

July 28, 2019

**6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON, AND PARMENAS,
DEACONS AND APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY**

Tone - 5 6th Matins Gospel {*Luke 24:36-53*}

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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 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.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 5 (*same as above*)

لُنْسَبِّحُ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلِمَةِ. الْمَسَاوِي لِلأَبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الأَبْتَدَاءِ. المَوْلُودِ مِنَ العَذْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا.
لَأَنَّهُ سَرٌّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يعلَوْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ. وَيَحْتَمِلَ المَوْتَ وَيُنْهَضَ المَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ المَجِيدَةِ.

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.

بِمَا أَنْكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مَحْرَرٌ وَمَعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَيِّيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَكَافِحٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا العَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ جَاوِرِ جِيُوسِ اللِّابِسِ الظُّفْرِ، تَشْفَعُ إِلَى المَسِيحِ الإِلهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration (للتجلي) of Christ—Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as

they could bear it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy passion was voluntary and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

تجلّيتَ أيها المسيحُ على الجبلِ وحسبما وسَّعَ تلاميذكُ شاهدوا مجدكُ . حتَّى عندما يعاينوكُ مصلوباً يفظنوا أن آلامكُ طوعاً باختياركُ . ويكرزوا للعالم أنكُ أنت بالحقيقة شعاغُ الأب.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 12:6-14* {6th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:1-8* {6th Sunday of St. Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Laila Abud, Fr. Joe, Leslee, and the Abud Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Joseph** (13 year).
- 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), **Jamila** Bannura (+July 13th, aunt of Khaled Alkhoury), and Nicola **Nabil** Isaac (+July 14th, brother of Sami Alsahouri and uncle of 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), **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, **Olga** Nassar, **George** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **John** Salomon, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoeh, **William** Sophia Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; **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) Mikroudou {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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Ayman and Wafaa Elias*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: 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 more 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*).

Thank you and God bless

... **Phyllis Good, Rene and Natania Hanna, Salim Hanna, George and Jeanette Nassif, Camela and Paul Takach, and Anonymous** who donated toward our new air conditioners in our Church School/Preschool and Childcare!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be \$4,792 to meet our 2019 Budget. On July 21st, our offerings were \$1,005 so we were short \$3,787 ~ ☹! **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!**

BOOKSTORE NEWS Read the "*Love Story*" of God and His people (US)! ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLES are available for purchase from our Bookstore.

BOOKS ON THE DIVINE LITURGY Our St. George Library has a number of books to learn more about the Divine Liturgy: *A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy, An Introduction to the Divine Liturgy, Living the Liturgy, Let Us Attend-A Journey through the Orthodox Divine Liturgy, The Melody of Prayer: How to Personally Experience the Divine Liturgy, Meditations on the Divine Liturgy,* and more. Check one out TODAY!

CANDLE PRICES This is just a reminder that the bees wax and votive candles are \$1 each and the 7-day candles are \$5 each. Parents are asked to be with their children at all times so they do not burn themselves or take too many candles.

AKATHIST On July 31st at 6:30pm, our parish family will offer the service of Small Compline with the Akathist Prayer **Jesus: Light to Those in Darkness**. Our desire is to intercede with Christ our God for our Priest, our parishioners, and others whose names you may bring with you: For relief from their spiritual and physical suffering and that Christ would be to them and us a Light in times of darkness. Come and offer up your prayers and fulfill the many scriptures telling us to *pray for one another that you may be healed (James 5:16)*.

FEED GENESEE Next Sunday, August 4th, the Soup Kitchen truck will be here to pick-up our donations. Items needed are on the flier in the Lounge. All of the Orthodox Churches in Genesee County are supporting the work of Catholic Charities. Remember you may bring your items at any time (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.

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.
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Pool Party at Hiam Bathish's home 3pm
Wednesday	Akathist to Jesus: Light to Those in Darkness 6:30pm
Friday	Pan-Orthodox OCF (<i>Orthodox Christian Fellowship</i>) at St. George 7pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

Discernment ~ We must use discernment when sharing the faith

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

The holy Elder Porphyrios of Mount Athos was forced to move to Athens because of his poor health. While walking with two young spiritual daughters in the area of Omonia one day, they spotted a young woman coming their way wearing the familiar "super mini skirt".

"You do well to not judge her", said the Elder, to his spiritual daughters. *"Do not judge people from their outward appearance. That girl you see has a wonderful soul! She has a dynamic soul. That which she is doing now, that is, provoking, is due to the strength of her soul. Imagine what would happen if that girl came to know Christ, and knew everything that you know. Then she will certainly reach a high place."* The holy Elder demonstrated the discernment we must all have regarding our neighbor.

On another occasion, he met with some young women who had come to see him. Although they were dressed indecently, the Elder Porphyrios chatted with them on various spiritual topics, but he made no comment regarding their appearance. However, the man who was with him was internally indignant toward the young women, scandalized, as he was, by their lack of respect for the Elder.

Upon their departure, Elder Porphyrios, smiling, told the man he was *"not as strict as you are"*. *"Those girls came here with that appearance and I did not make a comment. I have another tactic. Because, even if I did talk about their appearance, since they have no faith in Christ, they would not comply. I first attempted to bring them to faith in Christ, and then, by themselves, they will understand their error and correct it."*

The holy elder demonstrated the importance of always using discernment when dealing with those who are not living the Orthodox faith. In refusing to judge them, Elder Porphyrios acknowledged the importance of sharing Christ, thus giving the person the opportunity to be transformed by the very Christ Who has the power to change hearts.

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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.