

September 23, 2018

**CONCEPTION OF THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN**

Tone – 8

6<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {*Luke 24:36-53*}

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 8** on page 8 of *The Typika Service* book

**Epistle Reading:** *Galatians 4:22-27* {Conception St. John the Baptist}

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 5:1-11* {1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke}

**Holy Bread Offerings**

- Nasri and Carol Haddad and Family for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Roger Sisk** (40 days, Carol’s brother).

**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:

♦ **Charbel** Abucita – September 24<sup>th</sup>

♦ **Qusta, Reem,** and **Steven** Hayek – September 26<sup>th</sup>

*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** Kerbawy (+August 18<sup>th</sup>, relative of Dn. Michael), **Mary** Salim (+August 28<sup>th</sup>), **Fahed** Kahush (+August 28<sup>th</sup>, relative of Khaled Al-Khoury), **Issa** Musleh (August 31<sup>st</sup>, uncle of Sally Abuaita), **Leland** Harris (+September 5<sup>th</sup>, father of Lee), and **Michael** Farah (+September 14<sup>th</sup>, son of Sam and Tracy).
- ◆ 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, **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); **Andrew Gary** and **Katrina** (Khoury) Gagne who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- ◆ We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Walaa** (Rami) Khoury, **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. If you have a special need or circumstance, please let one of the ushers know so we may assist you. Thank you -- St. George Ushers

*If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FR. JOE — OUT-OF-TOWN** Fr. Joe and Leslee are on vacation. Fr. Joe will be returning to the office on Thursday. For emergencies while Fr. Joe is away, please call Protodeacon Michael Bassett (St. George, 989-627-9580) Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for their safe travels.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted today by *Nasri and Carol Haddad*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: October 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> -- sign-up poster is in the Hall. Hosting information is in the Lounge and 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.

**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).

**EXPLORING OUR FAITH** This Fall we take a break from our *Orthodox Book Club* and begin this new MONTHLY series.

When: Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm (and every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)

Where: HERE at St. George Church

Format: **Little Compline** followed by fellowship, snacks, teaching, and discussion.

Topic for September: **The Six Psalms of Matins**

The intent of the series is to discover (or rediscover) various aspects of our Orthodox Faith so they might be of practical benefit to us on our life's journey in Christ. All are invited to join! Any questions or if you would like more information, contact Protodeacon Michael Bassett [frdmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdmike@gmail.com) or 989-627-9580.

**MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE** Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this great event for our community, family, and friends THIS 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. Cooking Schedule this week: TODAY (during Coffee Fellowship) Spinach Squeezing Party (see Salim or Rene Hanna); Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 10am – Spinach Pies; Wednesday, 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 26<sup>th</sup> or early on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.* **\$\$ 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.
Monday	<b>Cooking Spinach Pies</b> 10am
Tuesday	<b>North End Soup Kitchen</b> 9am-12:30pm <b>Exploring our Faith</b> 6-8pm
Wednesday	<b>Preparation and Dropping off Sweets</b> for Community Lunch 10am
Thursday	<b>Middle Eastern Community Lunch and Bake Sale</b> 11am-3pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

#### **SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> ~ CONCEPTION OF THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN**

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews, therefore in awaiting the Messiah, also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city in the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest Saint Zachariah and his wife Saint Elizabeth, zealously observing the

commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when Saint Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

Saint Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, *“Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.”* But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, *“I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words....”*

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. When he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

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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.
- **OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or [kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com).
- 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 this on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 40<sup>th</sup> day after one’s falling asleep along with the



# Middle Eastern Luncheon and Bake Sale

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

**11am-3:00pm**

**St. George Orthodox Church**

**5191 Lennon Road**

**Flint, MI**

**(Behind Kohl's) Between Linden and Dye Roads**

## Menu

**Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew  
(Yahnee) and Rice, Hummus, Salad,  
Pita Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea**

**\*Vegetarian Plate available\***

**Cost: \$10**

**For Information / Deliveries call:**

**St. George at 810-732-0720**

**Take-outs Available**

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