

St. George Orthodox Church

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MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH

GREAT FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION البشارة

Matins Gospel for the Feast {*Luke 1:39-49, 56*}

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

Greeters and Ushers: **Abeer Abuaita, Kholoud Hayek, Mary Ibrahim, and Evette Rishmawi**

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.

In the **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** {*The Golden-Mouth*}, we sing the **Special Hymns** on the [Bilingual sheets on the Narthex table](#):

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 2:11-18* {for the Annunciation}

Reader: **Anaam Abueita** (Arabic) and **Aida Nassar** (English)

Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:24-38* {for the Annunciation}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Jiries, Sam, and Richard Issac for the health of their family and in loving memory of father **John Isaac** (40 day).
- Dannie and Lubna Jones and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Rudy Jones** (40 day, Dannie's father).
- Zahra Hayek for the health of her family especially **Zahra, Walid, Wael, Amal, Kholoud, Jackleen, Mirvat, Naila, Hunida, Cassandra, Michael, Evan, Steven, Mariann, Reem, Qusta**, and **Matthew** and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Qusta**.

- Michael and Diana Rishmawi for the health of their family and especially grandson **Aziz Rishmawi** on the occasion of his birthday -- *May God grant him many years!* and in loving memory of **Aziz, Margarita, Carlos, and Miladeh Salomon** and **Saleem** and **Azizeh Rishmawi**.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **George** Rutherford (+Feb. 23rd, known to Protodeacon Michael) and **Lydia** Rishmawi (+March 14th, aunt of Jamil Rishmawi).
- 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), **Lana** Abu-Aita, **Shafiqa** Abuaitah, **Jane** Abueita, **Abla** Abufarha, **Maher** Alatrash, **Cesar** and **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** Deligorges, **Fadi** and **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, **Widad** Salomon, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophia Jr., and **Lois** Teunion.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Dunyia** Abufarha (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman) **Ghaida** Awad, and **Rachel** Sackllah (daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita).

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 *Jiries, Sam, and Richard Issac and Families*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: April 15th, May 6th, 13th, and 27th ~ 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.

DECORATIONS FOR THE GREAT FAST, HOLY WEEK, AND PASCHA Forms are on the narthex table. If you would like to donate, please fill out the form as soon as possible – thank you!

PASCHA EGGS We are blessed to have a sponsor to donate our eggs for Pascha, however, we are in need of 3 or 4 people to help color them. If you can take a few hours, please contact Hiam Andoni 810-813-1076 ~ THANK YOU!

APRIL EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

We have this on the 2nd Friday of the month (next month, April 13th). Registration is at 6:30pm and Play begins at 7pm. Next month, it is organized and chaired by Cam Takach (248-515-1733). Have you worked before? A number of our regular volunteers/workers will be out-of-town so we need YOU! If you would like to help for a couple of hours, please contact Cam TODAY!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On March 18th, our offerings were \$2,861, so we were short \$2,769 ☹️ If you have not already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support God's work at St. George!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- **Attention Parents:** We are in need of candy (to fit inside the plastic eggs) for our Pascha Egg Hunt, chocolate, and "Easter" baskets for our upcoming Palm Sunday Bake Sale on April 1st. If you will be baking for our bake sale, please drop your items off on Saturday, March 31st between 1-6pm. Money donations are also welcome to purchase items needed for both functions. Please drop off your donations this Sunday at the Church School Office. Parents, this is the only fundraiser we do all year! The funds raised buy all books, supplies, awards, and gifts ~ please consider donating. Thank you and God bless.

LENTEN POTLUCK DINNERS Our Ladies Auxiliary are hosting a Lenten Potluck Dinner after our combined Pan-Orthodox celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on March 28th. Please bring what is listed below according to the first letter of your last name. If you have any questions, please see or call our coordinators Anaam Abueita 810-962-1033 or Wafaa Elias 810-875-3398.

FOR OUR COMBINED CELEBRATION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH

<u>A-E</u>	<u>G-J</u>	<u>K-R</u>	<u>S-Z</u>
Main Dish	Desserts	Relish Dish or Bread	Salad or Side Dish

CLEANING AND DECORATING We will be cleaning and decorating for Palm Sunday, on Saturday, March 31st at 1pm and for Pascha on Saturday, April 7th after the morning Vespers Divine Liturgy at 10am -- everyone is welcome to come and help!

PASCHA BREAKFAST It's always a joy for us to break the fast together during our celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Our Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the breakfast and are looking for donations for this joyous occasion. If interested, please see Manal Abuaita, Anaam Abueita, or any member of the Auxiliary.

WHAT LANGUAGE DO YOU SPEAK? We are getting ready for the ***Agape Vespers*** on Pascha Sunday, April 8th at 1pm. The service calls for the Gospel to be read in many languages. We have the text for almost any language! Please see Father Joe or come to church on April 8th by 12:45pm.

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). She can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.

