

# St. George Orthodox Church

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## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: *MARTYR MAMAS AND HIS FAMILY*

Tone - 5                      3<sup>rd</sup> Matins Gospel {*Mark 16:9-20*}  
Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

Confessions  
8:30-9:30am

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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 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*)

لِنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلِمَةِ. الْمَسَاوِي لِلْأَلْبَابِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الْأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ. الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا. لِأَنَّهُ سَرَّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يعلَوْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ. وَيَحْتَمِلَ الْمَوْتَ وَيُنْهَضَ الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

#### **Troparion for St. Mamas—Tone 4**

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since, he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

شَهِيدُكَ يَا رَبُّ بِجِهَادِهِ نَالَ مِنْكَ الْإِكْلِيلَ غَيْرَ الْبَالِي يَا إِلَهَنَا. لِأَنَّهُ أَحْرَزَ قُوَّتَكَ فَحَطَّمَ الْمُعْتَصِبِينَ. وَسَقَى بِأَسَنِ الشَّيَاطِينِ

التي لا قوّة لها. فبشفاعتِهِ أيها المسيحُ الإلهُ خَلِّصْ نُفُوسَنَا.

#### **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 بمولّدك المقدس أيتها الطاهرة. فله يُعيّد شعبك إذ قد نجا من وصمة الزلات هاتقاً نحوك. العاقر تلدّ والدة الإله المغذية حياتنا.

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 {14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:2-14 {14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew}

#### **Holy Bread Offerings**

##### **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:

**Sophia Abuaita – September 2<sup>nd</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: **Jordan** Hanna (40 day, nephew of Imad Odeh), **Charles** Abud (+July 31<sup>st</sup>, uncle of Fr. Joe), **Roger** Sisk (+August 8<sup>th</sup>, brother of Carol Haddad), **Beverly** Kerbawy (+August 18<sup>th</sup>, relative of Dn. Michael), **Fahed** Kahush (+August 28<sup>th</sup>, relative of Khaled and Maysa Al-Khoury), and **Mary** Salim (+August 28<sup>th</sup>).
- 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, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **Karam** Nassar, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **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 were brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of their First Communion; **Samer** and **Brittany** (Brimm) Abdallah who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunyaia** (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**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation for your coffee and food to help cover our costs, thanks!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: 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.

**MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE** Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this great event for our community, family, and friends on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm. Tickets are available from any member. Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries. If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, please contact Sally Abuaita (810-965-1046). *Please bring sweets to the hall on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> or early on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.*

**\$\$ Donations are welcomed to offset our costs.**

**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 دفئاً ، يميل الناس إلى ارتداء ملابس خفيفة. ولكن نحن كمسيحيين أرثوذكسيين ، نعلم أن ملابسنا يجب أن تكون بسيطة ومحترمة 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 ، والهنا . إذا كنت ستذهب إلى مكان ما بعد الكنيسة حيث تحتاج لارتداء ملابس مختلفة ، فيإمكانك 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!

## 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	Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday	<b>Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b> 6pm
Thursday	<b>Church School Staff Dinner Meeting</b> 6pm
Saturday	Combined <b>Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy</b> for the <b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> 10am at St. Nicholas (2143 South Center Road, ½ mile south of Lippincott Burton 810-744-0070) <b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

### SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> ~ HOLY MARTYR MAMAS

Saint Mamas was from Gangra of Paphlagonia. He was born in prison, where his parents Theodotos and Rufina were suffering for Christ's sake and ended their lives. He was named Mamas because, after he had long remained without speaking, he addressed his foster mother Ammia as "mama." He fell asleep in the Lord about the year 275.

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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. If 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.
  - **SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works Tuesday and Wednesday (1-4pm); Thursday and Friday (10am-4pm). The office is closed Monday for Labor Day. Kelly can be reached during Office Hours at the church office 810-732-0720 or [kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com).



## Church School begins NEXT Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!

Our Church School provides an *Orthodox Christian Education* for everyone from Preschool to High School. Take advantage of this wonderful experience to learn about God and His Holy Church and to grow in our faith!

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## Open House for Parents

NEXT Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Church School can only work with YOUR help!  
All parents are encouraged to attend!!!

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## Kick-Off Brunch



To kick-off the Church School year,  
there is a delicious Brunch for the whole parish.  
There is no cost, but donations will be accepted to educate our children!