

St. George Orthodox Church

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30TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST VENERABLE EUTHYMIOS THE GREAT

Tone – 8

11th Matins Gospel {*John 21:15-25*}

Altar Servers: **St. Michael** team {Karim Al-Khouri, captain}

Next Week – **St. Elias** team

Confessions
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Welcome to St. George! Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word “*Liturgy*” means *work of the people* which means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God’s grace to enter. For those who have committed themselves to the Orthodox Faith (through Baptism and/or Chrismation) it also means, if prepared, the reception of Holy Communion. Preparation includes the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, prayer, being on time for church, being at peace with others, attending the Divine Liturgy regularly, and fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before). If you are new, just visiting, or have any questions, please introduce yourself to Father Joe. Please know that everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy. All are welcome to our Coffee Fellowship in the hall after Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** {*The Golden-Mouth*}, we sing these special hymns:

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8 (*as above*)

Troparion of St. Euthymios—Tone 4

Be glad, O barren one, that has not given birth; be of good cheer, you who has not travailed; for a man of desires has multiplied your children of the Spirit, having planted them in piety and reared them in continence to the perfection of the virtues. By his prayers, O Christ our God, make our life peaceful.

Troparion of 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 مُحرِّرٌ ومُعْتَقٌ، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضِدٌ وناصِرٌ وللمرضى طبيبٌ وشافٍ وعن المؤمنين مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيم في الهداء جاورجيوس اللابسُ الظفرَ شقَّع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Meeting of Christ in the Temple—Tone 1

Thou sanctified a virgin womb by Thy birth and rightly blessed the hands of Simeon. Thou hast come, O Christ our God, and on this day hast saved us! Give peace and strength to the Orthodox people whom Thou has loved, O only lover of mankind.

Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 4:6-15* {St. Euthymios}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:12-19* {12th Sunday of Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- The Alkazaha and Ibrahim Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Muna Ibrahim** (40 days).
- Zahra Hayek for the health her family especially **Qusta** and **Hanida** on the occasion of their birthdays – *May God grant them many years!* -- and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Qusta**.
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Shoukre Abdo** (+December 13th, Syracuse, NY, brother-in-law of Elias Gantos), **Anthony Michaels** (+December 17th, father of Bishop Anthony), **Khouriya Joanne Bitar** (+December 30th, cousin of Jeanette Nassif), **Suhail Alsaoury** (+January 1st, brother-in-law of Salwa Abu-Aitah), and **Jonathan Joseph** (+January 1st, relative of Sally Joseph and Family).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Angel Abuaita**, **Clemence** (Dn. Mike's mother) and **Jonathan Bassett**, **George Damouni** (brother of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Vera Farah**, **Samira Gantous**, **Camille Ghantous**, **Nadera Ghantous**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Gabby Joubran** (Najwa Joubran's brother-in-law), **Betty Khouri**, **Jean Khouri**, **John Khouri**, **Mariam Khoury**, **Norma Lazar**, **Lourice Matta**, **Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortensen**, **Elaine Salim**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Michael Silpoch**, **Marie Skafi**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, and **Kinan Turjman** (Sahar Abdallah's nephew).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Angela Haddad**, **Jennifer** (Peera) **Khoshaba** (former parishioner), **Katrin Mitri**, and **Marlen Odeh**.

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 are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion. If you have a special need, please let one of the ushers know so we may assist you.
- As a friendly reminder, please do not talk in church, especially in the Communion Line. When people talk and greet each other, it is distracting to those who are praying or preparing themselves for **HOLY COMMUNION**. Please wait until Coffee Fellowship to say

hello and visit with one another. The only people who should be talking are those who are asking and receiving forgiveness from one another!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Wael and Kholoud Hayek and Family*.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ...

... **ALL** who donated and participated in the *Winter Dinner* to raise funds for the Monastery of the Dormition in Rives Junction, MI. The committee did an outstanding job! Special thanks to our **Ladies Auxiliary** for another delicious dinner; our **Teen SOYO** for setting up and cleaning; and our **YAF** for serving!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: February 17th and 24th -- sign-up poster is in the Hall. Hosting information is in the Hall and 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.

HOLY WATER Bottles with Holy Water that were blessed on the feast of our Lord's Baptism are in the Narthex (entrance) of the Church -- please take what you would like.

HOUSE BLESSINGS If you would like Fr. Joseph to bless your home, please contact the church office (810-732-0720) to add your name to the list. Fr. Joseph will call to make an appointment.

2013 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CHURCH CALENDARS Please pick yours up (and other family members and friends) so we do not have to mail them! If your name isn't listed, call the church office. Our children will receive their envelopes in Church School. **Parents**, please make sure your child gets their *Offering Envelopes*.

BYZANTINE CHOIR FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BEIRUT, LEBANON Many people had the opportunity to attend the concert at the Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia. Now a double LIVE CD of a concert held in at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Brooklyn, NY is available for \$20 (plus shipping) from the Antiochian Archdiocese. Order forms are in the Lounge.

