

St. George Orthodox Church

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7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA ~ HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL/SUNDAY AFTER
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN ON THE 40TH DAY AFTER PASCHA

Tone 6

10th Matins Gospel {John 21:1-14}

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

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 following **Special Hymns**:

First Festal Antiphon (*verses from Psalm 46*)

Verse 1 Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

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

Verse 2 For the Lord Most High is terrible, a great King over all the earth. *Refrain*

Verse 3 He hath subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. *Refrain*

Verse 4 God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen. *Refrain*

Second Festal Antiphon (*verses from Psalm 47*)

Verse 1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountains.

Refrain: O Son of God who didst ascend in glory from us to Heaven, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Verse 2 The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. *Refrain*

Verse 3 God is known in her towers, when He cometh to help her. *Refrain*

Verse 4 For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *O only-begotten Son ...*

Third Festal Antiphon (verses from Psalm 48)

Verse 1 Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

Verse 2 My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Verse 3 I will incline mine ear unto a parable, I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

Refrain: Troparion of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—Tone 4

O Christ God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit! Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world! لقد صعدت بمجد أيها المسيح الهنا، وفرحت تلاميذك بموعد الروح القدس، وثبتتهم بالبركة، لأنك ابن الله منقذ العالم

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

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.

إن القوات الملائكية ظهروا على قبرك الموقر. والحراس صاروا كالأموات. ومريم وقفَتْ عند القبر طالبةً جسدك الطاهر. فسبيت الجحيم ولم تجرّب منها وصادقتِ البتول مائحاً الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الأموات يا ربّ المجد لك.

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Troparion of the Holy Fathers—Tone 8

Most glorified art thou, O Christ our God, who hast established our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to thee.

أنت أيها المسيح إلهنا الفائق التسبيح، يا مَنْ أسست أباؤنا القديسين على الأرض كواكب لامعة، وبهم هديتنا جميعاً إلى الإيمان الحقيقي، يا جزيل الرحمة، المجد لك.

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 طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—Tone 6

When Thou did fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven: Thou did ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!

لما أكملت التدبير الذي من أجلنا، ووحدت الأرضيات والسماويات، صعدت بمجد أيها المسيح الهنا، دون أن تبرح مكاناً، بل لابناً غير منفصل وهاتفاً بمحبتك: أنا معكم، وليس أحد عليكم

Epistle Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36* {7th Sunday of Pascha}

Gospel Reading: *John 17:1-13* {7th Sunday of Pascha}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Raji and Susan Salomon and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of **John Kiley** (40 day, Sue's father).

- Zahra Abuaita and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband **Hanna** (6 month).
- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of aunt **Naomi** McCarron (15 year).
- St. George Parish for the health of their families especially our **Church School Staff** and **Students** for a wonderful year -- *May God grant them many years!*
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **James** Delbridge (+May 3rd), **Fadi** Al-Khoury (+May 4, cousin of Khaled Al-Khoury), and **Gloria** Zelenko (+May 8th, friend of our parish from St. Nicholas).
- 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), **Manal** Abuaita, **Abla** Abufarha, **Cesar** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Elaine** Gejoff, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Mary** Salim, **Widad** Salomon, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophia Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; **Wiam** Khair and newborn **Katherine** (May 12th); **Ghaida** Awad and newborn **Julianos** (May 16th).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunyia** Abufarha (Ibrahim and Eman's daughter-in-law), **Julia** Khouri, and **Rachel** Sackllah (Suheil and Abeer's daughter).

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).

Instead of singing, *We have seen the True Light...*, we sing the **Troparion of the Ascension** (see above)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 27th, June 17th and 24th ~ 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. *During the Apostles' Fast (this year from June 4th to 28th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are to be served.*

BISHOP ANTHONY His Grace will be with us Pentecost Weekend May 26th and 27th for our Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy, Great Vespers for Pentecost, and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for Pentecost. Please make plans to attend!

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 Leslee Abud (laabud@aol.com or 810-845-8162).




ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC is Saturday, June 9th at Flushing Valley Golf Club. The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and raise money for our church. Hole Sponsorships are needed, which is great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity for businesses for only \$100 (see flier in the Lounge). If you are interested or need more information, see the fliers in the Lounge or contact the office 810-732-0720. Our committee is Khaled Abuaita, Anwar Abueita, John Farah (chairman), and Fadi Rishmawi.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY (OCPM) St. Paul say our Savior wants all men to be saved and know the truth. St. Matthew say when we minister to those whom are thirsty, hungry, naked, in need shelter, sick, or in prison, we minister to Jesus Himself. We write to inmates in prison and it can change a life. One inmate responds: *"the church my family were members of for four generations severed ties with me as they have no prison ministry ... OCPM showed me a faith I could cling onto before I let it slip away. My eyes teared up upon receiving your letter ... I will require much prayer and counsel"*. Our local parishes participate in the ministry of OCPM corresponding with about 15 inmates - most of them here in Michigan prisons - and also visiting when possible. If you would like to learn more, support, or serve our ministry, please contact Dn. Mike Bassett 989-627-9580 / frdnmike@gmail.com / or go to www.theocpm.org.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	There is no fasting until our celebration of the Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40 th day after His Resurrection (May 17 th).
Monday	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12:30-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday	Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy with Bishop Anthony 10am Great Vespers and Confessions with Bishop Anthony 5pm

- If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship over the next few months 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.
- 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 along with the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6th month anniversary.



Middle Eastern Luncheon and Bake Sale

**Thursday, May 31, 2018
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

For Information call: St. George at 810-732-0720

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