

# St. George Orthodox Church

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**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

**GREAT MARTYR PROCOPIOS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE**

Tone 5

6<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {Luke 24:36-53}

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

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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10:00am

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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**:

**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. لِأَنَّهُ سَرٌّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يعلَوْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ. وَيَحْتَمِلُ المَوْتَ وَيُنْهَضَ المَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ المَجِيدَةِ.

**Troparion for St. Prokopios—Tone 4**

Thy Martyr, O Lord, by his struggle has received from Thee, our God, the imperishable crown; because acquiring Thy strength, he demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through the intercessions of the Great-martyr Prokopios, O Christ God, save our souls.

شَهِيدُكَ يَا رَبِّ بِجَهَادِهِ نَالَ مِنْكَ إِكْلِيلَ عَدَمِ البَلَى يَا إِلَهَنَا. لِأَنَّهُ أَحْرَزَ قُوَّتَكَ فَحَطَّمِ المَغْتَصِبِيَّةَ وَسَحَقَ بَأْسَ الشَّيَاطِينِ الَّتِي لَا قُوَّةَ لَهَا. فَبِتَوَسُّلَاتِهِ أَيُّهَا المَسِيحُ الإِلَهُ خَلِّصْ نَفُوسَنَا.

### **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 المرذودة لا تعرضي عن اصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما انك سالحة، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

**Epistle Reading:** *Romans 12:6-14* {6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

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

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially son **Fred** and niece **Heather** on the occasion of their birthdays – *May God grant them many years!*

### **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:

**Batoul Burbar – July 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

- We also pray for the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Masara** Alatrash (+May 31<sup>st</sup>, mother of Awni Alatrash).
- 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, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Manal** Abuaita, **Abla** Abufarha, **Cesar** Banna, **Pamela Mary** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Michael** Farah, **Vera** Farah, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Mary** Salim, **Widad** Salomon, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., **Lois** Teunion, and **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe); **Abeer** Mitri and newborn **Nawa** (June 12<sup>th</sup>); **Maximus** Abuaita who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion; **Elias** and **Kimberly** (Bayyouk) Fanous who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunyia** Abufarha (Ibrahim and Eman's daughter-in-law), **Julia** Khouri, and **Rachel** Sackllah (Suheil and Abeer's daughter).

### **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). 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.

- 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.
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is in our Lounge and hosted by *our St. George Preschool and Childcare!*

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<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, see Manal Abuaita.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX PICNIC AND SOFTBALL GAME** This will be taking place on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius X School Baseball Field (3139 Hogarth Avenue, Flint) with the picnic beginning at 4pm and the game starting at 4:45pm. If you would like to play softball, please see Anwar Abueita to sign up. Whether you play or not, **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME!**

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (THIS Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>). Registration is at 6:30pm and play begins at 7pm. If you would like to help for a couple of hours, volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you want to play, that’s even better! Please contact our coordinator Hiam Andoni (810-813-1076 or [handoni@hotmail.com](mailto:handoni@hotmail.com))

**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 others, but to meet and worship God!

**تذكير لفترة الصيف** مع بداية تحسن الطقس الذي أصبح أكثر دفئاً ، يميل الناس إلى ارتداء ملابس خفيفة. ولكن نحن كمسيحيين أرثوذكسيين ، نعلم أن ملابسنا يجب أن تكون بسيطة ومحتشمة في جميع الأوقات ، وخاصة في الكنيسة : لا ملابس مكشوفة الكتفين، أو غير ملائمة، أو تنانير قصيرة أو سراويل قصيرة . يوم الأحد (أو في أي يوم من أيام الأسبوع) نرتدي أفضل ما لدينا من ثياب لأننا نكون في حضرة الله كلما دخلنا بيته المقدس ، ويجب أن نرتدي ملابس لائقة ، تظهر احترامنا لله. في حال عدم قدرتنا على تحمل أعباء شراء الملابس ، نحن مازلنا بحاجة إلى ارتداء ما هو أفضل من الجينز والتي شيرت و الصندل... الخ. فكما يعتبر عديم الاحترام من يدخل الى البيت الأبيض بدون ملابس مناسبة (لا يمكن لأي شخص الدخول إلى مكتب البيت الأبيض بدون بدلة رسمية وربطة عنق) كذلك فانه من الأوجب أن نكون قلقين من كيفية تقديم أنفسنا أمام حاكم السماء والأرض ، ملكنا ، ربنا ، والهناء . إذا كنت سنذهب إلى مكان ما بعد الكنيسة حيث تحتاج لارتداء ملابس مختلفة ، فبإمكانك احضارها معك وتبديلها لاحقاً" . تذكر أن تختار بحكمة وذوق حسن، ملابسك التي سترتديها للكنيسة . و بعد كل ذلك ..... نحن لا نذهب الى الكنيسة لمقابلة أشخاص ، ولكن للقاء الله و تقديم العبادة له!

**CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS** We can make donations and purchases by Credit or Debit Card. This can be done by coming to the office or calling 810-732-0720 during normal Summer Office Hours ~ Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### 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.
TODAY	<b>Abuaita Baptism</b> 1pm
Thursday	<b>Parish Council Dinner Meeting</b> 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
Friday	<b>Euchre Tournament</b> 6:30pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

### **JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> ~ SAINT PROCOPIOS THE GREAT MARTYR OF PALESTINE**

The holy Martyr Procopios was born of a pious father named Christopher, but his mother Theodosia was an idolater. After Christopher's death, she presented Neanias - for this was the Saint's name before - to Diocletian, who was at Antioch in Syria. Diocletian made him Duke of Alexandria, and sent him there to punish the Christians. On the way to Alexandria, our Lord spoke to Neanias as once He had to Saul, and turned this new persecutor to faith in Him. Neanias turned back to Scythopolis, and preached Christ. He was betrayed by his own mother, and was arrested and tormented in Caesarea of Palestine. While he was in prison, the Lord appeared to him again and gave him the new name of Procopios (which is derived from the Greek word meaning "progress, advancement"). He was brought out of prison and taken to worship the idols, but at his prayer, the idols fell; many then believed in Christ and suffered martyrdom, among them certain soldiers, twelve women of senatorial rank, and the Saint's own mother, Theodosia. After further torments and imprisonment, Saint Procopios was beheaded about the year 290.

- If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship over the next few months 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.