

April 8, 2018

The Great and Holy Pascha (Passover)

The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

Greeters and Ushers: *Members of our St. George Parish Council*

(Khaled Abuaita, Anwar Abueita, Emil Abueita, Basil Andoni, John Farah, Habeeb Ghattas, Aida Nassar, Jeanette Nassif, and Fadi Rishmawi)

Please follow the **Pascha Bilingual Service** {white sheets}. When Divine Liturgy begins (*Red Service book*, p.91 and *Bilingual books*), all special Hymns are in the Pascha Bilingual Service.

Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending our Pascha celebration. 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 our Paschal Breakfast 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 6pm), 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.

Holy Bread Offerings

- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially sons **Fred, Omar and Salam.**
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita and Family for the health of their family especially daughter **Watan** on the occasion of her birthday -- *May God grant her many years!* and in loving memory of Sally's aunt **Mary** and Sally's grandmother **Rahma.**
- Janet Abueita for the health of her family especially **Anwar** on the occasion of his Name's Day and **Tony, Chrissy, Haleena, Maliyah, Anthony, Michael, Iliyana, Jacqueline, John, Jenny, Tony, and Mathew** -- *May God grant them many years!*
- George, Muna, Suheil, and Abeer Abuaita for the health of their families and in loving memory of parents **Nahil** (17 year) and **Issa** (15 year) Abuaita.
- This morning we also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **George** Rutherford (+Feb. 23rd, known to Protodeacon Michael) **Lydia** Rishmawi (+March 14th, aunt of

Jamil Rishmawi), **Tatiana** (Tina) Shamie (+March 26th, known to Fr. Joe and Leslee), and Dr. **John Dalack** (+March 31st, Secretary of the Archdiocesan Board of Trustees).

- 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**a Abuaitah, **Abla** Abufarha, **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, **Daisy** Isaac, **Daniel** Isaac, **Nawal** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Deborah** and **Mary** Salim, **Widad** Salomon, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion.
- Remember in your prayers those who are with child: **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunya** Abufarha (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman) **Ghaida** Awad, **Wiam** Khair, and **Rachel** Sackllah (daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita).

Reception of Holy Communion

If you are planning to take Communion and have a special need or circumstance, please let one of the ushers know so we may assist you. Thank you -- St. George Ushers

Announcements

- For the next forty days, until the Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on May 17th, we greet each other with ***Christ is Risen!*** and respond ***Indeed He is Risen!***
- Our Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to our **Paschal Breakfast** immediately following the Paschal Liturgy. Let us break the fast together! Thank you to all who donated toward the breakfast (if you would like to donate, see Anaam Abueita or any member of the Auxiliary.
- **Vespers of Love (Baa'ooth or Agape Vespers) and Egg Hunt** TODAY Pascha, April 8th at 1pm. This service is a continuation of our celebration of Pascha. **If your children did not come tonight, then you NEED to come to this service (not just the egg hunt) so our children can sing "Christ is Risen", process with candles, etc. like we did tonight.** During the service, the Gospel is read in different languages. If you would like to read, speak with Fr. Joe or come to church by 12:45pm. Also, please have your children bring a basket to collect their goodies at the Egg Hunt. **If you can help, please see Janet Abueita TODAY!**
- **Pascha Dinner Party today at 4pm!** Please see *Khaled Abuaita, Anwar Abueita* or Fadi Rishmawi for more information NOW.
- **Thank you to all parishioners** who baked, bought, and gave their support to our Church School Program – the *Palm Sunday Bake Sale* profit was \$1850!
- **APRIL EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** We have this next Friday April 13th. Registration is at 6:30pm and Play begins at 7pm. This month, it is organized and chaired by Cam Takach (248-515-1733). **A number of our regular volunteers/workers will be out-of-town so we need YOU!** Have you worked before? If you would like to help for a couple of hours, please contact Cam TODAY!

- The national **Food For Hungry People** campaign that has been going on during the Great Fast is over today. If you would like to make a final donation to help the hungry, boxes are on the tables in the hall. Please bring in your donations and return your boxes and canisters ASAP.
- May God bless all who donated toward Decorated Icons, Incense, Flowers, Palms, Ferns, Pascha Eggs, and all the other items during the Great Fast, the Great and Holy Week, and Holy Pascha. Without your generosity we could not express our Orthodox Faith and celebrate this Feast of Feasts!
- Fr. Joe and Protodeacon Michael will be out-of-town April 13th-15th. **For emergencies only** while they are away, please call Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-771-4611), Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070).
- **Thank you** to the members of our **Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Ushers, Kelly Dotson**, our office secretary, and **Jim** and **Mary Rozier**, our custodians, for all of their hard work which enabled everything to be beautiful along with being done properly and in order.

