

# St. George Orthodox Church

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## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

APOSTLES SILAS, SILVAN, CRESCENS, EPENETOS AND ANDRONIKOS OF THE SEVENTY

Tone 7 8<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {John 20:11-18}

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

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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8:50am

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10:00am

Memorial Service

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**Welcome to St. George!** 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. 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, receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy, and all are welcome to Coffee Fellowship in the hall.

## Special Hymns for the Typika Service

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection—Tone 7**

No longer will the dominion of death be able to keep men captive; for Christ has descended, demolishing and destroying the powers thereof. Hades is bound and the Prophets rejoice with one voice, saying: A Savior has come for those that have faith. Come forth, you faithful, and enter into the Resurrection.

### **Kontakion of the Transfiguration (التجلي) 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.

تجلّيت أيها المسيح على الجبل وحسبما وسع تلاميذك شاهدوا مجدك . حتى عندما يعاينوك مصلوباً يفتنوا أن ألامك طوعاً باختيارك . ويكرزوا للعالم أنك أنت بالحقيقة شاعر الأب .

**Epistle Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:10-17* {8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 14:14-22* {8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew}

### Holy Bread Offerings

- Gennadiy 'G' Prilutskiy and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of wife and mother **Zoya** (6 months).

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Dorothy Maschke** (+June 25<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Sharon Abu-Aitah), **Lorraine Roum** (+June 25<sup>th</sup>, friend of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee), **Kh. Stefanie Yazge** (+June 29<sup>th</sup>, friend of Fr. Joe and Leslee), **Raymond Shaheen** (+July 9<sup>th</sup>, brother of Sally Joseph), **Nasim Abuaita** (+July 14<sup>th</sup>, father of Raed), and **Norma Eileen Salim** (+July 21<sup>st</sup>, former parishioner).
- 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**, **Hanna Abuaita**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Alex Deligorges**, **Vera Farah**, **George Gantous**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Karen Hargreaves**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland & Ronald Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **John & Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Saliba Musleh** (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Laura Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**; **Isabella Abufarha** who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of her First Communion.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Chrissy Abueita**, **Ola Alqazaha**, **Haneen Burbar**, **Andrea Ferris** (former parishioner), **Lameese Porada** (daughter of Jiries and Sharon Abu-Aitah) and **Jenny Salsa** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita).

### 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 can receive Holy Communion together! Everyone should wait in their pew until an usher comes to dismiss them for Holy Communion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by *Gennadiy Prilutskiy and Family*.

**RENTAL** Today, our Banquet Center is rented and Coffee Fellowship will be in the Lounge. Please be respectful to our renters and their guests by not disturbing their event. Thank you!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: August 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 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, please see Manal Abuaita. *During the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Fast (August 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are to be served.*

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** Next Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the Great Feast of our Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor (Matthew 17:1-13). As is the custom, we will be blessing grapes and other fruit at the end of Liturgy. Please bring your grapes and fruit and put them on the table in the front of the church to be blessed and shared during Coffee Fellowship.

**DORMITION (ASSUMPTION OR FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS** We will have a Pan-Orthodox celebration with our brothers and sisters at Assumption Church (2245 Baldwin Road [between Holly and Fenton Roads] Grand Blanc 810-771-4611) of their Patronal and Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos beginning with Great Vespers and the Blessing of the Five Loaves, Wheat, Wine, and Oil (*Artoklasia*) with His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will end the celebration with Divine Liturgy (10:30am) on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN** Fr. Joe is attending the Archdiocesan Convention in Miami, FL and God willing returns late this evening. Protodeacon Michael will celebrate **Matins** (8:50am) and the **Typika Service** at 10am. **For emergencies while Fr. Joe is away**, please call Protodeacon Michael Bassett (St. George, 989-627-9580), Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-771-4611), Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for everyone's safe travels.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,710 to meet our 2017 Budget. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, our offerings were \$1,290, so we were short \$3,420 ☹️ **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!** If you haven't already, please fill out your 2017 Offering Form and support God's work at St. George!

### COMING EVENTS

This Week	The <b>Dormition Fast</b> for the <b>Dormition</b> ( <i>Falling Asleep or Assumption</i> ) of the <b>Virgin Mary</b> begins on Tuesday and lasts until the feast on August 15 <sup>th</sup> . The traditional fasting discipline during this fourteen day period is <i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil and their by-products, except on Saturdays and Sundays</i> when <i>wine and olive oil</i> are allowed. On the Feast of our <b>Lord's Transfiguration</b> (Saturday, August 6 <sup>th</sup> ), <i>fish, wine, and olive oil</i> are allowed.
Tuesday	<b>Dormition Fast for the Virgin Mary Begins</b> ( <i>see above</i> )
Thursday	<b>Abufarha Baptism</b> 5pm
Friday	<b>Pan-Orthodox OCF/YAF at St. George</b> 7pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

### JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> ~ APOSTLE SILAS OF THE SEVENTY APOSTLES

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetos and Andronikos were disciples of our Savior.

Saint Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the "chief men among the brethren" (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe the Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, giving the decision of

the Council that Christians of Gentile origin did not have to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to refrain from fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Saints Paul and Barnabas, the Council of the Apostles sent Saints Silas and Jude to explain the message in greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Saint Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but Saint Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted Saint Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, Macedonia.

