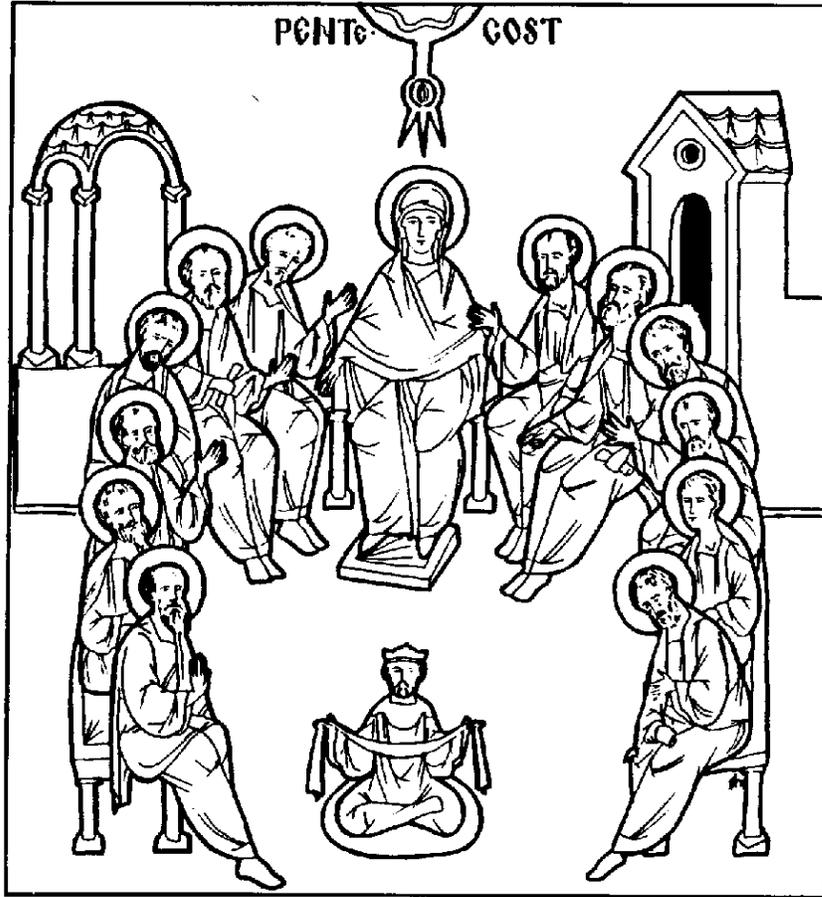


May 27, 2018

*Descent of the Holy Spirit
on Pentecost (50 days after Pascha)*

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“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”

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.

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

Matins p.44
8:50am

Divine Liturgy p.91
10:00am

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

In the **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**, we sing the following special hymns,

Holy Bread Offerings

- George and Jeanette Nassif for the health of family and in loving memory of son **Paul** (43 year).

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

◆ **Shane** Gantos – May 28th

◆ **Jennifer** and **Victor** Zrour – June 1st

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- ◆ This morning we 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), **Gloria** Zelenko (+May 8th, friend of our parish), and **Robert** Mourad (+May 20th, cousin of Sue Shaheen).
- 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, **Michael** Farah, **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** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; **Wiam** Khair and newborn **Katherine** (May 12th); **Ghaida** Awad and newborn **Julianos** (May 16th).
- Remember in your prayers those who are with child: **Rasha** Abuaita, **Dunya** Abufarha (Ibrahim and Eman's daughter-in-law), **Julia** Khoury, and **Rachel** Sackllah (Suheil and Abeer's daughter).

For the *Kneeling Prayers from the Great Vespers of Pentecost*, please follow the Bilingual Sheets.

➤ 2nd Offering at the end of Divine Services for **Midwest Missions**

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE The week after Pentecost is *Fast-Free*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by our *Parish Council* in honor of Bishop Anthony's visit!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: 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 (June 4th to 28th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are to be served.*

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this great event for our community, family, and friends THIS Thursday, May 31st from 11am-3pm. Tickets are available from any member. Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries. Cooking Schedule at 10am each day: this Tuesday, May 29th 10am – Spinach Pies; Wednesday, 10am - Cooking and Preparing Food. If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, please contact Sally Abuaita (810-965-1046). *Please bring sweets to the hall on Wednesday, May 30th or early on Thursday.* **Donations are welcomed to offset our costs.**

ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC



The Classic is Saturday, June 9th at Flushing Valley Golf Club and it 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 businesses for only \$100 (see flier in the Lounge).

