

St. George Orthodox Church

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HIEROMARTYR GREGORY, BISHOP AND ENLIGHTENER OF GREATER ARMENIA

Tone - 1 7th Matins Gospel {John 20:1-10}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

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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 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud to Thee, O giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1 (*same as above*)

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ. قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّهَا الْمَخْلُصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قَوَاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَّفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ. الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمَلَكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَنْدَبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِكَ.

Troparion for St. Gregory—Tone 4

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Hieromartyr Gregory, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

صِرْتَ مُشَابِهاً لِلرُّسُلِ فِي أَحْوَالِهِمْ وَخَلِيفَةً لَهُمْ فِي كِرَاسِيهِمْ. فَوَجَدْتَ بِالْعَمَلِ الْمِرْقَاةَ إِلَى الثَّوْرِيَا أَيُّهَا الْبَلَّيْجُ بِاللَّهِ.

لأجل ذلك تَبَعَتْ كلمة الحقّ باستقامةٍ وجاهدتْ عن الإيمانِ حتى الدّم. أيها الشهيدُ في الكهنةِ غريغوريوس فنَسْفَعُ إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ أن يُخَلِّصَ نفوسنا.

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 ودة الإله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 {18th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36 {2nd Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- For the health of our St. George parishioners and in loving memory of **Bishop Antoun** (1 year) and our former clergy: **Archbishop Malatios** Swaity, **Protosyngellos Ellis** Khouri, (30 year), **Archimandrite Michael** Tahan, **Archpriests John** Chromiak, **Basil** Kalekas, (30 year), **Basil** Karpelenia, **Hanna** Khouri, **Nicholas** Saikley, **Priests Ellis** Hajj, **Nicholas** Juerges, **Anthony** Sakey, **Lewis** Secabe, and **Deacon Habib** Romley.
- Don and JoAnn Hawkins and Ric and Martha Shahin for the health of the **Shahin, Hawkins, Rhinehart, Brackett, Shadeed, and Moore** Families and in loving memory of the departed members of the **Shahin, Hawkins, Rhinehart, Brackett, Moore, and Ojile** Families.
- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the recovery from surgery and the health and well-being of **Archpriest Michael** Carney and Goddaughter **Arianna** Moore on the occasion of her 18th Birthday -- *May God grant her many years!*
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Mary** Salim (+August 28th), **Fahed** Kahush (+August 28th, relative of Khaled Al-Khouri), **Issa** Musleh (August 31st, uncle of Sally Abuaita), **Leland** Harris (+September 5th, father of Lee), **Michael** Farah (+September 14th, son of Sam and Tracy), and **Hetty** Burnett (September 22nd, grandmother of Claire Saadeh).
- 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** Sophia Jr., **Lois** Teunion, and **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe); **Stephanie** Burch and newborn **Henry**

Michael who were brought back into the life of our parish through the Prayers of Churching; **Luai, Rasha** and newborn Joy (September 20th) Abuaita.

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) 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. "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 hosted by *Ric and Martha Shahin and Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 14th and 21st ~ 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.

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).

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	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

SEPTEMBER 30TH ~ HIEROMARTYR GREGORY OF ARMENIA

The Hieromartyr Gregory, Enlightener of Greater Armenia, was born in the year 257. He was descended from the line of the Parthian Arsakid emperors. The father of Saint Gregory, Anak, in striving after the Armenian throne, had murdered his kinsman, the emperor Kursar, in consequence of which all the line of Anak was marked for destruction.

A certain kinsman saved Gregory: he carried off the infant from Armenia to Caesarea in Cappadocia and raised him in the Christian Faith. At maturity, Gregory married, had two sons, but soon was left a widower. Gregory raised his sons in piety. One of them -- Orphanes, afterwards became a priest, and the other -- Arostanes, accepted monasticism and went off into the wilderness.

In order to atone for the sin of his father, who had murdered the father of Tiridates, Gregory entered into the service of the latter and was a faithful servant to him. Tiridates loved Gregory like a friend, but he was intolerant of the Christian confession of faith. After ascending the Armenian throne, he began to demand that Saint Gregory renounce the Christian Faith.

The steadfastness of the saint embittered Tiridates, and he gave his faithful servant over to cruel tortures: they suspended the sufferer head downwards with a stone about his neck, for several days they choked him with a stinking smoke, they beat and ridiculed him, and forced him to walk in iron sandals inset with nails.

At the time of these sufferings Saint Gregory sang Psalms. In prison the Lord healed all his wounds. When Gregory again stood before the emperor cheerful and unharmed, he was astonished and gave orders to repeat the torments. Saint Gregory endured them, not wavering, with all his former determination and bearing. They then poured hot tin over him and threw him into a pit filled with vipers. The Lord, however, saved His chosen one: the snakes did him no harm.

Some pious women fed him with bread, secretly lowering it into the pit. A holy angel, appeared to the martyr, strengthening and encouraging him. Saint Gregory remained in the pit for fourteen years. During this time the emperor Tiridates executed the holy virgin Saint Rhipsime, the aged abbess Gaiana and another 35 virgins from one of the monasteries of Asia Minor. As punishment for this horrible deed, the king's face became disfigured.

Saint Gregory was released from the pit, and buried the relics of the holy virgins with honor. Then he began to preach to the people, urging them to turn away from the darkness of idolatry and toward Christ. The people came to believe in Christ, and wished to build a large church. When it was completed, Saint Gregory had the relics of the holy nuns brought into it. Then he brought King Tiridates there before the bodies of the saints whom he had slain. He repented, and immediately his face was made whole once more.

Soon all of Armenia was converted to Christ. The temples of the idols were destroyed, and churches for the worship of the true God were built. Saint Gregory ordained priests, established schools, founded monasteries, and provided for the good order of the Church.

Saint Gregory went into the wilderness, where he departed to the Lord. His son Arostanes was made a bishop in Cappadocia, and was one of the 318 holy Fathers at the Council of Nicea.

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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.