MARCH 25TH ~ GREAT FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Six months after John the Forerunner and Baptist's conception, the Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, a town of Galilee, to Mary the Virgin, who had come forth from the Temple a mature maiden (see feast of the Entrance of the Virgin Mary on November 21st). According to the tradition handed down by

the Fathers, she had been betrothed to Joseph four months. On coming to Joseph's house, the Archangel declared, "*Rejoice, thou Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*" After some consideration, turmoil of soul, and fear because of this greeting, the Virgin answered in humility: "*Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.*" She obtained full assurance concerning God's unsearchable condescension and the ineffable dispensation that was to take place through her. She believed all things are possible to the Most High. And at this, the Holy Spirit came upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her all-blameless womb, and the Son and Word of God, Who existed before the ages, was conceived past understanding, and became flesh in her immaculate body (Luke 1:26-38).

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COMING EVENTS

This Week	The Great Fast began on 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. On the <i>Feast of the Annunciation (TODAY)</i> , <i>fish, wine, and olive oil</i> are allowed.
Monday	Great Compline صلاة النوم الكبرى 6:30pm
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas 10am Combined Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy القداس السابق تقد يسه & Lenten Potluck 6pm
Friday	Little Compline صلاة النوم الصغرى and Canon of St. Lazarus 6:30pm
Saturday	Raising of Lazarus Combined Preparation of Gifts/Divine Liturgy follow by a Lenten Breakfast at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 9:30am Cleaning and Decorating for Palm Sunday at <i>St. George</i> 1pm Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

- 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 have an item that you would like to place in the Weekly Bulletin, please call the church office by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before.
- 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 Jamal Abuaita.
- 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 on the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6th month anniversary.



St. George
Church School
invites YOU to their
**Palm Sunday
Bake Sale**

Sunday, April 1st

Arabic Sweets, Lenten Desserts, Cakes, Pies, and Breads of all kinds!

**This is the Church School's ONLY Fundraiser...
Please Support Us!!!**

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!! We NEED YOU!!! Everything raised pays for books, supplies, incentives, and all expenses during the entire year! PLEASE bake something for the bake sale....PLEASE buy something at the bake sale....PLEASE be generous with your donation!! OUR CHILDREN ARE DEPENDING ON US!!!

Please drop off your baked goods in the Hall
on Saturday, March 31st between 1-5pm.

Pick up containers for your Baked Goods during Coffee Fellowship on March 25th!



What: **Agape Vespers**
followed by: Pascha Egg Hunt

Who: **All Children**

When: Sunday, April 8th at 1pm

**Bring a basket to collect
your goodies!**

We are in need of wrapped candy for our Pascha Egg Hunt. All money donations and candy can be dropped off in the Church School Office by Sunday, April 1st.

Any and all donations will be appreciated!

Mark your Calendars and Plan AHEAD!!!

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

April

Mar. 31	Saturday	Raising of Lazarus—<i>Preparation of the Gifts/Liturgy</i> at St. Mary Magdalene 9:30 am <i>Cleaning and Decorating of the Church (at St. George)</i> ----- 1 pm Great Vespers for Palm Sunday and Confessions ----- 5 pm
1	Sunday	Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem—Palm Sunday Matins – 8:50am Liturgy, Procession, and <u>Church School Bake Sale</u> ----- 10 am Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Monday ----- 6:30 pm
2	Monday	Presanctified Liturgy ----- 9 am Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Tuesday ----- 6:30 pm
3	Tuesday	Presanctified Liturgy ----- 9 am Confessions (*Last opportunity before Pascha!) -----5-6 pm Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Wednesday ----- 6:30 pm
4	Weds.	Presanctified Liturgy ----- 9 am Sacrament of Holy Unction ----- 6:30 pm <i>Holy Unction is a Sacrament of the Orthodox Church. The Sacrament of Holy Repentance (Confession) is required. Only Orthodox Christians may be anointed.</i>
5	Thursday	Celebration of the Institution of the Last Supper Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great followed by Lenten Potluck Meal----- 10 am Matins with Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels ----- 6:30 pm
6	Friday	Royal Hours ----- 9 am Decoration of Tomb follows Vespers of the Descent from the Cross ----- 3 pm Vigil at the Tomb of Christ sponsored by Teen SOYO begins Matins with the Praises at the Tomb / Procession with the Tomb ----- 6:30 pm
7	Saturday	Descent into Hades—<i>Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil</i> ----- 10 am Cleaning and Decoration of the Church follows

PASCHA

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sat. April 7/8	Nocturnes/Paschal Matins/Paschal Divine Liturgy ----- 11:30 pm <i>Agape Breakfast follows</i>
8	Sunday Agape (Baa'ooth) Vespers—Vespers of Love ----- 1 pm Reading of the Gospel in Different Languages and Pascha Egg Hunt follows

THE NEW (BRIGHT) WEEK

9	Bright Monday Paschal Liturgy either at <i>St. Nicholas (9:30am)</i> at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (10am)</i>
11	Bright Wednesday Paschal Liturgy at <i>St. George</i> ----- 6 pm
13	Bright Friday Paschal Liturgy at <i>Assumption</i> ----- 10:30 am