

St. George Orthodox Church

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MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH

2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – GREGORY PALAMAS, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONIKA

وأحد القديس غريغوريوس بالامس أسقف تسالونيكى

Tone 6 6th Matins Gospel {Luke 24:36-53}

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

Greeters and Ushers: **Amal Abu-Aita, Mary Khoury, Lucy AbuAita, and Rula Alkazaha**

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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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 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and was not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord glory to Thee.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 6 (*same as above*)

إن القوات الملائكية ظهروا على قبرك الموقر. والحراس صاروا كالأموات. ومريم وقفن عند القبر طالبة جسدك الطاهر. فسببت الجحيم ولم تجرب منها وصادقت البتول مانحاً الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الأموات يا رب المجد لك.

Troparion of St. Gregory Palamas—Tone 8

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation; O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians; O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonika and preacher of grace, always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

يا كوكب الرأي المستقيم وسند الكنيسة ومعلمها. يا جمال المتوحدين ونصيراً لا يحارب للمتكلمين باللاهوت.
غريغوريوس العجائبي فخر تسالونيكية وكاروز النعمة. ابتهل على الدوام في خلاص نفوسنا.

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 ومعنق، 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 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. إنني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله، أكتب لك رايات العلبة، يا جندية محامية، وأقدم لك الشكر كمنقذة من الشدائد. لكن بما أن لك العزة التي لا تحارب، أعتقيني من صنوف الشدائد، حتى أصرخ إليك: إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروس لها

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 {2nd Sunday of the Great Fast}

Reader: **Sally Abuaita** (Arabic) and **Janet Abueita** (English)

Gospel Reading: Mark 2:1-12 {2nd Sunday of the Great Fast}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Amjad Ishak, Evette Rishmawi, Mary Ibrahim and their Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of father **Nassim** Ishak (15 year).
- Protodeacon Michael Bassett for the health of his family especially wife **Pamela** and son **Christopher** on the occasion of their birthdays -- *May God grant them many years!*
- 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, Dannie's father), **John** Isaac (+February 13th), and **George** Rutherford (+February 23rd, known to Protodeacon Michael).
- 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 Janet Abuaita), **Shafiq**a 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.
- 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).

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 hosted by *Amjad Ishak, Evette Rishmawi, Mary Ibrahim and Families.*

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 Manal Abuaita. *During the Great Fast (February 19th – April 7th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are served.*

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT takes place every 2nd Friday of the month (THIS Friday, March 9th). 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)

LENTEN POTLUCK DINNERS Our Ladies Auxiliary are hosting Lenten Potluck Dinners after our celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. 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 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH

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

CREATIVE FESTIVALS PARENTS: your children have been working on their Creative Festival projects the past few weeks. If your child was working on it at home, they need to be turned in to their Church School teacher TODAY. Thank you and may God bless you all! Janet Abueita, Director and our Church School Staff and Students

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE We are very fortunate to have several scholarships available to those who wish to further their education. Some applications and qualifications are in the Lounge (*Antiochian Women and see below*). All Others can be located at: www.antiochian.org/scholarships. Please do not miss the DEADLINES!

ELINOR BOURJAILY ENDOWMENT FUND This fund is again offering scholarships for College Students. Applications are available in the Lounge. The deadline is March 30th so pick one up TODAY and send it in!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On February 25th, our offerings were \$1,672, so we were short \$3,958 ☹️ God bless our Church School students who offered \$241 in February! If you haven’t 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 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.

COMING EVENTS

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| 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. |
| Monday | Great Compline صلاة النوم الكبرى 6:30pm |
| Wednesday | Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas 10am Presanctified Liturgy القداس السابق تقد يسه & Lenten Potluck 6pm |
| Friday | Little Compline and Akathist to the Virgin Mary خدمة المديح (Madayeh) 6:30pm Euchre Tournament 6:30pm |
| Saturday | Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm |

MARCH 4TH ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST (GREGORY PALAMAS)

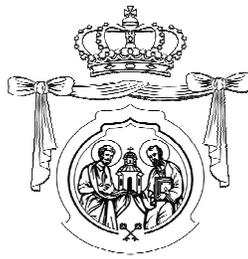
This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Berea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Akindinos, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Akindinos claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God that are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347, he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359.

His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica. A full service was composed for his feast day by the Patriarch Philotheos in 1368, when it was established that his feast be celebrated on this day. Since works without right faith avail nothing, we set Orthodoxy of faith as the foundation of all that we accomplish during the Fast, by celebrating the Triumph of Orthodoxy the Sunday before, and the great defender of the teachings of the holy Fathers today.

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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 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.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

March 2018

Beloved in Christ,

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

For many decades in the life of our Archdiocese, we have celebrated Antiochian Women's Month every March. I have always found this month to be very important during my many years of ministry, and I will continue to support it enthusiastically during my tenure as the Metropolitan – but perhaps not for the reasons many may wrongly assume.

Let me emphatically state that the purpose of this month is not meant to *allow* the women of our parishes to participate in the life of the Church one month out of the year. Women are an integral and vital part of the ministry of the Church year round!

We set aside this month of March to honor the unique ministry of the women of our Archdiocese. Often, the ministry of women is done quietly and can easily be taken for granted. There is the hard work of our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers in transmitting the Faith to our children – how often do we see and appreciate it? There are the various initiatives of the Antiochian Women. We might notice the help a bake sale provides our budgets, but do we take notice of their work in inspiring vocations, supporting seminarian families, endowing funds for orphanages around the world, or raising needed funding for the Antiochian Village? Do we honor the women who serve on our parish councils, direct our choirs, or lead our efforts in Christian education?

In our Orthodox iconographic tradition, the Theotokos is always portrayed pointing to her Son. Although her assent to bearing the Son and Word of God in her womb brought salvation to the world, she always humbly directs our gaze to Christ. This beautiful image so aptly describes the ministry of our Antiochian Women, who work so tirelessly in service to Our Lord and Savior. As the Metropolitan of this God-protected Archdiocese, I honor our Antiochian Women because their Christ-like service – in ways similar to their patroness, the Theotokos – will in turn point all of us to Christ.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to all of the Antiochian Women for their selfless ministry. I ask that all of us work together to support their initiatives and never take them for granted. Praying that we all enter into the time of the Great Fast with a spirit of love, humility, and service, I remain,

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

+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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Pascha Date (*Kaak*) Cookies!

The Ladies are making and selling Date Cookies by the dozen.

Please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ladies or send it to the Church by March 18th. For questions, see any of our Auxiliary members.

Order DEADLINE: *Sunday, March 11th*

DELIVERY: *Sunday, March 18th*

Order Form

| Item | Number of Dozens | Total (\$15 per dozen) |
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| Date Cookies (<i>Kaak</i>) | | |

Name _____