

September 15, 2019

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

طروبارية الصليب بالحن

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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:

First Antiphon - Psalm 21

Verse 1. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ، خَلِّصْنَا.

Verse 2. Why art Thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my groanings? *Refrain*

Verse 3. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou does not hear. *Refrain*

Verse 4. But Thou art holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ... , now and ever Amen. *Refrain*

Second Antiphon - Psalm 73

Verse 1. O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever?

Refrain: O Son of God **who was crucified in the flesh**, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ صُلِبَ عَنَّا بِالْجَسَدِ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلْلُوِيَا.

Verse 2. Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from old. *Refrain*

Verse 3. This is Mount Sion, where Thou hast dwelt. *Refrain*

Verse 4. God is our King before the ages, He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father... now and ever Amen. *Only begotten Son...*

Third Antiphon - Psalm 98

Verse 1. The Lord reigneth, let the people rage: He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be moved.

Verse 2. The Lord is great in Zion: and He is high above all the people.

Verse 3. Let them give thanks to Thy great name: for it is holy.

Refrain {**Troparion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**}: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thy inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by the virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.

خَاصَّ يَا رَبَّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارَكَ مِيرَاتِكَ، وَامْنَحْ مَلُوكَنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الْغَلْبَةَ عَلَى الشَّرِيرِ. وَاحْفَظْ بِقُوَّةِ صَلَيبِكَ جَمِيعَ الْمُخْتَصِينَ بِكَ

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

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.

إِنَّ تَلْمِيزَاتِ الرَّبِّ تَعَلَّمْنَ مِنْ الْمَلَائِكَةِ بَشْرَى الْقِيَامَةِ الْبَهْجِ، وَطَرَحْنَ الْقَضِيَّةَ الْجَدِيدَةَ وَخَاطَبْنَ الرَّسُلَ مَفْتَخِرَاتٍ وَقَائِلَاتٍ قَدْ سَبَى الْمَوْتَ وَقَامَ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

Troparion of the Holy Cross—Tone 1 (as above)

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.

بِمَا أَنْكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمَعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَكَاغِبٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ جَاوِرِجْيُوسُ الْبَلْبَسِ الْظَفَرِ، تَشْفَعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهُ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

Kontakion for the Holy Cross—Tone 4

Do Thou, who of Thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation which is called by Thy Name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

يَا مَنْ ارْتَفَعْتَ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ مَخْتَاراً " أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ. اْمْنَحْ رَأْفَتَكَ لِشَعْبِكَ الْجَدِيدِ الْمَسْمَى بِكَ. وَفَرِّحْ بِقُوَّتِكَ مَلُوكَنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَانِحاً أَيُّهُمُ الْغَلْبَةَ عَلَى مُحَارِبِيهِمْ. لِتَكُنْ لَهُمْ نَصْرَتَكَ سِلَاحاً " لِلسَّلَامَةِ وَظَفراً " غَيْرِ مَقْهُورٍ

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 2:16-20* {Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross}

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:34-9:1* {Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross}

Flower, Basil, and Holy Bread Offerings for the Holy Cross

- The Shaheen Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth**.
- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially sons **Fred**, **Omar**, and **Salam**.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Beverly** Shehab (+August 14th, aunt of Fr. Joe), Dr. **Joseph** Bassett (+August 21st, uncle of Protodeacon Michael), **Carolyn** Joseph (+August 24th, wife of Emil), **Josephine** Abud (+August 30th, aunt of Fr. Joe), and **Maxine** Konkle (+September 6th, mother of Fr. John from Dormition Monastery).

- 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; **Hailey Marie** Brunner who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and her First Communion.
- 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).

- 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 offer a donation to help cover our costs, thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: September 22nd, October 6th, 20th, and 27th ~ 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.

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE 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:** TODAY (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 costs.

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 جميعاً ، فقد أخذنا خطوة جدية في مشروع استصلاح موقف السيارات. شكراً 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

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 Office Hours (see below).

- **AUTOMATIC GIVING** Did you know most banks and credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. George for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.

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.
Monday	Cooking Spinach Pies for Community Lunch 10am
Tuesday	Altar Society Dinner Meeting see <i>Theresa Farah</i> for information 6pm
Wednesday	Preparation and Dropping off Sweets for Community Lunch 10am Small Compline (offering of prayers for the sick and suffering) 6:30pm
Thursday	Middle Eastern Community Lunch and Bake Sale 11am-3pm Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
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.
- **OFFICE HOURS** Our Office Manager, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm) and Tuesdays and Thursdays (12:30pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.