

St. George Orthodox Church

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April 1, 2012

5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – VENERABLE MARY OF EGYPT

Tone – 1

9th Matins Gospel {John 20:19-31}

Altar Servers: **St. Paul** team {Devin Jones, captain} Palm Sunday – **Captains & Assistants**

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

Matins p.44
8:50am

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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 Gospel 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. Basil the Great** (his prayers begin on p.132 in the Red Service Book and the bilingual sheets in the Narthex), we sing these 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 (as above)

Troparion for St. Mary of Egypt—Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the cross and followed Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul for it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, O Holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels!

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 عاضيداً وناصراً وللمرضى طبيباً وشفافاً وعن المؤمنين مكافحاً ومُحارباً أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابسُ الظفر تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Virgin Mary (on a normal Sunday)—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.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 9:11-14* {5th Sunday of the Great Fast}

Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:32-45* {5th Sunday of the Great Fast}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Michael Khal for the health of his family especially mother **Aida Raffoul** on the occasion of her birthday – *May God grant her many 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: **Pope Shenouda III** (+March 17th, Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt), **Helen Isaac** (+March 13th), **Susan Kheirallah** (+March 17th, wife of Kamal), **Rose Darah** (+March 18th, relative of Sue Shaheen and Ron Haddad), **Libby Kohl** (+March 18th, friend of Elaine Shaheen), and **Evelyn Lutfy** (+March 18th, aunt of Leslee Abud).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Blanka AbuAita, Khaled Al-Khouri, Jonathan Bassett, Evelyn Delbridge, Awatef Deligorges, Gisele Farah, Lotof Farah, Samira Gantous, Camille Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Betty Khouri, Mariam Khoury, Norma Lazar, Lourice Matta, Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortenson, Nick Nickola, Nawal Odeh, Elaine Shaheen, Habib** and **Marie Skafi, Norma Sophiea, William Sophiea Jr., and Lisa Thomas** (daughter-in-law of Doug and Sandy) and the newborn **Laney Marie** (March 21st).
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Reemy Abuaita, Chrissy Abueita, Linda Gantos, Ghadeer Ibrahim, and Ivy Khoury.**

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.
 - 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!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: April 22nd, May 6th, 13th, and 20th -- 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. *During the Great Fast (February 27th – April 14th), no meat or dairy products are to be served.*

➤ **PLEASE** turn off or put on vibrate all cell phones while in church, thank you!

FEED GENESEE

TODAY Sunday, April 1st, the Soup Kitchen truck will be here to pick-up our donations. Items needed were in the March issue of The VOICE and 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 it in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer. May God be with the needy and bless those who help them.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS Dear parents, we need donations of jelly beans, chocolate bunnies, Pascha Baskets, and money donations to buy items for our yearly **Palm Sunday Bake Sale!!!** Our only fundraiser of the year!!! We use all the funds and donations to buy books, supplies, and awards for the end of the year. Please drop-off your donations at the Church School Office as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless! Janet Abueita, Church School Director

LENTEN POTLUCK DINNER Our Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Lenten (no meat or dairy products) Potluck Dinner after our combined Pan-Orthodox celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts this Wednesday, April 4th. Please bring what is listed below according to the first letter of your last name. If you have any questions, please see or call Naila Banna (810-238-4582) or Aida Raffoul (810-742-0207). Donations to the Food for Hungry People program will be asked at all of our dinners – please be generous in helping the hungry.

FOR OUR COMBINED CELEBRATION ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH

<u>A-E</u>	<u>G-J</u>	<u>K-R</u>	<u>S-Z</u>
Main Dish	Desserts	Relish Dish or Bread	Salad or Side Dish

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF FR. JOE'S ORDINATION TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD God willing His Grace Bishop Anthony of our Midwest Diocese and His Grace Bishop Basil (Fr. Joe's Godfather) of the Wichita Diocese will be with us. Information has been sent to all parishioners for the Banquet and the Souvenir Journal. **The cost for the Banquet is \$35** (the wrong price was in the Arabic letter). Please respond as soon as possible so plans can be made for a wonderful celebration!

➤ WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,610 to meet our 2012 Budget. Last Sunday, our offerings were \$5,085 so we were ahead \$475! If you haven't already, please fill out your 2012 Offering Form as soon as possible.

- **St. George's NEW Web Site** saintgeorgeflint.org Thank you to Deacon Michael for all the work he has done in getting this up and running! If you would like to help keep the site updated, please contact Dn. Mike at frdnmike@gmail.com.

PALM SUNDAY CANDLES Our Ladies Auxiliary will be providing *Decorated Candles* for our celebration of our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). They will be selling them in the hall today for next Sunday's celebration. The cost is \$10 each.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The <i>Great Fast</i> continues until our celebration of our Lord's Resurrection-PASCHA on April 15 th . The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat or poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on all weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays, <i>wine and olive oil</i> are allowed.
Monday	Great Compline صلاة النوم الكبرى 6:30pm
Wednesday	Ladies Auxiliary 5pm Presanctified Liturgy قداس السابق تقديس and Lenten Potluck
Saturday	Preparation of Gifts/ Raising of Lazarus Liturgy <i>at Assumption in Grand Blanc</i> 10am Cleaning and Decorating for Palm Sunday 1pm Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

April 1st — ST. MARY OF EGYPT

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me." Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by



St. George
Church School
invites YOU to their
**Palm Sunday
Bake Sale**

Next Sunday, April 8th

Arabic Sweets, Lenten Desserts, Cakes, Pies, and Breads of all kinds!

**This is the Church School's ONLY Fundraiser...
Please Support Us!!!**

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!! We NEED YOU!!! Everything raised pays for books, supplies, incentives, and all expenses during the entire year! PLEASE bake something for the bake sale....PLEASE buy something at the bake sale....PLEASE be generous with your donation!! OUR CHILDREN ARE DEPENDING ON US!!!

Please drop off your baked goods in the Hall
next Saturday, April 7th between 1-5pm.



What: **Pascha Egg Hunt**
Who: **All Children**
When: **Sunday, April 15th**
after **Agape Vespers (4pm)**

**Bring a basket to collect
your goodies!**

We are in need of wrapped candy for our Pascha Egg Hunt. All money donations and candy can be dropped off in the Church School Office by Palm Sunday, April 8th.

Any and all donations will be appreciated!