

August 25, 2019

**10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
RETURN OF THE APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW'S RELICS
HOLY APOSTLE TITUS OF THE SEVENTY**

Tone - 1 10th Matins Gospel {*John 21:1-14*}

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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 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud to Thee, O giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1 (*same as above*)

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ. قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّهَا الْمَخْلُصُ، مَا نَحَا الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قَوَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتُّفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبِ الْحَيَاةِ. الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِكَ.

Troparion for the Apostles Bartholomew and Titus—Tone 3

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولَانِ الْفَدَيَانِ بَرْتُلْمَاوَسَ وَتَيْطُسَ تَشْفَعَا إِلَى الْإِلَهِ الرَّحِيمِ، أَنْ يَهَبَ غُفْرَانَ الزَّلَّاتِ لِنُفُوسِنَا.

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 Nativity (*Birth*) of the Virgin Mary—Tone 4

By your holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; your people do celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying to you: *The barren gives birth to the Theotokos who nourishes our life.*

إنَّ يواكيمَ وحنةً من عار العُقر حَزَّرا. وأدمَ وحواءَ من فسادِ الموتِ اعتقا بموليدِكَ المقدسِ أيتها الطاهرة. فلهُ يُعيدُ شعبُك إذ قد نجا من وصمةِ الزلاتِ هاتفاً نحوكَ. العاقِرُ تلدُ والدةُ الإلهِ المغذيةُ حياتنا.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 4:9-16* {10th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17:14-23* {10th Sunday of St. Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

- The daughters of **Mary** Salim for the health of their families and in loving memory of their Mother, Sitto, and Sit-Sitto (1 year) ~ *may her memory be eternal!*

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:

Amany Rishmawi – August 28th

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

- 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), **Fr. Joseph** Abud, **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, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion;
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jennifer** (Michael) Habbo {daughter of James and Maggie David} and **Kari** (Panayiotis) Mikroudias {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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today 😞. Please help cover our costs, thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: September 1st, 15th, and 22nd ~ 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.

Parish Picnic, TODAY! Come and have a WONDERFUL time. Food, Drinks, and fun for everyone! There is no cost for the picnic – we want everyone to come and have a great time with our St. George Family! See flier on the Narthex Table.

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*).

تعهدات اصلاح موقف السيارات : كما تعلمون جميعًا ، فقد أخذنا خطوة جديّة في مشروع استصلاح موقف السيارات. شكرا لأولئك الذين تعهدوا بتقديم تبرعاتهم فوق العادية لكنيسة القديس جاورجيوس. سيكون نموذج تعهد التبرع لمشروع اصلاح موقف السيارات متيسراً للجميع قريباً. يُطلب من جميع أبناء الرعية أن يبذلوا قصارى جهدهم (وهذا كل ما يطلبه الله منا!). كلما زادت قيمة التعهدات بالتبرع ، كلما قلّ مبلغ القرض الذي نحتاجه لاتمام المشروع . إذا كان لديكم أي أسئلة ، يمكنكم التواصل مع أحد أعضاء مجلس الرعية : أنور أبو عيطة، فادي رشناوي ، إميل أبو عيطة ، عايدة نصار ، خالد أبو عيطة ، رائد أبو عيطة ، طوني داوود ، جان فرح ، حبيب غطاس ، أو أبونا جو عبود

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be \$4,792 to meet our 2019 Budget. On August 11th, our offerings were \$2,562 so we were short \$2,230 ~ 😞! **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!**

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, August 27th from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599). Since some of our children are still out of school, this is a perfect time for the whole family to help “*feed the hungry*”!

Stop Complaining! ~

Complaining is in opposition to the message of the Gospels

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

A bad attitude has the ability to keep us from growing spiritually, and can even influence the way we live, and hurt those around us. It is therefore important that we learn to keep a positive attitude, for negative thinking will not make anything better. Complaining is in opposition to the message of the Gospels.

Saint Paisios of Mount Athos told us, “we must always be careful and constantly question the nature of our thoughts. When someone is preoccupied and trusts his own way of thinking, he becomes vulnerable to the devil, who is capable of transforming us into sly persons, even when we are honest by nature”.

Both positive and negative thoughts have the ability to limit our spiritual growth if they are based on the ego and self-will. Thus, many Church fathers counseled against using positive thinking as a basis of spiritual self-help, since the spiritual aim of a Christian must be to align our will with the will of God.

Yet, Saint Paisios does say that initially our positive thoughts can be helpful in leading us to God. We must remember that God asks us to be humble, and to let go of our self-centeredness and our pride. Although our journey into the Heart of God must begin with positive thoughts, it is only in having gained a humble and contrite heart that God will flood our soul with life-transforming grace, and it is by His grace that we will be saved.

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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	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers at St. George Please attend St. Nicholas in Burton or St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton at 5pm

- 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.