou art our God, who doest
wonders.

أيٌ إلهٌ عظيمٌ مثلُ إلينا؟
أنتُ هو الله الصانع العجائِب وحدَك.