

St. George Orthodox Church

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MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT CALLED MEATFARE SUNDAY (3RD PRE-LENTEN SUNDAY)

Tone – 7

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

Altar Servers: **St. Elias** team {John Elias, captain}

Next Week – **St. John** team

Greeters: **Amira Hanna** and **Najwa Joubran** Ushers: **Olga Nassar** and **Vicky Nassar**

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 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 (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 عاصداً وناصراً وللمرضى طبيباً وشافياً وعن المؤمنين مُكافحاً ومُحارباً أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for Sunday of the Last Judgment—Tone 1

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire flows before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 {3rd Pre-Lenten Sunday}

Reader: **Wafaa Elias** (Arabic) and **Sally Abuaita** (English)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 {Last Judgment}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Peter Farah, Hiam and Inam Bathish, Naila Banna, Hanan Farah and their Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of parents **Yacoub** and **Marie Farah** and newly departed and beloved brother **Hani Farah** (9 days, AZ).
- Michael and Diana Rishmawi for the health of their family especially Widad Salomon and in loving memory of Aunt **Flora Rishmawy** (+January 19th), **Aziz** and **Margarita Salomon** (Diana's parents), **Carlos** and **Miladeh Salomon**, **Saleem** and **Azizeh Rishmawi** (Mike's parents).
- Issa and Lina Burbar for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Baseem Kassis**, **Elias** and **Mary Damouni** (grandparents), **Diab** and **Kareemeh Rizk**, **Kamel**, **Jad**, **Bishara**, and **Josephine Damouni**, **Ramon Efarah**, **Lawrence**, and **Hanna**.
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Evelyn Farah** (+January 25th, relative of the Farah's), **Stanley Brooks** (+February 8th, Deacon Michael's brother-in-law), **George Saleh** (+February 27th, uncle of Susan Qazaha), **Nassar Zatuna** (+March 4th, relative of the Nassar's), and **Zahra Rashmawi** (+March 6th, Beit Sahour, mother of Rahmeh Rashmawi).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Angel Abuaita**, **Emil Abueita**, **Jonathan Bassett**, **George Damouni** (Lina Burbar and May Gantous' brother), **Evelyn Delbridge**, **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 Houry**, **Norma Lazar**, **Lourice Matta**, **Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortensen**, **Elaine Salim**, **Widad Salomon**, **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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *The Farah, Bathish, and Banna Families*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: March 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. *Cheesefare Sunday is next Sunday, March 17th and no meat products are to be served. During the Great Fast (March 18th – May 4th), no meat or dairy products are to be served.*

VESPERS OF FORGIVENESS Next Sunday at around 12:30pm we celebrate this beautiful service which helps us begin the Great Fast by forgiving each other. We can't love each other without forgiving each other! One of the hymns from the service says: *Let us set out with joy upon the season of the Fast, and prepare ourselves for spiritual combat. Let us purify our soul and cleanse our bodies; and as we fast from food, let us abstain also from every passion. Rejoicing in the virtues of the Spirit may we persevere with love, and so be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ our God, and with great spiritual gladness to behold His Holy Pascha.* Please attend and begin the Great Fast on the right foot!

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB We will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 11th at 6pm. We continue our study of the **Worship in the Orthodox Church**. All are invited to join! If you have any questions or would like more information, check out our Web Site (see below) or please contact Deacon Mike at frdnmike@gmail.com.

ELINOR BOURJAILY ENDOWMENT FUND Again this fund is offering two scholarships to Antiochian Village Campers and one for College Students. Applications are available in the Lounge. The deadline is March 30th so pick one up TODAY and send it in!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,800 to meet our 2013 Budget. Last Sunday, our offerings were \$5,467 so we were ahead \$667 (we need more weeks like this!). If you haven't already, please fill out your 2013 Offering Form and support the work of St. George!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER Church is over when we come to receive the final blessing and Holy Bread from Fr. Joe. It is not right for anyone (adults or children) to be in the Lounge visiting before this – it's a bad example for everyone. Thank You!

MAINTENANCE FORM Do you see something that needs fixing? Please fill out the orange MAINTENANCE FORM on the shelf in the lounge and turn it in to the office. Let's keep St. George beautiful - together!

CANDLE PRICES This is just a reminder that the bees wax candles are 50¢ each and the 7-day candles are \$5 each. Parents are asked to be with their children at all times so they do not burn themselves or take too many candles.

March 10th — 3RD PRE-LENTEN SUNDAY: LAST JUDGMENT

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	Today is Meatfare Sunday , the last day we eat meat, chicken, and their by-products until Pascha (May 5 th). Dairy, fish, wine, and oil are allowed on all days this week.
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm Book Club 6pm
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.
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

How and when did the early immigrants from Greater Syria and their descendants become Arab Americans? What were the markers of their identity formation, and what challenges did they encounter on their American journey?

The Arab American National Museum (AANM) and the Arab American Studies program at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, invite you to the exhibit and lecture ***From Syria to Michigan: Flint and Highland Park Pioneers in the Arab American Journey.***

Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the AANM
5:30 p.m. Reception and archival display
6:30 p.m. Presentation

Prof. Hani Bawardi (UM-D) discusses the staggering importance of the early Arab Michiganders between 1890 and World War II in Arab American history. Dr. Bawardi curated this exhibit from the rare manuscripts and papers of Ameen Farah (1888 -1975), an immigrant from Nazareth. The display includes pictures, official documents, and letters Farah received from writers and political leaders, among them Mikhail Naimy, Ameen Rihani, Hajj Amin Al-Husseini and Sultan Al-Atrash.

On display in the AANM Library & Resource Center through April 20, 2013. Free and open to the public.

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