

St. George Orthodox Church

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2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: *ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA*

Tone 1

2nd Matins Gospel {Mark 16:1-8}

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

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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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. John Chrysostom** {*the Golden-Mouth*},
we sing the following **Special Hymns**:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud to Thee, O giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1 (*same as above*)

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنُودِ. قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أُيُّهَا الْمَخْلُصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قَوَاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَّفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ. الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمَلَكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِكَ.

Troparion of All Saints of North America—Tone 8

We offer unto Thee, our Father in Heaven, the first fruits of sanctity sown in this new land: the blessed elder Herman of Alaska, the holy martyrs Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut; the holy hierarchs: Metropolitan Innocent, Patriarch Tikhon, Archbishop John, Bishops Nicholai and Raphael, the righteous priests Yakov and Alexis and all Thy saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in America. Fill Thy Church

with Heavenly joy, grant peace to our land and to Thy holy Church, and sanctify all those who worship Thee; through the intercessions of the Theotokos and of all Thy saints, O most merciful One.

نقدم اليك، يا أبانا الذي في السماء، أولى ثمار القداسة التي زرعت في هذه الأرض الجديدة: الشيخ هيرمان المكرّم الذي من الأسكا، والشهداء المقدسين جوفينالي وبيتر الأليوتي؛ الكهنة المقدسين: متروبوليت إنوسنت، البطريك تيخون، المطران يوحنا، الأساقفة نيكولاوي ورفائيل، الكهنة الصالحين ياكوف والكسيس وجميع قديسيك، المعروفين وغير المعروفين، الذين أشرقوا في أمريكا. املاً كنيستك بالفرح السماوي، وامنح السلام لأرضنا وكنيستك المقدسة، وقدس كل أولئك الذين يسجدون لك، بشفاعاة والدة الالهة وجميع القديسين، ايها الاله الرحيم.

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 for All Saints of North America—Tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the Angels glorify Him, and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

اليوم جوقة القديسين الذين ارضوا الله في أرض أمريكا الشمالية، تقف في الكنيسة وتصلّي سرياً من أجلنا أمام الله، ومعهم الملائكة تمجّده، وجميع قديسي كنيسة المسيح تحتفل معهم؛ و معاً يصلون من أجلنا إلى الاله الذي قبل الدهور.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 2:10-16* {2nd Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:18-23* {2nd Sunday of St. Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Evelyn Delbridge and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **James** (40 day).
- Monica Benson and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband and father **Gary** (8 year) and daughter and sister **Emily** (8 year).
- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family especially **Arianna** Moore on the occasion of her High School graduation, sister **Zoe**, and parents **Katherine** and **Ron** and in loving memory of **Neil** Canon (12 year).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Fadi** Al-Khoury (+May 4, cousin of Khaled Al-Khoury), **Gloria** Zelenko (+May 8th, friend of our parish), **Robert** Mourad (+May 20th, cousin of Sue Shaheen), **Lily** Nassif, (+May 25th, mother of Samia Sadik), **Masara** Alatrash (+May 31st, mother of Awni Alatrash), and **George** Mitri (+May 25th, father of Elias).
- 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, **Pamela Mary** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Michael** Farah, **Vera** Farah, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **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., **Lois** Teunion, and **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe);

Wiam Khair and newborn **Katherine** (May 12th); **Ghaida** Awad and newborn **Julianos** (May 16th); **Noah** Musleh who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of his First Communion.

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Rasha** (Luai) Abuita, **Dunya** 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and hosted by *Monica Benson and Family*.

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

ST. GEORGE PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE After almost 2 years in planning, meetings, preparation, and inspections, God willing we will be opening soon! If you would like to see what we have been working on, see Leslee Abud or Protodeacon Michael for a tour today!

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 others, but to meet and worship God!

تذكير لفترة الصيف مع بداية تحسن الطقس الذي أصبح أكثر دفئاً ، يميل الناس إلى ارتداء ملابس خفيفة. ولكن نحن كمسيحيين أرثوذكسيين ، نعلم أن ملابسنا يجب أن تكون بسيطة ومحترمة في جميع الأوقات ، وخاصة في

الكنيسة : لا ملابس مكشوفة الكتفين, أو غير ملائمة, أو تنانير قصيرة أوسراويل قصيرة . يوم الأحد (أو في أي يوم من أيام الأسبوع) نرتدي أفضل ما لدينا من ثياب لأننا نكون في حضرة الله كلما دخلنا بيته المقدس , ويجب أن نرتدي ملابس لائقة , تظهر احترامنا لله. في حال عدم قدرتنا على تحمل أعباء شراء الملابس , نحن مازلنا بحاجة إلى ارتداء ما هو أفضل من الجينز والتي شيرت و الصندل... الخ. فكما يعتبر عديم الاحترام من يدخل الى البيت الأبيض بدون ملابس مناسبة (لا يمكن لأي شخص الدخول إلى مكتب البيت الأبيض بدون بدلة رسمية وربطة عنق) كذلك فانه من الأوجب أن نكون قلقين من كيفية تقديم أنفسنا أمام حاكم السماء والأرض , ملكنا , ربنا , والهنا . إذا كنت ستذهب إلى مكان ما بعد الكنيسة حيث تحتاج لارتداء ملابس مختلفة , فبإمكانك احضارها معك , وتبديلها لاحقاً". تذكر أن تختار بحكمة وذوق حسن, ملابسك التي سترتديها للكنيسة . و بعد كل ذلك نحن لا نذهب الى الكنيسة لمقابلة أشخاص , ولكن للقاء الله و تقديم العبادة له!

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On June 3rd, our offerings were \$1,300, so we were short \$4,430 ☹️ **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!** If you have not 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 810-732-0720 during normal Office Hours ~ Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm).

COMING EVENTS

This Week The **Apostles' (Peter and Paul) Fast** began on June 4th and continues until their feast day on June 29th. The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, meat by-products, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; and (*no meat, poultry, meat by-products, eggs, dairy, and their by-products*) is observed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Monday	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm
Tuesday	Altar Society Dinner Meeting see Theresa Farah for information 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12:30-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 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.

All Saints of North America



On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Saints of all times and in every country, are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to *"lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us"* and to *"run with patience the race that is set before us"* (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant

Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. **St. Herman of Alaska** (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The **Protomartyr Juvenal** was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, **St. Peter the Aleut** was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were **St. Innocent Veniaminov** (March 31 and October 6) and **St. Jacob Netsvetov** (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetev died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive **St. Alexis Toth** (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates (Melkites or Roman Catholics) to Orthodoxy.

St. Tikhon Belavin, the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, St. Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow.

St. Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. St. Tikhon's grave was discovered on February 22, 1992 in the smaller cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don Monastery when a fire made renovation of the church necessary.

St. Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at St Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, St. Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to St. Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. St Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. **St. John Kochurov** (October 31) and **St. Alexander Hotovitzky** (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. St. John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in St. Petersburg. St. Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.