

September 22, 2019

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ *HIEROMARTYR PHOCAS, BISHOP OF SINOPE*

Tone - 5 3rd Matins Gospel {*Mark 16:9-20*}

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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 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*)

لُنْسِيحِ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلِمَةِ. الْمَسَاوِي لِلأَبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الأِبْتِدَاءِ. المَوْلُودِ مِنَ العَذْرَاءِ
لِخَلَاصِنَا. لِأَنَّهُ سُرٌّ وَارْتَضَى بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يعلَوْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ. وَيَحْتَمِلُ المَوْتَ وَيُنْهَضُ المَوْتَ بِقِيَامَتِهِ المَجِيدَةِ.

Troparion for St. Phocas—Tone 4

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

صِرْتَ مُشَابِهًا لِلرُّسُلِ فِي أَحْوَالِهِمْ، وَخَلِيفَةً فِي كِرَاسِيهِمْ، فَوَجَدْتَ بِالْعَمَلِ المَرْقَاةَ إِلَى الثَّوْرِيَا أَيُّهَا اللّاهِجُ
بِاللّهِ. لِذَلِكَ تَنَبَّعْتَ كَلِمَةَ الحَقِّ بِاسْتِقَامَةٍ، وَجَاهَدْتَ عَنِ الإِيمَانِ حَتَّى الدَّمِ، أَيُّهَا الشَّهِيدُ فِي رُؤْسَاءِ الكَهَنَةِ فَوْقًا.
فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى المَسِيحِ الإِلهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

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 Virgin Mary—Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee. Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرذودة لا تعرضي عن اصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما انك صالحة، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

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

Gospel Reading: *Luke 5:1-11* {1st Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Beverly** Shehab (40 day, aunt of Fr. Joe).
- Protodeacon Michael and Pam Bassett for the health of their family and in memory of **Clemence** Bassett (2 year, Mother), **Harley** Veale (9 year, Pam's Uncle), and **Connie** Adams (4 year, friend).

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:

- **Jude** Awad – September 23rd • **Sharbel** Abueita, **Annabella** and **Revan** Helal– September 24th
- **Reem**, **Qusta**, and **Steven** Hayek – September 26th

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: 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 was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and her

First Communion; **Ella Helen** Isaac 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}, **Dina** (Laith) Maymoun, and **Kari** (Panayiotis) Mikroudīs {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 in session, please allow our Staff and then our children to receive Holy Communion! As always, please follow our ushers direction ~ thank 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

This morning, we welcome **Fr. Peter Bistolarides** from St. Demetrios in Saginaw, MI. Fr. Joe will be out-of-town from Friday to Monday, September 27th-30th. *For emergencies* while he is away, please call Protodeacon Michael (989-627-9580), Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070).

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Rodny and Amira-Amy Helal*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: 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 Jamal Abuaita.

ST. GEORGE PRESCHOOL AND DAYCARE We are looking for one or more parishioners to offer their time, talent, and/or treasure to beautify and protect three small cedar fences in the Courtyard before winter. If interested, please contact Dn. Mike (frdnmike@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Take the time! Come and help feed the hungry during our once-a-month commitment at the Soup Kitchen this Tuesday, September 24th from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599).

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be \$4,792 to meet our 2019 Budget. On September 15th, our offerings were \$2,410 so we were short \$2,382 😞! Please support the work of St. George!

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.

BIBLE STUDIES As Fr. Joe continues to recovery from back surgery, God willing we will start our weekly Bible Studies the first week of October. Our Monday evening Bible Study in English meets from 6-8pm and our Wednesday afternoon Bible Study in Arabic/English meets from 12-2pm. These are wonderful opportunities to learn more about God (who and what are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), His Church and teachings, living our life in Christ, healing our souls, etc. Take the time, so God can guide us! Come and check it out!

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 Little Compline followed by Exploring our Faith 6pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers at St. George Please attend St. Nicholas in <i>Burton</i> or St. Mary Magdalene in <i>Fenton</i> at 5pm

Pride is the Enemy ~ The enemy of faith is pride

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

The absolute necessary element for salvation is faith. Faith alone will save us, for only faith brings us into communion with God. Faith is a free gift, for nothing we can do can save us. No good works can save us. Being a good person will not save us. Only faith in Christ will bring us into everlasting life.

The enemy of faith is pride, for pride destroys faith. Pride makes us believe we do not need God, and pride is what leads many into the abyss of atheism, for pride makes us believe that there is nothing beyond ourselves. Pride leads us to believe that we are all important, and that nothing exists beyond ourselves. Once pride takes hold, our heart grows hard, and faith grows cold and dies.

Repentance is the cure for pride, and only through repentance can we rekindle the grace that brings life to our faith. Humbling ourselves before God, and giving ourselves over to divine worship, brings us back into the natural relationship that was preordained for us before the fall, and faith grows as grace rebounds.

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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 Jamal Abuaita.