

July 21, 2019

**5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: RIGHTEOUS FATHERS JOHN OF EDESSA IN
MESOPOTAMIA AND SIMEON OF HOMS (EMESA), THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST**

Tone - 3 4th Matins Gospel {Luke 24:1-12}

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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:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen granting the world great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4 (*same as above*)

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن! من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهجة، و طرحن القضية الجدية و خاطبن الرسل مفتخراتٍ و قاتلاتٍ قد سبي الموت و قام المسيح الإله مانحاً العالم الرحمة العظمى.

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 the Virgin Mary—Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O

despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee. Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرؤدة لا تعرضي عن اصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما انك صالحه، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الاله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 10:1-10* {5th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 8:28-9:1* {5th Sunday of St. Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Sami and Nafeh Al-Sahoury, Issa and Vera Daoud, and their Families for the health of the families and in loving memory of Nicola **Nabil** Isaac (9 day, brother of Sami and uncle of Vera).

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:

- **Lana** Elia – July 16th **Nour** Ishak – July 17th
- **Julian** Alkazaha – July 19th • **Nicole** and **Tanas** Khoury – July 20th

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

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Darryl** Bray (+July 9th, known to our Preschool Director, Jessica Blake) and **Jamila** Bannura (+July 13th, aunt of Khaled Alkhoury).
- 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** and **George** Abueita, **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** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** 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; **Raad**, **Sandy** and newborn **Luka** Qumsieh (June 16th); **Gary**, **Katrina** and newborn **George** Edward Gagne (June 27th).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jennifer** (Michael) Habbo {daughter of James and Maggie David} and **Kari** (Panayiotis) Mikroudīs {daughter of John and Theresa Farah}.

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).

- Since Church School is not in session, our children and their parents will receive Holy Communion together! Please wait in your pew until an usher comes to dismiss you.
 - If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion.
 - If you have a special need, let one of the ushers know so they may assist you.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENTAL Our Banquet Center is rented today. Please be respectful to our renters and their guests by not disturbing their event. Thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and hosted by *Sami Al-Sahoury and Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: July 28th, August 4th, 11th, and 18th ~ 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.

PARKING LOT PLEDGES As you all know, we are moving forward with replacing our Parking Lot. Thank you to those who already pledged their donations ABOVE and BEYOND their normal offerings to St. George. The Parking Lot Pledge Form will be available soon. ALL of our parishioners are asked to do their best (that's all God ever asks!). The pledges we have, the less the loan amount will have to be. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our Parish Council members (*Anwar Abueita, Fadi Rishmawi, Emil Abueita, Aida Nassar, Khaled Abuaita, Raed AbuAita, Tony Daoud, John Farah, Habeeb Ghattas, or Fr. Joe*).

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please mark your calendars and come help feed the hungry during our once-a-month commitment at the Soup Kitchen this Tuesday, July 23rd 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 perfect time for the whole family to help "*feed the hungry*"!

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday-Sun	Archdiocesan Convention hosted by St. Nicholas-Grand Rapids, MI
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers
Next Sunday	Divine Services as normal

Relevant for All Ages and Times ~

Embracing Orthodoxy: The Mind and Heart of the Ancient Universal Church

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

In an age when many people think truth is relative, the knowledge there is such a thing as absolute truth is comforting. The freedom that comes with the knowledge

that we are able to embrace teachings that are a continuation of an unbroken line dating back to apostolic times is liberating. As Orthodox Christians, we are not faced with the troubling task of interpreting the scriptures anew, or deciding moral and dogmatic teachings for ourselves, or trying to make our faith relevant for this age. Rather, we can immerse ourselves in the knowledge that we have embraced the Mind of the Ancient Universal Church.

We have not had to reinvent the Faith, because we have aligned ourselves with the Church that is both ancient, and relevant for the modern seeker. We know the Church's teachings are not based on the finite mind, or the imagination of our own fallen nature, but the eternal truths that have endured from ancient of times.

It is comforting to know the Church has remained true to her inheritance for some two thousand years. It is liberating to know ancient Christian dogmas, ways of worship, and moral teachings, are guiding our lives, just as they have for two thousand years.

Truth is not relative, but is absolute. There is no greater freedom, than to be able to receive, as our own, the transcending truth that has made saints, from ancient times. There is no greater freedom than being able to embrace the absolute truth that has transcended time, space, culture, and race. No greater joy than to be counted as belonging to Christ, and having joined ourselves to the very Church He founded.

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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.
- If you would like to host our Coffee Fellowship 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 would like to offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation or Offering*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, please call the church office (810-732-0720) by 12 Noon the Wednesday before.
 - If the offering is in memory of a loved one, please state if you would like to have a **Memorial Service**, which takes place near the end of Divine Liturgy. It is always appropriate to have a Memorial Service 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. If you would like to make the Holy Bread, please see or contact Aida Nassar 810-433-1515.
- **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 during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.