

St. George Orthodox Church

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February 3, 2013

SUNDAY AFTER THE MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE (لعيد دخول السيد إلى الهيكل)

Tone – 2

2nd Matins Gospel {Mark 16:1-8}

Altar Servers: **St. John** team {Goni Ishak, Captain}

Next Week – **St. Michael** team

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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8:50am

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10:00am

Memorial Service

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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:

First Antiphon

Verse 1. My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the King. (Ps. 44:1)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse 2. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe. (Ps. 44:1) *Refrain*

Verse 3. Grace hath been poured forth on Thy lips. (Ps. 44:2) *Refrain*

Verse 4. Wherefore God hath blessed Thee forever. (Ps. 44:2) *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ... , now and ever Amen. *Refrain*

Second Antiphon

Verse 1. Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. (Ps. 44:3)

Refrain: O Son of God carried in the arms of righteous Simeon, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Verse 2. Bend Thy bow and proceed prosperously. (Ps. 44:3) *Refrain*

Verse 3. Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One. Under Thee shall peoples fall. (Ps. 44:4) *Refrain*

Verse 4. A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy Kingdom. (Ps. 44:5) *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ... , now and ever Amen. *Only begotten Son...*

Third Antiphon

Verse 1. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear. (Ps. 44:9)

Verse 2. The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. (Ps. 44:11)

Verse 3. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation and generation. (Ps. 44:16)

Refrain: Troparion of the Presentation—Tone 4

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who grants us the Resurrection.

افرحي يا والدَةَ الإله الممتلئة نعمة. لأن منك أشرقَ شمسُ العدلِ المسيحِ إلَهِنا. منيراً الذين في الظلام. افرح الآن وابتهجُ أيها الشيخ الصديق. حاملاً على ذراعيك المعتق نفوسنا والمانح إيانا الرحمة العظمية.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One. Then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee, O Christ Thou giver of Life, Glory to Thee O our God.

Troparion of the Meeting of Christ in the Temple—Tone 1 (as above)

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 مُحرراً ومعتقاً، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضداً وناصراً وللمرضى طبيباً وشافياً وعن المؤمنين مكافحاً ومُحارباً أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابسُ الظفر تشفع 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 {15th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:35-46 {15th Sunday of Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Gisele Farah and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **George** (4 years) and relative **Evelyn Farah** (+January 25th, Atlanta, Georgia).
- Wafaa, Joselyn, Christine and John Elias for the health of their family especially husband and father **Ayman** on the occasion of his birthday – *May God grant him many years!* – and in loving memory of son and brother **Elias** (11 years).
- St. George Parish Council for the health of their families and the community of St. George -- *May God grant them many years!*
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Khouriya Joanne Bitar** (+December 30th, cousin of Jeanette Nassif), **Suhail Alsaoury** (+January 1st, brother-in-law of Salwa Abu-Aitah), **Jonathan Joseph** (+January 1st, relative of Sally Joseph and Family), and **Hanna Abufarha** (+January 17th, Palestine, father of Maher).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Angel Abuaita**, **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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Gisele Farah and Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: February 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.

GODPARENT SUNDAY & BREAKFAST IS NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH Invitations for Godchildren to send their Godparents (and Godparents to send their Godchildren) are in the Lounge. Please pick up an invitation (in the Lounge) to send to your Godchild (or Godparents). It will be a wonderful day and we want everyone to be here! When you know who will be attending (Godparents and/or Godchildren), please RSVP in the Church School office. Thank you!!!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ...

... **Basil** and **Hiam Andoni** who donated *Two New Computers and New Software* for our Church Office. Besides our parish being thankful, Fr. Joe and Laura are really excited (our computers were about 8 years old and our major software, Microsoft Office Professional, was 10 years old!) Thank you and God bless **Issa David** who will set everything up correctly!

... We would like to thank you all for your generosity for our upcoming **Real Break Honduras** trip! We were overwhelmed with all of the love and support we received last Sunday and can't wait to share our experiences with you all when we return. Your generosity helped us raise \$1,100! *Love, George & Gabriella*

FEED GENESEE TODAY Sunday, February 3rd, the Soup Kitchen truck is here to pick-up our donations. Items needed are on a flier in the Lounge. All of the Orthodox Churches

of Greater Flint are supporting the work of Catholic Charities in Genesee County by helping to feed the hungry. Remember you may bring your items at any time to be put in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer. May God be with the needy and may He bless those who help them.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS from Janet Abueita, Director (810-691-0956)

Parents: The Church School is in need of a DVD player for our TV and a Radio/CD "boom box". If you would be interested in making a donation toward either of these, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Janet -- Thank you!

