

September 1, 2019

BEGINNING OF THE NEW ECCLESIASTICAL (CHURCH) NEW YEAR

Tone – 2

11th Matins Gospel {*John 21:15-25*}Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Typika Service. 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 and normally celebrate the Divine Liturgy. 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.

Please follow the Typika Service Book with the following special hymns.

Congregational Singing Everyone can sing along with the choir as they lead us in the responses and hymns.

Resurrectional Kontakion—Tone 2 on page 8 of *The Typika Service* book

Kontakion for the Indiction —Tone 4

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, Triune and Merciful God of all: grant blessings for the course of this year, and in Thy boundless mercy save those who worship Thee and cry out in fear: "*O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!*"

يا مَنْ خَلَقَ كُلَّ الْبَرَايَا بِحِكْمَةٍ لَا تُفَسَّرُ، وَوَضَعَ الْأَزْمِنَةَ بِسُلْطَانِهِ الْخَاصِّ، هَبِ الْعَلْبَاتِ لِشَعْبِكَ الْمُحِبِّ الْمَسِيحِ،
وَبَارِكْ مَدْخَلَ السَّنَةِ وَمَخْرَجَهَا، مُسَدِّدًا أَعْمَالَنَا عَلَى مَا يُوَافِقُ مَشِيئَتَكَ الْإِلَهِيَّةَ.

Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 2:1-7* {Church New Year/Indiction}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:16-22* {Church New Year/Indiction}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of cousin Dr. **Joseph** Bassett (9 day) and uncle **Adeeb** Sadd (8 year).

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church:

◆ **Sophia** Abuaita – September 4th

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

- ◆ This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Beverly** Shehab (+August 14th, aunt of Fr. Joe) and **Carolyn** Joseph (+August 24th, wife of Emil).
- ◆ 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** Sophia 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) Mikroudou {daughter of John and Theresa Farah}.

Communion Hymn (for the Church New Year)

(Refrain) Bless the crown of the year by Thy goodness, O Lord.

(Verse) Enriched shall be the mountains of the wilderness, and the hills shall be girded with rejoicing! (Refrain)

(Verse) The rams of the flock have clothed themselves with fleece, and the valleys shall abound with wheat! (Refrain)

(Verse) They shall cry aloud, yea, they shall chant hymns unto Thee! (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 15th and 22nd -- sign-up poster is in the Lounge. Hosting includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides the coffee, cups, sugar, and cream at a charge to the host of \$25. For more information, please see Manal Abuaita.

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this great event for our community, family, and friends Thursday, September 19th from 11am-3pm. Tickets are available from any member. Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries. Cooking Schedule: this Thursday – Kibbee and Meat Pies; Sunday, September 15th (during Coffee Fellowship) Spinach Squeezing Party (see *Salim or Rene Hanna*); Monday, September 16th, 10am – Spinach Pies; Wednesday, September 18th, 10am - Cooking and Preparing Food. If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, contact or see Sally Abuaita (810-965-1046). *Please bring sweets to the hall on Wednesday, September 18th or early on Thursday, September 19th.* **\$\$ Donations are welcomed to offset our costs.**

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Thursday	Cooking Kibbee and Meat Pies for Community Lunch and Bake Sale 10am Church School Staff Dinner Meeting 5:30pm
Saturday	Please attend <u>St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton</u> or <u>St. Nicholas in Burton</u> for Great Vespers at 5pm

SEPTEMBER 1ST ~ BEGINNING OF THE NEW ECCLESIASTICAL (CHURCH) YEAR

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21st) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1st.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1st to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, *“The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...”* This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition further states the Hebrews entered the Promised Land after Moses led them out of slavery in Egypt in September.

It should be noted that to the present day, the Church has always celebrated the beginning of the New Year on September 1st. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1st is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of

Constantinople and among the Jews, although reckoned according to a moveable calendar, which also usually falls in September.

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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.
 - 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.



Fr. Joe and our Ushers want to make coming to church a positive experience for everyone while being a good example for our children and visitors. They are committed to helping our parishioners have a prayerful atmosphere. Fr. Joseph wants to make it clear that the Ushers have full authority to keep things orderly – such as; the right time for people who are late to enter the church, to keep people from talking in the church (including the Narthex), etc. If you have any questions, please speak with Fr. Joe.