

June 2, 2019

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

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

Tone - 5 8th Matins Gospel {*John 20:11-18*}

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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} *continued* ☩

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 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

لِنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلِمَةِ. الْمَسَاوِي لِلآبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الْأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ. الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا. لِأَنَّهُ سَرَّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يعلَوْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ. وَيَحْتَمِلَ الْمَوْتَ وَيُنْهَضَ الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

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 قوّة الجحيم وقُمت غالباً أيها المسيح الإله. وللنساء الحاملات الطيب قلت افرحن ولرُسلك وهبت السلام. يا مانح الواقعين القيام.

Epistle Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34* {6th Sunday of Pascha}

Gospel Reading: *John 9:1-38* {6th Sunday of Pascha}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Tawfiq and Midhat Abu Aita and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of wife and mother **Androlla** Abu Aita (9 day).
- Sami Alshahouri and Vera Daoud and Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of brother and uncle **Emil** Isaac (9 day).
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Androlla** Abu Aita (9 day).
- Kh. Suheila Qassis, George, Jalal, and Suheil Abuaita and Family for the health of the family and in loving memory of brother **Hanna** (6 month).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **John** Khoury (+April 28th), **Lana** Elias (+May 11th, relative of the Elias and Hanna Families), **Olga** Hayek (+May 12th sister-in-

law of Zahra Hayek), **Izzat** Qumesiah (+May 12th, brother of Aziz), **George** Salim (+May 13th, brother-in-law of Basil Andoni), and **Widad** Salomon (+May 19th).

Baptism/Chrismation Days

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

- **Lukas** Cooper – June 3rd
- **Andrew** Alkazaha – June 6th

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

- 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), **Sahar** Abdallah, **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, **John** Salomon, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch, **William** Sophia Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; Drs. **Ryan**, **Lindsey** and newborn **Haley Marie** Brunner who will be brought back into the life of our parish through the Prayers of Churching; **Rene** Hanna and **Natania** Pribis who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- 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 proclaim, *Glory to His holy third-day Resurrection*, and everyone responds, *We adore His third-day Resurrection*. We then sing, **Christ is Risen...**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP MEMORIAL MEAL is in our Lounge and hosted by *Tawfiq and Midhat Abuaita*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 30th, July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th ~ 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 29th 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 Ascension (<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	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 6-8pm
Wednesday	Evening Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension on the 40th Day of Pascha 6pm [if you cannot come this evening, go tomorrow!]
Thursday	Divine Liturgy for Great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 10am
Saturday	Hanna/Pribis Wedding 3pm No Great Vespers

Your Best Friend: Your closest friend should be yourself

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

If you have never learned to accept and love yourself, you will never be able to love another person. If you don't learn to forgive yourself, you will never be able to forgive another person. You must learn to be your own best friend.

To love yourself is not about narcissism, an excessive focus on oneself that can be a sign of serious mental illness. Rather, the love of oneself that is healthy, is the love we have for what God has created. We recognize we have been created in His image and likeness, and we are worthy of love, because God Himself loves us.

Being our own best friend is a recognition that what God has created is good, and the invitation to commune with our Creator God has set us apart from the rest of creation. Being our own best friend is the way to kindle within ourselves a grateful heart, and open us to the love God has for us, and, in turn, give us the ability to love God, and to love others.

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- 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.



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May 15th, 2019

To all the Clergy and the Laity of the Holy Orthodox Churches in the United States;
Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ: **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

The Hierarchs of The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America have approved the sixth Sunday of Pascha, **Sunday, June 2nd**, of this year, to be **Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday** in all Orthodox parishes of North America.

“Let there always be a preponderance of mercy within you, even though you don't feel such mercy in yourself as God has for the world. A cruel and merciless heart is never purified. A merciful man is the doctor of his own soul because as a strong wind from his heart, he drives out the darkness of the passions.” (St. Isaac the Syrian, Homilies, 41)

May God help each of us find that level of mercy within us when it comes to people in prison. No matter what crime they may have committed, they are still human beings made in the image and likeness of God Himself. It is possible to hate the crime but to love the criminal. OCPM needs all our help to bring the mercy, forgiveness, and love of Christ to these precious souls. The Holy Orthodox Church, through OCPM, offers both hope and healing to those living in such darkness.

Please remember “these the least of my brethren” by assisting OCPM with this vital ministry, not forgetting that **“the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement”** (St. John of Kronstadt). After passing a tray for the ongoing work of your parish, please pass a second tray on Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday, June 2nd, and kindly send these gifts to OCPM as soon as possible.

With much love and thanks in our Risen Lord,

Fr. Stephen Powley
Executive Director
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