

**St. George Orthodox Church**

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## Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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April 22, 2012

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA – ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE TROPHY-BEARER (APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>)

Tone – Festal

Festal Matins Gospel {*Matthew 28:16-20*}

Altar Servers: **St. Peter** team {Branden Jones, Captain}

Next Week –**St. George** 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 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. John Chrysostom** {*The Golden-Mouth*}, we sing these special hymns:

#### **First Paschal Antiphon**

Verse 1 -- Make a joyful noise to God, all the Earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

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

V. 2 -- Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee! {Refrain}

V. 3 -- Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

{Refrain} then Glory to the Father...now and ever... then {Refrain}

#### **Second Paschal Antiphon**

V. 1 -- God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

Refrain: *O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.*

V. 2 -- That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations! {Refrain}

V. 3 -- Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! {Refrain}

Glory to the Father...now and ever... then "*Only begotten Son...*"

### **Third Paschal Antiphon**

V. 1 -- Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered! Let those who hate Him flee from before His face!

Refrain: *Christ is Risen...*

V. 2 -- As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. *{Refrain}*

V. 3 -- So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad! *{Refrain}*

V. 4 -- This is the day, which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! *{Refrain}*

### **Entrance Hymn**

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God who hast risen from the dead save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

### **Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel**

#### **Troparion of St. Thomas—Tone 7**

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors, Thou didst come to Thine disciples, O Christ! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

#### **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.

بِمَا أَنْتَكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَدَاءِ جَاوِرِ جِيُوسِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

#### **Kontakion for the Pascha—Tone 8**

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory, Thou arose from the dead, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the Myrrh-Bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**Epistle Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11* {St. George}

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 10:32-45* {2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha}

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Elias Gantos and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of wife and mother **Laura** (19 years) and son and brother **Shane** (14 years).
- Atallah, Anaam and Ramy Abueita for the health of their family especially **Ramzy** on the occasion of his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday -- *May God grant him many years!*
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **POPE Shenouda III** (+March 17<sup>th</sup>, Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt), **Fr. Michael Shahin** (+March 31<sup>st</sup>, brother-in-law of JoAnn Hawkins), **Helen Isaac** (+March 13<sup>th</sup>), **Susan Kheirallah** (+March 17<sup>th</sup>, wife of Kamal), **Rose Darah** (+March 18<sup>th</sup>, relative of Sue Shaheen and Ron Haddad), **Libby Kohl** (+March 18<sup>th</sup>, friend of Elaine Shaheen), **Evelyn Lutfy** (+March 18<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Leslee Abud), **Harold Kallis** (+April 9<sup>th</sup>, friend of parishioners from Assumption), **George 'Nick' Nickola** (+April 14<sup>th</sup>), and **Roy Shehab** (+April 18<sup>th</sup>, brother of Laila Abud).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Blanka AbuAita, Khaled and Michael Al-Khoury, Jonathan Bassett, Evelyn Delbridge, Awatef Deligorges, Gisele Farah, Lotof Farah, Samira Gantous, Camille Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, John Isaac, Betty Khouri, Mariam Khoury, Norma Lazar,**

**Lourice Matta, Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortenson, Nawal Odeh, Elaine Shaheen, Habib** and **Marie Skafi, Norma Sophiea, William Sophiea Jr., Lisa Thomas** (daughter-in-law of Doug and Sandy) and the newborn **Laney Marie** (March 21<sup>st</sup>), and **Chrissy Abueita** and the newborn **Anthony** (March 30<sup>th</sup>).

- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Reemy Abuaita, Huda Abusaada, Linda Gantos, Ghadeer Ibrahim, and Ivy Khoury.**

**Instead of “It is truly meet...”, we sing:**

*Verse:* The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O Pure Virgin! Again, I say rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people.

*Hymn:* Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son.

**Communion Hymn for St. Thomas**

*(Refrain)* Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, O Praise Thy God, O Zion.

*(verse)* For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates, He hath blessed thy sons within thee.

*(Refrain)*

*(verse)* He brings peace upon thy borders, and with the fatness of the wheat He fills thee.

*(Refrain)*

*(verse)* He sends His saying unto the earth. *(Refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Reception of Holy Communion**

- Please remember **ONLY ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS** who have **PREPARED THEMSELVES** may partake of Holy Communion.

Instead of “*We have seen the True Light...*”, we sing **Christ is Risen...** {once}.

After the Paschal Dismissal, Fr. Joe will say, *Glory to His holy third-day Resurrection*, and everyone responds, *We adore His third-day Resurrection*. We then sing, **Christ is Risen...** {twice}.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by *Atallah, Anaam, and Ramy Abueita*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: May 20<sup>th</sup> -- 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.

**CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE** Thank you to everyone who donated in any way towards our Palm Sunday Bake Sale, baked items, donated candy, helped with setup, selling and/or cleanup. We raised \$1425! On Pascha morning Paschal Baskets were raffled and \$358 was made. A big thank you to Jamil and Tamara Rishmawi for the 15 baskets they donated. Thank you and God Bless everyone! Janet Abueita, Church School Director

**FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE** Please return your boxes and canisters that you filled over the course of the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha.

**25<sup>TH</sup> 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. **The cost for the Banquet is \$35** (the wrong price was in the Arabic letter). Please respond as soon as possible and no later than May 18<sup>th</sup> so plans can be made for a wonderful celebration!

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR JOURNAL** In celebration of Fr. Joe's Anniversary, a Souvenir Journal is being put together. Information has been sent to all parishioners. Please remember the deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** Would you like to volunteer in feeding the hungry this coming Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm? If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim or Evelyn Delbridge (jimdelbridge@charter.net or 810-630-2353).



**ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC** On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at The Jewel of Grand Blanc Golf Course, we are having our Golf Classic to have fun and raise money for our *Boiler Fund*. Sponsorship of Holes are needed – great publicity of your business for only \$100 (see flier on Lounge Bulletin Board)!!! If you are interested or would like more information, please see Mike or Brian Silpoch, Roger Isaac, or Amjad Ishak.

**WHAT ARE YOU EATING?** We have been blessed to have Tamara Rishmawi share with us good eating habits! Her next presentation is TODAY! This is for adults and children to learn how to eat right! Plan on attending!

➤ **St. George's NEW Web Site** [saintgeorgeflint.org](http://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](mailto:frdnmike@gmail.com).

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

### **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	<b>NO Bible Study</b> <i>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans</i>
Tuesday	<b>North End Soup Kitchen</b> 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy</b> 1pm-2:30pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 7-9pm
Saturday	<b>Teen SOYO at North End Soup Kitchen</b> 2:30-5:30pm <b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm



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## Help us celebrate Fr. Joseph Abud's 25 years in the Holy Priesthood

In order to make this Souvenir Journal one which we will enjoy for years to come, you may give your message to Fr. Joe, in loving memory of your departed family and friends, or in honor of your family and friends. All pages will include the sponsor's name. All funds raised will benefit God's Holy Church of St. George.

- Please design my message using the text below and the photos or logos I've enclosed.
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***"Blessed is God, who pours out His grace upon His priests."*** (from the priest's vesting prayers)

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