

May 19, 2019

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! المسيح قام! حقا قام!**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA: RAISING OF THE PARALYTIC**

Tone - 3 5<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {*Luke 24:12-35*}

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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 following Special Hymns for today:

**First Paschal Antiphon**

Verse 1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the Earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Refrain: *Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

V. 2 Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee! {Refrain}

V. 3 Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!  
{Refrain} then Glory to the Father...now and ever... then {Refrain}

**Second Paschal Antiphon**

V. 1 God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us! Refrain: *O Son of God who arose from the dead, ..., Alleluia.*

V. 2 That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations! {Refrain}

V. 3 Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! {Refrain}  
Glory to the Father...now and ever... then "*Only begotten Son...*"

**Third Paschal Antiphon**

V. 1 Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered! Let those who hate Him flee from before His face!

Refrain: *Christ is Risen...*

V. 2 As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. {Refrain}

V. 3 So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad! {Refrain}

V. 4 This is the day, which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! {Refrain}

### Entrance Hymn

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God who hast risen from the dead save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

في المجمع باركوا الله، الرب من ينابيع إسرائيل، خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من قام من بين الأموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا

### Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has done a mighty act with His own arm. He has trampled down death by death and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades granting the world the great mercy.

لتفرح السماويات وتبتهج الأرضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزا بساعده، ووطئ الموت بالموت، وصار بكرًا للاموات. وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنح العالم الرحمة العظمى.

#### **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 ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طيبب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

#### **Kontakion for the Pascha—Tone 8**

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory, Thou arose from the dead, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the Myrrh-Bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

ولئن كنت نزلت إلى قبري يا من لا يموت. إلا أنك حطمت قوة الجحيم وقمت غالباً أيها المسيح الإله. وللنساء الحاملات الطيب قلت افرحن ولرسلك وهبت السلام. يا مانح الواقعين القيام.

**Epistle Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42* {4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha}

**Gospel Reading:** *John 5:1-15* {4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha}

### Holy Bread Offerings

- Zahra Hayek and Family for the health of their 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 sister-in-law **Olga** Hayek (9 day), **Qusta, Naji, Attalah, Dahabieh, Michael, George, Hanna, and Najia**.
- Basil and Hiam Andoni for the health of their family and in loving memory of **George** Salim (9 day, Beit Sahour, Basil's sister-in-law).
- Shawki and Reema Khoury and Family for the health of the family and in loving memory of son **George** (40 day).
- Protodeacon Michael and Pam Bassett for the health of their family especially Goddaughter **Zoe** Moore on the anniversary of her baptism and in loving memory of **Naomi** McCarron (16 year, aunt).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Hanneh** Jaraysa (+April 13<sup>th</sup>, grandmother of Fady Jaraysa), **Barbara** Finch (+April 15<sup>th</sup>, mother of Elise (Bill) Sophica),

**John** Khoury (+April 28<sup>th</sup>), **Lana** Elias (+May 11<sup>th</sup>, relative of the Elias and Hanna Families), and **Izzat** Qumesiah (+May 12<sup>th</sup>, brother of Aziz).

- 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, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Laila** and **Sahar** Abdallah, **Androlla** Abu Aita, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Georgette** Abueita, **Khaled** Al-Khoury, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Roland** and **Ronald** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** & **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elias** Rishmawi, **John** Salomon, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; Drs. **Ryan**, **Lindsey** and newborn **Haley Marie** Brunner (April 17<sup>th</sup>); **Ayman**, **Diana** and newborn **Yazan** Khair (April 17<sup>th</sup>); **Julianos** Awad who is to brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Katrina** (Gary) Gagne and **Sandy** (Raad) Qumsieh {daughter of Issa and Esperanza}

**Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:**

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O Pure Virgin! Again, I say rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people. *Hymn:* Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son.

**Communion Hymn for Pascha**

*(Refrain)* Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality.

جسد المسيح خذوا والينبوع الذي لا يموت ذوقوا. هلوليا.

*(Verse)* Great is the mystery of Thy resurrection, O Christ. *(Refrain)*

*(Verse)* From the supper, the Immortal One willingly cometh to the passion. *(Refrain)*

*(Verse)* Then was Hades, who accounted and demanded of souls, embittered at the encounter. *(Refrain)*

*(Verse)* Then was Mary, who anointed and worshipped God before the tomb, made glad. *(Refrain)*

*(Verse)* Tell Peter and the other apostles that the Immortal One hath risen from the dead. *(Refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Reception of Holy Communion**

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion.

Instead of "We have seen the True Light...", we sing **Christ is Risen...** {once}.

After the Paschal Dismissal, Fr. Joe will say, *Glory to His holy third-day Resurrection*, and everyone responds, *We adore His third-day Resurrection*. We then sing, **Christ is Risen...**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION DAY COOK-OUT** Our Church School invites EVERYONE to celebrate *Recognition Day!* Please congratulate our teachers and children for a GREAT year while having a GREAT time!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.



**ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC** is Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Flushing Valley Golf Club. The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and to raise money for our church. Hole Sponsorships are needed, which is great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity for a business for only \$125 (see flier on Narthex Table). Donations of prizes, gift cards and/or money to buy gifts are also needed ~ you do not need to be a golfer to support this wonderful event. If you are interested or need more information, see Tony Daoud (810-730-1011).

### COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline from Pascha to Pentecost ( <i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil, and their by-products</i> ) is observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays. The Patriarchate of Antioch allows for no fasting from Pascha to Ascension.
Monday	<b>Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b> 6-8pm
Wednesday	Combined <b>Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for Mid-Pentecost</b> at St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton) 10am <b>Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b> 12-2pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday	<b>Cooking of Meat Pies</b> 10am <b>Awad Baptism</b> 5pm
Friday	<b>Visit of St. John Vianney Catholic School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class</b> 10:30am
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

## Spiritual Adulthood:

### Those occasions when we mature into spiritual adulthood

*by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington*

There are those times in our lives when God seems distant, even absent from us. These are usually times when our faith seems weak and we struggle to believe God really cares for us, or perhaps we begin to question whether God even exists. In Western Christian tradition, these moments are often referred to as the dark night of the soul. God seems as though He is far removed from us and we struggle with our faith.

In such moments, it is good to remember that God is closer to us than our own breath and we only sense He is absent. God uses such periods in our life as a way to make us work at the relationship. As we struggle, we grow stronger. When God seems to withdraw Himself it is something like the parent who stands his toddler on his feet and moves a few feet away, encouraging the child to take his first steps, alone. The parent is prepared to reach out, should the child fall, but letting the child take that first step is necessary for the child's development.

Each time we are forced to work at this relationship, God's grace builds us up, making it possible for us to mature in the faith. Spiritual growth cannot happen unless we know the need for God, since the Lord will not force Himself on us. The awareness of God's presence comes with struggle, and as long as we do our part, God's grace flows abundantly.



# Middle Eastern Luncheon and Bake Sale

**Thursday, May 30, 2019**

**11am-3:00pm**

**St. George Orthodox Church**

**5191 Lennon Road**

**Flint, MI**

**(Behind Kohl's) Between Linden and Dye Roads**

## Menu

**Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew  
(Yahnee) and Rice, Hummus, Salad,  
Pita Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea**

**\*Vegetarian Plate available\***

**Cost: \$10**

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**St. George at 810-732-0720**

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