In the city of Philippi, they were accused of inciting unrest among the people, and for this they were arrested, beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, suddenly there was a strong earthquake, their chains fell off from them and the doors of the prison opened. The prison guard, supposing the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself but was stopped by the Apostle Paul. Then, he fell down trembling at the feet of the saints, and with faith accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of the prison and took them to his own home, where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with his entire household.

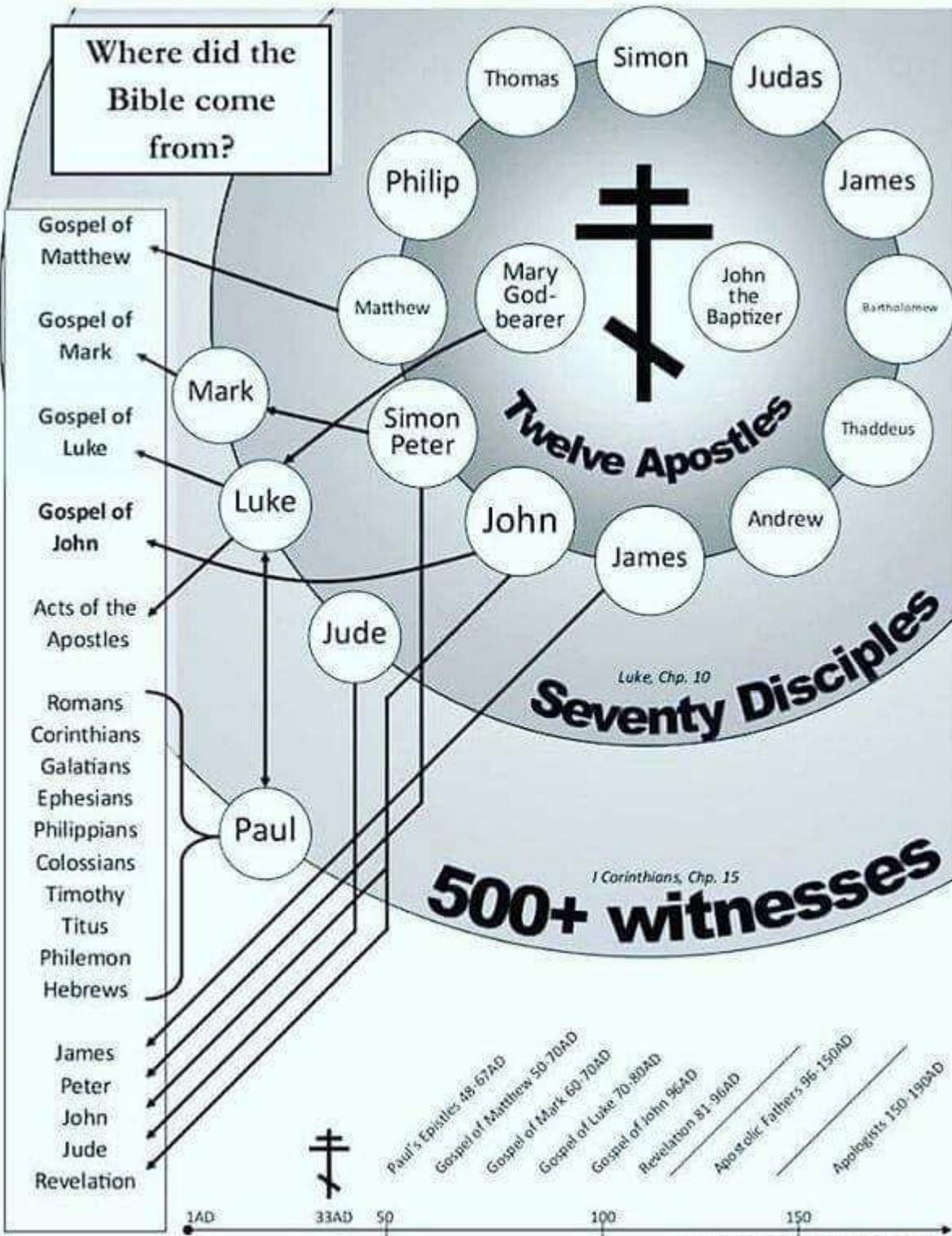
From Philippi Saints Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica. In each city, they made new converts to Christ and built up the Church.

At Corinth, the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop, and worked many miracles and signs, and there he finished his life.

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- If you have an item that you would like to place in the Weekly Bulletin, please call the church office by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before.
- If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday or anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.
- **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](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com).
- 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 offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, you may phone the church office (810-732-0720) by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before. If you are making the Holy Bread, Fr. Joe needs it on Saturday—please make arrangements with him. If you do not make the Holy Bread, Fr. Joe will buy it from Balkan Bakery at a cost to you of \$37.

Where did the Bible come from?



- Gospel of Matthew
- Gospel of Mark
- Gospel of Luke
- Gospel of John
- Acts of the Apostles
- Romans
- Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- Peter
- John
- Jude
- Revelation

*Luke, Chp. 10*  
**Seventy Disciples**  
*1 Corinthians, Chp. 15*  
**500+ witnesses**

Paul's Epistles 48-67AD  
 Gospel of Matthew 50-70AD  
 Gospel of Mark 60-70AD  
 Gospel of Luke 70-80AD  
 Gospel of John 96AD  
 Revelation 81-96AD  
 Apostolic Fathers 96-150AD  
 Apologists 150-190AD

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