

# St. George Orthodox Church

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## PROTOMARTYR THEKLA, EQUAL –TO-THE-APOSTLES VENERABLE SILOUAN OF MT. ATHOS

Tone 7 5<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {Luke 24:12-35}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

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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.

### Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 7**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy; and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

### Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 7** (*same as above*)

حطمت بصليبك الموت وفتحت للصلب الفردوس. وحولت نوح حاملات الطيب الى فرح. وأمرت رسلك أن يكرزوا بأنك قد قمت أيها المسيح الاله. مانحا العالم الرحمة العظمى.

#### **Troparion for St. Thekla—Tone 3**

O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, you were inflamed with the love of your Creator by the teaching of the divine preacher. You did despise the passing earthly pleasures, and offered yourself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ your Groom to grant us His great mercy.

أَيُّهَا الْمَجِيدَةُ تَقْلَا، يَا رَفِيقَةَ بُولُسَ الْإِلَهِيِّ. لَمَّا أَلْتَهَيْتِ بِحُبِّ خَالِقِكَ، مِنْ تَعَالِيمِ الْكَارِزِ الْإِلَهِيِّ، أَرْدَرَيْتِ الْأَرْضِيَّاتِ الرَّائِلَةَ. وَقَدَّمْتِ نَفْسَكَ لِلَّهِ ضَحِيَّةً مُقَدَّسَةً مَقْبُولَةً، غَيْرَ خَائِفَةٍ مِنَ الْعَذَابَاتِ. فَابْتَهَلِي إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ خَنَتِكَ، أَنْ يَمُنَحَنَا الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

### Troparion for St. Silouan—Tone 4

By prayer, you did receive Christ as your teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in your heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of your memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

بِصَلَوَاتِكَ أَقْتَبَلْتُ الْمَسِيحَ كَمَا نِلْتُ مُعَلِّمِكَ، عَلَى سَبْكَةِ التَّوَاضُعِ. وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُّوسُ شَهِدَ فِي قَلْبِكَ لِحَلَاصِكَ. لِذَلِكَ كُلُّ الشُّعُوبِ الْمَدْعُوَّةِ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ تَفْرَحُ وَتُعَبِّدُ لِتَذْكَارِكَ. فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ سِيلَوَانُسُ، تَسْتَعِنُّ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ، فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

### 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 مَكْفَاحٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَوْرَجِيُوسُ الْبَلْبَسِ الطَّفَرِ، تَسْتَعِنُّ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

### 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.

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرِ الْخَازِيَةِ الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرِ الْمَرْدُودَةِ لَا تَعْرُضِي عَنْ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ نَحْوَكِ بَايْمَانٍ، بَادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَاسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْمَتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمَكْرَمِيكَ.

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:10-15 {for St. Thekla}

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

### Holy Bread Offerings

- Laura Nassar and the Nassar Family for the health of their families and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Souheil** (1 year), **Farid, Houda, Nassar, Khader, Sammy, Salim, Souheila,** and **Siham**.
- Youssif and Salwa Abousamra for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Abdulla, Ghalia, Faris, Mariam, Fadi, Georgette,** and **Said**.
- For the health of our St. George parishioners and in loving memory of our former clergy: **Archbishop Malatios** Swaity, **Protosyngellos Ellis** Khouri, (30 year), **Archimandrite Michael** Tahan, **Archpriest John** Chromiak, **Archpriest Basil** Kalekas, (30 year), **Archpriest Basil** Karpelenia, **Archpriest Hanna** Khouri, **Archpriest Nicholas** Saikley, **Priest Ellis** Hajj, **Priest Nicholas** Juerges, **Priest Anthony** Sakey, **Priest Lewis** Secabe, and **Deacon Habib** Romley.

### 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:

**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}*

- We also pray for the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Wabiha Khair** (+August 17<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Esperanza Abuaita), **Mariam Musleh** (+September 1<sup>st</sup>, mother of Luai Helal and Aber Alyateem), and **Clemence Bassett** (+September 19<sup>th</sup>, mother of Deacon Michael).

- 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, **Sahar Abdallah**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Hanna Abuaita**, **Shafiq Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Hiam Andoni**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland & Ronald Haddad**, **Salwa Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **John & Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Danny Mortensen**, **Laura Nassar**, **George and Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**; **Haneen Burbar** and newborn **Christiaan** who were brought back into the life of our parish through the Prayers of Churching; **Jenny Salsa** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita) and newborn **Matthew** (August 31<sup>st</sup>); **Jeaneen Farah** and newborn **Georgio Aiden** (September 17<sup>th</sup>); **Chrissy Abueita** and newborn **Iliyana Sophia** (September 20<sup>th</sup>).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Ola Alqazaha** and **Lameese** (Abu-Aitah) **Porada**.

### 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)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Laura Nassar and Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</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, please see Jamal Abuaita.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,710 to meet our 2017 Budget. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, our offerings were \$4,896, so we were ahead! 😊 for the 1<sup>st</sup> time this year! God is good!

### CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- **THANK YOU!** To everyone for a successful 1<sup>st</sup> day of Church School. The *Open House* was a great success! Thank you for all who helped to prepare the meal, all who donated, all who gave their time, and especially to *Shorthorn Meats* for their generous donation of all of the meat. God Bless, Janet Abueita, Director

**MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE** Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this great event for our community, family, and friends THIS Thursday, September 28<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: TODAY (during Coffee Fellowship) Spinach Squeezing Party (see Ric Shahin); Monday, 10am – Spinach Pies; Wednesday, 10am - Cooking and Preparing Food. If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, please contact Sally Abuaita (810-965-1046) or Feyrouz Zarour (248-417-9605). *Please bring sweets to the hall on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> or early on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.*

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

**ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE COUNCIL (AAHC) ENSURE THE LEGACY BANQUET** The AAHC's annual banquet is on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8pm at the Northbank Center Grand Ballroom 432 N Saginaw St #507, Flint, MI 48502. One of our life-long parishioners, **Vera Farah**, will be honored as *Arab-American of the Year*. In addition, college scholarships will be awarded. The applications are in the Lounge and the deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>! Tickets are \$75. Please email [devin@aahcflint.org](mailto:devin@aahcflint.org) with questions and to reserve your tickets.

**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	<b>Cooking Spinach Pies</b> for Community Lunch 10am <b>English Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark</b> 3-5pm
Tuesday	<b>Pan-Orthodox Book Club</b> 6-8pm
Wednesday	<b>Preparation and Dropping off Sweets</b> for Community Lunch 10am <b>NO Arabic/English Bible Study</b> <b>Parents and Teens</b> with <i>Fr. Joe and Deacon Mike</i> 7-8pm
Thursday	<b>Middle Eastern Community Lunch and Bake Sale</b> 11am-3pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers

**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> ~ PROTOMARTYR THEKLA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES\***

This saint was from the city of Iconium. When she was eighteen years of age, she was instructed in the Faith of Christ and the hope of the resurrection by the Apostle Paul, whom also she followed, forsaking her betrothed and espousing a life of virginity for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia of Cilicia at the age of 90.

\* The definition of equal-to-the-apostles is *one whose work greatly built up the Church, whether through direct missionary work or through assisting the Church's place in society.*

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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 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.
- **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm), Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached at the church office 810-732-0720 or [kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com).