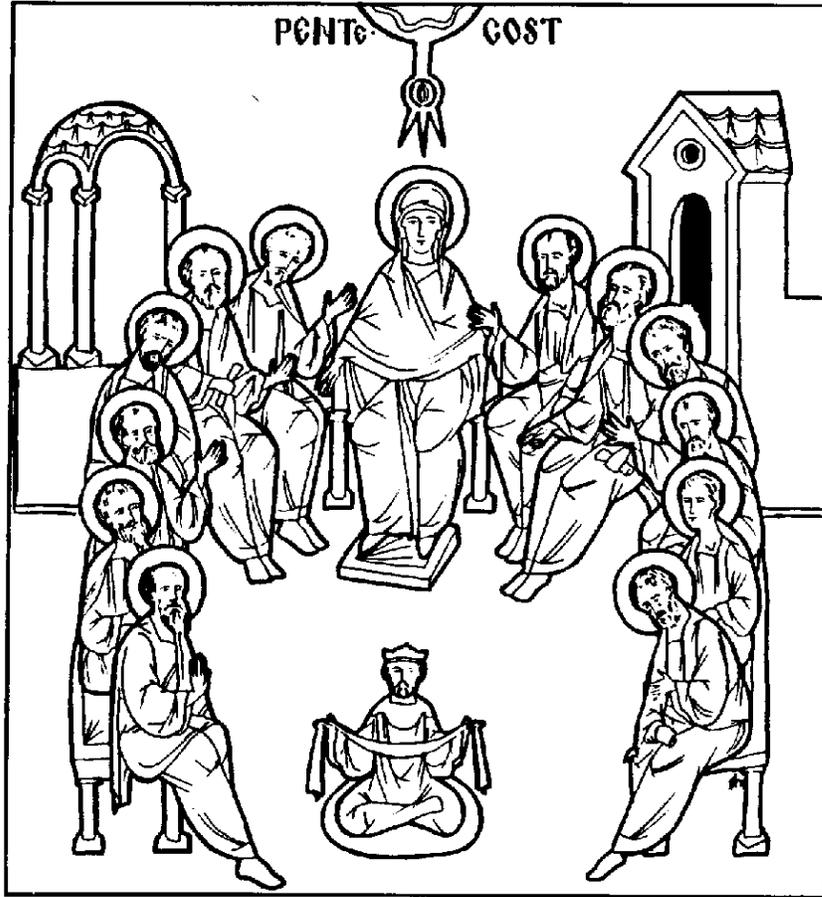


June 16, 2019

*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**

Holy Bread Offerings

- Nakhleh Khoury and Family for the health of his family and in loving memory of son **John** (40 day).
- Michael and Nancy Silpoch for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Frank Salim** (Nancy's father), **Rudolph** Silpoch (Michael's father), grandfathers **Elias**, **Nickola**, **Joseph**, and **Anthony**.

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:

- ◆ **Isabella** Ibrahim and **Christina** Rishmawi – June 20th

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: **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), **Widad** Salomon (+May 19th), **Androlla** Abu Aita (+May 23rd), and **Emil** Isaac (+May 26th, brother/uncle of Sami Alshouri and Vera Daoud).
- 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), **Soad** 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** Sophiea 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.

- Remember in your prayers those who are with child: **Katrina** (Gary) Gagne, **Jennifer** (Michael) Habbo {daughter of James and Maggie David}, **Kari** (Panayiotis) Mikroudis {daughter of John and Theresa Farah}, and **Sandy** (Raad) Qumsieh {daughter of Issa and Esperanza}.

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 MEMORY MEAL is hosted by *Nakhleh Khoury and Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 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).

St. George will be CLOSED Next Sunday, June 23rd

*EVERYONE is invited to attend Divine Liturgy beginning at 10am
at one of our sister parishes:*

Assumption 2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

St. Mary Magdalene 2439 S Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430

St. Nicholas 2143 Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm). The Office is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kelly can be reached at the church office 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe, Deacon Michael, and other parishioners will be out-of-town attending our *Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference* in Champaign, IL. *For emergencies only*, please call Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-629-4427) or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070).

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Your help is needed on Tuesday, June 25th from 9am-12:30pm! If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599). Since our children are out of school, this is a great opportunity for the whole family to follow our Lord's command of "*feeding the hungry*"!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,793 to meet our 2019 Budget. On June 9th, our offerings were \$1,400 so we were short \$3,393! ☹️ **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!** If you have not already, please fill out your 2019 Offering Form and support God's work here at St. George!

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK! Keep in touch and find out about parish events and news.

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

TODAY	Ladies Auxiliary <i>after the Kneeling Prayers</i>
Mon-Weds.	Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School <i>at St. Nicholas</i>
Weds-Sun.	Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference <i>in Champaign, IL</i>
Saturday	No Great Vespers
Next Sunday	St. George is CLOSED
Tues. June 25	North End Soup Kitchen 9:30am-12:30pm
Sat. June 29	Golf Classic



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.

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**

June 16, 2019

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!

Again and again we are refreshed with the awareness that we have seen the True Light and have received the Heavenly Spirit. On Pentecost, we once again begin our daily and liturgical prayers by saying: *“O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things...”*

At the Lord’s Ascension, he told His disciples, *“you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Our Lord’s instruction to *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”* has not been withdrawn. Indeed, the coming of the Holy Spirit is the indwelling power of God to the end that we might fulfill this commission. As I have said before, the victory of Christ given to every man objectively must be accepted by each man subjectively. I must want what I have! I make His victory over death my own by living the virtues of Christ personally. The work of the Holy Spirit is to shape us in virtue so we attain life and we desire this not only for ourselves and our own families, but for every man and woman and child with whom we live and work.

Pentecost is Mission Sunday throughout our diocese. We have several active missions in our diocese that need and deserve our help. Our Missions Council is also working to expand the presence of the Orthodox Church in the Midwest. As we renew our lives in the Spirit, please remember all parishes are asked to take a special offering on this day to support our mission parishes.

May the Comforter and Spirit of Truth abide in our 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

PARISHES Please send checks in care of the Honorable Nicholas Ayoub, 1251 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 made payable to the “Diocese of Toledo Mission Fund”. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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