

# St. George Orthodox Church

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## 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: *MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIE OF NICOMEDIA*

Tone - 4                      2<sup>nd</sup> Matins Gospel {Mark 16:1-8}  
Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

Confessions  
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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**, we sing the following **Special Hymns**:

### 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 قائلاتٍ قد سبي الموت و قام المسيح الإله مانحاً العالم الرحمة العظمية.

#### **Troparion for the Martyrs—Tone 3**

Thou didst deem that Faith which hath salvation to be riches never lost or plundered. Thou forsookest thy fathers' impiety, and thou didst follow thy Master, becoming rich in His divine gifts, O glorious Adrian. With the godly-minded Natalie, who emboldened thee, entreat Christ God, O Martyrs, that our souls be saved.

لَقَدْ حَسِبْتِ الْإِيمَانَ الْخَلَاصِيَّ كَنْزاً لَا يُسَلَبُ، أَيُّهَا الْمُتَلْتُّ الْعَبْطَةُ. فَهَجَرْتِ الْكُفْرَ الْأَبْوِيَّ، وَتَتَبَعْتِ آثَارَ السَّيِّدِ، وَاعْتَنَيْتِ بِالْمَوَاهِبِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ، يَا أُدْرِيَانُوسُ الْمَجِيدِ. فَابْتَهَلِي إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِي فِي خَلَاصِ نَفْسِنَا.

### **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.*

إنّ يواكيم وحنة من عار العقر حرّرا. وأدمّ وحواء من فساد الموت اعتقا بموليدك المقدس أيتها الطاهرة. فله يُعيدُ شعبك إذ قد نجا من وصمة الزلات هاتفاً نحوك. العاقرُ تلدُ والدّة الإله المغذية حياتنا.

**Epistle Reading:** *1 Corinthians 16:13-24* {13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 21:33-42* {13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew}

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Majdi and Rula Alkazaha and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Raed Ibrahim** (40 day, cousin of Rula Alkazaha).

#### **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 28<sup>th</sup>

*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: **George Henny** (40 day, friend of Laila Abud), **Mazen Banat** (40 day, friend of parishioners), **Jordan Hanna** (+July 25<sup>th</sup>, nephew of Imad Odeh), **Charles Abud** (+July 31<sup>st</sup>, uncle of Fr. Joe), **Robert Sisk** (+August 8<sup>th</sup>, brother of Carol Haddad), and **Beverly Kerbawy** (+August 18<sup>th</sup>, relative of Dn. Michael).
- 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 and Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar Abdallah**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Manal Abuaita**, **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** and **Nemer Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **Michael Khal**, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola Khoury**, **Chuck Koory**, **Danny Mortensen**, **Karam Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Eva Saseen** (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, **Lois Teunion**, and **Vicki Toma** (sister of Fr. Joe); Dr. **Anton** and **Julia Khouri** and newborn **Gabriella** (August 8<sup>th</sup>); **Annabella** and **Sebastian Abdallah** who are to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of their First Communion; **Samer Abdallah** and **Brittany Brimm** who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunya** (Iyad) Abufarha {Ibrahim and Eman's son}, **Rachel** (Andrew) Sackllah {Suheil and Abeer's daughter}, and **Karen** (Nicholas) Shaheen {Drs. Ron and Kathy's son}.

### **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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is NO **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** today because of our **Parish Picnic** at the Davison Township Park and Recreation-Lake Callis at 12pm ~ see you there! However, sweets will be offered by *Majdi and Rula Alkazaha and Family* as we leave church today in memory of Raed Ibrahim.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: September 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<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.

**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 and directions on the Narthex Table for more information.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** Please mark your calendars and come help feed the hungry during our once-a-month commitment at the Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599).

**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!

مع بداية تحسن الطقس الذي أصبح أكثر دفئا" ، 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 ، نظهر 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 فإنه من الأوجب أن نكون قلقين من كيفية تقديم أنفسنا أمام حاكم السماء والأرض ، ملكنا ، ربنا ، والهنا . إذا كنت ستذهب إلى مكان ما بعد الكنيسة حيث تحتاج لارتداء ملابس مختلفة ، فبإمكانك احضارها معك ، وتبديلها لاحقا" . 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!

## 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>Parish Picnic!</b>
Tuesday	<b>North End Soup Kitchen</b> 9am-12:30pm
Thursday	Abdallah Wedding and Baptism 4pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

### AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> ~ HOLY MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIE

The holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie confessed the Christian Faith during the reign of Maximian, in Nicomedia, in the year 298. Adrian was a pagan; witnessing the valor of the Martyrs, and the fervent faith with which they suffered their torments, he also declared himself a Christian and was imprisoned. When this was told to his wife Natalie, who was secretly a believer, she visited him in prison and encouraged him in his sufferings. Saint Adrian's hands and feet were placed on an anvil and broken off with a hammer; he died in his torments. His blessed wife recovered part of his holy relics and took it to Argyropolis near Byzantium, and reposed in peace soon after.

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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 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.
  - 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. In memory of a loved one, please state whether you would like to have a **Memorial Service** near the end of Divine Liturgy. It is always appropriate to have a Memorial Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 40<sup>th</sup> day after one's falling asleep along with the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6<sup>th</sup> month anniversary. If you would like to make the Holy Bread, please see/contact Aida Nassar 810-433-1515.