January 20th — ST. EUTHYMIOS THE GREAT

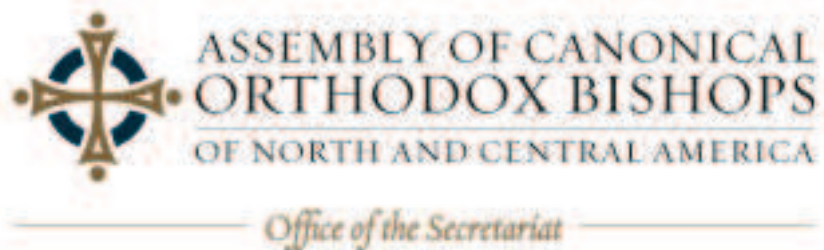
Saint Euthymios was from Melitene in Armenia and the son of pious parents named Paul and Dionysia. He was born about 377. Since his mother had been barren, he was named Euthymios-which means "good cheer" or "joy" - for this is what his parents experienced at his birth. He studied under Eutroius, the Bishop of Melitene, by whom he was ordained and entrusted with the care of the monasteries of Melitene. Then, after he had come to Palestine about the year 406, he became the leader of a multitude of monks. Through him, a great tribe of Arabs was turned to piety, when he healed the ailing son of their leader Aspebetos. Aspebetos was baptized with all his people; he took

the Christian name of Peter, and was later consecrated Bishop for his tribe, being called "Bishop of the Tents." Saint Euthymios also fought against the Nestorians, Eutychians, and Manichaeans. When Eudocia, the widow of Saint Theodosius the Younger, had made her dwelling in Palestine, and had fallen into the heresy of the Monophysites which was championed in Palestine by a certain Theodosius, she sent envoys to Saint Symeon the Stylite in Syria (see Sept. 1), asking him his opinion of Eutyches and the Council of Chalcedon which had condemned him; Saint Symeon, praising the holiness and Orthodoxy of Saint Euthymios near whom she dwelt, sent her to him to be delivered from her error (the holy Empress Eudocia is commemorated Aug. 13). He became the divine oracle of the Church, or rather, "*the vessel of divine utterance*," as a certain historian writes. He was the instructor and elder of Saint Sabbas the Sanctified. Having lived for ninety-six years, he reposed in 473, on January 20th.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and also make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
Friday	Sacrament of Holy Unction at <i>Dormition Monastery</i> 6pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm YAF Meeting 6pm

SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION Every month (this coming Friday at 6pm) at the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction (outside of Jackson, 3389 Rives Eaton Road, Rives Junction, Michigan 49277 ☩ 517-569-2873) they celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Unction. This is the same service that we celebrate on Holy Wednesday during Holy Week. By our anointing of the sick in Christ's name, we consecrate our sufferings with the sufferings of Christ and we are healed by Him; if not for more time in this world, certainly for an eternity in the Kingdom of God. Thus by anointing with oil in Christ's name, our wounds become the way to Life and not to Death. In the case where a person is obviously in the final moments of his earthly life, the Church has special prayers for the "separation of soul and body." Thus, it is clear that the sacrament of Holy Unction is for the sick (both the physically and mentally sick) and is not reserved for the moment of death. Holy Unction is not the "last rites" as is sometimes thought; the ritual of the anointing itself in no way indicates that it should be administered merely in "extreme" cases. Holy Unction is the sacrament of the spiritual, physical, and mental healing of a sick person whatever the nature or the gravity of the illness may be.



Share the Light Sunday
January 20, 2013

“With Thy light that never sets, shine forth, O Christ, in the hearts of those who in faith sing Thy praises, and grant us Thy peace that passeth understanding: that so, running from the night of ignorance towards the day of Thy commandments, we may glorify Thee who lovest mankind.”
(Ode 5 of the Canon of Theophany)

Beloved Clergy, Godly Monastics, and Blessed Faithful:

We greet you during this great and joyous Feast of Theophany. This feast marks the beginning of Christ’s salvific revelation, and it is therefore an appropriate time to remind the faithful of the ministry that Orthodox Christian Network is providing to the world. “*The night of ignorance,*” as stated in the hymn above, bombards us daily through the radio, television, movies, billboards, magazines, and the internet. Orthodox Christian Network stands to help shine the light of Christ to combat the *night of ignorance*. On this **Share the Light Sunday**, we ask that you not only make an effort to listen to and watch the programing we offer through our website www.MyOCN.net, but also share this ministry with your friends and family.

As we approach our 17th year in broadcasting, we are looking to continue our growth. Currently we are heard by 2.2 million people in over 200 countries. For many, our broadcasts are the only source of Orthodox Christianity available to them. We can be heard on the go using smartphone apps. Our parish affiliate program, which allows parishes to create and broadcast over the internet their own local programing, is gaining momentum. In addition to our internet radio broadcast, we are looking to grow our video broadcast to share the visual beauty of our faith, and we have launched a new On-Line Learning Program to allow people to join in from any location to learn about our sacred faith.

All of these projects cannot be done without your financial support. While this Sunday is set aside for awareness of our ministry, it is also set aside to ask you to make a commitment of support to our ministry through your generous donations. If every family would just give an amount equal to their monthly cable or satellite bill to support our programing, the light could push back the *night of ignorance*.

May He who was deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation shine His light upon us always.

The Right Reverend Bishop Peter (*Episcopal Liaison of OCN*)
The Reverend Dr. Christopher T. Metropulos (*Executive Director of OCN*)

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