<u>Bright Week – No Fasting</u>	
TODAY	<i>Vespers of Love {Baa'ooth or Agape Vespers}</i> and Egg Hunt 1pm
Monday	Bright Monday Paschal Liturgy at St. Nicholas in Burton 9:30am OR Paschal Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton 10am
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	Bright Wednesday Paschal Liturgy at St. George 6pm
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
Friday	Bright Friday Paschal Liturgy at Assumption 10:30am Euchre Tournament 6:30pm OCF at St. George 7pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers

Paschal Greeting and Response

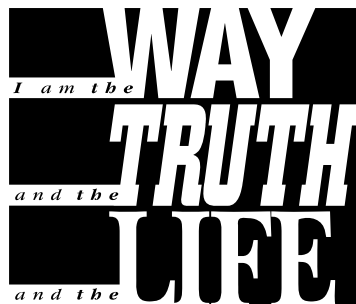
Used until Our Lord's Ascension on the 40th day after Pascha (May 25th)

English: *Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

Arabic: *Al-Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!*

Greek: *Christos Aneste! Alethos Aneste!*

Slavonic: *Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*



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His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Right Reverend
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

Diocese of Toledo and
The Midwest

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Great and Holy Pascha ~ the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord
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Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Midwest Diocese,

Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

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The gift of salvation, by and in Christ, has been completed in Holy Week and Pascha. When the iron nails fastened his outstretched hands to the cross, Christ broke the iron grip in which the devil held us. There, he snapped the bands of death, the wages of sin, which he dug out by the roots when the earth quaked at Golgotha. He redeemed us at the cross; he recovered us when he freed us from Hades on the Sabbath of Saturday; and he renewed us at his resurrection. Redemption, recovery, renewal: all of these are the meaning of these Holy Days of Holy Days!

Let us always remember this great summary of salvation from St. Gregory of Nyssa: “*As the principal of death took its rise in one person and passed on in succession through the whole of human nature, so the principal of resurrection extends from one Person to the whole of humanity. This is the mystery of God’s plan with regards to His death and His resurrection from the dead.*”

May the Light of the Empty Tomb shine in our hearts forever!

Yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

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The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



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All North America

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OF NORTH AMERICA**

Great and Holy Pascha 2018

“Lo through the Cross has joy come into all of the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection. For by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.”

Beloved in Christ,

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Having traversed the time of the Great Fast with fasting and repentance, and having witnessed the Passion and Burial of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, with fear and awe, we now enter in the radiant joy of the Resurrection!

At a time when humanity appears to be throwing itself into ever more darkness, we rejoice in the fact that Christ destroyed death by the very means of death. In other words, Our Lord has shown Himself to be the faithful Bridegroom who can take our very means of rebellion and transform them into Life-giving means of communion.

Let us with grateful hearts embrace the mystery of the Life and Light pouring forth from the Empty Tomb and, together, take up the evangelical labor of proclaiming to the world that the Lord is indeed risen and will indeed transform our sorrows into joy!

Yours in the Risen Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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~ Items for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha ~ THANK YOU, DONORS!

2 pounds of Incense:

- **Ayman** and **Wafaa** Elias for the health of the **Elias, Hanna, and Joubran Families** and in loving memory of children **Elias** and **Joselyn**.

Holy Week Items:

- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by Anonymous for the health of their family.
- *Fern Arrangements* offered by **Khader** and **Lucy** Abuaita for the health of their family.
- *Fern Arrangements* offered by **Donald** and **JoAnn** Hawkins for the health of the **Hawkins, Shahin, Rhinehart, and Moore Families** and in loving memory of departed members of the **Brackett, Hawkins, Rhinehart, Shahin, and Moore Families**.
- *Flowers for the Bridegroom Icon* offered by **Jamal** and **Manal** Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Manal's** mother **Mariam** and in loving memory of **Mounir**.
- *Flowers for the Crucifixion Icon* offered by **Martin, Jennifer**, and **Emma** Koshaba for the health of the **Khoshaba, Joubran, Elias, and Hanna Families** and in loving memory of **Badia** Houry, **Saleem** Hanna, **Joselyn** and **Elias** Elias, **Ghais** Hanna, and **Hermiz** Khoshaba.
- *Flowers for the Un-nailing of Jesus Icon* offered by **Fares** and **Sahar** Abdallah for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Sahar's** mother **Hilda** Haddad Zureikat.
- *Flowers for the Entombment of Jesus Icon* offered by **George** and **Hiam** Ishaq for their health of **Nusta, George, Hiam, Nida, Nidal, and Samer**.
- *Crown of Thorns* offered by Drs. **Ronald** Shaheen and **Kathy** Kudray for the health of their family and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice**, and brother **Kenneth** Shaheen.
- *Flowers for the Tomb of Christ* offered by the **Ghattas Family** for the health of their families and in loving memory of **George, Lucy, Salwa, Edward, Yousif, Freida, Elia, Ajaeb, Eskander, Daad, Kamelia, Fouad, and Samira**.