As a reminder, your children's **Creative Festival Projects** are due TODAY!

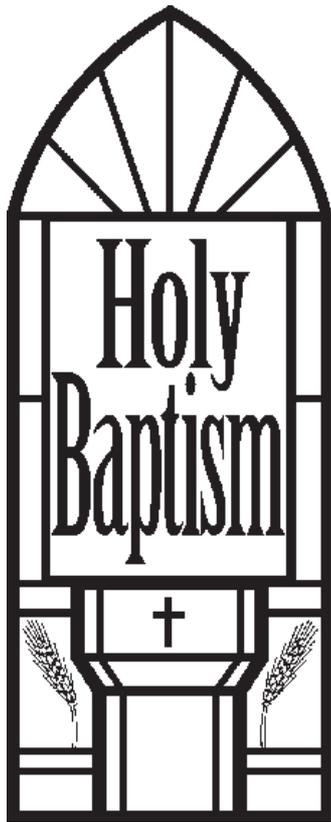
SUMMER CAMP The Antiochian Village (about 1½ hours from Pittsburgh) serves our young people ages 9-17 who come from parishes throughout the Archdiocese. For more information and to register, please check out their web site at: <http://www.antiochianvillage.org/camp.html>. We go to the 2nd Session June 30th-July 12th. If you have any questions, would like more information, or have registered for camp, please speak with our Camp Committee chairman, Anaam Abueita (810-686-9744 or anaamabueita@gmail.com).

February 3rd —**SIMEON THE GOD-RECEIVER AND ANNA THE PROPHETESS**

Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver was, according to the testimony of the holy Evangelist Luke, a just and devout man waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him (Luke 2:25). St Simeon was translating a book of the Prophet Isaiah, and read the words: "*Behold, a virgin shall conceive in the womb, and shall bring forth a Son*" (Is 7:14). He thought that "virgin" was inaccurate, and he wanted to correct the text to read "woman." At that moment an angel appeared to him and held back his hand saying, "*You shall see these words fulfilled. You shall not die until you behold Christ the Lord born of a pure and spotless Virgin.*" From this day, St Simeon lived in expectation of the Promised Messiah. On the 40th day after the Birth of Christ, Mary and Joseph came to the Temple as prescribed by Jewish Law. When St Simeon took the Child in his arms, he said, "*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel*" (Luke 2:29-32). St. Luke continues: "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Aser. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband for seven years from her virginity; and she was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not leave the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming at that very hour, also gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption at Jerusalem" (Luke 2:36-38).

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: <i>Gospel of St. Mark</i> 3-5pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm



GODPARENT SUNDAY

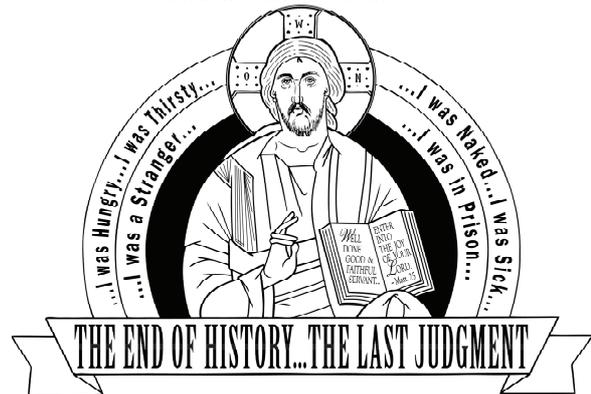
FEBRUARY 10TH

We are excited to
announce the 13th Annual
Godparent Sunday
sponsored by
our Church School.

This day will allow our Godparents and Godchildren to “reconnect” with each other and help us understand the joy and beauty of that special relationship! Please make note of the following:

- ❖ Children (or parents) *INVITE* your Godparents to Divine Liturgy and Lunch as soon as possible!
- ❖ Godparents *INVITE* your Godchildren to Divine Liturgy and Lunch as soon as possible!
- ❖ Godparents and Godchildren should prepare themselves with Confession before February 10th so they can participate in Holy Communion together!

Church School Theme



⇒ **Invitations** (to be sent by Godparents to Godchildren or Godchildren to Godparents) are in the Church School and in the Lounge!



**Our Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a
delicious Breakfast on this day!**

Adults=\$5, Children \$3, under 3=free

~~ All donations will go to their National project ~~
The Antiochian Village Tornado Relief Fund