If you are interested or need more information, see the fliers in the Lounge, contact the office 810-732-0720, or see our committee: Khaled

Abuaita, Anwar Abueita, John Farah (chairman), and Fadi Rishmawi TODAY!!!

MIDWEST DIOCESAN PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE JUNE 20TH - 24TH The PLC will be hosted by St. Elias-Sylvania, OH. Hotel, Conference Registration, and all forms are available at their website: <http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html>. Bishop Anthony is encouraging all of our parishioners to attend! We will have parishioners in the Bible Bowl (Thursday night, June 21st) – come and cheer them on! Please take note of deadlines and make your reservations as soon as possible! We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will participate.

FEED GENESEE Next Sunday, June 3rd, the Soup Kitchen truck will be here to pick-up our donations. Items needed are on a flier in the Lounge. All of the Orthodox Churches of

Greater Flint are supporting the work of Catholic Charities in Genesee County by helping to feed the hungry. Remember you may bring your items at any time to be put in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer. May God be with the needy and may He bless those who help them.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,710 to meet our 2016 Budget. On May 20th, our offerings were \$2,863 so we were short \$1,847! ☹️ **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!** If you haven't already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support God's work here at St. George!

SUMMER SEASON REMINDER With the warmer weather, people tend to dress down. As Orthodox Christians, we know that our attire should be modest at all times, most especially in church: never bare shoulders, inappropriate shirts, short skirts, or shorts. We wear our "Sunday best" for God, in whose presence we come whenever we enter His holy temple (whatever day of the week). We should dress up a bit for God, because it shows we respect Him. Unless we cannot afford anything else, we need to do better than jeans, T-shirts, flip-flops, etc. Just as it would be considered disrespectful to show up at the White House without proper attire—no man can enter the Oval Office without a coat and tie—we should be at least as concerned about how we present ourselves to the Ruler of heaven and earth, our King, Lord, and God. If you are going somewhere after church where you need to dress casually, bring a change of clothing and change after Coffee Fellowship. Remember; use your best judgment and good taste when dressing for church. After all, we do not go to be seen by anyone, but to meet and worship God.

COMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	Cooking Spinach Pies 10am
Wednesday	Preparation for Lunch and Bake Sale 10am
Thursday	Middle Eastern Community Lunch and Bake Sale 11am-3pm
Saturday	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 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.
- ☞ **OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Tuesday and Wednesday (1pm-4pm); Thursday and Friday (10am-4pm) and can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.

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 OF NORTH AMERICA

May 27, 2018

Great Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost

Beloved Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Today we proclaim with immense joy we have *seen the True Light and have received the Heavenly Spirit* for with the presence of the Spirit is the fulfillment of Christ's promise and the completion of hope. For, the Holy Spirit provides all things.

As we meditate upon the mystery of this Great Feast, let us focus on the intimacy of the union of the three-person Godhead in the undivided Holy Trinity. As the hymnographer explains, "the Father timelessly hath begotten the Son, equal to Him in eternity and the throne; and the Holy Spirit was in the Father, glorified with the Son, one Might, one Substance, one Godhead." The Church Fathers speak of this intimacy in terms of a joyous dance of love of three persons around each other. It is this intimate communion and relationship that Christ himself prayed would prevail among His disciples and the Church when he asked, "*that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.*" (John 17:21).

At the intersection of the horizontal communion amongst all humanity, and the vertical communion between united humanity and the united three-person Godhead, we find the Life-Giving Cross ~ through which joy has come into all the world! Let us work to nourish the love of one another so we too may join in the dance of love among the persons of the Holy Trinity.

We are reminded, too, of the Apostles' mission to the nations and recall that the Holy Spirit, who descended upon the Apostles 50 days after our Lord's resurrection, remains with the Church to this day. Our Lord's instruction to "preach to all of the nations" has not been withdrawn and is as urgent as ever. Therefore, on this Great Feast, I am once again asking all parishes in the diocese to take up a special collection in support of our local mission fund.

May the Comforter and Spirit of Truth abide in your hearts that we may all abide with the Holy Trinity until the ages of ages. Amen!

Yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

+Bishop ANTHONY
Bishop of Toledo
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

P.S. Checks may be made payable to the "Diocese of Toledo Mission Fund" and sent in care of Nicholas Ayoub, 1251 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Thank you for your generosity.

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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