Paschal Candles:

- **Fares & Sahar** Abdallah for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Sahar's** mother **Hilda** Haddad Zureikat.
- **Habeeb** and **Denise** Ghattas for the health of her family and in loving memory of **Denise's** father the **Archpriest** **Basil** Karpelenia, **Denise's** aunt **Helen** K. Persson, and **Denise's** brother **Daniel** Karpelenia.
- **Zahra** Hayek for the health of her family and in loving memory of husband **Qusta** Hayek.

Resurrection Icons Flowers:

- **Habeeb** and **Denise** Ghattas for the health of her family and in loving memory of Denise's father the **Archpriest Basil** Karpelenia, Denise's aunt **Helen K.** Persson, and Denise's brother **Daniel** Karpelenia.

Lilies:

- **Issa** and **Esperanza** Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Issa, Esperanza, Sandy, Raad, Josalien, David, Nougod, Nejma, George,** and **Blanka** and in loving memory of **George** and **Wadeea** Khair.
- **Khaled** and **Sally** Abuaita for the health of their family especially children **Watan, Ayham,** and **Majd** and in loving memory of Sally's aunt **Mary** and Sally's grandmother **Rahma.**
- **Ibrahim** and **Eman** Abufarha for the health of their family.
- **Issa** and **Lina** Burbar and Family for the health of the **Burbar, Damouni, Kassis, Haddad, Shehaddah, Houry, Rizk, Abu-Diwan** and **Hannoush Families** and in loving memory of **Abdallah** Burbar, **Halim, Nametallah, Hassam, Bassim Kassis, Diab, KaremeH,** and **John Rizk, Laurance** Abu-Diwan, **Elias, Mary, Jad, Bisharah, Kamel** and **Melakeh, Josephine** Damouni, **Ramon** Afarah.
- **Dr. David** and **May** Gantos and Family for the health of the **Gantos, Damouni, Farah, Rizk, Kassis, Burbar,** and **Haddad Families** and loving memory of **Laura** and **Shane** Gantos, **Shoukrey** Abdo, **Lynn** Khouri, **Basseem** Kassis, **Diab, KaremeH, John** Rizk, **Laurance** Abu-Diwan, **Elias, Mary, Jad, Bishara, Kamel, Josephine** Damouni, **Ramon** Afarah, **Malakeh** and **Grandparents.**
- **Donald** and **JoAnn** Hawkins for the health of the **Hawkins, Shahin, Rhinehart,** and **Moore Families** and in loving memory of departed members of the **Brackett, Hawkins, Rhinehart, Shahin,** and **Moore Families.**
- **Najwa** Joubran for the health the **Hanna, Elias, Joubran,** and **Khoshaba Families** and in loving memory of **Badia** Khoury, **Saleem, Joselyn, Elias, Ghais, Zahwee, Naeem,** and **Hermiz.**
- **Richard** Shaheen for the health of his family especially niece **Joann** and **David** Merrelli and in loving of memory of parents **Fred** and **Mamie** Shaheen and sister/brother in law **Patricia** and **Harry** Haddad.
- **Douglas** and **Sandy** Thomas for the health of their family especially **Laney, Morgan,** and **Jordan** and in loving memory of parents **Jean** and **Alex** Khouri and **Marvin, Virginia** and **Ken** Thomas.

Paschal Floral Arrangements:

- **Timothy** Beers for the health of his family especially **Victoria** and Godchildren **Branden, Tanner,** and **Sofie** and in loving memory of **George, Lourice, Sam, Sadie, Handoumi, Harry, Louise,** and **Fred.**

Paschal Eggs:

Basil and **Hiam** Andoni for the health of their family especially their grandchildren and **John** and **Widad** Salomon and in loving memory of **George** and **Rosa** (Basil's parents).